

Dec. 21, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 50
Records	Sunday December 17	Sunday December 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	368	379	333
Worship A.M.	574	549	601
Worship P.M.	359	337	301
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$17,350.52	\$157,165.06	\$18,565.36
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 24, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Odell Sessions' condition is being evaluated. **Colton Haile**, baby son of Dan & Lally Haile, is improved and now at home. **Frances Broome** is at home after foot surgery Monday. **Marjorie Cox, Estelle Garrett, Mary Evelyn Grier, Ruth Mezell and Ponder Wright, Sr.** are all recuperating at home. **Howard Starr**, Charles Starr's dad, and **Frank Moore**, Rhonda Haws' dad, are both recovering at home after recent serious surgeries. **Marilyn Renick**, Kristi Harris' mother, is recovering after a serious bout with pneumonia. **Lela Davis**, Shirley Denman's mother is recuperating following a minor stroke. **Fred Elzen**, Ken Elzen's dad is improved and at home. Continue to remember **Pam Tindel**, Guy & Nettie Potts' daughter, and her son, **Josh. Gene Adams**, Tony Adams' brother, will go to M.D. Anderson in January to determine cancer treatment. **Justin Welch**, Shannon Kingsbury's nephew, is in Medical City in Dallas with asthma. 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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<p>ELDERS Hillard Hughes James Sublette</p>			<p>Phil Marts Ray Vannoy</p>		
<p>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY Christian Service Center</p>			<p>9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.</p>		

<p>SUNDAY Bible School 9:00 A.M. Morning Worship 10:00 A.M. Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M. (Sept through May) Bible Class 7:00 P.M.</p>
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SERVING SUNDAY 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Dr. Roger Knight
Scripture	David Cannefax
Dismiss	James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE Jay Bynum

NO EVENING SERVICE

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Clay McDonald	Jim Mayer
Jim McDonald	Joe McBee
Clay Clemons	Jeff Parrish
Forest McFadden	Mike McClenny

GREETERS

Fred & Sara Powell & Derek Russell
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Krista Russell
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Courtney Russell

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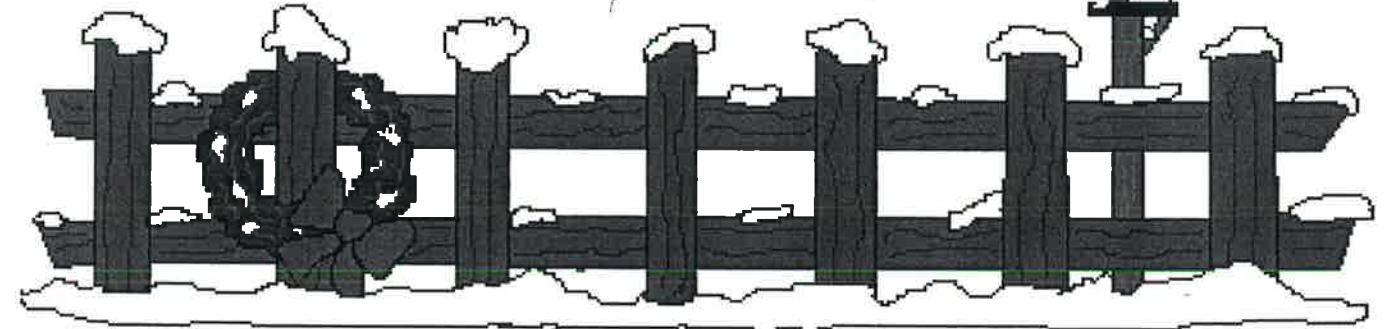


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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Jay Frances Douglas Danny
James Mike



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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the middle school devotional last Sunday night. Thanks to Ken & Debra Elzen, David & Tammy Asbill, and Barry & Mary Scarborough for hosting this great time.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

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We are going to Six Flags for the Holiday In The Park on Tuesday, Dec. 26. We will meet at West Erwin at 8:45 and return at 10:00. The cost is \$15.00 plus meals.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins for being selected as the MVP in two recent Basketball tournaments. Way to go!

Congratulations to Meggie Wagner and Monica Starr who performed with the Brownsboro High School Drill Team at half-time for the Dallas Cowboys game this past Sunday. Way to go Meggie & Monica!

NEW YEARS EVE

All teens and their families are invited to participate in the special New Years Eve service in the Family Life Center. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the time of fellowship and bring in the new year together. Check for more details.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed the LTC sign-up, you need to get signed up ASAP! All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in LTC. If you have any questions, please ask! Don't miss this!

SERVANT RETREAT

All of those in the high school group are encouraged to attend the Servant Retreat in Lone Star. The dates are Jan. 19-21. This will be a great opportunity for spiritual growth, so don't miss it! Please sign up ASAP.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 26 Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags
Dec. 31 New Years Eve Service
Jan. 19-21 High School Servant Retreat

"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

1 Peter 3:7

An old man arose after a class session in Ohio, and said: "I am an old man, but the greatest work I have done was to teach a Bible class. Back when I first started teaching, the elders of the church told me, That if I wanted to have a Sunday school class, I'd have to start one. I went out and found four boys playing marbles in the street and asked them to come to Bible school. They agreed. We had the greatest time and we became extremely close." Then the old man continued: "Even though several years have passed, I still talk to three of those boys. One of them (Charles Conway) became a missionary to India; one became the secretary to the President of the United States; and the other one became the President of the United States (Warren Harding).

Teachers, believe it or not, you can make a tremendous difference in the lives of your students. So, do your job to the best of your ability because according to the scriptures, "so shall my

word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing where to I sent it" (Isaiah 55:11). Your work is challenging, but rewarding. It is said that teachers nurse their students through the early years, chase them through the middle years, and tolerate them through their teen years. But all in all, teachers have a tremendous opportunity to influence them throughout their entire lives. Please make your class your ministry. Take your job seriously. Check on each student when they are absent. And guide each of your students in the counsel of God, as if he or she was your own child. God will richly bless you for your work. In fact, notice the words of the apostle Paul as he writes to his former students in Philippians 4:1: "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, *my joy and crown*, ..." You see, Paul considered the Philippians to be his *joy and crown*. They were his *dearly beloved*, of which he cared for. Teachers, let's strive to teach our students with the same attitude that Paul had. Let's consider our students to be our joy and crown.

FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

'Twas the night before Jesus came ...
... and all through the house
Not a person 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 the rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the late show while I took a nap.
When out of the east there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here.
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be The Day!
The light of His face made me cover my head

It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life that He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said, "It's not here," my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest 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!
- 1993 Bethany Farms, Carrollton, IL.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, and words of concern and kindness. It was all appreciated and may God bless each of you.

Jean & Charles Dees

Dear Family,

We knew from the beginning that our West Erwin Family was very special. During the past few weeks you have proven this over and over with your many acts of kindness. You have lifted us with your visits, cards, calls, food, sweet gifts and especially your prayers. Thank you.

Bill & Pat Bratcher

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to James and Audrey Ball on the birth of a great grandson! Wesley David Hamlin was born December 16 in Tempe, Arizona.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Zachary, Louisiana for Mildred Greer, Ginger Philpot's grandmother. Services were held Wednesday in Tyler for Eldon Stevens, brother-in-law of Opal Mathews and uncle of Frances Broome and Geri Moore. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday morning services will be as usual Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31. **Sunday evening, December 24**, there will be no services at the West Erwin church so that you may enjoy that time with your families. **Wednesday evening, December 27**, services will be dismissed so that we may worship and fellowship with other area congregations at the University Church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248. **Sunday evening, December 31**, we will meet in the Family Life Center, then have a sandwich supper following worship. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, etc. Drinks will be furnished.

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no Junior Bible Hour Sunday, December 24, and on Sunday, December 31.

ANNUAL CITY-WIDE YEAR END SINGING

The annual citywide year-end singing will be at the University congregation this year. This event offers a special opportunity for Christians in the Tyler area to meet together to worship our Heavenly Father. Please join us on Wednesday evening, December 27 at 7:00 p.m.

BENEVOLENT CENTER SCHEDULE

The Benevolent Center will be closed December 19, 21, 26, and 28. They will reopen Tuesday January 2.

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS: We now have a Bible class designed for college age students which meets in room 111. Jon Murry is the teacher for this class.

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Dean Brookshire** back home to West Erwin. He is a much loved gospel preacher, now retired, who preached at West Erwin from 1958-1968. His address is 12412 Pollan Street, Tyler, 75704, ph. 592-0477.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Walker request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Kaylee Mynette Walker to Connor Thomas Bryan son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shafer and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bryan on Saturday, the thirtieth of December, two thousand at seven o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Reception immediately following ceremony

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Children and Grandchildren of Glen and Jo Warner invite you to celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary on December 23, 2000 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. No gifts, please.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gina Montgomery on her recent graduation from U.T. Tyler. She graduated December 16 Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Gina is the granddaughter of Ray and Carolyn Womack.

Congratulations to Shara Hobson who also graduated college December 16 with a degree in Occupational Therapy. Shara is the wife of Scott Hobson.

YOUNG AT HEART

The December Young at Heart meeting was canceled due to the power outages. Their next meeting will be Thursday, January 11.

NO BULLETIN THE WEEK OF CHRISTMAS

Due to postal regulations for second class mail, there will be no bulletin the week of Christmas.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 24

Preacher: Fred Powell; Nursery a.m.: Donna Wright; 2's: Brody & Kimberly Clark; 3's & 4's: Kevin & Shelly Sustaie; Overseeing couple: James & Ruth Ellis.

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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Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 17, and Wed., Dec. 20, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Ruth Mezell is at home after carotid artery surgery last Friday. **Odell Sessions** is scheduled for tests December 18. **Ponder Wright, Sr.** is having health problems. **Marjorie Cox, Estelle Garrett,** and **Mary Evelyn Grier** are all recuperating at home. **Howard Starr,** Charles Starr's dad, is recovering after recent kidney surgery. **Frank Moore,** Rhonda Haws' dad, has developed an infection after surgery for an aneurysm last week at Yale Lipsby Hospital in Dallas. **Marilyn Renick,** Kristi Harris' mother, is recovering after a serious bout with pneumonia. **Lela Davis,** Shirley Denman's mother had an MRI Tuesday following a minor stroke last week. Ken Elzen's dad is very ill in Shreveport. **Pam Tindel,** Guy & Nettie Potts' daughter, will have a needle biopsy of her throat. Her son, **Josh,** will be taking medication for juvenile osteoporosis and growth hormone deficiency for 2 to 3 years. They have requested our prayers that he will not have side effects from this medication. 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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ELDERS			
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	

SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
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Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
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Prayer Jim Armstrong
Scripture Stevie Blakemore
Dismiss Joe McBee

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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Clay Clemons
Scripture Will Christian
Dismiss Danny Craddock

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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Jim McDonald Joe McBee
Clay Clemons Jeff Parrish
Forest McFadden Mike McClenny

GREETERS

Henry & Becky McRuiz & Aaron Lyons
Freeman & Billie Morgan & Jordan Rousseau
Jerry & Suzan Parker & Sara Scarborough

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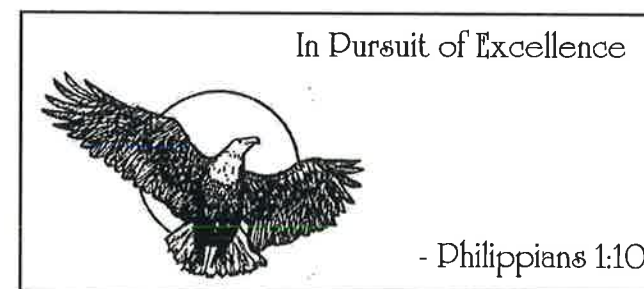
That's the total of our regular and special contribution on Sunday! Our regular budget is \$18,453 per week so the total special was \$149,012.06 (including \$10,000 given the week before). What a wonderful outpouring of love this represents! As you know the special contribution is for the renovation of our educational wing and the bid for this project has been received at \$145,000. Barring any problems with asbestos from the old contraction, our renovation will be more than adequately covered. At this writing some of the old building materials are being tested for asbestos and hopefully these tests will be negative and the renovation can be started and completed in the next few weeks. During the more than sixteen years in which I have been associated with this church I have been most pleased to see us meet every financial challenge put before us. Whether it was remodeling the old auditorium, building a new auditorium, constructing a new Family Life Center, or renovating our educational wing, we have always responded in a wonderful way. The same is true with other needs such

as fully supporting a work in Nebraska or Africa or Mexico, we have abounded in the grace of giving to make what was needed happen. We are grateful to all who gave generously for all of these works and most of all we are grateful to God who has made all grace abound toward us so that we always have all sufficiency in all things in order that we may have an abundance for every good work (see 2 Corinthians 9:8).

HANDICAPPED PARKING

We have a large number of parking spaces which are marked for those who need to park close to the building. Even so we seem to have a shortage of these spaces. Perhaps we need more spaces which are reserved for these good folks. However, let me suggest that these spaces be reserved only for those who actually need them and even if you qualify for this designated parking and are capable of a short walk, park in the other spaces. Your cooperation is appreciated.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, December 17, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Narrow Gate"
(Luke 13:22-30)
P.M. "Jerusalem"
(Luke 13:31-35)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the Youth Holiday Party this past Saturday night. We had a great time! Thanks to Jay & Debbie Bynum for hosting the evening. Thanks also to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Curt & Kim Jordan for sponsoring the evening.

Thanks to Daniel Dupree for teaching the Middle School Class the past few months. We are blessed to have such talented folks who teach our teens. Thank you Daniel!

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

*****PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE*****

We are going to Six Flags for the Holiday In The Park on Tuesday, Dec. 26. All of those in the 6-12 grade and their families are invited to go. We will meet at West Erwin at 8:30 and return at 10:00. The cost is \$15.00 plus meals. Please pay by Sunday! The information and sign-up sheet is posted on the youth board by my office.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Thanks to all of the teens who participated in our Bible Studies this fall. We will not be meeting through the holidays. We are planning to start up again in the middle of January.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to our devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join in this special time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We had a great turnout for our LTC sign-up this past Sunday. If you missed it, you need to get signed up ASAP! All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in LTC. If you have any questions, please ask! Don't miss this!

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 17 Middle School Devotional
Dec. 26 Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 19-21 High School Servant Retreat

The Teacher's Promise

I, as a teacher in the Bible School, recognize the seriousness of my work in having chosen a most noble and fruitful task for the Master. Believing that this work demands my very best, I promise ...

- To grow more like Christ in every relationship of my life.
- To study and improve my methods of teaching.
- To make every effort to be the first person in my room in order to greet all of my students as they arrive.
- To always be prepared to teach the material presented to me by the director.
- To be regular and punctual to all services of the West Erwin church of Christ.
- To conduct my everyday activities in accordance to the principles of Christ.
- To continually grow in the knowledge of God's Word.
- To pray for the success of my students.

Signed: _____

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ATTENTION SINGLES:

- Saturday, December 16, is the date for our Christmas party at the Kirby's. Please be there at 7:00 p.m. and bring a snack/finger food, a 2 liter drink, a gift (not over \$10) for a gift exchange, and games.
- You are invited to the Shiloh Road Church of Christ for an area wide New Year's eve devotional and celebration! This evening of excitement will take place in the fellowship hall on Sunday evening, December 31st, from 6:00 p.m. 'til midnight. We will begin with a time of devotion and songs of praise to our Father above. Following our devotional time, we will have games for all, as well as plenty of food and drinks. You are asked to bring your favorite food or snack along with a 2

liter drink and all the games possible. If you got 'em, bring 'em! And yes, your children are welcome. Encourage them to bring their favorite games too! We want to encourage everyone possible to join us for this very special evening. Tell everyone you know and bring a friend. We hope to see you there. Come join the party!

- The North Tenneha Church of Christ would like to invite all singles to our first ever "Singles-Mixer!" We extend this invitation to those 18 and over, single, divorced, widowed, young and seasoned. This event will be held on December 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the North Tenneha Church of Christ Renaissance Center. We ask that all that plan to participate to RSVP by December 17. Come share in the festivities and bring a single friend (not required). Refreshments will be served.

IN APPRECIATION

What would we do without our Christian family? We appreciate, more than you will ever know, the beautiful flowers for our sister, Martha Sue Trostel, for the many prayers on her behalf, the cards and prayers for us as we grieve for her. Thank you for being here for us.

Love,
Charles & Louise Seaberry

Thank you for the love and concern you've shown our families following Martha's homegoing. The beautiful standing spray of mums and sunflowers lifted our spirits during this difficult time. We value your support and encouragement.

In Christ,
The Trostel & Seaberry families

You are so kind, thoughtful, caring, gracious, generous, warmhearted and most of all appreciated. For the prayers and cards and other kind deeds, thank you.. Have a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year. Hoping to be back soon. Thanks again.

Marjorie Cox

Thank you to everyone for your kindnesses during my recent illnesses. I benefited very much because of your prayers. I love you all.

George Daugherty

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Christine Parsons, long time West Erwin member. Graveside services were held Monday in Marshall for Roy Hammond, David Hammond's grandfather. Services were held this week for Essie Grammar, Wade Park's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Marc and Ginger Philpot on the birth of Jacob Aaron Tuesday, December 5. He weighed 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. Tanner and Mallori are the big brother and sister, Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot are the proud grandparents, and Zona Crone is the great grandmother.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Families, parents, siblings, etc., are encouraged to join the Elementary school age children, K - 5, for caroling on Sunday afternoon, December 17. We will share a sandwich lunch in the Family Life Center after the morning worship assembly, then go caroling together.

TEACHERS MEETING

There will be an important teachers' meeting for all current teachers, as well as those who are in the rotation, on December 17 at 5:00 in the small auditorium. Please make a special effort to attend.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Jordan Lyons in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday evening. He is a student at ETCA and is currently living with Eddie and Mary Rogers at 14172 CR 496, 75706, ph. 596-8613.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

You're invited to a
65th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
honoring Glen and Jo Warner
on December 23, 2000, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ.
Cards only. No gifts, please.

RECEPTION

The honor of your presence is requested at a celebration of the 80th birthdays of D.L. (David LeRoy) and Eloise Thompson at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center in Tyler on January 13, from 2-4 p.m. A memory book is being compiled to honor their many years of service to the Lord's church as D.L. is retiring from the ministry at the end of the year. Please RSVP or send memories to John Thompson, 1401 Stadium Street, Henderson, TX 75654. NO GIFTS, PLEASE!

NEED A PLACEMENT AGENCY?

Try Medina Children's Home first! We are free; we have the best program for Group Care Levels I, II, and III for 42 years; we have a special program for families; we can place in 24 hours! Medina Children's Home has been able to implement a counseling program to cover all children in group care. We also have a long range program for single mothers with children and no resources of their own. Services such as support groups, counseling, education, and licensed day care are available to enable the single mom to grow individually, to restore emotional stability in the family, and to become a productive part of society. Please contact Pat Chaney at (830) 589-2871 if you have a placement need.

HELP WANTED

Medina Children's Home is currently seeking ministry-oriented couples to serve as houseparents. Applicants should be spiritual, mature Christian couples with high school diplomas. The annual salary for a couple is \$28,000 without experience to \$34,000 with experience. Non-taxable compensation fully paid by Medina Children's Home includes health insurance, lodging, food, utilities, and telephone. We also need a truck driver for our weekly clothing routes in Texas. Starting salary is \$20,000 annually plus benefits. If interested in the houseparent or truck driver positions, please contact Pat Chaney at (803) 589-2871.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 17

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Mary Scarborough; Nursery p.m.: Gail Vannoy; Toddlers p.m.: Frances Broome & Julia Wilshire 2's: Kristi Harris & Jean DuVall; 3's & 4's: Jason & Stacey Randall; Overseeing couple: James & Ruth Ellis

The Search



Each Sunday

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 10, and Wed., Dec. 17, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Odell Sessions had a medical procedure this week. She is scheduled for tests December 18. **Ponder Wright, Sr.** is having health problems. **Pat Bratcher, Marjorie Cox, George Daugherty, Estelle Garrett, Mary Evelyn Grier, and Winona Shankle** are all recuperating at home. **Allen Bobbitt** is now at home. **Charles Gillam**, Chuck Gillam's dad, is now in hospice in California. **Mildred Greer**, Ginger Philpot's grandmother, is ill in Zachary, Louisiana. **Howard Starr**, Charles Starr's dad, is recovering in Palestine after recent kidney surgery. **Dorothy Bailey**, friend of Buck and Kathleen Nowell, is in Mother Frances Hospital. **Kelsey Welch**, 5 year old niece of Dennis and Shannon Kingsbury who lives in Paris, is much improved and is now at home. **Frank Moore**, Rhonda Haws' dad, had successful surgery for an aneurysm Tuesday at Yale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. 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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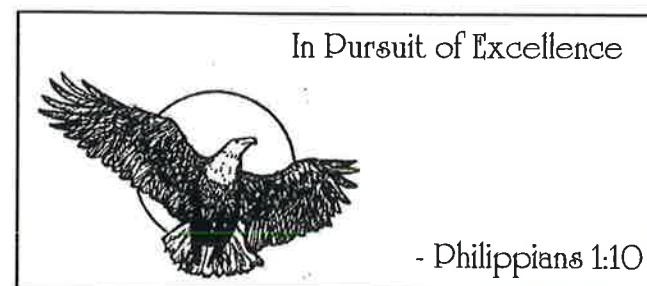
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SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION THIS SUNDAY

Over the last several years a number of important building projects have taken place at West Erwin. In 1992 we moved into our new auditorium which has provided us with ample space for numerical growth for the next few years. This auditorium has served us well as we have seen our membership surpass 700 for the first time in our history. In 1999 we completed our Family Life Center and when we entered this new building with a construction cost of nearly a million dollars we had, through the generous support of so many of our members, raised all the funds needed with the exception of about \$100,000. With a special contribution at the end of 1999 we were able to pay off the balance on this building. Our only indebtedness now is some \$275,000 on the new auditorium (which is very little debt for a congregation of over 700). In the Spring of 2000, when we had our Church Growth Seminar with John Ellas, we were reminded of something we already knew -- we need to

upgrade our Education Building. This wing has had no major attention in many years and needs to be more "user-friendly" for teachers and students alike. We need paint, carpet, lighting, cabinets, and some minor remodeling for this part of our building. Because of this need we are asking the church to give \$150,000 on Sunday, December 10, to cover the cost of this renovation. You have been so generous in the past in giving for special projects and we are sure you will give as you can for this work. To put this in perspective: our weekly budget is almost \$20,000 (we are right at meeting this budget for the year) -- to make our goal for this Sunday's special contribution, we need to give 8.5 times above our regular contribution. Some will be unable to give this much more -- just do what you can. When each family does what it can, and nobody can do more than that, the goal will be reached. Let's give \$150,000 this Sunday!

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, December 10, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Repentance Unto Life"
(Luke 13:1-5)
P.M. "Kingdom Virtues"
(Luke 13:6-9)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the high school devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to Wally & Laurie Dawkins and Gary & Julie Ables for hosting.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning a trip to Six Flags for the Holiday In The Park on Thursday, Dec. 28. All of those in the 6-12 grade and their families are invited to go. The information and sign-up sheet is posted on the youth board by my office.

SKI TRIP

We are planning a Ski Trip this spring for the youth group families. We will have an information session and sign-up this Sunday at 5:15 in the small Auditorium

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We had a great turnout for our LTC sign-up this past Sunday. If you missed it, you need to get signed up ASAP! All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in LTC. If you have any questions, please ask! Don't miss this!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our teams who did an outstanding job during the fall Bible Quiz. This spring we will be studying the book of Revelation. Our next Quiz will be on Jan. 22.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendar for our annual Youth Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 9, from 6:30-10:00. All of those in the 6-12 grade are invited to come. It will be at the home of Jay & Debbie Bynum in Whitehouse. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 "Fun" gift. Don't miss this great time!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our last Thursday Night Bible Study for the year will be on Dec. 14, from 7:00-8:00. All high school students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We are studying Revelation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 9 Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 17 Middle School Devotional
Dec. 28 Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 19-21 High School Servant Retreat

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Alice Stephenson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you all so much for all the prayers, cards and memorials for Mom. You all held a very special place in her and Pop's hearts, and you're very special to us, as well.

Terry & Linda Stephenson

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. Thank you for the flowers you sent during our time of loss.

In Christian Love,

The Wayne Walker Family &
Scott and Shara Hobson

Dear Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, food, and visits following my recent surgery. I am grateful for your prayers and concern. You've made the past year easier.

Love,

Winona Shankle

WITH SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held last Saturday at the Schofield Memorial Church in Dallas for Martha Trostel, Charles Seaberry's sister. Robert McLane, Jayne Fitzgerald's uncle, died Sunday morning. Services were held Wednesday at the Hwy 42 Church of Christ in Kilgore. We received word that Ira Wright, a former West Erwin member, died last Saturday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends in the loss of their loved ones.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Elementary school age children, K - 5, will meet Sunday, December 10, in the Heritage Room to practice singing Christmas carols. Families, parents, siblings, etc., are encouraged to join them for practice and for caroling on Sunday, December 17.

CHILD AVIALBLE

Christian Homes has a newborn Caucasian female infant available for adoption. She has numerous health problems, including additional surgeries. Her condition may be life threatening but that's yet to be determined. She needs a loving Christian family who is willing to face risks and love her - come what may. For more information, please contact Margaret Ballew at 1-800-592-4725.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will have their holiday feast Thursday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you are 55+, please plan to join in this time of fun, food and fellowship.

"Beautiful young people are acts of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art."

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NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Marc and Ginger Philpot on the birth of Jacob Aaron Tuesday, December 5. He weighed 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. Tanner and Mallori are the big brother and sister, Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot are the proud grandparents, and Zona Crone is the great grandmother.

LADIES BRUNCH

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for their last class of the year and a brunch. All ladies are encouraged to come and bring a dish and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

RECEPTION

The honor of your presence is requested at a celebration for D.L. (David LeRoy) and Eloise Thompson. Both will celebrate their 80th birthdays soon (D.L. January 17; Eloise - March 27). At the close of the year 2000, D.L. will also retire from full-time ministry. He has preached since he was 17 years old and has served as an elder in the Lord's church for several years. This celebration will be at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center in Tyler on January 12, 2001 from 2-4 p.m. If you have memories that you would like to share, please send them to John Thompson, 1401 Stadium Street, Henderson, Texas 75654 by December 15. If you plan to attend, please R.S.V.P. to John Thompson by December 31. NO GIFTS, PLEASE!

OFFICIAL OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING

Please join us in celebrating the official opening of our new offices on December 12, 2000. Ribbon cutting 3:30 p.m.; Open House 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. Christian Services of East Texas, 13359 Highway 155 South, Tyler, Texas.



NEW ADDRESS: Kevin & Shelly Sustaire,
421 Frederick Circle, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-3071

DIRECTORY UPDATE PICTURES

Chuck Gillam will be taking pictures immediately following the morning worship assemblies (weather permitting) to update our church directory. If you have not had your picture made or if you have had changes or additions in your families, please make your plans to have your picture made.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

"The man who does things makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all -- doing nothing."

-- Ben Franklin

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 10

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Ginny Wicks; Nursery p.m.: Gail Vannoy; Toddlers p.m.: Donna Wright; 2's: David & Carrie Cannefax; 3's & 4's: Rachel Huff & Laura Bellar; Overseeing couple: James & Ruth Ellis

The Search

Each Sunday



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

"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

I recently came across the following poem which I believe could help motivate all of our teachers. It is entitled: "Just A Bible Class." The author is unknown.

I dreamed the pearly gates were opened wide, and I had entered in, for I had died. And now must give account for all my acts; I saw a Book there opened with these facts.

I thought, "My role upon this earth was small, just teaching in a Bible School was all." For I saw all the saints of God up there, and mine was, at most, a meager share.

I heard the Master call for my report: I stood afraid, for mine was short; I trembled and felt I would not pass, then I whispered, "I just taught a class."

And from the throne I heard His voice, "Well done, come in and share eternal life, my son; Although your place was humble and obscure, you led the thirsty to the water pure."

And then it seemed that from eternal plains, there came the sound of voices refrain. That rolled across the mighty sea of glass, "these are the great - the teachers of the Bible class."

When I awoke, I thought of those I'd taught, and in their lives, what glory God had wrought. I prayed to God, and all that I could say, "Make me a better teacher day by day."

And you who teach this Christian way to live may feel sometimes you're asked too much to give. But someday you will reap eternal joys because you led to Christ, girls and boys.

To the West Erwin teachers: "Thanks for all of your time and effort. May God richly bless you." - Douglas L. Yates

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

ATTENTION SINGLES:

Sunday, December 10, following the evening worship assembly, the singles are sharing with some of the ladies of the congregation a ride around the city to enjoy Christmas lights, then end with a cup of cocoa.

Saturday, December 16, is the date for our Christmas party at the Kirby's. Please be there at 7:00 p.m. and bring a snack/finger food, a 2 liter drink, a gift (not over \$10) for a gift exchange, and games.

10 COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only four to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of one's own name.

4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
6. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
7. Be considerate with feelings of others. There are usually 3 sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one.
8. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
9. Learn to trust people, for trust builds lasting relationships.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many fold.

- Apple Seeds

Nov. 30, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 47
Records	Sunday November 26	Sunday November 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	406	413	402
Worship A.M.	645	613	611
Worship P.M.	352	324	341
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$17,988.57	\$17,908.56	\$35,050.06
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 3, and Wed., Dec. 6, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Estelle Garrett is in ETMC, room 2226, with pneumonia. Pat Bratcher is in rehab after a fall in which she suffered a broken hip. George Daugherty, Winona Shankle, Marjorie Cox, and Mary Evelyn Grier are all recuperating at home. Allen Bobbitt is now at home. Mildred Greer, Ginger Philpot's grandmother, is seriously ill in Zachary, Louisiana. Frances Landers, Kenna Kempton's grandmother, is hospitalized in Camden, Arkansas. Howard Starr, Charles Starr's dad, had kidney surgery Monday in Palestine. Kelsey Welch, 5 year old niece of Dennis and Shannon Kingsbury who lives in Paris, is in Children's Hospital in Dallas due to asthma and pneumonia. Frank Moore, Rhonda Haws' dad, is scheduled for surgery for an aneurysm Tuesday at Yale Lipshy Hospital in Dallas. 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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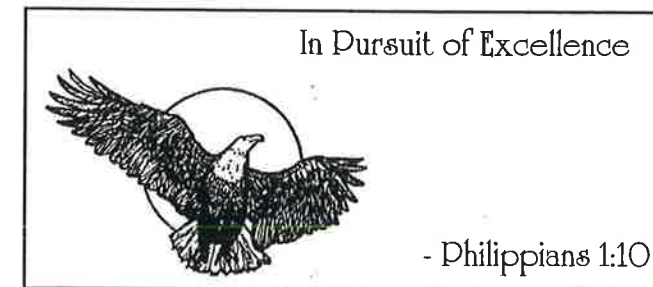
IF I WERE A COLLEGE PRESIDENT

If I were a Christian College or University president I would be aware of several things: (1) I would have a big job -- the financial responsibilities for running a private school would be tremendous in themselves. (2) I would have the confidence and respect of a Board of Trustees which appointed me and of a brotherhood which supported me. (3) I would have the final responsibility for the kind of education the students receive and would want to surround myself with the finest and most faithful administration, faculty, and staff possible. (4) I would feel a special need to be a man of prayer and I would want to make a special effort to help faculty and students remain within the parameters of Scripture. (5) I would want the graduates to be prepared well enough to compete successfully in the marketplace as faithful Christian men and women. (6) I would desire that each student be thoroughly grounded in New Testament Christianity. (7) I would be alarmed if the values of the home from which the students came were undermined or even questioned by my faculty. (8) I would do some

real soul-searching if I found that our graduates helped promote division in the churches they attended as they began their careers rather than the unity for which Christ prayed. (9) I would be upset if I learned that our graduates, after being under our influence, no longer believed some of the basic, fundamental tenets of New Testament Christianity such as whether or not instrumental music should be a part of worship, whether or not women should serve as preachers and elders, whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation, and whether or not the church of the New Testament is a denomination among denominations. (10) I would be proud of our faculty and graduates who helped build up the church wherever they were, who would accept the New Testament as their only rule of faith and practice, who would seek to be Christians only and who humbly exemplified the image of Christ wherever they were. A "tip of the hat" is in order to faithful men who lead our schools.

- Jay Lockhart

Special Contribution December 10, 2000
Goal \$150,000



Sermons for Sunday, December 3, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Purpose Driven Discipleship"
(Luke 12:35-40)
P.M. "The Signs Of The Times"
(Luke 12:54-59)

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High School Devotional

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KARING KITCHEN

The Karing Kitchen ministry has continued to grow over the last several years. We are currently serving over 60 people on a regular basis. As the number has grown, the needs have also grown. The East Texas Food Bank provides us with a way to gain credits to purchase food. We need folks who are willing to go and volunteer at the Food Bank. For every hour worked, we get 10 pounds of food. This can really add up to be substantial for our account. Would you be willing to volunteer? Contact me for more details. West Erwin & Shiloh Rd. will host the Karing Kitchen on Dec. 25.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Dec. 4. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text is Esther. Our next study session is this Sunday at 5:00.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY

Mark your calendar for our annual Youth Holiday Party, Saturday, Dec. 9. More details to follow.

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Dec. 9	Youth Holiday Party
Dec. 17	Middle School Devotional
Jan. 19-21	High School Servant Retreat

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I Peter 3:7

This is an exciting time here at West Erwin as we enter a new quarter in our Bible School program. I am extremely grateful for all of our teachers who have agreed to teach various classes. Our teachers are extremely dedicated and take their responsibilities very seriously. Listed below are the various adult classes which we will have during the winter quarter. Please look this list over and make sure that you attend each and every opportunity that you have.

As you have noticed from this list, we have a couple of new classes. The first one is the college age class on Sunday morning. This class has been designed specifically to aid those in this age group as they face various issues in their lives. Also on Wednesday evening, Ponder Wright will host a video class concerning various locations in which Christ and others traveled in the first century.

Sunday Morning:

Auditorium Class	Forest McFadden	Study of Ezekiel
Family Builders	Jim Bell	Study on Prayer
Builders	Roy Bench	Study of Mark
Boomers	Ray Vannoy	Study of Job
50's and 60's	Hillard Hughes	Study of I John
Mixed Ages	Danny Craddock	Study of I & II Peter
Singles	Mike Gravois	Revelation
Ladies Class	Sue Starnes	Romans/Galatians
Seekers Class	Jay Lockhart	Study of Romans
College Class	Jon Murry/Barry Scarborough	Issue Class

Wednesday Evening:

Small Auditorium	Jay Lockhart	Transformed Life
Sing Joyfully	Jerry Huff	Praise &
Encouraging		
Video Series	Ponder Wright, Sr.	Walking Where Jesus Walked
Ladies Class	Carrie Cannefax/Jean DuVall	T.B.A.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

THE VESSEL -- Author unknown

The Master was searching for a vessel to use;
On the shelf there were many--which one would He choose?
"Take me," cried the gold one, "I'm shiny and bright,
I'm of great value and I do things just right.
My beauty and lustre will outshine the rest
And for someone like You, Master, gold would be best!"
The master passed on with no word at all;
He looked at a silver urn, narrow and tall;
"I'll serve You, dear Master, I'll pour out Your wine
And I'll be at Your table whenever You dine,
My lines are so graceful, my carvings so true,
And my silver will always compliment You."
Unheeding the Master passed on to the brass,
It was wide mouthed and shallow, and polished like glass.
"Here! Here!" cried the vessel, "I know I will do,
Place me on Your table for all men to view."
"Look at me," called the goblet of crystal so clear,
My transparency shows my contents so dear,
Though fragile am I, I will serve You with pride,

And I'm sure I'll be happy in Your house to abide."
The Master came next to a vessel of wood,
Polished and carved, it solidly stood.
"You may use me, dear Master," the wooden bowl said,
"But I'd rather You used me for fruit, not for bread!"
Then the Master looked down and saw a vessel of clay,
Empty and broken it helplessly lay.
No hope had the vessel that the Master might choose,
To cleanse and make whole, to fill and to use.
"Ah! This is the vessel I've been hoping to find,
I will mend and use it and make it all Mine."
"I Need not the vessel with pride of itself;
Nor the one who is narrow to sit on a shelf;
Nor the one who is big mouthed and shallow and loud;
Nor one who displays his contents so proud;
Not the one who thinks he can do all things just right;
But this plain earthy vessel filled with My power and might."
Then gently He lifted the vessel of clay,
Mended and cleansed it and filled it that day.
Spoke to it kindly, "There's work you must do,
Just pour out to others as I pour into you."

IN APPRECIATION

To the church family,

Thank you for the prayers and expressions of concern regarding my mother, Lida Craver. She has responded well to the medication prescribed for the Parkinsons and her spirits are high. I know this is due to the unity of hearts in prayer. God bless.

Karen Stansbury

Dear Christian friends,

The lovely lunch for the family on the day of Doris Waggoner's funeral is appreciated more than we can possibly say. Also, the beautiful spray was a wonderful expression of love. Thank you so very much.

The family of Doris Waggoner

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Daniel and Carol Morgan on the birth of a granddaughter! Anne Wren Morgan was born November 21 in Abilene to Nathaniel and Tammi Morgan. She weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Rose Teel, Phyllis & Charles Rachui are great aunts and uncle.

Congratulations to Shane and Becky Millican on the birth of Matthew Isaac on November 27. He weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. Austin is the big brother. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone are the proud grandparents and Cheryl and Scott Jenkins are the happy aunt and uncle.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ray and Carolyn Womack on the increase of their family! Their grandson, Chris Montgomery, was married November 3 in Washington to Kim. Kim has two children so the Womacks are now great grandparents! Chris is the brother of Gina Montgomery.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held at the Edom Methodist church last Monday for Belle Cox, mother-in-law of Jim Armstrong (mother of the late Launa Armstrong) and grandmother of Joni Prinz. Services were held Saturday in Atlanta for Wayne Walker, Shara Hobson's grandfather. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

WINTER LECTURES AND SONGFEST

From November 29 - December 3 the church at South Central, where Darryl Bowdre serves as minister, will host the 3rd Annual South Central Lectures and Winter Songfest. Under the theme, "Watchman, What of the Night," the lectures also include a Single Parents Seminar Thursday, Nov. 30 and Friday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2 from 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon. The Dynamic Minister's Forum will begin Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with evangelists from all over participating, and the Winter Songfest will begin at 7:00 p.m.. The Fellowship Service will be Sunday, Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m.. (see bulletin board for details).

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BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a shower honoring
Wendy Jones
bride-elect of
Matt Dickens



Saturday, December 2, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target & Dillards

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

OUR DEBT TO THE CHURCH

We know that the strength of the church depends upon how we as members are involved in the work. The success of our congregation depends on the extent we, as members, are zealous and faithful. There are four obligations we, as Christians, owe the local congregation where we worship. They are:

LOYALTY! Membership in the church is a way of life. It is not a membership as in a lodge, club or political organization. Church membership is not the end within itself. A Christian is a part of the body for which Christ died. He is married to Christ. He is a citizen of the Kingdom of Light. As such he is elite, and should be an active part of the most powerful force on earth.

DEPENDABILITY! Everyone is needed. Everyone needs to carry his or her part. There is no real place for soloists in the church. Your abilities cannot be put into a box, stored on a shelf or held to see where it fits best. Each Christian can do something to help create an environment of growth through love. No one should feel like an intruder; he or she should feel right at home. And each should perform as an ambassador.

PRESENCE! The very existence of the congregation depends upon the presence of its members. If someone has the right to be absent, then everyone has that same right. Your presence is electrifying. The light is not as bright if some of the power is not flowing. The light is not as bright if some of the bulbs are not burning.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT! We, as a church, have an obligation to meet our responsibilities. Some of those are monetary. Some are not, but in any case the obligations are ours as a congregation. It is only right for each of us to be counted on for a weekly support of presence and "contribution." *It seems strange to count it contribution when it was and should remain the Lord's anyway.*

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DIRECTORY UPDATE PICTURES

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Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 3

Preacher: Mike Gravois; Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Debbie Bynum; Toddlers p.m.: Arlene Lockhart; 2's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 3's & 4's: James & Ruth Ellis; Overseeing couple: James & Ruth Ellis

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Records	Sunday November 19	Sunday November 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	413	427	431
Worship A.M.	613	615	603
Worship P.M.	324	365	376
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$17,908.56	\$17,989.30	\$35,300.29
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 26, and Wed., Nov. 29, Clint Hale, ph. 597-1542.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Pat Bratcher is in Mother Frances after a fall last Friday in which she suffered a broken hip. **George Daugherty** had surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Winona Shankle** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Marjorie Cox, Sue Ellen Laird and Mary Evelyn Grier** are all recuperating at home. **Allen Bobbitt** is now at home. **Carroll Henry**, Donna Wright's brother, is recovering after a recent heart attack. **Charles Gillam**, Chuck Gillam's dad (in California), is recovering from pneumonia and will be moved to rehab. **Wayne Walker**, Shara Hobson's grandfather, is back in ICU in Texarkana. **Mildred Greer**, Ginger Philpot's grandmotehr, is seriously ill in Zachary, Louisiana. **Frances Landers**, Kenna Kempton's grandmother, is hospitalized in Camden, Arkansas. **Glen Kitson**, a West Erwin Playshool child, is hospitalized witha blood disorder. 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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Psalm 100

A psalm. For giving thanks.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

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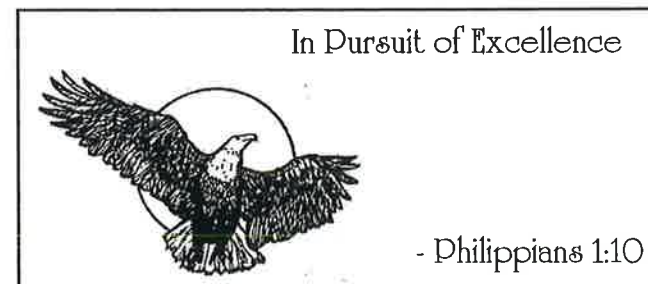
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IT DOESN'T SAY NOT TO

One of the most ludicrous statements I have heard in defense of practices in the work and worship of the church which are without Scriptural authority is, "The Bible doesn't say not to." For those who use this defense the statement ends discussion and approves the innovation which the defender wants to incorporate into church activity. One large church gathering decided to take the Lord's Supper on Saturday in addition tot he Lord's Day observance. When the practice was questioned one of the organizers of the Saturday observance wrote a defense which was distributed far and wide. Basically, the author said, "The Bible doesn't say not to." A college student, in an effort to defend the use of instrumental music in worship said when questioned by a relative, "The Bible doesn't say not to." Now to those who use this argument, the fact that "the Bile doesn't say not to" is a sound reason for doing whatever it is that they wish to do. In response to this line of reasoning I want to offer the following thoughts. A little child is capable of seeing that this kind of reasoning is unacceptable. Suppose a parent says to a child, "Stop by the store and pick up a loaf of bread." The child comes home with a loaf of bread and ten candy bars. When asked about the candy, the child defends his

action with, "You didn't say not to get candy." Do you think either parent or child can't see through this? Does the parent have to tell the child to pick up a loaf of bread and then name everything in the store and say, "Don't get that"? Of course not. "Pick up a loaf of bread" excludes candy and everything else. In a study of Scripture, the Lord does not have to name everything we are not to do but He simply tells us what to do and that is inclusive (of what the Lord asks) and exclusive (leaving out any addition). Every command of God gives us the authority to do whatever is essential in carrying out that command. The command to baptize includes the authority to find in some way enough water to immerse, whether it be a pond or lake or ocean or a baptistery, but it excludes sprinkling. The command to sing includes authority to provide words, notes, and pitch, but excludes instrumental music. The command to partake of the Lord's Supper authorizes unleavened bread, the fruit of the vine, and a time to do it -- in Scripture the only time designated is the first day of the week which excludes Saturday or Monday. In what we do in obedience to God we should be seeking the authority of Scripture rather than "the Bible doesn't say not to."

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, November 26, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Let's Remember These Things"
(Luke 12:13-21)
P.M. "The Treasure That Does Not Fail"
(Luke 12:22-34)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Terry Lowry for helping host the high school devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to the teens who helped make place mats for the Karing Kitchen Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanks to Barry Scarborough for going as a sponsor on the middle school retreat. Thanks also to Allison Broome, Jay Culpepper, Aaron Lyons, Danielle Rousseau, Derek Russell, & Seralyn Wade for going as counselors. We had a great retreat with over 125 folks from the area.

OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring money for Mazzio's. Parents can pick you up at 9:00 at Mazzio's. Invite a friend!

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week. It was a great Thanksgiving dinner!

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Dec. 4. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text is Esther. Our next study session is this Sunday, Nov. 26. We will eat out together and study until 2:30.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Thursday Night Bible Study will be on Nov. 30, from 7:00-8:00. All high school students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We are studying Revelation.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 26	Out To Eat
Dec. 9	Youth Holiday Party
Jan. 19-21	High School Servant Retreat

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Bill and Judy Wilmeth into the West Erwin family. We rejoice with Judy in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. Bill was baptized about a year and one half ago. They recently moved to Tyler after retiring from the ranching business. Their address is 217 Cambridge Road, 75703, ph. 939-3738.

RESPONSE

George Colvin came Sunday to give thanks to his church family for prayers offered for Nancy Henley, mother of his children. A cat scan on November 6 revealed no malignancy; several weeks ago she was diagnosed with stage four cancer.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Christmas shower honoring Kaylee Walker bride elect of Conner Bryan



Sunday, November 26, 4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

(Kaylee is the daughter of Greg & Kris Walker)

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

A.S.A.P.

Ever wonder about the abbreviation ASDAP? Generally we think of it in terms of hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way. There's work to do, deadlines to meet; you've got no time to spare, but as you hurry and scurry, ASDAP -- ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. In the midst of family chaos "quality time" is rare, do your best; let God do the rest, ASDAP -- ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. It may seem like our worries are more than we can bear, slow down and take a breather, ASDAP -- ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. God knows how stressful life is, He wants to ease our cares and He'll respond ASDAP -- ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER. Today I am saying a prayer that God will smile on you and send you all the special blessings you deserve, ASDAP.

NEED HELP?

Christian lady with impeccable credentials would like the opportunity to make your holiday season a little easier and less stressful. How may I be of service to you? House cleaning, gift wrapping, holiday baking, shopping, child care, etc. Available 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you could use a break, an extra pair of hands, or someone you can trust to help around the house, please call church office @ 592-0809.

"Let your light shine with love, service and a smile."

Our Mission Statement
TO GLORIFY GOD
 Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
*Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging*
West Erwin Church of Christ

SHARING

Is someone happier because you passed his way today?

Did you bring a smile to a clouded face when you did not turn away?

Is someone's burden lighter for just a little lift, a pleasant word, a little boost, or perhaps some little gift?

Do you feel content and happy when you settle down at night

Because you found a troubled friend and helped to set him right?

A load is always lighter when a friend walks by your side.

You cannot cure all ills, but at least you know you tried.

Let not one single day go by at home, at work, at play ... unless someone is happier because you passed his way.

- author unknown

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

There is an opening for after-school study hall for the spring semester. Hours are 3:30 - 5:30, 5 days per week. Responsibilities involve supervising homework time and free time outside. If interested, please call Cathy Howell at ETCA at 561-8642.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Employment opportunities at Medina Children's Home: House parents needed - Christian couples to serve in a cottage for boys or girls. Parenting experience is necessary, additional training is provided. Truck Driver needed - full-time position, gone from home three to four nights per week. Medina also has vacancies for children and single mother families in need. Call (830) 589 -2871 for more information.

AREA EVENT

Criminal Justice Awareness Seminar
Saturday, November 25, 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
North Tenneha Church of Christ
1701 North Tenneha, Tyler, TX

DIRECTORY UPDATE PICTURES

Chuck Gillam will be taking pictures immediately following the morning worship assemblies (weather permitting) to update our church directory. If you have not had your picture made, please make a special effort to do so. This includes those who have had changes or additions in their families.

"The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example."

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 26

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Louise Seaberry; Nursery p.m.: Nila Miles; Toddlers p.m.: Cathy Culpepper; 2's: Brody & Kimberly Clark; 3's & 4's: Kristi Harris & Terry Shaw; Overseeing couple: Brody & Kimberly Clark.

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I Peter 3:7

In the mid 1980's I bought a 1955 pickup truck with the thought of restoring it to its original state. I finally completed my project months later and I was very satisfied with the outcome. After a few years went by I decided to sell my truck. I had hopes of making a substantial profit, but instead I barely broke even. The reason for the lack of profit was that I had not restored my truck, but instead I had modified it. The color was not original, and a few other alterations had been made to the truck. These alterations looked nice, but they had actually reduced the value of the truck. You see, the project of restoring my truck to its original glory was compromised because I decided to add a few personal touches here and there.

I learned a great lesson from my experience with that truck. If you are attempting to restore something to its original condition then you need to stick to the original pattern. For over two hundred years several men and women have been attempting to restore the church to its original glory. In fact, their motto

became to "speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent." This motto has been adopted by many Christians today as well. We seek the approval of God in all things that we do. It is my hope and my desire that we can continue to grow here at West Erwin and that we can use the educational program to accomplish this. We have many great teachers who have dedicated themselves to fulfilling the Word of God by teaching others. We have the pattern of God's Word laid before us and we have an attitude of care, concern and compassion for the lost. Let's continue to be involved in our classes, let's pray for the success of these classes and let's invite our friends and neighbors to our classes. If we do these things I am confident that God will give the increase.

In the next few weeks we will have the opportunity of participating in: (1) Christ centered, (2) Bible based, and (3) needs oriented classes. These classes have been designed to edify our membership and to evangelize the lost. Please take advantage of these classes. If you have any comments or suggestions please feel free to make them to me at your convenience.

fellowship was outstanding, and the singing was heavenly. All together the evening was a wonderful time of warmth and sharing.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

To date we have made 1353 contacts: 1002 cards of encouragement, 166 phone calls to encourage and check on members, and visited 52 families. In addition, our World Bible School workers have sent 76 introductory lessons, 40 workbooks (2nd, 3rd & 4th lessons), 10 New Testaments, and 7 used Bibles. What a tremendous blessing this program has been to our workers as well as those they've contacted!!!

Monday, November 20th was our last working session.

Monday, November 27th we will not meet.

Monday, December 4th, will be our Celebration Dinner as we review what we've accomplished in the past 7 weeks.

MUCHAS GRACIAS

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Singles' Thanksgiving Celebration last Tuesday. we had over 40 celebrating in the Kirby's home. The food was wonderful, the

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Nov. 16, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 45
Records	Sunday November 12	Sunday November 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	427	417	404
Worship A.M.	615	623	580
Worship P.M.	365	248	443
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$17,989.30	\$22,871.70	\$16,518.30
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Forest McFadden
Prayer Doug Yates
Scripture Jonathan Stone
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Adam Bryant

Announcements Dannie Skipper
Prayer Jerry Parker
Scripture Marc Philpot
Dismiss Jim Hooter

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jim Hooter Roger Howell
Hillard Hughes Curt Jordan
Grant Knight Dennis Kingsbury
Jerry Huff Greg Jones

GREETERS
Jeff & Pam Fennell & Lauren Garrett
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Jennifer Knight
Mary Gaiser & Henry Golightly & Jeffrey Knight

WITH SYMPATHY
Alice Stephenson, widow of George Stephenson who served as minister of the West Erwin church from 1968-1981, died Monday night. Services will be held Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at the Collinsville Church of Christ. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

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AS I SEE IT

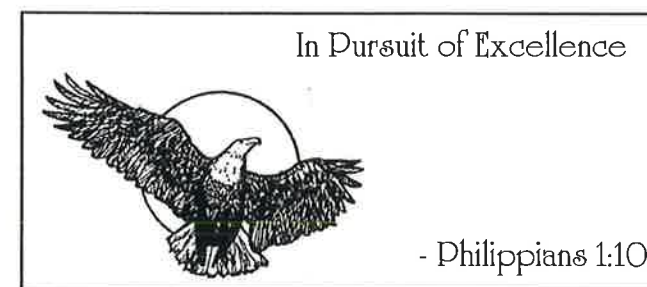
I hope the words that follow will sound familiar to us all -- they are words which we have recently heard! The church always faces difficult situations. As I see it, there are three major problems we face from within the church. First, there is legalism. Legalism is moving too far right in one's theology and seeking to bind upon others our personal thoughts, preferences, and rules. Legalists are serious and fervent in their beliefs and usually do not recognize that they are radical and that they treat with contempt those who differ with them. Most legalists I have known seemed to be devoid of the spirit of Christ and are destructive of people's reputations and character. Legalists demand that others agree with them on every point which the legalist thinks is important, biblical or otherwise.

Second, there is liberalism. Liberalism is moving too far left in one's theology and treats some matters of Scripture as opinion. Liberals sometimes look down on those who differ with them as though they are not as spiritual as they and liberals become spiritual elitists.

Liberals are earnest in their beliefs but do not believe we are bound by what the Scriptures say, although most would probably deny this.

A third problem area is those who lack enough commitment to either be legalists or liberals, but who are drowning in a sea of indifference and unconcern. There are those who cause the Lord Jesus to say, "I will vomit you out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:16), because of lukewarmness. These may, in the final analysis, be the greatest threat to the progress of the church in our time. A Bible student can know the difference between truth and liberalism or legalism and can overcome either, but how do you get through to those who simply do not care? Let us seek to avoid all three problems -- let's neither be liberal, legalistic, or indifferent. Let us instead walk in the center of truth as we seek to be simply Christians, members of the church of the New Testament and wholly committed to Jesus Christ. That's how I see it.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, November 19, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "How The Church Works"
(1 Corinthians 9:7-14)
P.M. "Lost Opportunities"
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HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 19 High School Devotional
Nov. 20 West Erwin to host Karing Kitchen
Dec. 9 Youth Holiday Party

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I Peter 3:7

I love the Bible School program of the church and I really believe in its mission. In fact, I have dedicated my life's focus to it. I guess I believe in it so strongly because it has helped to teach me many great lessons over the years. In Bible School I learned to color within the lines. In Bible School I learned to show respect toward the teacher. In Bible School I memorized a multitude of scriptures which I can still recall. In the Bible School program I was taught the evils of tobacco, alcohol and drugs. In Bible School I learned about becoming a Christian, living a faithful life, and sharing that great message with as many as possible. In Bible School I learned that Jesus is the Son of God, that He was born of a virgin, and that He died for all of mankind. The Bible School program of the church changed my life (for the better) and I am so proud to have this opportunity to say to all the teachers at West Erwin who have dedicated a portion of their lives to this great program, "Thank you."

Now, because I realize the impact that the Bible School program can have on all people I have, over the years, taught small children in the Bible Hour program; coordinated the annual Vacation Bible School and coordinated the efforts of the curriculum at the church, school and camp. I have had the privilege of teaching for almost 20 years. And I must say, with all my heart, I have really enjoyed it. Over these 20 years, I have seen a lot of positive changes that have occurred through the Bible School. It has gone: (1) From being the reaching arm only, to being the reaching, teaching, winning, and nurturing arm. (2) From being the "children only" ministry, to being an all inclusive ministry. (3) From being solely an edification ministry, to being an evangelistic ministry. (4) From being a lecture only approach to learning, to being a true Bible study. And (5) from having issue structured classes, to having Christ centered, Bible based, needs oriented classes. All of these changes have helped to restructure the Bible School program in a very positive way. Now it's up to us to get involved and to make a difference in the lives of those that surround us. Please attend all classes and let's turn Tyler upside down for the Lord.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

To date we have written 858 cards of encouragement, made 118 phone calls to encourage and check on members, and visited 46 families. We have only 1 more work session before we take a break during the holidays. It's called Monday Night For the Master and we want YOU to join us!!!

Don't forget, next Monday will be our last work session for this year's MNFTM program. Monday, December 4th, will be our Celebration Dinner as we review what we've accomplished in the past six weeks.

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IN APPRECIATION

The Jim McDonald family wish to express their appreciation for all the prayers, visits, cards, food, memorials and other good deeds that made my mother's last six months a time of good memories and helped lessen our sense of loss. You all are truly a blessing.

Jim McDonald

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Douglas Terrell. Thank you for your prayers and your acts of kindness and for all the food that was brought to our home by Hillard Hughes. God bless you all.

Doris Terrell

Please know that your gift of love will be put to good use and go a long way here in Barnaul. It is this kind that helps remind the Russians that their brothers in America care in several ways.

Jerry Sizemore

(This is in response to the vitamins and medical supplies sent from West Erwin)

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Jimmy and Sharen Wester on the birth of a granddaughter! Morgan Renee' was born November 8 in Arlington to Brad and Kim Chambless. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and is 20 inches long. Gus and Cathy Krewall are the proud great grandparents. Bryan and Brandon Chambless are happy uncles.

Congratulations to Sherryl Miles on the birth of a granddaughter! Gretchen Elizabeth was born November 12 in Kuwait to Dave and Shelley Pavlock. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and is 21 inches long. Velma Lemons is the proud great grandmother.

WITH SYMPATHY

Doris Waggoner died Sunday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Wednesday at Burk-Walker-Tippitt. Our love and sympathy is extended to Clyde and to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jack and Ernie Tarrant on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on November 18. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 11-14. West Erwin is asked to collect: REGULAR COFFEE, SLOPPY JOE MIX & RANCH DRESSING. Any other items that you wish to donate are appreciated.

NEED HELP? - Christian lady with impeccable credentials, with school age children, available to clean your house or help in getting organized for the holidays. Call church office 592-0809.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Doug and Judy Yates** and their children, **Kristen and Daniel**, into the West Erwin family. Doug is our new Education Minister and we look forward to our association with him and his family. Their address is 120 Quail Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1094



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower

honoring

Ginger Philpot

Sunday, November 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target & Toys R Us

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.



WEDDING INVITATION

Together with our parents

we

Alexa La Manda Burris

and

Matthew Mallard Smith

request the honour of your presence

at our marriage

on Saturday, the eighteenth of November, two thousand

at four o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas

Reception to follow ceremony

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

There is an opening for after-school study hall for the spring semester. Hours are 3:30 - 5:30, 5 days per week. Responsibilities involve supervising homework time and free time outside. If interested, please call Cathy Howell at ETCA at 561-8642.

FYI - The Benevolent Center will be closed Tuesday and Thursday of next week. The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Happy Holiday!

DIRECTORY UPDATE PICTURES

Chuck Gillam will be taking pictures immediately following the morning worship assemblies (weather permitting) to update our church directory. If you have not had your picture made, please make a special effort to do so. This includes those who have had changes or additions in their families.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 19

Preacher: Fred Powell; Nursery a.m.: Nila Miles; Nursery p.m.: Louise Seaberry; Toddlers p.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2's: Shane & Becky Millican; 3's & 4's: Kevin & Shelly Sustaie; Overseeing couple: Brody & Kimberly Clark.

The Search

Each Sunday

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

"The happiness of your life"

Nov. 9, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 44
Records	Sunday November 5	Sunday October 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	417	445	394
Worship A.M.	623	614	611
Worship P.M.	248	472	366
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$22,871.70	\$17,810.92	\$15,858.63
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 12, and Wed., Nov. 15, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Doris Waggoner is now in hospice. Marjorie Cox is in UTHC. Sue Ellen Laird and Mary Evelyn Grier are both at home after recent surgeries. Allen Bobbitt is in ETMC Rehab. Carroll Henry, Donna Wright's brother, is recovering after a recent heart attack. Billy Estridge, Kathy Portwood's cousin, remains in a coma in Harris Hospital in Ft. Worth. Rene Morales, Kathy Portwood's brother-in-law in Nacogdoches, is scheduled to have bypass surgery. Olen Gilmore, Kathy Waggoner's uncle, is being treated for lymphoma in Mesquite. Stella Simpson, Kathy Waggoner's aunt, got a good report after recent cancer surgery. Wayne Walker, Shara Hobson's grandfather, is hospitalized in Texarkana with pneumonia. Recie Sowell, Rita Sitton's sister, is very ill with cancer. Averi Moya, baby daughter of Charles and Penny Moya, has been diagnosed with acute leukemia. (This is the granddaughter of former members Hulen and Dorothy Hulse). 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

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Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
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ELDERS			
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Bible School.....	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class.....	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Evening Worship.....	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class.....	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY			
Christian Service Center.....	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
		(903) 592-0809	

SERVING SUNDAY

10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Roger Knight
Scripture Claude Figueiroa
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Greg Jones

Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer David Hammond
Scripture Scott Hobson
Dismiss Nathan Linseisen

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Rob Hilliard Charles Harris
Robert Hilliard Dick Higginbotham
Clint Hale Matt Haws
David Hammond Casey Haws

GREETERS

Harold & Shirley Denman & Brett Hone
Bill & Alice Denson & Ember Johnson
Don & Norma Durham & Jamie Jordan

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

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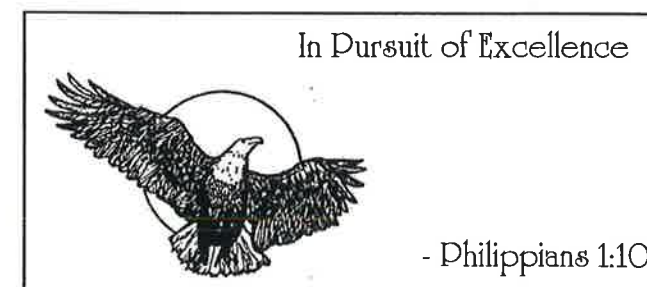
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THE SOJOURNERS

During the last two full weeks of October the Sojourners, a group of retired Christians who love to travel across the country in their RV's to help churches, orphan homes, colleges, mission points, and other worthwhile endeavors, met at Camp B near Marshall for their annual retreat. Over 300 people from all across the country come to Camp B to have fellowship, to learn about the Sojourners, and to study the Bible. I was asked to speak to this group each morning, October 24th, 25th, and 26th. What I found at Camp B was most interesting and encouraging. This camp was originally a Youth Camp but was purchased by the Sojourners about ten years ago. They immediately began to make improvements on the camp, including clearing much of the land so that now it looks like a park, enlarging a meeting building to seat up to 400 and provide office space and a library, paving the roads

which were formerly gravel, improving other buildings, remodeling a brick house to become the main offices of the Sojourners, and providing over 100 hookups for RV's. I was impressed by how much these people love each other and the work they do. Last year the Sojourners made 134 trips to help others. They knocked 76,829 doors for Christ, handed out 57,290 brochures, and set up 1157 Bible studies which resulted in 98 baptisms and 14 restorations. Additionally, the Sojourners encouraged many churches, performed various kinds of construction projects for churches and colleges, and became ambassadors of good will all across the country. You may be aware of the fact that our own John and Ruby Cliver, Ed and Margie Hunt, and Jim and Carol Armstrong are a part of the Sojourners. I salute them all for who they are and what they are doing.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, November 5, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Key Of Knowledge"
(Luke 11:46-52)
P.M. a Special Message on
"The Darkness of the Enlightenment"
(Luke 11:33-36)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS

Thanks to all of those who came to the Briarcliff worship this past Sunday. It was a wonderful service to these people. Thanks to the following for participating: Barry Scarborough, Derek Russell, Jay Culpepper, Bryce Murry, Kara Murry, Kelsi Wicks, Shannon Snell, Sarah Scarborough, and Kristen Yates.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Nov. 12 is the date for LTC Sign-up. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in LTC. All of those interested in LTC need to meet this coming Sunday at 5:00 in the Family Life Center. We will talk about the convention, events, changes, and expectations. This will also be the time for you to sign up for LTC 2001. If you did not receive more detailed information in the mail, let me know Sunday. If you have any questions about LTC, please ask! Don't miss this!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our teams who received 2nd and 3rd at the last quiz. Our next quiz will be Dec. 4. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text is Esther. Our next study session is Sunday, Nov. 26.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jay Culpepper for being selected by the James F. Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation to receive the Regional Silver Award. Way to go Jay!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Thursday Night Bible Study will be on Nov. 16 All high school students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00. We will be meeting in our home in Whitehouse. We are studying the book of Revelation. Details will be available in class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in grades 6-8 need to mark your calendars for Nov. 17-19 for our Area Wide Middle School Retreat. This will be a great time for spiritual growth as well as having a blast. Your cost will be \$25.00. Please sign up on the list across from my office ASAP. Don't miss this one!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 12	LTC Sign Up
Nov. 12	Middle School Devotional
Nov. 17-18	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 19	High School Devotional
Nov. 20	West Erwin to host Karing Kitchen

WINTER WONDERLAND

West Erwin's Holiday Banquet
Friday Evening, December 2nd
Family Life Center

* Tickets will go on sale Sunday, November 19th

* Our entertainment this year will be the Master Hypnotist RICK MINTER

MISSIONARIES' HOLIDAY FUND

Each year we take up a collection to provide holiday gifts for the missionaries we support. If you would like to contribute to this fund please turn in your contribution to any minister, elder, or the church office by Sunday, November 26th. Thanks for your help and support of our missionaries in the field.

LADIES PRAYER MINISTRY

A new Ladies' Prayer Ministry has been organized using phone lists. When a new prayer request is phoned into the office the secretaries contact a prayer ministry leader who, in turn, contacts the person whose name appears at the top of the phone list, and so on, and so on, and so on. After being contacted the person gets the information regarding the prayer request and then presents that request to God. Imagine how many prayers can be offered as quickly as the phone lists are activated. For more information or to sign up please contact Fern Bench, Pat Bratcher, Frances Phillips, or Nelda Browning or add your name to the sign-up sheets in the Sunday morning Bible classes. "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."
James 5:16b

SINGLES THANKSGIVING DINNER/DEVO

Tuesday, November 14th

6:45 pm - 'til

in the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby

813 Dolores * 561-9442

* We will once again have "Fried Turkey" and all the fixins'

* Call Mike at the church office for information or if you have a question (903) 592-0809

*Contact Julia @ 597-5252

if you need to know what to bring

IN APPRECIATION

I am so grateful to each of you for your notes, calls, and kindness shown me this past few weeks, especially the prayers offered in behalf of my husband and me. My sincerest thanks to all the children and their teachers who have helped me immensely.
Dorothy Woods

"Thank you" to our West Erwin family for your love and concern during the illness and death of my dad. The beautiful spray was a physical reminder of your love and prayers that were with us. We appreciate all the beautiful cards, but most of all your prayers.
Joe & Frances McBee

It has meant so much to have the sympathy and caring support of our church family and friends at this time of loss of my sister, Alma Wright, and my sister-in-law, Sue Wright of Grandview. Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, letters, visits, memorial contributions, and flowers. We love you all.
Warren & Gaynelle Gray



BABY SHOWERS

You're invited to a baby shower honoring
Jayne Fitzgerald
(It's a boy!)

Saturday, November 11, 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

at the home of Suzanne Perkins
5807 Churchill Drive

Selections: Toys R Us & Target

You're invited to a baby shower honoring
Ginger Philpot

Sunday, November 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target & Toys R Us

Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally.

LADIES SCRAPBOOK NIGHT

There will be a scrapbook night November 10 at the home of Kim DuPree beginning at 6:30 p.m. Space is limited so please call Kim at 939-9908 to reserve your space and get directions. Supplies will be available.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

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All Parents and Parents-to-be: On Wednesday, Nov. 15, Dr. Roger Allen, a clinical psychologist and member of the Glenwood congregation, will be presenting the final class on his book entitled Common Sense Discipline in the Family 911 class. This class meets in the Family Life Center at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Todd and Jana Hancock and their two young children, Mallory (age 4) and Carson (9 months) into the West Erwin family. Todd is a former member at West Erwin and we are glad to welcome him and his family "back home." Their address is 20560 Mixon Road, Troup, 75789, ph. 839-8280.



WEDDING INVITATION

Together with our parents
we

Alexa La Manda Burris

and

Matthew Mallard Smith

request the honour of your presence
at our marriage

on Saturday, the eighteenth of November, two thousand

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Reception to follow ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on the celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on November 9. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST 2000

Christ Is The Answer

November 12-15, 7:30 week nights; 6:00 p.m. Sunday

Lewisville Church of Christ

WITH SYMPATHY

Douglas Terrell, husband of our Doris Terrell, died Friday afternoon. Services were held Monday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Doris and all the family.

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Oct. 26, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 42
Records	Sunday October 22	Sunday October 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	413	382	391
Worship A.M.	624	576	544
Worship P.M.	385	296	397
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$20,107.49	\$15,788.78	\$16,913.87
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 29, and Wed., Nov. 1, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Doris Waggoner is very ill at home. **Sue Ellen Laird** is scheduled for surgery Nov. 2 at ETMC. **Delle Bullard** had an outpatient procedure Tuesday. **Elizabeth Hughes** was admitted to ETMC Tuesday with chest pain. **Marjorie Cox** suffered bruises but no broken bones in a fall Tuesday. **Jack Tarrant** is being treated with medication. **Don Crowder** is at home and doing well after a recent heart attack. **Cora Hughes** has returned to the nursing home in Lindale. **Allen Bobbitt** is in ETMC Rehab. **Carroll Henry**, Donna Wright's brother, is recovering after a recent heart attack. **Lida Craver**, Karen Stansbury's mother, has been diagnosed with Parkinsons. **Misty Scott**, Robby Scott's wife (former West Erwin member), is having serious health problems. **Leola Reynolds**, Chris Reynold's grandmother, is very ill due to cancer that has spread. **Danny Craddock's** mother is improved after being admitted to the hospital in Searcy, AR Sunday with a severe asthma 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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Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
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Scripture Jim Armstrong
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Greg Walker

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Prayer Dan Baldwin
Scripture Archie Kennard
Dismiss Clint Hale

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Blake Lowry Chris Ables
Josh Lowry Cody Ables
Brady Dawkins Brandon Lott
Caleb Bynum Kyle Stowers

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Megan Florence
Faber & Kathryn Cauthen & Lauren Garrett
Milburn & Jan Cook & Dayne Harris

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, October 29. Remember to "fall back" one hour Saturday night!



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TOWN HALL MEETING ANNOUNCED

The elders of the West Erwin church have announced a Town Hall meeting to be conducted following our evening service on Sunday, November 5. Richard Baggett of Eastern European Mission will be preaching that day. The plan for Sunday evening will be as follows: we will have our evening service in the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. at which time Richard will bring us up to date on the work in Eastern Europe. Immediately after this abbreviated service we will have a sandwich, chips, and dessert supper together, followed by the Town Hall meeting in which we will introduce our new members who have come to us since our last Newcomers Dinner, and have reports from our various mission areas. This promises to be a great evening and we are hopeful all will participate. Bring the food and drinks will be furnished.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

After the second meeting of *Monday Night For The Master*, the only word to describe what has been


happening is "fantastic!" First, about 300 people have signed up to participate at least one night a month. Second, the kickoff meeting saw 250+ people in attendance. Third, this past Monday over 100 people were present to prepare, serve, and clean up after dinner; to baby-sit; to make phone calls; to write cards; to learn more about personal evangelism; and to make visits. We can only imagine the impact this work is having and will have. A special thanks to **Eddie Rogers** and **Mike Gravois** for heading up this important work. Be a part of it!

WEST ERWIN PLAY SCHOOL

It was a joy to emphasize children and especially West Erwin Play School last Sunday. So many of our students, along with their parents, were present for our service on Sunday morning and for the meal that followed. Thanks to **Laurie Dawkins** and **Terry Shaw**, co-directors of the school and to all the teachers for the good work you are doing with children

- Jay Lockhart

In Pursuit of Excellence



- Philippians 1:10

Sermons for Sunday, October 29, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Made To Be Filled"
(Luke 11:24-28)
P.M. "The Responsibility Of Privilege"
(Luke 11:29-32)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Meggie Wagner whose Brownsboro High School Golden Girls won a recent competition and will be performing during half-time in an upcoming Dallas Cowboys/Redskins game. Way to go Meggie!

THANKS

Thanks to Barry & Mary Scarborough and Keith & Tina Harris for hosting the middle school activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time.

FALL FESTIVAL

West Erwin's annual Children's Fall Festival will be Sunday, Oct. 29. All workers need to be at the church to decorate Saturday morning from 10:00-12:00. All workers need to meet Sunday afternoon at 5:00 for final preparation. Thanks to all of those who signed up to bring desserts and help! This will be a great Fall Festival.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Nov. 6. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text is Nehemiah 8-13.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Thursday Night Bible Study will be on Nov. 2. All high school students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00. We will be

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

SHAPE OF THE FUTURE

Conversations about faith and family

There is no question that the world has changed and is changing around us. Can Christian commitment be embodied faithfully and relevantly in this new world? What would it look like in our families, churches, vocations, and personal lives? We must answer these questions in a way that is both true and practical. Come explore with us! If you're interested in the shape of the future, you are invited to join the conversation in Dallas on November 10 and 11. The cost is \$49 per person and includes dinner Friday night and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Time and location: Friday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. to Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Marriott Quorum Hotel in Dallas, Texas. (Registration begins at 3:00 p.m. Friday). Topics: Family, Church, Ethics, Spirituality. Speakers: Dr. Randy Harris, Dr. Darryl Tippens, Dr. Don Hebbard, Dale Pauls, Dr. Fred Aquino, Randy Becton, & Steve Thomas. To register, please contact Jane Melton - ph. 1-800-234-7995, mail: jmelton@heraldoftruth.org. Sponsored by the Herald of Truth.

"People cannot change truth, but truth can change people."

meeting in our home in Whitehouse. We are studying the book of Revelation. Details will be available in class.

BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

West Erwin will be hosting the worship service at the Briarcliff Retirement Center on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3:00. We need everyone to come and help with this worthy project.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 28	Set Up For Fall Festival
Oct. 29	Fall Festival
Nov. 5	Briarcliff Retirement Center Worship
Nov. 5	West Erwin Town Meeting & Fellowship
Nov. 6	Bible Quiz
Nov. 12	LTC Sign Up
Nov. 17-18	Middle School Retreat

www.westerwin.org

Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

So many excited and involved people are continuing the wonderful work in the MNFTM program. Dinner is served at 6:00, the outreach portion begins by 7:00 and we are finished no later than 8:00. What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we share dinner, then touch the lives of others for Christ by making visits, writing cards of invitation and encouragement, and calling members we haven't seen in some time? Come join us on Monday, October 30!

"Motivation is when your dreams put on work clothes."

SHARING

Is someone happier because you passed his way today?

Did you bring a smile to a clouded face
when you did not turn away?

Is someone's burden lighter for just a little lift,
a pleasant word, a little boost, or perhaps some little gift?

Do you feel content and happy
when you settle down at night

because you found a troubled friend
and helped to set him right?

A load is always lighter when a friend walks by your side.

You cannot cure all ills, but at least you know you tried.

Let not one single day go by at home, at work, at play ...

unless someone is happier because you passed his way.

- author unknown

IN APPRECIATION

The family of George Hawkins acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. We appreciate the calls, visits, cards, food, plant, beautiful singing and words of comfort shown to us in the loss of George "Butch" Hawkins.

Bill Hawkins, Bettye Price & families

Your thoughtfulness ... bright enough to light the world.
Thank you so very much.

Suzanne & Charles Brown
(sister & brother-in-law of George Hawkins)

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at our building for Homer "Mac" McCarty, a long time West Erwin member who was confined more recently to a nursing home in Richardson. Memorial services were held last Saturday for Jackie McDonald, Jim McDonald's mother and grandmother of Clay, Courtney and Emily McDonald and Isaac and Shelby Barnett. Services were held Saturday in Gladewater for Jack Murphy, Cheryl Jenkins' uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Lewisville Church of Christ, 901 College Parkway, Lewisville invites you to attend a reception Sunday, October 29, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. honoring **Harold G. Taylor** for 50 years of preaching the Gospel. Details on the bulletin board across from the office.

The Mesquite Church of Christ (formerly College & Locust Church of Christ) will be celebrating its 60th anniversary with a day of worship and fellowship on Sunday, October 29, 2000. Bible class will begin at 9 a.m., worship at 10 a.m. and a luncheon and program will follow. We invite everyone to join us, especially former members of the Mesquite church. For more information contact the church office at (972) 288-7637.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

You're invited to the Fifth Sunday Area-Wide Singing October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

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AND THE LORD ADDED...

We rejoice with **Jon Koster** in his decision to be baptized into Christ on Monday. Jon and his wife Michele and children, Dylan (age 6) and Lexie (age 4), have been visiting and we're very happy to welcome them into the West Erwin family. Their address is 202 Karla, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1268.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Bettie Horton Thorne came Sunday to be restored and to place membership with the West Erwin family. She has asked that we pray for her to be a better Christian mother. Her address is 4269 Hwy 271, 75708, ph. 593-5606.

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RESPONSES

Eleanor Nunn came Sunday to ask for prayers for wisdom and on behalf of her family for family and estate matters to be settled; also on behalf of Lynnjay Liptak to strengthen him.

Jean Gammon, a member at Shiloh, brother Donald Perry was killed in a car accident. Our love and prayers are extended to all this family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Sara Margaret Powell was born October 19 to John and Kathryn Powell. She weighed 7 lb. Fred and Sara Powell are the proud grandparents and Katie Powell and Martha Waggoner are happy aunts.

WELCOME HOME!

We're glad to welcome Richard Shelton back home. Richard has been serving our country in Bosnia and we're grateful for answered prayers for his safe return home.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 11-14. West Erwin is asked to collect: REGULAR COFFEE, SLOPPY JOE MIX & RANCH DRESSING. Any other items that you wish to donate are appreciated.



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Bible Class	382	637	406
Worship A.M.	576	795	612
Worship P.M.	296	NS	430
Wed. P.M.	436		
Contribution	\$15,788.78	\$18,010.71	\$18,726.55
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 22, and Wed., Oct. 25, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Jack Tarrant is at home after tests due to heart problems. He will be treated with medication. Don Crowder is at home after a recent heart attack and angioplasty. Cora Hughes has returned to the nursing home in Lindale after having a leg amputated. Bernice Majors was in rehab but is back home. Mary Evelyn Grier was scheduled for tests Wednesday. Collin Yates, son of Jonathan and Raylene Yates and grandson of Chris and Kathy Waggener, had tests Tuesday. Allen Bobbitt is in ETMC Rehab. Belinda Smith, (former West Erwin member) has begun chemo and radiation for breast cancer. Don Baker, friend of the Guy Potts, is at home in Murchison and doing well after back surgery. Carroll Henry, Donna Wright's brother, is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston following a heart attack. Lida Craver, Karen Stansbury's mother, had been diagnosed with Parkinsons. Bethel Harris, Gary Nunn's aunt, has returned to Louisiana after suffering 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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Josh Lowry	Cody Ables
Brady Dawkins	Brandon Lott
Caleb Bynum	Kyle Stowers

GREETERS

David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Valerie Figueroa
Roy & Fern Bench & Austin Fisher

WITH SYMPATHY

Homer "Mac" McCarty, long time West Erwin member, died Tuesday. Services will be at our building Friday at 1:30. Jackie McDonald, Jim's mother, died Tuesday. Memorial services will be Saturday at 3:00 at the First Christian church. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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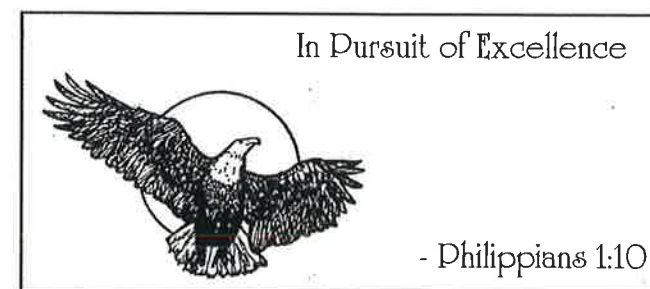
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WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin loves children. This is evidenced by the number of children we have in our younger families making West Erwin home, by the many of our people who have taught children through the years, and by the emphasis we have placed upon the training of children. In addition to the Bible classes we have offered for children, we have for many years conducted a weekday school for children. This school has had different emphasis from time to time but the underlying constant has been our love for children. Beginning in 1972, through the planning and direction of Hillard Hughes, Virginia Demic served as the first director, followed by Elaine Roberson, and continuing with Mary June Goodson, Barbara Oberg, Martha Waggoner, and Carrie Cannefax. The school continues today as West Erwin Play School directed by Laurie Dawkins and Terry Shaw. The design of the school today is to teach children the greatest issues of life through play (a child's work) and to serve as an outreach to our community. With this in mind, we will be emphasizing West Erwin Play School this Sunday. The children enrolled in

our school, along with their parents, have been invited to be in our Bible classes and worship this week. The children will attend our regular classes and a class is designed specifically for their parents who will be attending as special guests with the Family Builders class. Both the class for parents and the Sunday worship message will center on parents and children and following our worship time the parents and children will be guests for lunch with the Shepherding group of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes. In addition to our regular team of greeters we want to encourage all of our members to be seeking out our guests this week and to give them a special welcome. We are having opportunities to have many visitors in our services right now and we want to be sure to give each one our old-fashioned West Erwin welcome. - Jay Lockhart

Attention all members of the Seeker's class taught by Jay Lockhart. We will meet this Sunday in the Family Life Center with the Family Builder's class as we welcome the West Erwin Play School parents and children.



In Pursuit of Excellence

- Philippians 1:10

Sunday, October 22, 2000

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "What We Owe Our Children"
(Psalm 127:3-5)
Jim Russell
P.M. "The Death Of America's Soul"
(Romans 1:18-32)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS

Thanks to Mike & Nora Gravois and Terry & Pam Lowry for hosting the high school activity this past Sunday night. We had a good turnout and a great lesson. Thanks, Mike, for a great job!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will meet in the Family Life Center. We'll be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to join us for this great evening!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby officially tender my resignation as an adult. I have decided I would like to accept the responsibilities of a 6 year old again. I want to go to McDonald's and think it's a four star restaurant. I want to sail sticks across a fresh mud puddle and make ripples with rocks. I want to think M&Ms are better than money because you can eat them.

I want to play kickball during recess and paint with watercolors in art. I want to lie under a big oak tree and run a lemonade stand with my friends on a hot summers' day. I want to return to a time when life was simple. When all you knew were colors, addition tables and simple nursery rhymes, but that didn't bother you because you didn't know what you didn't know and you didn't care. When all you knew was to be happy because you didn't know all the things that should make you worried and upset. I want to think that the world is fair. That everyone in it is honest and good. I want to believe that anything is possible.

Somewhere in my youth ... I matured and I learned too much. I learned of nuclear weapons, war, prejudice, starvation and abused children. I learned of lies, unhappy marriages, suffering, illness, pain and death. I learned of a world where men left their families to go and fight for our country, and returned only to end up living on the streets... begging for their next meal. I learned of a world where children knew how to kill ... and did!!! What happened to the time when we thought that everyone would live forever, because we didn't grasp the concept of

death? When we thought the worst thing in the world was if someone took the jump rope from you or picked you last for kickball? I want to be oblivious to the complexity of life and be overly excited by little things once again.

I want to return to the days when reading was fun and music was clean. When television was used to report the news or for family entertainment and not to promote sex, violence and deceit. I remember being naive and thinking that everyone was happy because I was. I would walk on the beach and only think of the sand between my toes and the prettiest seashells I could find. I would spend my afternoons climbing trees and riding my bike. I didn't worry about time, bills, or where I was going to find the money to fix my car. I used to wonder what I was going to do or be when I grew up, not worry about what I'll do if this doesn't work out.

I want to live simply again. I don't want my day to consist of computer crashes, mountains of paperwork, depressing news, how to survive more days in the month than there is money in the bank, doctor bills, gossip, illness and loss of loved ones. I want to believe in the power of smiles, hugs, a kind word, truth, justice, peace, dreams, the imagination, mankind and making angels in the snow. I want to be 6 again. - author unknown

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* *The Meaning of Health: spiritual reflections on health and our body*

* *Live Now: strive for a healthy life style*

* *Age Later: pay attention to change and check our options.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Lewisville Church of Christ, 901 College Parkway, Lewisville invites you to attend a reception Sunday, October 29, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. honoring **Harold G. Taylor** for 50 years of preaching the Gospel. Details on the bulletin board across from the office.

The Lewisville Church of Christ, 901 College Parkway, Lewisville, TX invites you to attend the 2nd Annual Mission Forum October 21-22, 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more details check the bulletin board in the foyer or call (972) 353-2518.

2-PERSON BEST BALL TOURNAMENT

Alpine Target Golf Course Saturday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. (shotgun start if we have 36 players). \$18.00 per person covers green fees and warm-up balls on driving range (optional cart \$4.00). Brought to you by Campus Christian Center at Kilgore College. For more information call Kirk Eason at 984-3700.

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IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

The outpouring of concern for my welfare by the West Erwin family is greatly appreciated (your prayers, cards, calls, food and equipment loan). The love that you show to my mother-in-law, Zona Crone, extends to the length and breadth of her family. My recovery appears to be well on schedule at this time.

With love,

Bobby McClenny

Dear "Caring Sisters,"

I just wanted to thank you for the sweet gift bag you gave me a couple of weeks ago. It was very nice of you to think about me! Thanks again.

In Christian love,

Shara Hobson

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Grapevine for Edythe Hodges, Jerry Huff's grandmother. Lynnjay Liptak's mother, Maryallen Stoddard, died in Fort Miras, Florida. Burial was in Pennsylvania. Dwayne Ferguson, Marsha Wells' father, and Andrei Wells' grandfather, died Monday night in Dallas. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Cooper and Mary June Goodson on the birth of a new grandson! Caleb Tras was born October 11 to Matt and Kathy Goodson. He weighed 8 lb. 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. Mary Evelyn Grier is the great grandmother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Don and Carolyn McCune on the celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on October 16. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of Oct. 23-27. We are asked to collect CEREAL.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

Substitutes needed. If you love children and are available on Tuesday and/or Thursdays from 8:00-2:30, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins.



Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 15

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Bible Class	637	433	373
Worship A.M.	795	600	577
Worship P.M.	NS	390	361
Wed. P.M.		311	
Contribution	\$18,010.71	\$17,759.69	\$15,368.80
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 15, and Wed., Oct. 18, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Don Crowder** is in Mother Frances ICU after being admitted Tuesday with a heart attack. **Tina Harris** is at home after having a growth removed from her voicebox Tuesday. **Bernice Majors** is in ETMC Rehab. **George Daugherty, Jean Dees, Warren Gray** and **Doris Waggoner** are all recovering at home. **Allen Bobbitt** is now in ETMC rehab, room 306. **Belinda Smith**, daughter of Wayne & Bitsy Berryman (former West Erwin members) will begin chemo and radiation for breast cancer. **Alma Wright**, Gaynelle Gray's sister, is in ICU at Memorial Hospital in Corsicana. **Don Baker**, friend of the Guy Potts from Murchison, is scheduled for back surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. **Maryallen Stoddard**, Lynnjay Liptak's mother, is hospitalized in Fort Miras, Florida due to pacemaker problems. **Bethel Harris**, Gary Nunn's aunt, is in Methodist Hospital in Dallas after suffering a stroke while visiting her grandchildren. 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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Russell Fedell David Frick
Rick Fedell Wayne Golden
Jeff Fennell Drew Fitzgerald

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Billy & Lynda Terrell & Tyler DuVall
Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meggie Wagner
Chris & Kathy Waggener & Payton Fedell

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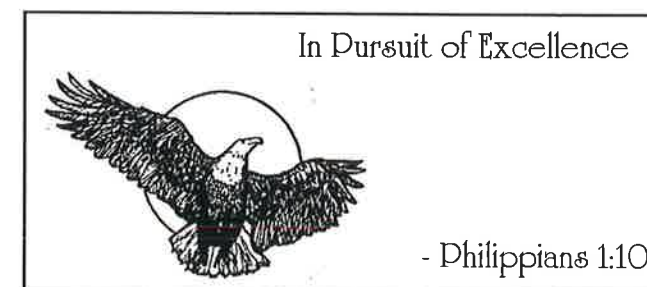
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WHAT A WEEK!

What a tremendous outpouring of prayer, support and dedication we have seen during Seminar 2000. We hoped to average 500 people present in the five meetings and we have done that. We hoped to have many of our friends from the community present and we have accomplished that. We hoped for the cooperation of our members and we have seen that. So many have done so much to help us succeed in this effort. First, we are thankful to God for His blessing. The West Erwin church was in prayer for thirty days preceding and during Seminar 2000 and God has blessed us. Second, we are grateful to **Don Drummond** and his Local Evangelism Committee for conceiving the idea for the seminar, for advertising through radio, TV, newspapers and brochures. Third, we appreciate **John Steffee** and his Fellowship Committee for seeing that Sunday's meal was provided and rapidly served. Fourth, we appreciate our elders for approving and supporting this effort. Fifth, our thanks to the Ladies Ministry for so efficiently serving refreshments during the week night meetings. Sixth,

our gratitude to **Mike Gravois, Velma Lemons, and Eddie and Mary Rogers** for planning and conducting classes for children during the seminar. Seventh, thanks to **Chuck Munoz and Larry Parker** for their song leading. Eighth, we are thankful to our many friends who blessed us with their presence. Ninth, we want to thank our many members who worked hard in preparation and who attended the seminar. Tenth, thanks to our office staff and **James Ellis and Les Carruth** for preparing the handouts and the meeting place for each evening. And finally, my personal thanks to **Danny Snell** for preparing the "power points" for the screen, for seeing that each graphic was on the screen at the proper time, and for opening and closing our week night meetings. The formula is clear: God plus His people plus cooperation equals success. Thanks to everyone. Now we are ready for follow-up, so we are expecting 300 people to be involved next Monday evening for *Monday Night For The Master*. What a day that promises to be -- a great day following a great week. Thanks for caring.

- Jay Lockhart



Preaching Sunday, October 15, 2000
while Jay Lockhart is in a meeting in Sulphur Springs:

Mike Gravois
A.M. "Not A Closed Book"
(I Peter 2:1-5)
Jim Russell
P.M. "Imagine The Possibilities"
(Psalm 31:16-24)

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LETTING OUR LIGHTS SHINE

Once upon a time a little candle stood in a room filled with other candles, most of them much larger and much more beautiful than she was. Some were ornate and some were rather simple, like herself. Some were white, some were blue, some were pink, some were green. She had no idea why she was there, and the other candles made her feel rather small and insignificant. When the sun went down and the room began to get dark, she noticed a large man walking toward her with a ball of fire on a stick. She suddenly realized that the man was going to set her on fire. "No, no!" she cried, "Aaaaagghhh! Don't burn me, please!" But she knew that she could be heard and prepared for the pain that would surely follow. To her surprise, the room filled with light. She wondered where it came from since the man had extinguished the fire stick. To her delight, she realized the light came from herself. Then the man struck another fire stick and, one by one, lit the other candles in the room. Each one gave out the same light that she did. During the next few hours, she noticed that, slowly, her wax began to flow. She became aware that she soon would die. With this realization came a sense of why she had been created. "Perhaps my purpose on earth is to give out light until I die," she mused. And that's exactly what she did. God created you and I to produce light in a dark world. Our purpose on this earth is to let our lights shine so that God may be glorified.

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MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

A new program of work entitled: "Monday Night For The Master" has been presented to the congregation. This is a wonderful program that will use your talents and abilities to reach out and touch others for the Lord. We need people who are willing to cook dinner, bake cookies, baby-sit, write cards, make phone calls, donate cell phone minutes, make home visits, conduct home Bible studies, tabulate results, and the list goes on and on and on ... As you can see this new program allows you to use whatever your gifts are for the Lord's service.

MNFTM will begin on Monday night October 16 at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will meet for dinner and following dinner and clean up, we will begin the outreach portion of the evening. Everything will conclude by 8 p.m. SHARP!!! We are asking for 2 hours of your week to touch the lives of others for Christ. We promise to be good stewards of your time and WILL be finished by 8 p.m.

Now just imagine 125, I'm sorry did I say 125? So far almost 300 people have signed up for that first Monday. What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we share dinner and then just think how many lives we can touch with 300 people making visits, writing cards of invitation and encouragement, and calling members we haven't seen in some time?

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome **Jonathan and Raylene Yates** and their two young sons, Dustin (in middle school) and Collin (in kindergarten) into the West Erwin family. Jonathan is owner of J & R Welding and Raylene is employed as a legal assistant for Foley and Colley. She is the daughter of Chris and Kathy Waggener. Their address is 16164 Knob Hill Drive, Flint, 75762, ph. 534-3922.

Dan and Debbie Baldwin came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family for their son, Robbie, that he might make the right choices in his life.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for George Hawkins, brother of Bill Hawkins and a new member at West Erwin. Services were held Friday in Temple for Susan Stevens, Bettye Price's sister-in-law. Services were held last Wednesday in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Carlie Cannefax, David Cannefax's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.



Congratulations to James and Ann Hardin on the birth of a new grandson! Hunter Worth Arnette was born October 10 at ETMC. He weighed 10 lb. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long. Eric and Kristie Arnette are the parents and C.B. and Dot Hardin are great grandparents.

"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)

SORRY TO LOSE ...

Dan & Lynn Murry and their daughters, Kristin and Andy, have moved to Killeen where Dan has been working for some time. We will miss this fine family but we wish them much happiness in their new home.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Marc Lemons
603 Elmridge Dr., Tyler, TX 75703

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

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Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 15

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"The most valuable gift you can give another is a good example."

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Records	Sunday October 1	Sunday September 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	433	426	375
Worship A.M.	600	611	578
Worship P.M.	390		361
Wed. P.M.	311	327	
Contribution	\$17,759.69	\$19,437.22	\$17,048.57
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, October 8, and Wednesday, Oct. 11, Clint Hale, ph. 597-1542.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Tina Harris is scheduled for surgery Oct. 10. Harvey Strickland is recovering after sinus surgery last Thursday. Clay Kirby fell and broke her shoulder. Joe McBee fell and broke a rib. George Daugherty, Jean Dees, Warren Gray and Doris Waggoner are all recovering at home. Allen Bobbitt remains hospitalized in Plano. George Hawkins, Bill Hawkins' brother, will begin treatment. Bobby McClenny, Zona Crone's son-in-law and Carolyn Philpot's brother-in-law, is recovering at home after back surgery due to a fall. Mardeas McKinney, Freida Starr's uncle, is recovering after heart surgery last week. Carlie Cannefax, David's grandmother, is very ill Tulsa. Belinda Smith, daughter of Wayne & Bitsy Berryman (former West Erwin members) has been diagnosed with cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Scripture Forest McFadden
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Ray Vannoy

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cody Fedell Mark Frick
Russell Fedell David Frick
Rick Fedell Wayne Golden
Jeff Fennell Drew Fitzgerald

No 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

GREETERS
James & Connie Sublette & Jay Culpepper
Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall & Elizabeth Davis
Marc & Dana Tate & Brady Dawkins

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A LETTER TO WEST ERWIN

Dear Family,

Well, the time has come -- Seminar 2000 is here. So much work by so many people has gone into this program. Now, in the days ahead, we must put forth our very best effort. We have been in prayer for thirty days. We have been emphasizing this special event for several weeks. We have advertised through radio, TV, newspapers, and we have distributed hundreds of brochures. Now is the time to act. Let's commit ourselves to these things:

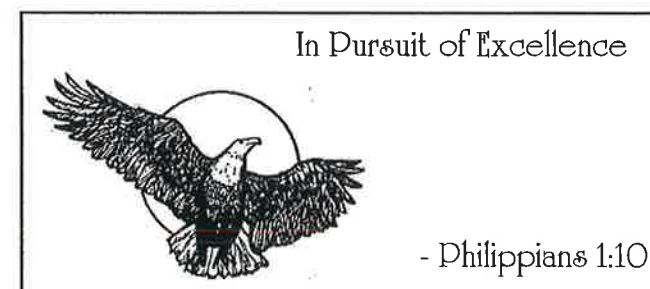
1. Be determined to attend every session of Seminar 2000, including Bible Study and Worship times on Sunday and each evening, Monday through Wednesday. If you are physically able to attend, don't let anything keep you away.
2. Be early. Have your children in their classes and be in the auditorium before 9:00 a.m. on Sunday

and be early on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday.

3. Be a greeter. Look for our guests and welcome them.
4. Be sensitive. Park at a distance from our building if you can. Help visitors find meeting places for classes for children, for worship, for the seminar.
5. Be prayerful. Continue to pray for the speaker, the song director, yourself, the church, and your friends.
6. Be excited. Be excited enough to attend. Be excited enough to invite someone. Be excited enough to hand out brochures.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Love,
Jay Lockhart



Sunday, October 8, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
9:00 A.M. "How Can I Deal With My Stress?"
(Isaiah 40:28-31)
10:00 A.M. "Is Truth Relative Or Absolute?"
(John 8:28-32)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to David Asbill for teaching my class this past Sunday.

Thanks to Jim Russell for teaching the Thursday Night Bible Study and to the Broomes for hosting.

Thanks also to all who prayed for our safe return. We "Blew" in on a late flight Sunday night. Once again, the Lord took care of us.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Oct. 9. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text will be Nehemiah 1-7. Due to the scheduling of Seminar 2000, we will meet at West Erwin Monday at 6:00 to take the test. Check with me for more details.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Thursday Night Bible Study will be on Oct. 12. All high students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00. We will be meeting in our home in

Whitehouse. We will begin a study of the book of Revelation. Details will be available in class.

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FALL FESTIVAL

West Erwin's annual Children's Fall Festival will be Sunday, Oct. 29. Mark your calendar!

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Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

THE HANDS OF CHRIST

During World War II, a church building in Strasbourg was destroyed. After the bombing, the members surveyed the area to see what damage was done. They were pleased that a statue of Christ with outstretched hands was still standing. It had been sculpted centuries before by a great artist.

Taking a closer look, the people discovered both hands of Christ had been sheered off by a falling beam. Later, a sculptor in the town offered to replace the broken hands as a gift to the church. The church leaders met to consider the offer and decided not to accept it. They felt the statue without hands would be a great illustration that God's work is done through His people.

Truly, in the church, we are "the hands of Christ." If Christ is to minister to the poor, it must be through our hands. If He is to take care of the sick, it must be through our hands. If He is to reach out to those who are lonely, it must be through our hands.

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

See something around you that Christ needs to take care of today? He has no hands ... but your hands.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Yesterday morning we presented a new program entitled: "Monday Night For The Master." This is a wonderful program that uses your talents and abilities to reach out and touch others for the Lord. We are looking for people who are willing to cook dinner, bake cookies, baby-sit, write cards, make phone calls,

donate cell phone minutes, make home visits, conduct home Bible studies, tabulate results, and the list goes on and on and on ... As you can see this new program allows you to use whatever your gifts are for the Lord's service.

We will meet at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center for dinner. Following dinner we will clean up and begin the outreach portion of the evening. Everything will conclude by 8 p.m. SHARP!!! We are asking for 2 hours of your week to touch the lives of others for Christ. We promise to be good stewards of your time and WILL be finished by 8 p.m.

Now just imagine 125 people showing up for that first Monday. What a wonderful time of fellowship and fun as we share dinner and then just think. How many lives could we touch with 125 people making visits, writing cards of invitation and encouragement, and calling members we haven't seen in some time?

It's called Monday Night For The Master and we want YOU to join us!!!

SINGLES' AREA-WIDE ACTIVITY

Friday, October 6th
7 p.m. - 'til
West Erwin Family Life Center
421 West Erwin Street

- * We will have an old-fashioned pickup game of KICKBALL. (other table games will be available)
- * Bring a snack AND a 2 liter drink
- * Call Mike at the church office for information or if you have a question

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

We want to thank you for sending the Blackstones to see us and the work in Togo. We had a wonderful time together catching up on West Erwin and involving Dale and Carolyn in work here. The Togolese also wanted to thank you all for continuing your involvement in Togo and giving it your personal touch through your ambassadors. May God continue to strengthen His people in Togo through you. Jeff & Brenda Holland

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Family Life Center at the West Erwin Church of Christ
*No gifts, please

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart Annual Area-Wide Hot Dog Supper will be Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you are 55+, make your plans to come and enjoy this time of fun, food, and fellowship.

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AND THE LORD ADDED ...

We rejoice with Alex Stansbury in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Alex is a high school student and is the daughter of Dennis and Karen Stansbury. Their address is 8310 Crooked Trail, 75703, ph. 561-2528.

RESPONSES

Laurie Florence came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for strength for her and for her family as they deal with difficult challenges in their lives.

Jim Hooter came Sunday to ask his church family for prayers to help him face a troubled time in his life.

The West Erwin Ladies Ministry presents a very exciting, informative, and stimulating morning together.

WOMAN TO WOMAN

Saturday, October 21, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Family Life Center

Dr. Marian Rowe has agreed to lead us in discussion, learning, and laughter as we celebrate *Who We Are* and *Whose We Are*. *Womanhood is a joyous journey of growth, maturity, and changes, both physically and emotionally. Marian will lead us through this magical journey by looking at three areas of our lives. Let's get together, Woman to Woman, and encourage a better understanding of ourselves, our Maker, and one another.*

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Worship P.M.		367	442
Wed. P.M.	327		341
Contribution	\$19,437.22	\$18,435.65	\$18,480.89
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE - **Peggy Garner** is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia over the weekend. **Warren Gray** is recuperating after a procedure last week for kidney stones. **George Daugherty**, **Jean Dees** and **Doris Waggoner** are all recovering at home. Remember **Charles Garrett** as he begins treatment. **Charlotte Rhea** got a good report after tests Monday. **Allen Bobbitt** remains hospitalized in Plano. **George Hawkins**, Bill Hawkins' brother, will begin treatment. **Bobby McClenny**, Zona Crone's son-in-law and Carolyn Philpot's brother-in-law, is recovering at home after back surgery due to a fall. **Mardeas McKinney**, Freida Starr's uncle, had heart surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Leon Armstrong**, Jim's brother, is now in hospice. **Carlie Cannefax**, David's grandmother, is very ill Tulsa. **Belinda Smith**, daughter of Wayne & Bitsy Berryman (former West Erwin members) has been diagnosed with cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Scripture Jim Bell
Dismiss Gary Aven

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Melvin Crow Bill Denson
Aaron DuVall Don Durham
Wally Dawkins Steve Denman
Ken Elzen Harold Denman

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John & Susan Steffee & Caleb Bynum
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Cayti Bynum

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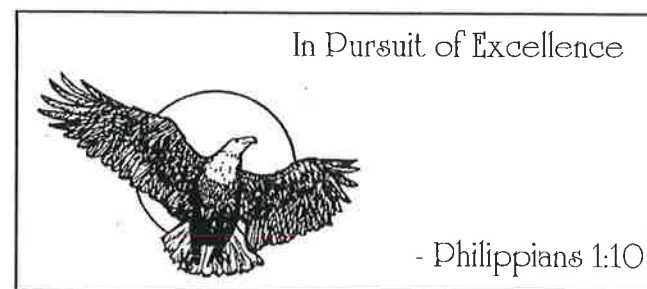
SEMINAR 2000 COUNTDOWN

By the time you read these words Seminar 2000 will be just over one week away. So much effort by so many has already gone into this special effort. So much has to be done behind the scenes for a program like this to succeed -- advertising, spots for radio and TV, the physical setup of the meeting place, slides for the presentation, dinner for "Fiends Day," refreshments for week nights, child care, childrens' classes, greeters, parking lot attendants, and on and on. Of course, none of this matters unless people come. That's what it's about -- people. As we come to this final week of preparation this is Seminar 2000 countdown. Let's go over the check list:

1. Be praying each day for the speaker, the song leaders, yourself, the congregation, and your friends.
2. Be determined that you will attend every session, if possible.

3. Be handing out the brochures along with a personal invitation.
4. Be thinking of people you can encourage to attend.
5. Be preparing your heart to do what you think Jesus would do about the Seminar.
6. Be a good influence upon your peers by enthusiastically supporting the Seminar.
7. Be prepared to sacrifice other commitments for these four days.
8. Be present early and stay late to welcome and visit with our friends who will attend.
9. Be open and receptive as you participate whole heartedly in all of the meeting.
10. Be expectant that God will change people by these events and that He will begin with you.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, October 1, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Choosing The Good Part"
(Luke 10:38-42)
P.M. "Teach Us To Pray"
(Luke 10:1-4)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who attended the Parent-Teen meeting this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout with over 80 folks present. There is a calendar available for those who missed.

Thanks to the Lotts, Bynums, Figueroas, & Waggeners for participating in the Family Dove Hunt. It was a Blast!

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Oct. 9. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text will be Nehemiah 1-7. We will have a practice session on Sunday, Oct. 1. We will meet together for lunch with the Shepherding Group and practice until 3:00. Check with Barry Scarborough for details.

KARING KITCHEN

We had a record 71 folks who came to get a hot meal. Thanks to all of those who came to help serve in this ministry. Keep praying for this ministry.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

SEMINAR 2000

The time for Seminar 2000 is drawing closer. Have you decided who you will invite? The success of sharing God's Word with others is related to our level of involvement in the lives of others. This Sunday we have commitment cards available for those who were not here last week. We want to know, as best we can, how many to prepare for on "Friends Day 2000." Please continue prayerfully in this effort and sign up to be one of those who will be blessed by Seminar 2000. Don't forget to pick up a brochure for anyone you intend to invite. Look for the display tables in the foyer.

DINNER FOR 6

The new *Dinner For 6* groups will be meeting during the months of October, November and December. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know new friends within God's family here at West Erwin.

FAMILY BUILDERS CLASS PARTY

This Friday, September 29th, the Family Builders class will meet at 6:30 in the Family Life Center for a game night. Bring sandwiches, chips, and desserts and games. Bring the kids!

SIGNS YOU ARE NOT READING YOUR BIBLE ENOUGH

Someone has composed the following "Top Ten" list of signs that you may not be reading your Bible enough:

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Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

- The preacher announces the sermon is from Galatians ... and you check the Table of Contents.
- You think Abraham, Isaac & Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60's.
- You open the gospel of Luke and a WWII savings bond falls out.
- Your favorite Old Testament patriarch is Hercules.
- Your favorite Bible verse is "Cleanliness is next to godliness."
- You become frustrated because Charlton Heston isn't listed in either the Concordance or the Table of Contents.
- Catching the kids reading the Song of Solomon, you demand, "Who gave you this stuff?"
- You think the Minor Prophets worked in the quarries.
- You keep falling for it every time when the preacher tells you to turn to First Condominiums.

And the number one sign you may not be reading your Bible enough:

- The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the shepherd boy and his ark of many colors."

It's hard to over estimate the importance of reading and studying the Bible. God's Word is our source of spiritual nourishment, our light in the midst of a dark world, our mirror to see what needs to be corrected in our lives. And yet, it is so easy to let other things get in the way and interrupt time we have wanted to dedicate to Bible reading.

"Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long."
Psalm 119:97

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

How wonderful it has been to receive all the cards, food, calls, and prayers. My simple surgery turned out to be a little complicated. Everything seems to be okay now. Thanks again for the wonderful blessing of having a Christian family like you.

Ruby Cliver

We want to thank you for being such a wonderful church family. Thanks to the Family Builders class for the going away party and the lovely print. We miss you. Please continue to pray for us as we get settled in San Antonio. Our new address is 4739 Cypress Mill, San Antonio, 78247.

Kerry & Jennifer Beaver



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring LaManda Burris bride-elect of Matthew Smith Sunday, October 1, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Family Life Center Selections: Dillard's, Target, Pier 1

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MEN OF GOD RALLY

South Main Church of Christ, Henderson, Texas September 30, 2000 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL FALL LECTURESHIP

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GREAT STRIDES

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And the Lord added

We rejoice with Heather Ketchum in her decision to be baptized into Christ last week. She was baptized last Tuesday in Florence, Alabama by her fiancé. Heather is a college student and is the daughter of our Sharon Ketchum.

George Hawkins put on his Lord in baptism Monday afternoon after studying with Bill Hawkins (his brother) and Betty Price. We rejoice with him in this most important decision. His address is 3900 Old Bullard Rd. #C-3, ph. 509-3610.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome David and Tammy Asbill and their children Bradley (age 13), Brittany (age 11), and Betsy (age 8) into the West Erwin family. They will be a wonderful addition to the work of this church. David is Director of Christian Services of East Texas and Tammy is a teacher in the West Erwin Playschool. Their address is 1305 Woodland Hills Drive, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-8860.

Robin Stafford, and her little daughter Randi, came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with West Erwin church. They have been attending here for some time and we are very pleased to welcome them into our family. Their address is 202 Thigpen #120, 75703, ph. 581-2583.

RESPONSES

Dan and Wini Cullinan came Sunday to request prayers for the spiritual well being of their children and grandchildren.

Judy Smith responded Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might be a better Christian.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Dan and Lally Haile on the birth of Colton Chase on September 22. He weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Dan and Wini Cullinan are the proud great grandparents.

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Fred & Sara Powell, 325 West 4th, 75701 (same ph. #)

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Sept. 21, 2000	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 31-No. 37
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Worship A.M.	605	630	552
Worship P.M.	367	399	403
Wed. P.M.		328	
Contribution	\$18,435.65	\$19,225.69	\$15,626.36
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, September 24, and Wednesday, Sept. 27, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.			

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			(903) 592-0809		

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Aaron DuVall Don Durham
Wally Dawkins Steve Denman
Ken Elzen Harold Denman

GREETERS
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Bill & Judy Smith & Frank Aven
Paul & Signa Stanley & Isaac Barnett

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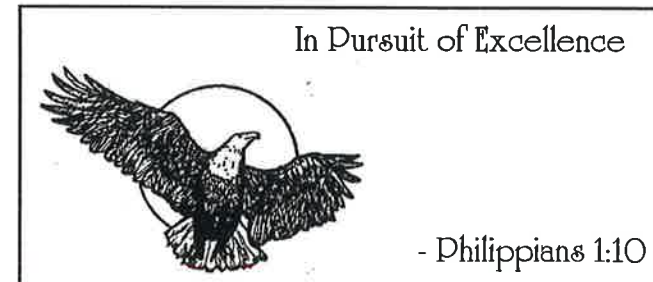
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DOUGLAS YATES ACCEPTS MINISTRY POSITION WITH WEST ERWIN

Hillard Hughes, speaking for the elders, announced last Sunday morning that Douglas Yates has accepted the invitation to become Minister of Education at West Erwin. Doug will assume his new role as soon as a smooth transition can take place, but not later than December of this year. Doug brings to us a rich background of training and experience. He graduated from Freed-Hardeman University and later completed a Masters Degree in ministry from the same university. He has twelve years of experience as a Minister of Education, working in this capacity for six years each at Benton, Arkansas and Decatur, Alabama. In visiting recently with our search committee, our elders, and our staff it became apparent that Doug is focused on what religious education is and how it is to be done in the local church setting. Doug is married to Judy and they have two children, Kristen (age 12) and Daniel (age 9). This family will be a welcomed addition to the West Erwin church and we look forward to their arrival.

In the meantime there are some things we can be doing. First, let us pray for the Yates as they sell their house in Decatur, buy a house in Tyler, wrap up their work there, and move to begin their work here. Second, since moving is always a traumatic experience, especially for children, let's write or e-mail the Yates some messages of encouragement over the next several days to let them know we are thinking of them just now. Their address is 2818 Winthrop Drive SW, Decatur, Alabama 35603, ph. (256) 355-2260, e-mail djkyates@aol.com. Third, let's be doing the best job we can right now in our Bible classes and let's be preparing to receive the Yates into our family and to help Doug in every way we can as he assumes his new role with us. These are great times for the church at West Erwin -- we have a full staff now and we are in the process of implementing our church growth guidelines so the future is bright. Let's all be a part of it!

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, September 24, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Lord of Harvest"
(Luke 10:1-3)
P.M. "The Right Answer"
(Luke 10:25-28)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Barry & Mary Scarborough, Keith & Tina Harris, & Joy Rousseau for hosting the middle school activity this past Sunday night.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Oct. 9. The study sheets are ready to be picked up in the slot by the youth bulletin board. The text will be Nehemiah 1-7. We will have a practice session on Sunday, Oct. 1.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host again this coming Monday night. If you are interested in helping, be here by 5:00. Keep praying for this ministry.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Thursday Night Bible Study will be on Sept. 28. All high students are invited to attend and to bring a friend. We will begin at 7:00 and end at 8:00. We will be meeting in the Broome's home this week, 1913 Clubview in Tyler, PH# 592-2289. Details will be available in class.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

SEMINAR 2000

The time for Seminar 2000 is drawing closer. Have you decided who you will invite? The success of sharing God's Word with others is related to our level of involvement in the lives of others. This Sunday we will place a commitment card in the handout you receive as you arrive. We want to know, as best we can, how many to prepare for on "Friends Day 2000." Please continue prayerfully in this effort and sign up to be one of those who will be blessed by Seminar 2000.

DINNER FOR 6

Our Dinner For 6 groups are winding down. We will be signing up again this Sunday. The new groups will be meeting during the months of October, November and December. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know new friends within God's family here at West Erwin. If you are presently in a group I hope you have had the chance to meet several times already. If not, why not try to get together with your group before we change the groups. Sign up will begin this Sunday, September 24th for the new groups.

FAMILY BUILDERS CLASS PARTY

Mark your calendars! Friday, September 29th, the Family Builders class will meet at 6:30 in the Family Life Center for a game night. Bring sandwiches, chips, and desserts and games. Bring the kids!

PARENT-TEEN MEETING

Mark your calendars for our Parent-Teen Meeting on Sept. 24. This will be a time when we discuss and plan our calendar for the upcoming months. More details to follow.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in grades 6-8 need to mark your calendars for Nov. 17-19 for our Area Wide Middle School Retreat. This will be a great time for spiritual growth as well as having a blast. Watch for more details.

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Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

Dear Lord,

As I dedicate myself to your service, I thank you for allowing me to be a teacher. Thank you for the excitement and anticipation with which I look forward to my task. Most of all I thank you for these young lives you place in my trust. Lord, of You I humbly ask these things:

1. *The wisdom of Solomon.* You know it takes more than knowledge to teach these young minds.
2. *The patience of Job.* That I may never hurt or injure a young spirit or mind because of my anger or thoughtlessness.
3. *The love of Ruth.* That I may love each child unconditionally.
4. *The instruction of Paul.* That I may remain firm but encouraging.
5. *The youth of Timothy.* That my ideas may remain fresh and alive.
6. *The creativity of David.* That my ideas may remain fresh and alive.
7. *The boldness of Peter.* That I remain steadfast and true to my convictions.
8. *The vision of John.* That I may foresee the needs of my children and fulfill them.

In Jesus name, Amen
- adapted

IN APPRECIATION

To the most wonderful and caring church family, we want to say "Thank you" for all the calls, cards, visits, food and prayers. We appreciate and love you.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

I would like to thank the ladies of West Erwin for the lovely baby shower in our honor. Thank you for the many gifts, well wishes and prayers for a healthy baby boy. A special thanks to Arlene Lockhart, Melissa Parrish, Terry Shaw, Ginger Weathers, Gail Vannoy, Carolyn Welborn and Wini Cullinan for making it all possible.

Lally Haile

Our sincere thanks to our Christian family at West Erwin for all the love and care shown to us during my recent surgery and recovery. Your prayers, cards, calls, good food, etc. are a source of comfort and encouragement. We appreciate them so much!

Wini & Dan Cullinan

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, food and expressions of sympathy after the loss of my grandmother. Your kindness was greatly appreciated during our time of sorrow.

Pam Fennell & Family

Words simply cannot express how much we appreciate all your visits, calls, cards, and prayers during my hospital stay and period of convalescing. I'm now home and feeling stronger each day. We feel fortunate to be part of the West Erwin family. God bless you.

Pat & Robert Stokes



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring
LaManda Burris
bride-elect of Matthew Smith
Sunday, October 1, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Center
Selections: Dillard's, Target, Pier 1

WEST ERWIN LADIES COOKBOOK

Preparations are being made to begin to put the West Erwin Ladies Cookbook together. Please submit recipes you would like included in the cookbook in the box located in the foyer within the next two weeks. Be sure to include all details of cooking instructions. Deadline is October 1, 2000. Thank you.

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Phalassa Fuller came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for more faith that she might be a better Christian.

CONGRATULATIONS

Captain James and Audrey Ball will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on September 25. They were married in Annapolis on September 25th, 1940. We congratulate them on this happy milestone in their lives. They are in Annapolis, Maryland this week to attend Audrey's family reunion.

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS:

We are in desperate need of children's clothing, from infant through teen sizes. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

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Worship P.M.	399	390	402
Wed. P.M.	328	304	
Contribution	\$19,225.69	\$38,808.45	\$35,514.58
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE - George Daugherty had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Charles Garrett has a malignancy and will be treated with medication. Bob May broke his hand last week. Dub and Opal Mathews are having health problems. Jean Dees, Wini Cullinan, Ruby Cliver, Pat Stokes, and Doris Waggoner are all recuperating at home. Ve Gravois, Mike's mother, has begun another round of radiation and chemo. Jacquie Steel, Rita Sitton's sister, remains in Mother Frances. Allen Bobbitt had back surgeries September 5 & 8 in Plano. "Doc" Hillin, Frances McBee's dad, is still very ill in Wichita Falls. Joan Harlak's daughter, Joan Zimmerman, needs prayers after recent surgery. George Hawkins, Bill Hawkins' brother, is having tests. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

WITH SYMPATHY - Danny Chaney, David Wicks' uncle, was killed in a car accident Monday in Utopia.

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LET'S BE STUDENTS OF THE WORD!

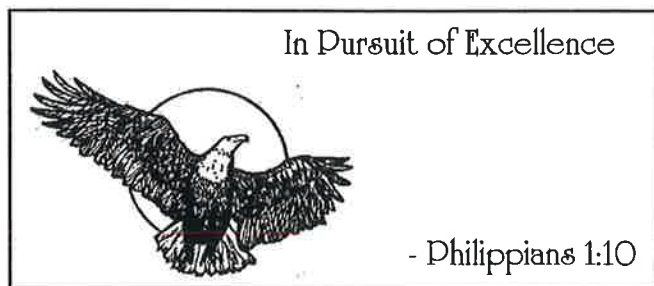
We all know of the emphasis in Scripture upon studying God's Word. The Bible says the wise meditate upon the Word and do it (Psalm 1:2; Matthew 7:24-27); spiritual growth comes through study (2 Peter 2:2); and the Scriptures furnish us completely unto every good work (2 Timothy 3:17). The Word of God should be desired more than money and should be sweeter than honey (Psalm 19:10). Our Bible classes on Sunday morning give us a wonderful opportunity to be students of the Word. Not only do we have classes for children and young people, but we have a great slate of adult classes offered this fall including:

God's View of the World	Room 112	Hillard Hughes
James	Room 113	Danny Craddock
Twelve Things Jesus Wants Believers to Know (Singles)	Library	Mike Gravois
Romans/Galatians	Room 114	Sue Starnes
In-depth Study of Romans	Fellowship Hall	Jay Lockhart

Galatians	Main Auditorium	Forest McFadden
Family Builders	Family Life Center	Wally Dawkins
Worship	Heritage Room	Roy Bench
Church Growth	Chapel	Ray Vannoy

With that kind of choice you can find an adult class for yourself and benefit from study as you seek to show yourself approved unto God as you grow spiritually. Why not begin this Sunday?
- Jay Lockhart

Seminar 2000 - October 8-11
Be praying daily for the speaker, the song leader and service, yourself, your friends, and the church.



Sunday, September 17, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
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(Luke 9:57-62)
P.M. Church Growth (6)
(Romans 12:3-8)

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FATHER/SON & DAUGHTER DOVE HUNT

We have a place reserved in Brownwood on Sept. 22-23 for a father/son & daughter dove hunting trip. This is open to all middle & high school students and their dads or moms. If you are interested in going, please contact me ASAP. We will have a very important meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:30 in my office.

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Thank you so much for thinking of us during this sad time. The mixed floral spray was really nice. Thanks also for the thoughts and prayers, for each call, card and food brought. Thanks to each of you who participated in the music at Mother's funeral service. She so enjoyed the music in church and we feel she would have been very pleased. We do appreciate your thoughtfulness. Thank you. The Vera Boss Family

POWER FOR TODAY

George Daugherty and Laurie Florence are both featured in the October, November, December's Power For Today. We are proud of them for using their talents in such a fine way.

You are invited to hear the Good News of Jesus with Dan Carter from Killeen at the Wills Point Church of Christ September 17-21. Schedule: Sunday - 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Mon. - Wed. - 7 p.m.

MEN OF GOD RALLY

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 On this very special day men from all over East Texas will be challenged to become stronger men of God. Guest speakers for the day will be Jeff Smith from Lubock, Texas and Raymond Schultz from Ft. Worth, Texas. Attendance is free and lunch will be provided. In order for us to prepare for the noon meal, we need you to RSVP @ (903) 657-1408 if you plan to attend.

GOSPEL MEETING

Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas
 with Darwin Hunter of Shreveport, Louisiana
 Schedule: September 17-20: Sun. 9:30 & 10:20 a.m., (Pot luck meal at noon) 6:00 p.m.; Mon. - Wed. 7:30 p.m.

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BULLETIN MAILING LIST

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We rejoice with Chandra Gillam in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday morning. Chandra is employed at ETMC and is the daughter of Chuck and Linda Gillam. Her address is 1408 Santa Rosa, 75701, ph. 533-1530.

Monty and Brenda Kiker 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 802 Lee Road, Kilgore, 75662, ph. 983-0310.

Terry Kiker is the adult son of Monty and Brenda and has been attending here for some time. He would like to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family also. His address is 802 Lee Road, Kilgore, 75662, ph. 983-0310

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Address Changes:

Ranae Ritchie, 101 Hillcreek, Whitehouse 75791
 Phalassa Fuller, new ph. # 566-9660

Sorry to lose: Kerry & Jennifer, Kiley & Korey Beaver have moved to San Antonio. They will be missed but we know they will be an asset to the church wherever they are.

All I need to know I learned from Noah's ark . . .

1. Don't miss the boat
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float awhile.
10. Remember, the ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there is always a rainbow waiting.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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Family 911 (2) Family Life Center	Various Speakers	"Life in Tyler Today"
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HOLIDAY BANQUET 2000

I know, I know, we haven't made it to Halloween yet and I'm mentioning the Holiday Banquet. We are already hard at work on this year's banquet. Melissa Parrish and Kim DuPree have already scheduled the banquet for Saturday, December 2nd in the Family Life Center. The caterer has been reserved and meal plans are already underway. This year we will be trying something new. Instead of having a Talent Show which we have done in the past, we have arranged to have a professional hypnotist serve as our entertainment for the evening. You'll hear more about the details as the date approaches. I just wanted you to start making plans now. You won't want to miss this year's Holiday Banquet.

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PRAYER AND CARE

Charles Garrett is undergoing tests this week. Dub and Opal Mathews are having health problems. Opal is having outpatient tests Thursday. Dub was hospitalized last week with complications from medication. Jean Dees, Wini Cullinan, Ruby Cliver, Pat Stokes, and Doris Waggoner are all recuperating at home. Ve Gravois, Mike's mother, has begun another round of radiation and chemo. Rafy Reese, friend of Jill Vaughan, is in Mother Frances after heart surgery. Jamie Duncan, Carrie Cannefax's grandfather by marriage, is much improved. Jacquie Steel, Rita Sitton's sister, is very ill in Mother Frances. Allen Bobbitt went to Plano for surgeries September 5 & 8. "Doc" Hillin, Frances McBee's dad, is some improved in Wichita Falls. Joan Harlak's daughter, Joan Zimmerman, needs prayers 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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SEMINAR 2000

Two Sundays ago Mike Gravois unveiled, on behalf of the local Evangelism Committee, the plans for Seminar 2000. A whole lot of work had already been done and now we are all involved in preparation for October 8-11. The committee's idea was to begin on Sunday with a "Friends' Day" where all of us who can will bring someone that day for class, worship, and a catered lunch. Sunday, October 8, will follow the format of our Homecoming Sundays with the day's scheduled activities ending with a devotional following lunch. Then the committee suggested three nights, Monday through Wednesday, with hour long sessions which would include 20 minutes of speaking on a question of vital importance and interest, a 15 minute break, and 20 minutes of speaking. The committee asked for and received an enthusiastic response from our elders which included funding for an extensive advertising campaign using radio, TV, newspaper, and handouts. Last Sunday we called the church to 30 days of prayer

for this event as we pray for the speaker, the song leader and service, ourselves, our friends, and congregational participation. We will need the cooperation of all to make Seminar 2000 all it can be. We plan to precede each session Monday through Wednesday with 30 minutes of congregational singing. Also, we will provide child care and Bible classes for all children through 5th grade. There will be sign-up sheets available soon for various ways you can help: parking lot attendants, refreshment providers, greeters, cleanup crews, etc. Some of the questions to be considered during the seminar include: How can I deal with my stress? Is truth relative? I have a family, now what? If God is good, why is there evil? What will happen when the end comes? All of this will work if we will! Be prayerful ... every day. Be planning to attend every session ... and invite someone. Be involved for yourself ... for the church ... for others ... for Christ.

- Jay Lockhart



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September 22nd - 24th

BCBA Retreat Camp * Lueders, TX

Singles of all ages are invited to a weekend of spiritual growth and fellowship.

Speaker: Burke Brack

Entertainment: Free Indeed

See Mike for registration information.

Deadline to register is September 10th.

Cost: \$45.00

SATURDAY CAMP

Saturday Camp is a new program being started by Camp Deer Run. The Saturday Camp experience will be one day which is jam packed with learning experiences such as the challenge course, hiking, craft projects which are integrated into Bible lessons, a lunchtime cookout, group games, and a special time of prayer and singing. The children will be carefully supervised throughout the day by dedicated staff members and at the end of the day will have a camp scrapbook and craft items to take home. The day will begin at 9:00 am and last until 3 :00 pm. For more information or to register your child, please contact Mike Gravois at the church office.

BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Lally Haile (It's a boy!)

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family,

We want to thank you for all the love and concern you showed us the last two months following our surgeries. The calls, food, and prayers mean so much to us. We can truly say "you light up our lives."

God bless,
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SCRAPBOOK NIGHT

Ladies, join us Friday night, September 15, at 6:30 for an evening of scrapbook fun in the Family Life Center. Bring a snack and a friend. Scrapbook supplies will be available. For more details call Ruth Ellis at 597-9624.

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And the Lord added

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Brandon Colston, son of Michael & Michelle Millsap and grandson of Dannie and Sue Skipper was baptized into Christ Sunday by his grandfather. We rejoice with Brandon and his family in this most important decision to live his life for Christ. He lives in Fort Worth.

Dorothy Smith Wood came Sunday to make known her desire to worship and work as she is able with the West Erwin congregation. Her husband is a stroke victim and cannot have visitors at this time so her time is very limited. Her address is P.O. Box 6052, 75711, ph. 597-6748.

Maxine Ray came Sunday to ask for prayers of the congregation to be restored to a right relationship with her Lord and to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. Her address is 10004 Wooded Way, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-3420.

We are very pleased to welcome these into our church family.

Shelly Sustaie came Sunday to thank her church family for prayers offered in her behalf and to let them know that those prayers have been answered.

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BLACKSTONES to TOGO

Our prayers are with Dale and Carolyn Blackstone as they travel to Togo, West Africa, where they will be working with our missionaries, Jeff and Brenda Holland. We pray that they will have a safe and successful trip.

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MISSIONS

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- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, September 3, 2000
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Bible Class Promotion Sunday

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Sunday, September 3rd

COMBINED ADULT BIBLE STUDY THIS SUNDAY:

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Sixth Annual North Texas

Bible Teachers' Training Workshop

"I'm not ashamed of the Gospel ..."

September 9, 2000

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

See Mike for more information or to look at a class schedule for the day.

If we have several who are interested in attending we will see if the Church van is available.

Classes for Pre-School through Adult Teachers, Family, Outreach/Evangelism, Ladies, Spanish.

Keynote speaker, Willard Tate.

East Texas

Teachers' Training Workshop

Saturday, September 16th

Kilgore Junior College Student Center

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Lois Whitaker - Teaching Cradle Roll

- Building a Faith Foundation for Small Children
- Using God's Visual Aids
- Putting It All Together in a Lesson Plan

Janell Schroeder - Teaching Pre-Schoolers

- Using Visuals to Put Excitement in the Story
- Using Visuals to Bring the Story to Life
- A Hands-On Experience: Inexpensive Take Homes

Sally Frazier - Teaching Elementary

- Developer & Author of the Faith
- Foundations Curriculum
- BLEACH: Teaching God's Principles in a Clorox-Type Way

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AREA EVENTS

You are cordially invited to the

8th Annual Ladies Lectureship

on September 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

at the Onalaska Church of Christ located on Hwy 190.

Registration will begin at 8:30. Coffee and donuts will be served. Emily Kite, author from Spokane, Washington, will be speaking on "What Shall I Wear To The Wedding?" and "Does One Size Really Fit All?" There will be book reviews, lunch, skits, book store and lots of fellowship. Please RSVP by Sept. 1.

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Address Change: Laura Bellar

6100 Hollytree Dr. #114, 75703, ph. 939-3482

Sorry to lose...

Rex and Cynthia Johnson are now worshipping with the Shiloh Road congregation.

MY INFLUENCE

"My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill,
ere sets the evening sun.

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**AREA-WIDE MEETING
 THIS SUNDAY EVENING**

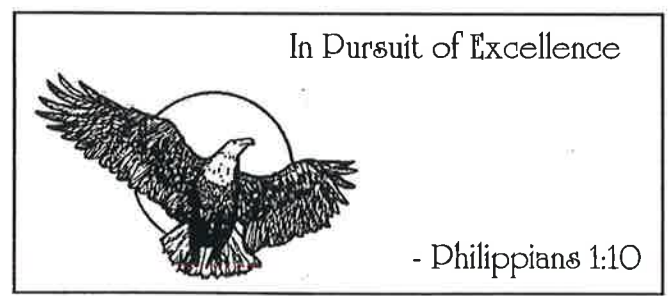
Twice each year the Tyler-area congregations meet together on Sunday evenings for a joint worship service. These meetings have been taking place for a number of years now and serve as a time of fellowship, brotherhood and edification. This Sunday evening, August 27, is the time for the late summer meeting, hosted this time by the Glenwood congregation. Dean Brookshire, well-known, much-loved, and long time resident of East Texas, will be the speaker. As usual, singing will begin at 5:00 p.m. and immediately before the 6:00 p.m. worship, East Texas Christian Academy will make a brief presentation which will share its vision for Christian education with the assembly. It promises to be a great evening and we are hopeful that you will make plans to attend.

SERIES FROM LUKE CONTINUES

On April 16, I began a series of sermons from the gospel of Luke For most of four months the sermons on

Sunday mornings and evenings came from Luke as we walked with Jesus from his birth into his ministry. Since the last of July we have dealt with other issues on Sunday evenings (more specifically, we are examining the materials we received from the Church Growth Seminar with John Ellas), but we are continuing the walk with Christ through Luke's narrative on Sunday mornings. This Sunday we come to a turning point in the life of Christ. Following the feeding of the 5000 Jesus knew there were those who followed Him for the loaves and fishes and he also knew some were about to make him their kind of king by force, therefore, Jesus pinpointed the kind of Messiah he was (one who suffers) and the only way to find God was through his flesh and blood which were to be given for the world's sin. Upon hearing this the Lord's Galilean ministry collapsed and Jesus advanced to a new level with his disciples. There will be new questions, new announcements ... new demands. Jesus was asking them ... and he is asking us ... to step forward. Join us Sunday morning as we explore the challenge of Christ

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, August 27, 2000
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Will You Step Forward?"
 (Luke 9:18-20)
P.M. Area-Wide Meeting at Glenwood
 5:00 p.m. - Singing
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KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We had a great turnout serving about 50 people. West Erwin will host again on September 25. Keep praying for this ministry.

LAZER TAG

All of those in middle and high school are invited to go to the Lazer Tag Lockout we have scheduled for Sunday night, Sept. 3. Time: 10:15 - 12:15; Cost: \$15.00. Please sign up on the list by the youth board ASAP.

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BIBLE QUIZ

All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in the East Texas Bible Quiz. This fall we will be studying Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther. This first test will be over the book of Ezra and will be Monday, Sept. 9. We will have a study session on Sunday, Sept. 8. You may pick up your study sheets by my office.

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Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

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September 9, 2000

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Lois Whitaker - Teaching Cradle Roll
I. Building a Faith Foundation for Small Children
II. Using God's Visual Aids
III. Putting It All Together in a Lesson Plan

Janell Schroeder - Teaching Pre-Schoolers
I. Using Visuals to Put Excitement in the Story
II. Using Visuals to Bring the Story to Life
III. A Hands-On Experience: Inexpensive Take Homes

Sally Frazier - Teaching Elementary
I. Developer & Author of the Faith
II. Foundations Curriculum

Van Conwell - Teaching Youth
I. The "Who Cares" Principle
II. The "Show & Tell" Principle
III. BLEACH: Teaching God's Principles in a Clorox-Type Way

Robert Oglesby, Sr. - Teaching Adults

This promises to be a time of fellowship, ideas, and resources. There will be vendor area with more ideas, tools, and resources available. Brochures and schedules available in Mike's office.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the plant sent in honor of my mother. Thank you all for the many cards and prayers. May God bless and keep us all in his comfort.

Love,
Greg, Cyndie, Meggie
& Wesley Wagner

CARING SISTERS

All ladies currently involved or any who would like to be involved in the *Caring Sisters Ministry* are invited to a brunch Saturday, August 26, from 10:00 - 12:00 at 2507 Greenock Court. Maggie Craddock and Nora Gravois will be hosting this time to review ministry procedures and assemble new gift bags. Please RSVP 581-8793.

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AREA EVENTS

You are invited to the
8th Annual "What Saith The Scriptures" Bible Lectureship
presented by the Longview Church of Christ
August 25th-27th with Mike Hurley as director.

Speakers will be Dan Manuel, Maxie Boren, Dan Carter, Joe Chase, Johnny Ramsey, Paul Hillier, Willie Bradley, and Roy Deaver. Audrey Manuel and Iris Ramsey will be speaking to the ladies on Saturday. Check the bulletin board for details.

You are cordially invited to the
8th Annual Ladies Lectureship
on September 9 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
at the Onalaska Church of Christ located on Hwy 190.
Registration will begin at 8:30. Coffee and donuts will be served. Emily Kite, author from Spokane, Washington, will be speaking on "What Shall I Wear To The Wedding?" and "Does One Size Really Fit All?" There will be book reviews, lunch, skits, book store and lots of fellowship. Please RSVP by Sept. 1.

Annual Auction benefiting the children
Saturday, September 16, 2000, 9:30 a.m.
Cherokee Home For Children
P.O. Box 296 - Highway 16 North, Cherokee, TX 76832
Donated items are being accepted (tax write-off)
Partial list of auction items: yard items, household goods, office items, farm/ranch items, celebrities special interest items.

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LADIES BIBLE CLASS

There will be a brunch Wednesday, August 30, at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center to kick off the Fall Ladies Bible Class. You do not need to bring anything. Brunch will be served. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

ADDRESSES CHANGES

Luke & Ashley Blackwell Katie Powell
2204 Villa Drive, 75703 1723 Belmont, 75701

Clyde & Doris Waggoner
new ph. # 534-0251



DIRECTORY UPDATE PICTURES

Chuck Gillam will be taking pictures for the next three Sundays immediately after the morning worship assemblies to update our church directory. If you have not had your picture made, please make a special effort to do so. This also includes people who have had additions to their families, etc.

THE PERFECT CHURCH

I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the strait and narrow way;
A church that has no empty pews
Whose preacher never has the blues;
A church whose deacons always "deak"
And none is proud, and all are meek;
Where gossips never peddle lies,
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind
And to all others' faults are blind,
Such perfect churches there may be,
But none of them are known to me.
But still, we'll work and pray and plan
To make this one the best we can.

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Worship A.M.	614	627	575
Worship P.M.	417	364	420
Wed. P.M.	290	240	
Contribution	\$20,624.05	\$16,902.50	\$17,065.53
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
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Kyle Stowers Blake Stansbury

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Louis & Jane Jones
Stan & Ernestine Mallory

Prayer Request

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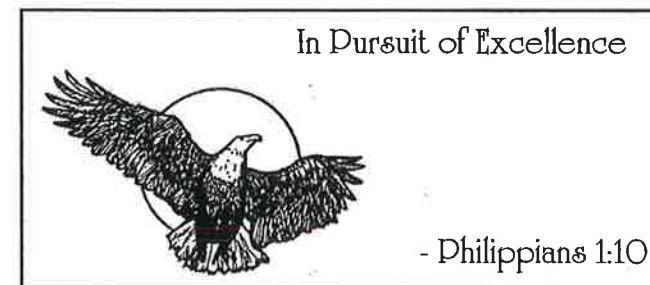
DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATION

That's a big sounding title, isn't it? It has to do with Church Growth, one of the hottest topics in churches today. Most churches want to grow but the question is "How?" Some churches want to grow but for various reasons are in decline. Others want to grow and have become denominations in order to experience something called growth. However, most of us hopefully want to grow, want to always seek to be within the perimeters of Scripture. The price to pay is a deep commitment to God and His Word, to growth, to personal maturity, and to moving beyond our individual comfort levels. That's what our Diagnostic Evaluation with John Ellas was about a few months ago. On Sunday evenings, we are pouring over the written report we received from John in an effort to see what can be done about the "7 Growth-Restricting Barriers" that a church like West Erwin has and how we can maximize our potential for growth.

We want to urge our members to be present for Bible Classes and worship Sunday morning and to be present at 6:00 p.m. for the presentation on Church Growth. Last Sunday was a good indication of our interest as we had about 50 more that usual in attendance on Sunday evening. However, our attendance at all services was higher than usual and our contribution exceeded our budget by about \$2000 as those who have been away recently made up their contributions. Since school is getting in full swing, we are anticipating an increase in our attendance as we see vacations ending. I hope to see you Sunday and I do hope you will try to be present for all our meetings.

- Jay Lockhart

**"To the world you might be one person,
but to one person you might be the world!"**



Sunday, August 20, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Who Is This"
(Luke 9:7-9)
P.M. "Church Growth" (3)
(Ephesians 4:1-6)

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who have filled in for me teaching this summer. It is great to have such able men for this task. Thanks to Daniel Dupree, Ron Lott, Jim Bell, Kevin Sustaire, and Brody Clark.

Thanks to all of those who came to the activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time! Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Lisa Snell, and Carrie Cannefax for hosting.

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in high school are reminded of our activity this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

UNTITLED

When he was a young boy he had picture of cartoon superheroes taped to the walls of his room.

When he was in high school, his walls were covered with pictures of great athletes.

In college, he had posters of movie stars on the walls of his dorm room.

When he got his first job, framed pictures of fancy sports cars were on the walls to motivate him.

As he moved up the corporate ladder, his walls became almost completely covered with personally autographed pictures of celebrities he had met over the years.

On the day he retired his position as the CEO of a Fortune 500 company, he packed up his belongings all by himself. He went back to the office one last time to take down the only remaining picture left on the walls. It was a picture of . . .

This is where you become a part of this story. What was the last picture and why was it significant? And what should the title of the story be?

Taken from Bits & Pieces
Ron Gilbert, Ph.D., Editor

How would you finish this story? What title would you use? What would form the basis for your decision? I'd like to hear your ideas. If the authors agree we will print them in a future bulletin article.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy during my recent bereavement. The mixed flower spray was beautiful. I appreciate having a caring church family.

Barbara Weatherman

Thank you so much for the "welcome bag" filled with goodies. The bread was delicious and all of the items were greatly appreciated. Thank you, again, for your thoughtfulness and loving kindness. Wayne and I are proud to be a part of such a wonderful congregation.

With Christian Love,
Stacy Golden

Dear West Erwin Family,

I want to extend my thanks and appreciation to all of you for your lovely birthday cards and calls, which made me so joyful at a time when I needed it the most. Please continue your prayers for me and all the others in need. Hope to be back soon.

Love to all,
Joan Harlak

Dear family in Christ,

Thank you so much for the plant, prayers, cards & phone calls at the loss of my brother Ronald Bentley. Please continue to pray for his children as they continue to make a life without him.

In Christ,
Jim & Sue Carty

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers you sent to let us know you care. We also love you for the sweet cards and visits to Mother in the past weeks. You are very special to us.

Ann Nail & all the
family of Dorris Humble

WITH SYMPATHY

Vera Boss passed away Monday night. Services are pending. Frances Burch, Greg Wagner's mother, passed away Friday in Athens following a lengthy illness. Services were held Thursday at the Utopia Church of Christ for Lena Chanety, David Wicks' grandmother. Services were held Thursday in Lake Providence, Louisiana for Delina Gilbreath, Cathy Scroggins' aunt.

We express our sympathy to all of these families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Erin Aven! She graduated from high school this summer -- a year early. She will attend TJC this fall.

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And

Luke Edmond Blackwell

Invite you to share in their joy

as they exchange marriage vows

at five o'clock in the afternoon

Saturday, August 19, 2000

West Erwin Church of Christ

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome Jonathon and Laurie Stone into the West Erwin family. Their address is 400 Thigpen #702, Tyler, 75703, Ph# 534-5677.

MINIBUS

Please call the driver listed in the bulletin each week if you plan to use the minibus for transportation to church.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall semester. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

CUB SCOUTS

Boys, grades 1-5, who are looking for fun and adventure, join the Cub Scouts now! For more information contact Keith Harris @ 596-0096 or come to a meeting Thursday, Aug. 24, 7:00 p.m. at Shiloh Rd.

NEW ARRIVAL

Tatum Leslie Brown was born August 13 in Austin to David and Joelle Brown. Riley is the big sister, Jo Butler is the proud grandmother, Stuart and Marisa Suggs are uncle and aunt, and Mary Butler is the great grandmother.

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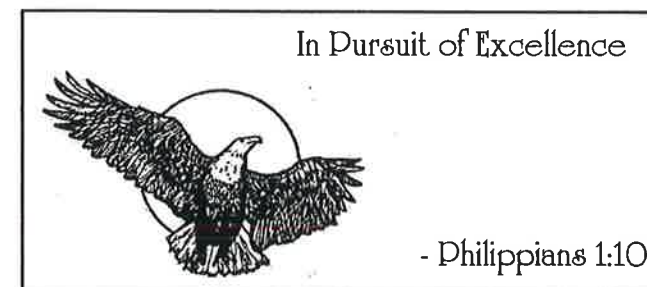
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WHERE DO YOU DRAW THE LINE?

I really don't care for labels when applied to people. One of the reasons is that the user of labels may mean something far different than how the person labeled really feels. That aside, think of a clean white piece of paper with a dark line drawn down the middle of it. Let that line represent TRUTH. I will assume all of us accept ultimate religious truth to be the inspired Word of God, the Bible (John 17:17). Now, on the left of that line of TRUTH on our paper there are varying degrees of "liberalism" with the extreme left being "radical." On the right of that line there are varying degrees of "conservatism" with the extreme right being "legalism." It is extremely difficult to stay on the line of TRUTH. I am sure most all of us are a little left on some things and a little right on others, though we hopefully all want to be on the line. My question is, when we find ourselves drifting to the left or the right of the line, where do we draw the line? We all draw our lines somewhere, unless, of course, we are completely radical or legalistic. For example, take the question of GOD. Some believe God is involved in our lives, others believe God exists but is uninvolved, and others believe there is no God. Where do you draw your

line? Or, take the question of music in worship. Some believe in vocal music with one leader and congregational participation, others believe in vocal music with multiple leaders (men only or men and women) and congregational participation, others believe in vocal music with a choir singing some and the congregation singing some, others believe in instrumental accompaniment with special groups to perform, and still others believe in a full-blown orchestra and band with performance and applause similar to a concert. Where do you draw the line? Or, take the matter of women leadership. Can woman serve as elders or deacons or preachers or what? Where do you draw the line? Most of us, at some point, would say, "I draw the line right there!" Wouldn't it be better to draw the line at Scripture and to simply do what the Bible authorizes and leave off what the Bible does not authorize? The real question should not be: where do I draw the line?, but where does God draw the line? When properly answered, the latter question solves the problem of extremes either to the left or the right. Doesn't it?

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, August 13, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "He Sent Them"
(Luke 9:1-6)
P.M. "Church Growth" (2)
(Acts 2:42-47)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in middle and high school are reminded of our activity this coming Sunday night in the Fellowship Hall. High school guys need to bring sandwiches, high school girls need to bring chips and dip, middle school guys need to bring drinks, middle school girls need to bring desserts. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to come and enjoy the fun.

KARING KITCHEN

Monday, August 21, will be the next date for West Erwin to host the Karing Kitchen. If you are interested in helping that night, be here at 5:00.

LAZER TAG

All of those in middle and high school are invited to go to the Lazer Tag Lockout we have scheduled for Sunday night, Sept. 3. Time: 10:30 - 12:30; Cost: \$15.00. Please sign up on the list by the youth board ASAP.

WORKDAY

Thanks to all who participated in the workday this week. We got a lot done!

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

HANDLING IRRITATION

A grain of sand finds its way inside the shell of an oyster.

The intruder, though microscopic, is a source of pain and irritation to the soft body of the oyster.

Unable to rid itself of the unwelcome pebble, the oyster seeks to reduce the irritation by coating it with layers of soft, iridescent mother-of-pearl material from its own shell.

Over time, the oyster transforms the painful irritation into a beautiful pearl of great value.

Have you ever thought about the "Pearly Gates?" They serve as a welcoming entrance into an eternal rest for those of us who have survived a lifetime of Satan's irritants and temptations. God covers these irritants with the blood of Jesus Christ so that we are no longer troubled by the things of this world. The only catch is that we must allow him to work in our lives or the irritants cannot be eliminated.

FATHER/SON & DAUGHTER DOVE HUNT

We have a place reserved in Brownwood on Sept. 22-23 for a father/son & daughter dove hunting trip. This is open to all middle & high school students and their dads or moms. If you are interested in going, please contact me ASAP. We need to make motel reservations next week.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, Aug. 27, is the date for our Back To School Prayer Meeting. More details to follow.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 13	Combined Activity
Aug. 20	High School Activity
Aug. 27	City Wide Church & Youth Activity
Sept. 3	Lazer Tag
Sept. 22-23	Father/Son & Daughter Dove Hunt
Nov. 17-18	Middle School Retreat

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Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

God also surrounds us with other members of the Body of Christ to reduce the irritation caused when Satan plays havoc in our lives. We are encouraged to "bear one another's burdens." It's amazing how temptation and suffering reduces when we allow others to share our pain. Are your irritants today hindering you or are you allowing God to create pearls in your life?

WHEW!!! WOW!!! AMEN!!!

There are so many things I want to tell you in regard to our recent Vacation Bible School. The Marketplace was amazing. The children had a wonderful time and the parents have told me they are still talking about the things they did, saw, heard, felt, and REMEMBER.

We had 114 children attend (of which 64 were not West Erwin members) and 300+ people participated to make the Marketplace come to life. People joined us in prayer, local merchants shared their materials, volunteers became shop smiths and actors, and help was there every time we asked or shared a need. I am at a loss for words (and how often does that happen???) to express my gratitude to those who helped us bring the Bible to life. Thank you all.

Photos and video footage were taken and I will have them available as soon as possible.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family,

Thank you for the cards, food, and your love. Thanks also for the beautiful pot plant in memory of my brother Bill. We love and appreciate you.
Claude & Odell Sessions

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Searlie Funeral Home in Corpus Christi for Dorris Humble, long time West Erwin member. Services were held Saturday in Waxahachie for Bryan Eggleston, 12 year old cousin of Bill Smith, who was killed last Wednesday in a bicycle accident. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

Sorry to lose ...

Alma Biggs has placed membership with the Glenwood congregation. Will & Cindy Dutton and little daughter Hannah have moved to Denton where Will has accepted a new position. Their new address is 1010 Mulkey Lane, Denton, TX 76201. Our best wishes go with these families in their new church homes.

DIVORCE CARE

Find help from the pain of divorce and separation at Divorce-Care. The Shiloh Road congregation is offering a six week course on Tuesdays, August 8 - September 12, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Room #1 at their building. There is no cost. Limited registration. Call 561-7992 for more information.

AREA WIDE MEETING

The Glenwood congregation will host the Area-Wide evening worship. Dean Brookshire will be the featured speaker. Congregational singing will begin at 5:00 with the worship service at 6:00 p.m. A nursery will be available for children 2 and under.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Alyssa Park in her decision to be baptized into Christ at a young age. She was baptized July 23 in Athens by her grandfather, Bill Park. She is the daughter of Wade and Sandra Park. Their address is 1811 Melba Drive, 75701, ph. 566-8275.

BENEVOLENT NEEDS:

School clothing for children - all sizes

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home clothing truck will be in Tyler August 14. They would appreciate any garage sale type items for their thrift shop in addition to clothing.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

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WEIGHDOWN WORKSHOP

The Weighdown Workshop will begin Sunday, August 13 at 4:30 in the Heritage Room. For details contact Joy Rousseau or Laurie Florence. Everyone welcome!

WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM

Do you have a friend or loved one who would like to lose weight but has tried lots of diets without success? Tell them to ask Carmen Hilliard about Herbalife. She says the program is fast, easy, no hunger, all natural, doctor recommended, fully guaranteed, and it really works. Her phone number is 839-1392.

BULLETIN MAILING LIST

We will continue to mail our weekly bulletin *From the Heart of Tyler* to our members each week. For others now receiving the bulletin who wish to continue doing so, please return the label portion of your bulletin BY September 15 to the West Erwin Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Shiloh Road Primetimers (ages 55 and up) invite you to be their guests for an ice cream social with homemade ice cream, fellowship and entertainment at the Shiloh Road church August 18 at 6:30. Please R.S.V.P. to Wayne Hibbard at 566-9489.

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, August 13

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Worship A.M.	535	567	532
Worship P.M.	366	355	352
Wed. P.M.	277	260	
Contribution	\$16,320.50	\$16,920.02	\$18,874.07
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, August 6, and Wednesday, August 9, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Pat Stokes is recovering in ETMC following carotid artery surgery and heart surgery. **Gaynelle Gray** is recovering at home following a recent heart attack. **Rachel Huff** got a good report after a recent biopsy. **Dorris Humble** is some improved. **Larry Shankle** is recuperating at home. **Cathy Burney**, Bill Burney's daughter-in-law in Houston, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. **Nancy Henley**, mother of George Colvin's sons, will begin chemo and radiation. **Frances Burch**, Greg Wagner's mother, is critically ill in Athens. **Lena Chaney**, David Wicks' grandmother, is in the end stages of cancer. **Ray Lott**, Ron Lott's dad, is doing well in ETMC after suffering a stroke last Wednesday. **Czerney Newland**, James Sublette's uncle, is in ETMC after a heart attack last Friday. **Bill Jenkins**, known by many at West Erwin, is in Mother Frances after heart surgery and complications. 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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DEATH BY ACTIVITY

Are you busy? What kind of question is that? Of course you are busy. And it gets worse every day.

My heart goes out to young families who are experiencing death by activity. Everyone in the house is worn to a frazzle because of music lessons, art lessons, soccer games, baseball games, basketball games, football games, gymnastics, tennis, golf, cheer leading, pep squads, field trips, band practice, choir practice, and summer camps. (If I missed some of the activities on your schedule, I apologize.)

I feel sorry for your SUV which racks up almost a million miles a year, and burns as much gas as some small nations consume.

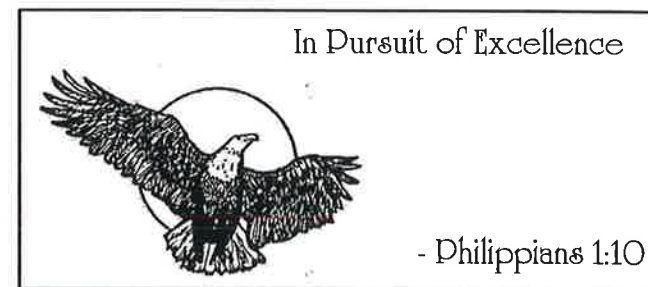
I keep wondering when someone is going to rise up and say, "Enough is enough. We are not going to keep doing this!" Time was when families were together. Daughters learned to cook from their mothers, and sons joined their fathers working in the field, or learning a

trade. Activities were limited - and special. The family was together, and a special priority was given to church and spirituality. (In the background I begin to hear music - *Gone Are The Days.*)

One of Peter Marshall's prayers begins, "Father, many among us are tired, wearied with the strains that life imposes upon us, the pressures under which we are forced to live. We remember the days that are gone and how harassed we were. We remember under what tensions we lived, and we know that Thou didst not design us to live like that ... We release to Thee our struggle to cram too many activities and accomplishments into every hour."

Can we make such a release? It's a personal matter. What are you going to do to prevent death by activity? And cultivate spirituality?

John Gibson
Little Rock, AR



Sunday, July 30, 2000
by Hillard Hughes
A.M. "What Is A Christian?"
(Ephesians 3:14-19)
P.M. "The Functions of the Church"
(II Corinthians 10:12-14)

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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 your paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord and depart from evil" (Proverbs 2:5-7).

KARING KITCHEN

Please continue to pray for this ministry.

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IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone who prayed for Kennedy and offered words of encouragement to us. The surgery went well and we should know in about six weeks whether it was successful or not. We ask for your continued prayers.

Stuart & Marisa Suggs

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Milburn, Oklahoma for Mary Burgett, Pam Fennell's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks and her soccer team, the Tyler Magic Under 10! they recently captured the North Texas State Soccer Association Gatorade Tournament. The tourney was for teams which finished first or second in tournaments around the state. Kelsi is the daughter of David & Ginny Wicks.

Congratulations to Ross John Cox, Jr.! He recently won the annual Seventh Grade Outstanding Texas History Contest sponsored by the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. Contest winners were invited to read their essays at the DRT Convention in Houston and were guests at the annual Historical Evening Dinner. He is the son of Ross John and Rosemary Cox of San Saba. Bob and Rebecca Center are the proud grandparents.

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WELCOME , NEW MEMBERS!

Rodney and Charlotte Rhea came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome them into our family. Their address is 2615 West Azalea Dr., 75701, ph. 597-8658.

MY INFLUENCE

"My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,
Leave countless marks of good or ill, ere sets the evening sun.

This, the wish I always wish, the prayer I always pray:

Lord, may my life help other lives it touches by the way."

- author unknown

GREETERS

At the request of the elders, Ron Lott has recently accepted the responsibility of the Greeters Program at West Erwin. It is their desire to expand and involve more people in this program. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please call Ron at 894-4445.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will meet Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a potluck dinner. Everyone 55+ is invited to join in the fun, food, and fellowship.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home clothing truck will be in Tyler August 14. They would appreciate any garage sale type items for their thrift shop in addition to clothing.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are still needed for international exchange students for the 2000/2001 school year. 150 exchange students are still homeless. The students will arrive in early August and will stay with host families for one semester or until the end of the school year. These students 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, Southwest Regional Director at 1-800-414-3738.

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, August 6

Preacher: Fred Powell; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddler Nursery p.m.: Kathy Portwood; 2's: Shane & Becky Millican; 3's: Jeff & Melissa Parrish; 4's: Steve & Diane Denman; Overseeing couple: Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

VBS HAS ALREADY BEGUN!!!

As preparations continue for this year's Vacation Bible School an amazing process is taking place. As I work with the many volunteers it takes to make the Bible Times Marketplace come alive. the process becomes more of a reality each day. In combining our efforts to bring the world of Jesus to life I have seen seamstresses who remind me of Dorcas, helping hands that were willing to demonstrate the heart of a servant, creative minds willing to share ideas for the good of others, local merchants who were willing to share whatever we needed, and the list goes on and on and on. As we prepared for VBS we were actually becoming the Marketplace as we shared our talents and abilities. On Saturday from 9:00 - 3:00 we will put on VBS 2000 for the children, but for the past several weeks I have had the blessed opportunity to live the marketplace with my fellow servants. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard already. I ask that you continue to pray for us as August 5th approaches.

VBS 2000: CHRIST'S CHOSEN

A Marketplace Experience

An Interactive Bible Times Experience
for Children 2 years - 5th grade

Saturday, August 5th

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The time is A.D. 28-29.

The place is the seaside city of Capernaum
and YOU CAN BE THERE!!!

Take a step back in time and explore and experience the Marketplace as it was during the times of Jesus' ministry.

Visit our Marketplace shops,
and serve as an apprentice:

Scribe's Shop

Spice & Herb Shop

Bakery

Produce Shop

Carpenter

Stone Mason

Metalsmith

Boat Shop

Play games,

Pet Bible times' animals,

Taste foods of the time,

and much, much more.

Cool off at the well and mingle

with the people of Jesus' day.

Join us at the Marketplace!

The Marketplace is designed as an opportunity
for children to relive Bible times' events,
occupations, and relationships.

The Marketplace will expose children to the world in
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JUDGEMENT - A TRUE STORY

A lady in a faded gingham dress and her husband, dressed in a homespun threadbare suit, stepped off the train in Boston, and walked timidly without an appointment into the Harvard University President's outer office. The secretary could tell in a moment that such backwoods, country hicks had no business at Harvard and probably didn't even deserve to be in Cambridge. She frowned. "We want to see the President," the man said softly. "He'll be busy all day," the secretary snapped. "We'll wait," the lady replied.

For hours the secretary ignored them, hoping that the couple would finally become discouraged and go away. They didn't and the secretary grew frustrated and finally decided to disturb the President, even though it was a chore she always regretted. "Maybe if they just see you for a few minutes, they'll leave," she told him. He sighed in exasperation and nodded. Someone of his importance obviously didn't have time to spend with them, but he detested gingham dresses and homespun suits cluttering up his outer office.

The President, stern-faced with dignity, strutted toward the couple. The lady told him, "we had a son who attended Harvard for one year. He loved Harvard. He was happy here. But a year ago, he was accidentally killed. And my husband and I would like to erect a memorial to him somewhere on

campus." The President wasn't touched; he was shocked. "Madam," he said gruffly, "we can't put up a statue for every person who attended Harvard and died. If we did this place would look like a cemetery." "Oh, no," the lady explained quickly, "We don't want to erect a statue. We thought we would like to give a building to Harvard."


The President rolled his eyes. he glanced at the gingham dress and homespun suit, then exclaimed, "A building! Do you have any earthly idea how much a building costs? We have over seven and a half million dollars in the physical plant at Harvard." For a moment the lady was silent. The President was pleased. He could get rid of them now. And the lady turned to her husband and said softly, "Is that all it costs to start a University? Why don't we just start our own?" Her husband nodded.

The President's face wilted in confusion and bewilderment. And Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford walked away, traveling back to Palo Alto, California where they established the university that bears their name, a memorial to a son that Harvard no longer cared about.

You can easily judge the character of others by how they treat those who can do nothing for them or to them.

- Malcom Forbes

In Pursuit of Excellence



- Philippians 1:10

Sunday, July 30, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Power Of A Touch"
(Luke 8:43-48)
P.M. "Church Growth" (1)
(Acts 2:42-47)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

MEXICO MISSION

Our Mexico Mission Trip is scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 3. We are conducting a Vacation Bible School. Please pray for us to have a successful trip as well as safety in our travel. Please pray for the following this week: Henry McRuiz, Ken Culpepper, Claude Figueroa, Leah Russell, Jim Hooter, Cindy Carruth, Caysi Bynum, Wendy Culpepper, Jay Culpepper, Danielle Rousseau, Valerie Figueroa, Allison Broome, Derek Russell, Krista Russell, Anthony Aven, Kyle Stowers, and Danny Snell.

WORKDAY

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 8 for a teen workday. Wear your working clothes because we have lots of "stuff" lined up!

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. Please keep praying for this ministry.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY


All of those in the middle school group are reminded of our activity this coming Sunday night after church. More details in class Sunday morning.

LAZER TAG

All of those in middle and high school are invited to go to the Lazer Tag Lockout we have scheduled for Sunday night, Sept. 3. More details to follow.

IMPORTANT DATES

July	30	Middle School Activity
July	28-Aug. 2	Mexico Mission Trip
Aug.	8	Workday
Aug.	27	City Wide Worship
Sept.	3	Lazer Tag



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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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The place is the seaside city of Capernaum and **YOU CAN BE THERE!!!**

Take a step back in time and join us for VBS 2000! Explore and experience the Marketplace as it was during the times of Jesus' ministry.

Visit our Marketplace shops, and serve as an apprentice:

- Scribe's Shop
- Spice & Herb Shop
- Bakery
- Produce Shop
- Carpenter
- Stone Mason
- Metalsmith
- Boat Shop
- Play games,

Pet Bible times' animals,
Taste foods of the time,
and much, much more.

Cool off at the well and mingle with the people of Jesus' day. Join us at the Marketplace!

The Marketplace is designed as an opportunity for children to relive Bible times' events, occupations, and relationships.

The Marketplace will expose children to the world in which Jesus lived. It will bring history alive in the heart and life of your child.

***Children will need to bring a sack lunch.**

Drinks and snacks will be furnished.

If you would like more information or wish to be involved, please contact Mike Gravois at the church office, ph. 592-0809.

Could you please help us gather the following items:

- * round metal lids from frozen juice concentrate cans for the Metalsmith's Shop
- * bars of Irish Spring soap (or any soap which looks like marble) for the Stone Carver's Shop

Please join us for a workday Friday from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

There will be an important VBS meeting Sunday at 4:30 in the small auditorium.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your calls, cards, visits, and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. Please continue to pray for me. I love my church family.

Opal Cooper

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls during our recent bereavement. The plant is lovely. God bless you.

John & Mabel Holbert

Thank you so much for your visits, cards, calls, food and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. You are such a caring, wonderful church family. I love each of you.

Carolyn Philpot

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held last Thursday in Granbury for LaJuana Spitzer, Barbara Weatherman's mother. Services were held Tuesday in Lufkin for Velma DuPree, Daniel DuPree's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

CONGRATULATIONS

The University of North Texas has announced that Ray Womack, a former track standout, will be inducted into the UNT Athletic Hall of Fame during Homecoming weekend October 14. Womack earned four letters in track as a specialist in the hurdle events. He ran with the varsity as a freshman in 1942 and was the Eagles' high point performer in two meets. He won the 120 yard high hurdles at the Border Olympics and helped North Texas to a second place finish at the Lone Star Conference championship. The next year, Womack had victories in the hurdle events at the Howard Payne dual meet and the Lone Star Conference championships. After serving in the Marine Corps for three years during World War II, Womack returned to complete his college career and earn letters in 1947 and '48. He won the Lone Star Conference title as a member of the 440 yard relay his senior season.

ANNUAL AUCTION

benefiting the children

Saturday, September 16, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

Cherokee Home For Children

P.O. Box 296 - Highway 16 North, Cherokee, TX 76832

Donated items are being accepted (tax write-off)

Partial list of auction items: yard items, household goods, office items, farm/ranch items, celebrities special interest items.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

You are invited to the Area-Wide fifth Sunday singing July 30 at 2:00 p.m. at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola.

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WELCOME HOME!

We are very pleased to welcome Charles and Freida Starr and daughter Monica back home. They moved away for awhile but are back home and want to be recognized as a part of the West Erwin family. Their new address is P.O. Box 285, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-0285.

RESPONSES

Rodney Dalton came to ask for the prayers of his church family Sunday.

Tara Kilgore came Sunday to ask for prayers for forgiveness, strength, stronger faith and for her family.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall semester. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

Sorry to lose ...

Terry, Kim, Chad and Julie Frick, have placed membership with the Shiloh Road congregation. We will miss this family but we know they will continue to be an asset to the work of the Lord.

DIRECTORY CHANGES: Ranae Ritchie, 101 Hillcreek, Whitehouse, 75791

Claude & Sheri Figueroa, new ph. # 871-2072

We had a note from Tim & Stephanie Percefull. They would enjoy hearing from their friends in Tyler. Their phone number is (763) 413-5195; e-mail TSPercefull@earthlink.net.

MINIBUS DRIVERS

There is a need for additional men to drive the minibus Sunday mornings and evenings. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Gary Ables at 595-5710 or Jo Butler at 592-0809. **Please call the driver listed in the bulletin each week if you plan to use the minibus for transportation to the worship assemblies.**

MY INFLUENCE

"My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done, Leave countless marks of good or ill, ere sets the evening sun.

This, the wish I always wish, the prayer I always pray:
Lord, may my life help other lives it touches by the way."

- author unknown

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, July 30

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Connie Sublette; p.m.: Nerene Ingram; Toddler Nursery p.m.: Arlene Lockhart; 2's: Sheri & Valerie Figueroa; 3's: Jason & Stacey Randall; 4's: Steve & Diane Denman; Overseeing couple: David & Carrie Cannefax.

The Search



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July 20, 2000	THE VISITOR		Vol. 31-No. 28
Records	Sunday July 16	Sunday July 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	353	370	348
Worship A.M.	561	550	562
Worship P.M.	322	350	381
Wed. P.M.	259	315	
Contribution	\$16,201.71	\$17,720.56	\$14,673.81
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, July 23, and Wednesday, July 26, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Dorris Humble is very ill at the Colonial Manor in Lindale. **Pat Stokes** was admitted to ETMC Tuesday with a heart attack. **Larry Shankle** is recuperating at home after two surgeries last week. **Jared Jordan**, son of Curt and Kim, broke his collarbone Tuesday night. **Marie Threadgill** had cataract surgery Tuesday. **Carolyn Philpot** had eye surgery last Thursday. Continue to remember **Vera Boss** in your prayers. **Dorothy Davis** has moved to Oregon to be near her daughter. **Virginia Conner**, Daniel Morgan's sister, had a toe removed in Mother Frances due to diabetes complications. **Michelle Wright**, Cindy Wagner's niece, is continuing to improve. **Cathy Burney**, Bill Burney's daughter-in-law in Houston, has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Announcements	Mike Gravois
Prayer	Trey Rousseau
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Jay Bynum	
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GREETERS	
Jeff & Pam Fennell	
Alan & Patsy Fisher	

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

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HAVE YOU HEARD ANY COMMANDMENTS LATELY?

In all the furor about the direction churches are going today, it's interesting what is being said and heard. We hear a lot today about "having needs met" down at the church. That's valid ... to a point. Of course, we all would like to have our felt needs met at church. But that appeal may have gone to seed. I'm for meeting the needs of singles, parents, children, young marrieds, older folks, etc. Is anyone opposed to meeting needs? Let's have classes and sermons designed for meeting needs! However, I have a question: are "felt needs" and "real needs" the same? They may be or they may not be. Do we really believe the Bible has the answers to the greatest issues of life? If it does, are we seeking to meet needs by bringing people in contact with the Word of God or are we doing something else. "Well, people don't want the Bible," someone says. Then what are we trying to do ... make people better pagans? Granted, there are many ways to "hook" people, that is, to get their attention, and we must get their attention before we can

teach them. But at some point everyone, saint and sinner, must be confronted by the Word of God ... like it or not. "Give people what they need" can degenerate into "give people what they want." We don't do that in our families (or at least I hope we don't). For example, your child might prefer ice cream for dinner instead of peas and carrots, but the wise parent gives the child what he really needs, not just what he wants. It's easy to say, "I like this" or "I like that," but in church there is a time to ask, "What does God like and what does God want?" Yes, let's do everything legitimate that we can to get and keep the interest of people, but let us remember that until one is confronted by the gospel and until one becomes a New Testament Christian he is still lost. It would be refreshing to hear someone ask, "What does the Bible say?" Mark it well: our methods must never overshadow our mission and our mission must confront with the eternal Gospel.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, July 23, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Where Is Your Faith?"
(Luke 8:22-25)
P.M. "Living Among The Tombs"
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NEBRASKA MISSION

We returned from the Nebraska Mission Trip this past Saturday night. It was a very successful trip with a great turn out at the VBS. Our teens also worked very hard pouring concrete, painting and roofing a house in the community. We definitely made an impression in West Point. We had over 200 folks come for the Ice Cream Social and program on Wednesday night. Thanks to the following sponsors for an outstanding job: Gary & Frances Broome, Debbie Bynum, Ken Culpepper, Kim Jordan, Lisa Snell. Thanks also to Danny & Maggie Craddock for cooking dinner for us on Friday night and helping with the crafts. Please keep praying for the church in Nebraska.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Thanks to all those who went to Houston with us for the Middle School Madness. Thanks to Lisa Snell, Mary Scarborough, Pam Lott, Debbie Bynum, and Jim Russell for going as sponsors.

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CITY WIDE HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Join us this coming Tuesday night at the Shiloh Rd. Church for a great evening of food, fun & fellowship. Please bring \$2.00 for the meal. More details in class on Sunday. Invite a friend!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night, July 24. If you are interested in helping, please be at the Fellowship Hall by 5:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

July	24	Karing Kitchen - West Erwin
July	25	City Wide High School @ Shiloh
July	28-Aug. 2	Mexico Mission Trip

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In Christian love,

Jim & Priscilla Mayer

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you for including us in your family for the past two years. We will always hold dear the memories of the fun times and the friends we made while at West Erwin. A special thanks to the "Family Builders" class for the pretty picture.

In His love,

Tim, Stephanie, Matthew & Ben Percefull

RESPONSE

George Colvin came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for the mother of his sons as she faces serious health problems, also to ask God for forgiveness of his past sins.

Sorry to lose....

Dorothy Davis will be moving this week to be near her daughter due to continuing health problems. We wish for her better health and much happiness in her new home. She and her daughter, Dottie Mueller, would like to thank everyone for all the love, attention, cards and prayers through the years. She will miss her friends here and would enjoy getting mail from home. Her address will be 625 Mansfield, Sherwood, OR 97140.

Address Correction - Mrs. Vera Beard

3500 Vine Ave. #225, Tyler, 75701, ph. 534-9114

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Roy and Fern Bench on the arrival of a great grandson! Wade Aaron was born July 13 to Brandon and Nicole Largent in Henderson, Texas. He weighed 9 lb. 3 oz.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James Hardin on his recent retirement as CEO from Brookshire Grocery Company. If you missed reading about his rise in the company and his service to it, read the newspaper article on our bulletin board. We wish James and Ann much happiness as they enjoy a well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations to Charlie Cook, son of Milburn and Jan Cook, who was recently named global coordinator for cotton breeding and germplasm. He is a cotton breeder for Novartis Seeds based in Victoria.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23 (NIV).

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WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sublette request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Tiffany Louise

to Caisson Timber Hogue

son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Hogue on Saturday, the twenty-second of July

two thousand

at two o'clock in the afternoon

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Reception following ceremony

Bridal Shower

There will be a

Table Shower July 23 honoring

Ashley Melvin

bride-elect of Luke Blackwell

Selections: Foley's, Target, Pier 1



WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Groves, Texas for Bill Moler, Odell Sessions' brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Claude and Odell and all the family.

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SUMMER SING 2000

A festival of your favorite hymns and church songs
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Admission is free. If you love to sing the old hymns and gospel favorites you'll truly love the Summer Sing - a two hour festival where all who love 'good old song standards' can meet and sing together. There will be a combined choir of local music ministers, also a guest appearance of the Dixie River Rats led by Bill Bryan, chaplain at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, July 23

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July 13, 2000	THE VISITOR		Vol. 31-No. 27
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Bible Class	370	401	316
Worship A.M.	550	565	501
Worship P.M.	350	372	202
Wed. P.M.	315	280	
Contribution	\$17,720.56	\$19,053.50	\$15,423.74
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, July 16, and Wednesday, July 19, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Larry Shankle is at home after surgery Monday at ETMC. **Virginia Conner**, Daniel Morgan's sister, is in Mother Frances with serious health problems. **Carolyn Philpot** had eye surgery Thursday. **Billie Bob Hickman** had cataract surgery Tuesday. **Opal Cooper** had outpatient foot surgery Tuesday. **Sandra Rumbo** is at home after a fall in which she broke her ankle. **Priscilla Mayer** is recovering at home after recent back surgery. **Dorris Humble** is recuperating at the Colonial Manor in Lindale. **Warren Gray** is doing well after recent surgery. **Jerry Howard** is continuing to improve. **Vera Boss** needs our prayers. **Dorothy Davis** is in the Clairmont. **Michelle Wright**, Cindy Wagner's niece, is continuing to improve. 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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Prayer Chris Waggener
Scripture Greg Walker
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Terry Warren

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Prayer Jeff Hone
Scripture Archie Kennard
Dismiss Mike Harris

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Tony Adams Anthony Aven
Dan Baldwin Gary Aven
Cody Ables Chris Ables
Greg Anding Jim Armstrong

GREETERS
Bill & Alice Denson
Don & Norma Durham

NEW ARRIVALS - Congratulations to Chris and Lina Bryan on the birth of Madelyn Avery Tuesday, July 11. She weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and is 22 inches long. Hannah is the big sister.
Congratulations to Billy Dan and Jennifer Carson, former West Erwin members, on the birth of Hope Ruth Wednesday, July 12. She weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. Ance is the big brother.

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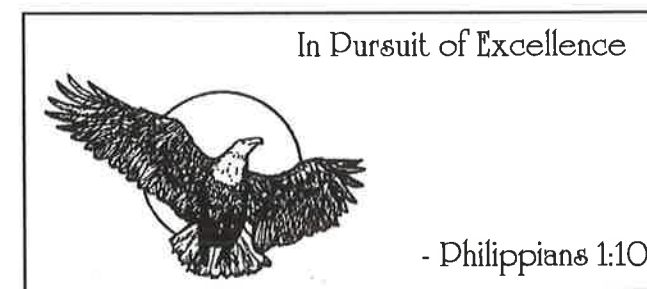
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IS THERE A SHORTAGE?

Several years ago I began hearing of a preacher shortage among churches of Christ and the evidence affirmed what I was hearing. However, nearly any church of size had little problem in filling its pulpit with a capable man. For smaller churches it was a different story. To help with the problem Preacher Training Schools became popular and Christian Colleges placed additional emphasis upon training men for ministry, not only for preaching but also for education, youth, involvement, etc. So what is the situation now? Is there a shortage of trained ministers? Our search for an Involvement minister and then an Educational minister has indicated that there is a limited number of trained and experienced ministers. Also, the questions that must be asked prospective men have changed. A few years ago questions like "Do you believe the Bible is the inspired word of God?" and "What are your views on the Holy spirit, church cooperation, orphan care, and fellowship buildings?" were the norm. Not any more! Now questions like "Do you believe baptism is essential to

salvation?"; "Is instrumental music scriptural?"; "Where were you trained?"; "Who are your mentors?"; "Can women serve as elders?"; and "What is the purpose of worship?" must also be asked. When the search committee contacted people in our brotherhood about possible candidates, they had very few names to suggest. Advertising through colleges and newspapers has produced few resumes from people who seem to fit our profile for who we need. It's interesting, discouraging, and even frightening. There seems to be a dearth of quality men who are sound in the faith and who do not have a personal agenda for the church. But, we continue the search. We ask your prayer help in finding the person who is just right for us at this time. However, the answer to the lead question: our experience is yes, there is a shortage. And a question we must ponder is "What have we done to encourage our brightest minds to enter ministry?" and "What have we done to help train them for service?"

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, July 16, 2000
Danny Snell
A.M. "The Light on the Hill"
(Matthew 5:14-16)
P.M. Tom Hegel
Medina Children's Home
(Galatians 6:6-10)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

NEBRASKA MISSION

At this writing (Tuesday noon), twenty-nine of us are in West Point, Nebraska on our annual mission trip. We had 89 for VBS Monday, and 102 Tuesday. We have also painted a house, roofed it, and poured concrete at the church building. Please pray for our safe return Saturday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All those in grades 6-8 planning to participate in our Middle School Madness need to meet in the Heritage Room Sunday at 5:30 p.m. We will leave Tuesday, July 18, and return Friday, July 21. The cost is \$75.00.

MEXICO MISSION

Our Mexico Mission Trip is scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 3. We are planning to conduct a Vacation Bible School. We need to meet with everyone who plans to go Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.

IMPORTANT DATES

July	18-21	Middle School Madness
July	28-Aug. 2	Mexico Mission Trip

LORD, make me a channel of Thy peace
That where there is hatred, I may bring love,
That where there is wrong,

I may bring the spirit of forgiveness,
That where there is discord, I may bring harmony,
That where there is error, I may bring truth,
That where there is doubt, I may bring faith,
That where there is despair, I may bring hope,
That where there are shadows, I may bring light,
That where there is sadness, I may bring joy.

Lord, grant that I may seek rather
To comfort - than to be comforted;
To understand- than to be understood;
To love - than to be loved;
For it is by giving that one receives;
It is by self-forgetting that one finds;
It is by forgiving that one is forgiven;
It is by dying that one awakens to eternal life.
- St. Francis of Assisi

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Watch for changes!
Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

VBS 2000: CHRIST'S CHOSEN A Marketplace Experience Saturday, August 5th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Explore and experience the Marketplace as it was during the time of Jesus' ministry. The time is A.D. 28-29. The place is the seaside city of Capernaum and **YOU CAN BE THERE!!!** If you would like more information or wish to be involved, please contact Mike Gravois at the church office.

- Could you please help us gather the following items:
- * round metal lids from frozen juice concentrate cans for the Metalsmith's Shop
 - * bars of Irish Spring soap (or any soap which looks like marble) for the Stone Carver's Shop

46th ANNUAL BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY July 23rd - 26th

If you would like more information or are interested in attending, please see the sign-up sheet outside of Mike's office.

I AM THE CHILD

I am the child. All the world waits for my coming. All the earth watches with interest to see what I shall become. Civilization hangs in the balance. For what I am, the world of tomorrow will be. I am the child. I have come into your world, about which I know nothing. Why I came, I know not. I am curious; I am interested. I am the child. You hold in your hand my destiny. You largely determine whether I shall succeed or fail. Give me, I pray you, those things that make for happiness. Train me, I beg you, that I may be a blessing to the world.

-- Mamie Gene Cole

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."

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for being such a wonderful family to us all - we will miss you. We appreciate the warm send off and kind words. Thanks especially to the Family Builders' class for the print, and to Karen's Bunko group for the bracelet. Come visit us! We love you!

Randy, Karen, Jake & Jessica Pharis
812 Dana Drive, Keller, TX 76248
ph. (817) 431-9203

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all your expressions of compassion and sympathy following the death of my brother, Norman. You are a very loving group and we love each of you.

Dannie & Sue Skipper

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, and prayers before and after my recent surgery. Your love and support was an encouragement to me during this time. God bless each of you.

Love in Christ,
Jerry Howard

We thank you for your support in these trying times. We need you dearly, and are so blessed that you are our family. We truly love you!

Chuck & Linda Gillam

My West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for your visits, cards, food, calls and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. I am doing great and will be back in worship soon. Please continue to pray for my family and me.

Chloe Clark

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last week for Sandra Blasko, grandmother of Josh, Blake, and Haylee Lowry. Services were held last week in Tahlequah, Oklahoma for Ronald Bentley, Sue Carty's brother. Margie Hunt's 19 year old great nephew was killed in a car accident July 1. Services were held last Friday for Elbert Wright, Mary Adams' brother. Services were held Monday in Dallas for John Holbert's mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Mrs. Vera Beard Scott & Jill Carruth
10486 Country Hills Blvd. P.O. Box 132421, 75713
Tyler, TX 75708 ph. 509-4249

Tim & Stephanie Percefull
1446 155th Avenue NW
Andover, MN 55304

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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Ellie Elvira Tyner** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism last Thursday. We are very pleased to welcome her into the West Erwin church family. Her address is 1608 Graham Dr., 75701, 75701, ph. 592-6945.

We share in the joy of **Tricia Payne** as she was baptized into Christ Sunday. We are very glad to welcome her into our growing church family. She lives at 420 South Bonner, Apt. 3, 75702.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Wayne and Stacy Golden** into the West Erwin family. This fine young couple has been attending here for some time and they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 16202 Big Oak Bay Road, 75707, ph. 566-8463.

We are delighted to welcome **Katie Powell** back home! Katie has been working and living in Peru, Indiana and has recently accepted the position of Director of Discovery Science Place in Tyler. Katie is the daughter of Fred and Sara and is currently at their address 2339 CR 1128, 75704, ph. 593-5229.

RESPONSES

Shelly Sustaire came recently to request prayers that her faith might be strong as she seeks to do the right thing.

Eddie Rogers came to ask for prayers for his family, especially his daughter as she makes critical decisions in her life.

Bridal Shower

There will be a
Table Shower honoring Ashley Melvin
bride-elect of Luke Blackwell
July 16 and July 23
Selections: Foley's, Target, Pier 1



NEW ARRIVAL


Congratulations to Earl and Melinda O'Quinn on the birth of a granddaughter! Emily Grace was born Wednesday, June 28, to Ryan and Amy Mullins. She weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and is 21 inches long. Max and Mary Haws are the proud great grandparents. Matt and Rhonda Haws are happy great uncle and aunt. She was also welcomed by a host of aunts, uncles and friends.

MOMS AND KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The next Moms and Kids Activity will be Tuesday, July 18 in the Family Life Center from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00. It will be a cool place for kids to play ball, games, watch movies, etc. while moms visit. Call Rachel Huff or Ruth Ellis for details.

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, July 16

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Donna Wright; p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddler Nursery p.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2's: Aaron & Jean DuVall; 3's: Jerry & Rachel Huff; 4's: Trecia Starr & Julia Wilshire; Overseeing couple: David & Carrie Cannefax.

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Bible Class	393	405	317
Worship A.M.	561	627	512
Worship P.M.	381	378	317
Wed. P.M.	285	317	
Contribution	\$18,421.92	\$15,428.79	\$15,636.84
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, July 2, and Wednesday, July 5, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.			

PRAYER AND CARE

Priscilla Mayer had back surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Dorris Humble** is in ETMC with possible bleeding ulcers. **Warren Gray** is scheduled for surgery July 5 at ETMC. **Jerry Howard** is continuing to improve at home after having both knees replaced. **Vera Boss** is not doing well and needs our prayers. **Dorothy Davis** is in the Clairmont. **Michelle Wright**, Cindy Wagner's niece, is some improved after surgery to remove pressure from her brain. She is in ETMC ICU. 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 Tony Smith
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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Paul Stanley

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Announcements Mike Gravois
Prayer Jon Sorrells
Scripture Justin Wiggains
Dismiss Chris Reynolds

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Louis West Ponder Wright, Jr.
David Wicks Ray Womack
Lowell Wiggains Fred Wingate
Justin Wiggains Randall Wilson

GREETERS
Mary Dawson & Anita Peek
Harold & Shirley Denman

***The church office will be closed
Tuesday, July 4th.**

**There will be no bulletin the week
of July 4th due to postal regulations
for 2nd class mail.**

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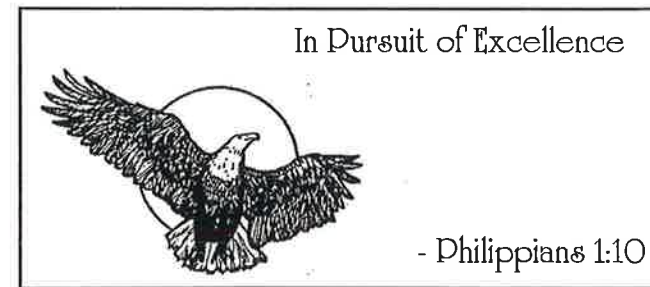
A MEDLEY OF MATTERS

We had a number of positive comments about the flow of our worship service last Sunday morning. I am sure we all appreciated the way the service opened and how the emphasis was upon worship, as it should be, without endless announcements. If you are having a meeting, a shower, or a dinner you want the congregation to know about, the bulletin is taken to the printer at noon on Tuesday and the deadline for the update (handed out on Sundays) is early Friday morning. Only the most urgent matters will be announced on Sunday mornings. Thanks for your cooperation.

Charles Hodge says that the church is so intent upon trying to "connect" with everybody that we have forgotten our calling. He says that God never asked sinners how they would like for Him to come -- He came in His way, His time, on His terms. Hodge says God came to call sinners to repentance, not to prop them up with self-esteem. Hodge has a point. We need to do all that we can to get the attention and interest of people. But,

somewhere along the line sinners must be confronted with the gospel if they are to be saved -- a gospel that presents the demands of Christ. Otherwise, we just contribute to the self-satisfied but still lost people.

Last Sunday we had people come before the church to share their burdens. That kind of response is helpful to everyone ... and it's so biblical. We are the family of God and as family members we are to "carry each other's burdens" (Galatians 6:2), and we are to confess our "sins to each other and pray for each other so that we may be healed" (James 5:16). However, we cannot do these things if we do not know them. Of course, we can learn of people's burdens in other ways, but there is something positive and helpful when we come before the church to ask for help. The one asking is helped ... and those giving are helped ... and God is glorified! And let us remember that our Mission Statement is in part, "To glorify God" - Jay Lockhart



Sunday, July 2, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Wisdom Is Justified By Her Children"
(Luke 7:18-23)
P.M. "Go In Peace"
(Luke 7:36-43)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

The mountains were great but, it's good to be home! Our prayers were answered as God blessed us with beautiful weather and a safe journey. Through His blessing we grew individually and collectively.

NEBRASKA MISSION

All of those who are planning to go on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to be working to complete your lesson plans. We will be meeting this Sunday at 4:30. Time is running short. Be prepared! You will need to turn in your \$50.00 fee and release form by Wednesday.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school group as well as all of those going to Nebraska are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those in grades 6-8 need to sign up for our Middle School Madness as soon as possible.

We will leave on Tuesday, July 18 and return on Friday, July 21. The cost will be \$75.00.

THEATRON DRAMA GROUP

Harding University's Theatron Drama Group will be at the Shiloh Rd. Church for a performance on Sunday, July 9. Make plans to be there and enjoy this uplifting evening.

MEXICO MISSION

Our Mexico Mission Trip is scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 3. We are planning to conduct a Vacation Bible School. If you have not already signed up, Please do so ASAP.

IMPORTANT DATES

July	2	Combined Devotional
July	6-15	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	9	Theatron Drama Group @ Shiloh
July	18-21	Middle School Madness
July	28-Aug. 2	Mexico Mission Trip

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Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

THE DAY CHRIST CAME (AGAIN) by: David Roper

George knew that he had had time for religion - that those other things that he had put first were really not important at all. * He knew, too, that those hypocrites in the church, who he had thrown up to his wife time and time again, would spend eternity where he was going to spend it - and there was little comfort now in the fact he was "as good as they." * And he even knew that somehow his wife and little girl would be happy without him - for an almighty God that can do everything would see to that. But he also knew that he would have to spend eternity without them and with the full knowledge of that fact - and that it would be an eternity spent without God and without Christ. * And somehow, somehow, he knew what eternity was like. He had heard eternity talked about. He had even heard eternity joked about. By why, oh why, had not someone conveyed the feeling of bigness ... the emptiness ... the vastness of it all! "Without end, without end, without end." * So very much had happened. There had been the shout, the sound of the trump, the dead rising, those who met Jesus in the air, the destruction of all things. And yet he really knew that no time at all had been involved. It was as if time had stood still - and now eternity had begun. * Then in his heart of hearts, he heard a name being called. It was his own. It was his turn to receive sentence. He stepped forward. And even as he did so, he knew what the sentence would be .. * "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be

gathered all nations: And He shall separate them from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And He shall set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: .. Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: ... And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: ... " (Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46). **** This story is not true. It cannot be, of course, since Christ has not yet come. It is, however, based upon Scriptural teaching, and a knowledge of natural reaction. It has been told for one reason - to make you think and thus to make you turn to God in love. "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; ... " (2 Corinthians 5:11). * "God commandeth all men everywhere to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness ..." (Acts 17:30, 31). * Although some things I have guessed at in this lesson, these things we know: (1) Christ is coming. (2) Christ could come before the day is done. (3) When Christ comes, everyone will know it. * (4) When Christ comes, everyone will know where they stand. * Are you ready for the day the Lord comes? (#5 of 5)

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so much for all of the cards and calls of sympathy in the loss of my cousin, Donald Porter. Donald fought the cancer as long as he could. He had brain surgery about 7 or 8 months after I did. So my heart really went out to him. I know ya'll didn't know him but he was a really good person. It seems like illnesses give you a chance to reach out to people that you wouldn't have had otherwise. I got to know him better in the last year than I ever had. He will be dearly missed. Thank you again.

I love ya'll!

Sandie Martin

Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the food from the Shepherding Group and the prayers that were offered for my family and for me. I have never felt so humble and insignificant in my life. It is wonderful to know that there is such a loving and caring family to care for my family and me in our time of crisis. With a humble heart, I want to thank you once again.

Myra Mason and family

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall semester. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is registering for the fall. There is still availability at the pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Please contact Brenda Craig at 561-9582 for admissions information.

ETCA is currently searching for certified secondary teachers (full-time or part-time). This is a great opportunity for part-time teachers. If interested, call Cathy Howell at 561-8642 (school) or 561-0897 (home).

WEST ERWIN LADIES COOKBOOK

Please continue to submit your recipes for a West Erwin Ladies Cookbook. Be sure to include: amount of ingredients, method of preparation, size of dish/pan, temperature and length of cooking time. There is a box in the main foyer for your convenience.

MINIBUS DRIVERS

There is a need for additional men to drive the minibus to pick up members on Sunday mornings and evenings and sometimes on Wednesday evenings. If you can help in this ministry, please contact Gary Ables at 595-5710 or Jo Butler at the church office 592-0809. Please call the driver listed in the bulletin each week if you plan to use the minibus for transportation to the worship assemblies.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Phalassa Fuller into our West Erwin family. She has been attending here for some time and will be an important addition to our young singles group. She is a student at U.T. Tyler and lives at 3333 Varsity Dr. #202, 75701, ph. 566-6256.

RESPONSES

Chuck Gillam came Sunday thank their church family for the prayers and support for his son, Dan, as he faces the challenges before him at this time and to ask for continued prayers for all the family as they go through this difficult time

Stevie Blakemore came Sunday to request prayers from his church family that he might be forgiven of sin in his life and that he might live as Christ would have him live.

WEDDING INVITATION



Mr and Mrs. Clyde Baldwin
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Brittney Ann Baldwin

Mr. Matthew Hunter Carpenter

son of Ms. Sylvia Carpenter
on Saturday, the eighth of July
two thousand

at two o'clock in the afternoon

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Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Katie Powell on her new position as Director of Discovery Science Place! We are also very pleased to welcome her back home.

Congratulations to Angela Brown who was named to the President's List at Kilgore College for the spring semester. To be named to the President's List a student must earn a 4.0 GPA.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Michael Bozeman Will & Stephanie Christian
22806 Lakeway Harbor Dr. 3014 Tower Drive
Flint, 75762, ph. 825-6196 Tyler, 75701, ph. 566-9413

Clifton & Marjorie Cox, ph. 397-6442 (correction)

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Dismiss Paul Lowe

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Mark Waggonner Wade Weathers
Chris Waggener Greg Wagner

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Bill & Pat Bratcher
George & Dorothy Daugherty

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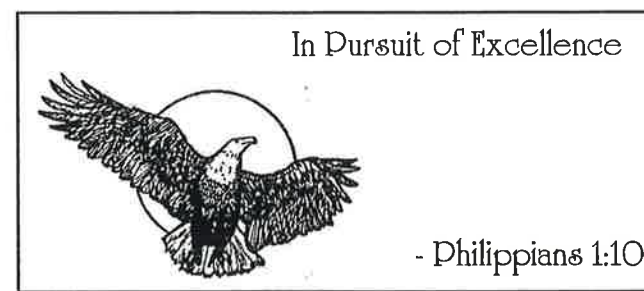
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MAXWELL'S VISIT

We look forward each summer to the visit of the Ray Maxwell family, our folks in West Point, Nebraska. Through the years we have had fellowship with this good family in their important work in the Mid-West. The progress has been slow, but substantial, as the church has moved from a rented building to a building of its own and a sense of spiritual maturity is in evidence. THE SEARCH is seen on the cable in West Point and Danny Snell and our youth group conduct a VBS there each summer with good results. We are grateful for the Maxwells and for our work together. It seemed fitting last Sunday evening to have the Maxwells and the entire church to come to the front of the auditorium for special prayer for the Nebraska work. Perhaps it was just my imagination but that last song we sang on Sunday night, with all of us clustered at the front of the building, seemed to have greater intensity than usual. Did you sense that too? Our prayers go with the Maxwells as they return to West Point.

IF YOU HAVE A YARDSTICK

Imagine that someone stands before a class and draws a line on a marker board. Then he asks the students to guess how long the line is. Various answers are given. One person believes the line is 30 inches. Another believes it is 32 inches. A third guesses the line to be 35 inches. Is there any way to know for sure how long the line is? Of course -- measure it! Having measured the line, the question is, do we believe the yardstick? If we do, that settles the length of the line. Now ask a religious question ... any question. People give various opinions. How can we know the correct answer for sure? Measure the answer by a standard. If the Bible is the standard, then the answer does not have to remain in doubt. If you have a yardstick you know how long the line is!



Sunday, June 25, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The 'Plain' Truth"
(Luke 6:12-19)
P.M. "To Do And To Teach"
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NEBRASKA MISSION

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Suddenly the earth shuddered - and George realized that it was an old machine that had served its purpose - an old machine running down. He looked up again. The sun was running down too. Now he could stare at it without blinking. It became dimmer and dimmer. There was a chill in the air. The stars and the planets became visible at midday. But nothing was motionless. They were darting here and there. Everything was going crazy. The universe was flying to pieces. * "... and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; and said the the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of Him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of His wrath is come: and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:12-17). * The thought had finally struck George that he must now face God. His soul was filled with terror. "No, no, no ... I'm not ready," he shrieked, "I must hide, I must hide, I must hide." Stumbling blindly he made his way back into the house and down the steps

into the cellar. Huddling himself in the darkest corner, he continued to mutter almost insanely, "I must hide, I must hide." * But there was no hiding. George was at that moment riding on a huge ball streaking through the heavens. It was a ball almost 8,000 miles thick, but with a cool outer crust of only a few miles. Inside were tremendous pressures - fires and gases and molten rock. Just one slight touch by the finger of God - just one small command from his voice - and the world was no more ... * "The Day of the Lord will come to us as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." (2 Peter 3:10). * A moment of intense light. A moment of intense heat. Then darkness. Then silence. * When George raised his head again, he knew exactly where he was and why he was there. * "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body; according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Cor. 5:10). * George knew that he was with all the people who had ever lived upon the face of the earth - and that all would be judged. * He knew, too, that he had also acquired a new body - one "incorruptible," one that would "never fade away," one that could never be destroyed. But there was no consolation in that for he knew where that body would spend eternity. * Yes, he knew many things now - too late.

(to be continued - #4 of 5)

46th ANNUAL ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY
BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP - July 23rd - 26th

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the lovely bible. It is one of the best gifts to give or receive. Thank you again.

Danielle Rousseau

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in South Haven, Mississippi for Norman Skipper, Dannie Skipper's brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Dannie and Sue and all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Clifton and Marjorie Cox on the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on June 6. We rejoice with them on this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks and her soccer team, the Tyler Magic Under 10, who recently won the Tyler Soccer Association U-11 age group and the Trinity Mother Frances Spring Shootout Tournament. The team also won the Terrell Tournament. Kelsi is the daughter of David and Ginny Wicks.

Congratulations to Tina Harris on the completion of her qualifications for Sales Director with Mary Kay Cosmetics in March of this year. She just returned from Dallas last week where she completed her new director training requirements.

Congratulations to Jim Bell and the East Texas Christian Academy's advance combo band on receiving Outstanding in Class and Superior Performance honors at a Lone Star Showcase of Music in Dallas. The ETCA intermediate band received an excellent rating at the state competition.

Congratulations to Gina Montgomery and Leah Russell on being named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester at UT Tyler. Carrie Cannefax was named to the Dean's List for the spring semester. To be named to the President's Honor Roll, a student must complete 12 or more semester credit hours with grades of "A" in all courses. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must complete at least 9 semester credit hours with a grade point average of 3.7 or above.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall semester. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is currently registering for the fall. There is still availability at the pre-kindergarten, elementary, middle school, and high school levels. Please contact Brenda Craig at 561-9582 for admissions information.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Col. 3:23 (NIV)

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Clifton and Marjorie Cox into our West Erwin family. They are the parents of the late and beloved Claudia Griffis and great grandparents of Kyle Stowers. Their address is 1219 West 3rd, 75701, ph. 597-6442.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Dan, Lally, & Preston Haile
204 Lexington, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-2400
(Same Mailing Address: P.O. Box 264, Flint, 75762)

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10 COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only four to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ear is the sound of one's own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like almost everybody if you try.
6. Be generous with praise - cautious with criticism.
7. Be considerate with feelings of others. There are usually three sides to a controversy: yours, the other person's, and the right one.
8. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.
9. Learn to trust people, for trust builds lasting relationships.
10. Add to this a good sense of humor, a big dose of patience, and a dash of humility and you will be rewarded many fold.

- Brian Cavanaugh from *Apple Seeds*

WEST ERWIN LADIES COOKBOOK

Please continue to submit your recipes for a West Erwin Ladies Cookbook. Be sure to include: amount of ingredients, method of preparation, size of dish/pan, temperature and length of cooking time. There is a box in the main foyer for your convenience.

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Bible Class	389	364	378		
Worship A.M.	596	513	527		
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Wed. P.M.					
Contribution	\$18,567.96	\$17,101.86	\$14,386.70		
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00				
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KEEPING YOUR RELIGION PUBLIC

“Nevertheless many even of the rulers believe in Him, but ...” John 12:42.

Godly people have never been in the majority. Noah made his convictions known for 120 years, but only seven responded. Lot's soul was tormented daily by sinful living that surrounded him in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jeremiah was told to quit condemning good people. The apostles were told to stop upsetting the world. First century Christians were persecuted because of their testimony of the word. Has anything really changed?

For years, Christians in America have taken comfort in the belief that our country was founded on biblical principles. We referred to ourselves as a “Christian nation.” The mission fields were far away in the lands of unbelievers. We sent our checks and prayed for those who “labored in difficult” places. We sang “God Bless America” and kept attending our potlucks and worship services.

Meanwhile, outside the doors of our churches, a nationwide metamorphosis took place. God was booted out of Friday night football and spring graduation. We didn't think much about it. After all, didn't God have bigger concerns? Edmond, Oklahoma was ordered to take the cross off of their city symbol. Memorial crosses were taken down from the public park at Columbine because, we were told, crosses represent Christianity. Ohio was told to get rid of their offensive motto,

“With God, all things are possible.” It all didn't seem to affect us much. We were participating in the five acts of worship and in our estimation, remaining “faithful.”

The problem is, restoration and faithfulness to the Father involve more than the way we worship. Peeling back centuries of “religion” and getting back to doing Bible things in Bible ways includes *promotion of Christianity in public.*

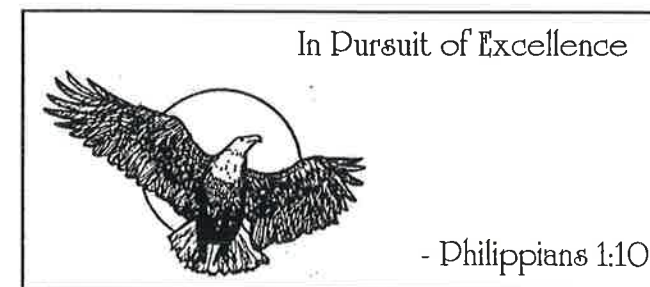
“You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching”
- Acts 5:28

“Those who had been scattered went about preaching the word” - Acts 8:4

“So he was reasoning in the synagogue ... and in the market place every day ...” - Acts 17:17

Jesus made it clear our relationship with him is not a private thing. Our lifestyle must confess him in public of we expect him to confess us in heaven (Matthew 10:32, 33). Our repentance of sinful practices should be evident “in the sight of all” (Acts 19:18, 19). As individual members of the priesthood, our responsibility is to “proclaim the excellence of Him” (1 Peter 2:9) to those who don't know and may not even care. Boldness in the building is politically correct religion, saving souls on the streets is decipleship.

- copied from the 29th and Yale Monthly Messenger, Tulsa, Oklahoma



Sunday, June 18, 2000
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. “New Garments And New Wine”
(Luke 5:36-39)
P.M. “Religious Or Faithful?”
(Luke 6:1-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

FATHER'S DAY

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the devotional this past Sunday night.

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"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him ... and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of Him ..." (Rev. 1:7). "... The Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:7, 8). * The sky was filled with color - the blue of the atmosphere was almost blotted out by the whiteness of the cloud, the glory of the angels, the appearance of fire - and all of this was almost blotted out by the the magnificence of Jesus Himself. * Now the earth began to tremble - and its surface began to be filled with fissures. In the cemetery nearby the graves began to open. The dead started to come forth from here, there, and everywhere. Their bodies were unlike anything George had ever seen. They were flesh but not flesh. Solid, but not solid. For some reason the word "incorruptible" came to his mind. It was no surprise to him that some looked happy ... and some did not. George could also feel that something was happening to himself. * " ... The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29). * " ... We shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (I Cor. 15:51, 52). * George was now running. He was not far

from home, and his only thoughts were to reach that haven. He was in a daze. Faintly he could hear the sound of a trumpet - a sound that chilled him to the very marrow. Out of the corner of his vision, he was aware of many glorious bodies rising into the air to meet the Lord. * It was hard now to keep his feet for the tremors were increasing. In his head, he was aware of the most terrible cry he had ever heard in his life - a tearing, searing cry of a soul in agony. It was some time before he realized that this cry was coming from himself. * He passed several standing dazed whose funerals he had attended. But this did not surprise him. Nothing surprised him now. * He passed a funeral procession that had stopped in the middle of the road. The back door of the hearse was open. The lid of the casket was thrown back. It was empty. * He sped on. Around him the cries and wails and shrieks increased. And from above him came the sound of singing - a glorious refrain of rejoicing and triumph. But it brought no comfort to George's soul. He glanced up just once. Just a few were still rising to meet the Lord in the air. Evidently most all were there now. * He ran and ran. He forced one foot after the other. He passed block after block. And suddenly - he was at home. * He burst in the front door and began running from room to room. He shouted, "Marge! ... Julie! ... Marge! ... Julie!" There was Julie's favorite rag doll on the floor, Marge's housecoat was still lying on the chair beside the bed. There were evidences of Marge's housework everywhere. He burst into the kitchen. There were the dishes half done. He felt of the dish water. It was still warm. It was almost as if ... almost as if ... * And suddenly he knew. * They were prepared. * He raced back into the front yard and looked up, but now all was darkness. He was alone ... alone ... alone. Alone in his sin.

IN APPRECIATION

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Pauline Collard. Thanks for all the prayers for our family. The spray of lavender mums and daisies was so pretty. Your kindness will always be remembered.

The Warren Gray Family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the NIV Study Bible you gave me for graduation. I'm so proud of it. While I'm off at college, having it will help to keep God and all of you here at West Erwin close to my heart. I will always cherish it and you!

Love,
Ashley Tate

YOUNG ACHIEVERS

Congratulations to two young achievers in Junior Bible Hour! **Katie Bell** completed all memory work assignments and **Spencer Shaw** completed both memory work and service projects for the 1999-2000 year.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

CHANGE DRIVE 2000

The Change for Children cans from Christian Services of East Texas will be picked up Monday, June 26. Please remember to return your cans by Sunday, June 25!

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ATTENTION LADIES


Make your plans to come and be a part of a fun activity and good fellowship as we have our "scrap booking" get together Friday, June 16 in the Family Life Center. Bring snacks and drinks.

MOMS AND KIDS SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Rachel Huff and Ruth Ellis will be coordinating activities for moms and children of all ages on selected Tuesdays during the summer. The next activity will be June 20 at The Sonic on Broadway. It is reserved from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Kid's meals will be discounted. For more information, please call Rachel Huff or Ruth Ellis.

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bride elect of Matt Carpenter
June 11 and June 18
Selections: Dillard's, Penney's, & Target 

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

University Church of Christ
11114 Spur 248, Tyler, ph. 566-0853
June 12 - 16, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

You are invited to the 35th annual Singing School conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ, 510 North Avenue E, July 9-14. For details, you may call (940) 864-3101.

54th ANNUAL SINGING SCHOOL AT ACU - July 16-21


The Texas Normal Singing School in Sherman, Texas offers this school each year at ACU to train song leaders; help church leaders find ways to improve the quality of public worship; train men and women in the art of group singing; and also train men and women to create lyrics, compose music, arrange musical compositions, typeset music, and to copyright and publish hymns. For more information, please contact Joe Furr at (903) 892-9635 or 868-1240.

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

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, June 18

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Linda McClenny; p.m.: Becky McRuiz; Toddler Nursery p.m.: Mary Scarborough; 2's: Aaron & Jean DuVall; 3's: Wade & Diane Weathers; 4's: Wynne & Ginger Weathers; Overseeing couple: Mike & Nora Gravois.


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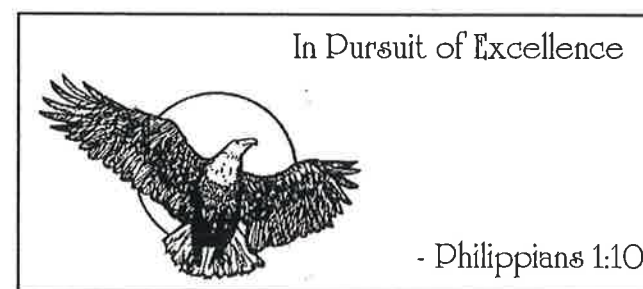
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TEACHING AND LEARNING

If you send your child to a large Christian University he may have 100 or more in his Freshman Bible class and the material will be presented primarily in a lecture format. Does your child learn anything? Yes, and because he will be tested on the material and will receive a grade, he probably learns more than he ever has before. As your child progresses to his Sophomore, Junior, and Senior years, his classes will probably be smaller and his participation in class will be increased because he has learned more. The same is true of biology. Your child's first classes are large and the professor presents lectures and the students learn. As they progress the classes are smaller and the students learn more by participation than by lecture. Can you imagine a Freshman biology professor beginning the first class by announcing, "We will have a class discussion on biology." Hardly. Why? The students have little to discuss because their knowledge is limited. As they increase in knowledge their ability to intelligently discuss the subject increases. Using the college as a model, seekers or new converts in our Bible classes probably need more

information than they do discussion because their knowledge is limited. They need to have opportunity to ask questions, but they can receive information in larger classes. As our students progress and have increased Bible knowledge they can have smaller discussion classes and can have effective input because of their growing knowledge. The key to effective small discussion Bible classes is a mature, knowledgeable teacher who will keep the group Bible centered. In college a group of Freshmen do not meet without a professor to give their views on biology -- the professor is the key to their learning. All of this is to say that there are different ways to study and any method is acceptable if it brings the student into a deeper understanding of Truth and a better knowledge of God. Does it not then seem strange for a speaker to stand for an hour before an audience of 1000 telling it that the only way to effectively teach is in a small group for twenty minutes? Sometimes learning happens in a small group during a short period of time. It depends on the circumstances and maybe most of all on the receptiveness of the hearts of the students.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, June 11, 2000
Jay Lockhart will be conducting a gospel meeting in Lebanon, Tennessee this week.
A.M. Mike Gravois
P.M. David Asbill
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Bible Class	389	433	341
Worship A.M.	565	648	494
Worship P.M.	371	315	332
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$15,461.84	\$18,029.55	\$16,511.54
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, June 4, and Wednesday, June 7, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

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Prayer Jeff Parrish
Scripture Doug Scroggins
Dismiss Casey Sitton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chris Ables James Hooter
Brady Dawkins Michael Bozeman
Cody Ables Dan Gillam
Caleb Bynum Jay Culpepper

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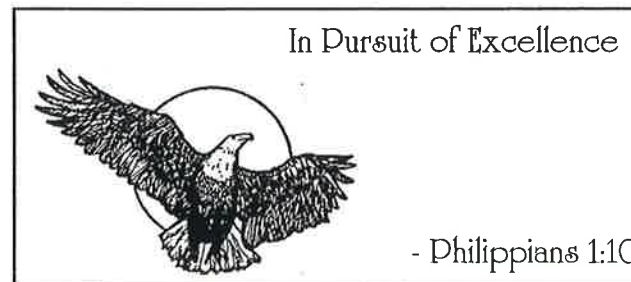
IT WAS DIAGNOSIS!

We anticipated that our Church Growth Seminar weekend with John Ellas would be some of the most significant days of the year. Now, after we have experienced the weekend, we are sure that our earlier assessment was correct. The weekend was enlightening, sobering, and encouraging. It was joyful, painful, and educational. It was a time of examination, renewal, and commitment. It was what we expected and more. It was humbling, helpful, and hopeful. Now the data is in, the strengths and areas needing improvement are identified, and the time has come for reflection, planning and action. First, we all need to be grateful to our elders for their foresight and courage in planning the seminar. Second, we are thankful to everyone who filled out the questionnaires, who participated in the congregational cross-section meeting, and who attended the seminar sessions. Third, we are indebted to John Ellas for coming and for leading us into better insights regarding ourselves, including areas where we are doing well and suggestions as to how we can grow in areas that need

our attention. Fourth, and most importantly, we are thankful to God for giving us a church with a rich heritage of 115 years; for providing a legacy of faithful leaders; for allowing us to be at this place at this time; and for giving us the opportunities of the here and now. Where shall we go from here? Time will tell, but I am convinced that we will see some definite action based upon the information we have in hand. Within three weeks John Ellas will provide us with a written report which will be studied carefully and used wisely. In the meantime we have some areas we can begin acting upon immediately and you will be seeing that happen. What can you do? Begin at once to be fully involved in every aspect of our work. Look for people at our assemblies you do not know and greet and welcome them. Include someone in your circle of friends you do not know well. Invite a friend to your Bible class and worship. Be conscious of lost people and consider ways that they may be led to Christ. Be prayerful. Approve the things that are excellent.

- Jay Lockhart

Don't forget the All-Church Fellowship immediately following the Sunday evening worship assembly. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and desserts. Drinks will be furnished.



Sunday, June 4, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Heart Of Jesus"
(Luke 5:12-16)
P.M. "He Chose Twelve"
(Luke 6:12-16)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of who helped with our outing to the Tyler Family Fun Park. It was a nice evening.

Thanks to the teens who helped with baby sitting this past weekend for the Church Growth Conference.

Thanks to Ron Lott for teaching the Middle School class on Sundays. We are blessed to have such talented individuals.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. Come and help us serve in this ministry. We start cooking at 4:30.

PROMOTION DAY

Sunday, June 11 is the day we will promote the 8th grade to the High School Group and the 5th Grade to the Middle School Group.

NEBRASKA MISSION

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Our BackCountry Trek is scheduled for June 18-24. We will leave after church on Sunday night and

return on Saturday. We are planning to pack in the Pecos Wilderness and see some different areas than last year. This will be an incredible experience! You need to be getting in shape! We will have a very important meeting this Wednesday night at 8:00 in the Heritage Room.

MEXICO MISSION

Our Mexico Mission Trip is scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 3. We are planning to conduct a Vacation Bible School. If you have not already signed up, Please do so by Sunday, May 28.

IMPORTANT DATES

June	4	All Church Fellowship
June	5	Karing Kitchen - West Erwin
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Watch for changes!

Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

THE DAY CHRIST CAME (AGAIN)

by: David Roper

For the next hour or so, George was too busy to think of much more than his job. There were instructions to check, bottles to load, arrangements to make. Finally, however, he started his deliveries.

It was a beautiful day. This was one of the things George liked about his job. He liked to see the world wake up each morning. He liked to see it bright and fresh after a night's rest - and before it had a chance to become tired and soiled again. He also enjoyed the quietness - he got a chance to think between deliveries.

As he drove along, he smiled as he saw signs of the neighborhood beginning to stir. From the homes came the sounds of electric razors and the smell of bacon frying. And behind him he could see housewives in their housecoats and their hair still up in curlers as they opened their doors, looked about furtively, and then grabbed their bottles of milk, and ducked back inside.

George continued on his way, enjoying the beautiful day.

But for some reason, the preacher's sermon from last Sunday kept coming back to him.

As he smelled breakfast cooking, a passage quoted by the preacher suddenly forced itself into his mind. *"They were eating and drinking"* ... (Matthew 24:38).

As he passed a church building and noticed rice scattered around - evidence of a wedding the night before - he thought

again: ... *"Marrying and giving in marriage"* ... (Matthew 24:38).

He passed a home with a sign on the front door: *"Night workers. Please do not disturb."* And he thought of this verse: *"There shall be two ... in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other left"* (Luke 17:35).*

He passed a bakery - and thought: *"Two ... shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left."* (Luke 17:35).*

And as his route took him near the edge of town, he saw a group of farm workers on their way to the field. And this passage came to mind: *"Two ... shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left"* (Luke 17:36).*

In spite of himself, George gave a little shudder and then pushed these thoughts to the back of his mind. *"Why am I getting so morbid? If Christ hasn't come in over 1900 years, why should He suddenly choose now? And after all I'm strong and healthy and good for a long time yet. I should be thinking about living not the end of everything!"*

(to be continued - #1 of 5)

* It will be noted that the terms **men** and **women** are in italics in the King James Version, which simply means that these words were added by the translators. We have removed them in our quotations.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP - June 5th - 9th

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See brochures in the foyer for more information.

IN APPRECIATION

Truly, the West Erwin family is a loving, caring body of people. Thanks so much for your prayers, the cards, food, flowers, phone calls, and the words of encouragement. I plan to be with you in worship Sunday.

Love to all,
Kathryn Cauthen

I would like to thank the congregation for your overwhelming love and generosity. Without your support this opportunity would not be possible. Please continue to pray for me as I continue our Lord's work in Togo. In His Name,

Nicholas Blaylock

50th Wedding Anniversary

You are cordially invited
to join us as we honor
Guy and Nettie Potts
and celebrate their

50th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday, June 3, 2000, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

No gifts, please

Hosted by: Brad & Debbie Spradlin,
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TABLE BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a table bridal shower honoring

Brittany Baldwin

bride elect of Matt Carpenter

June 8 and June 15

Selections: Dillard's, Penney's, & Target

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Corsicana for Pauline Pollard, Warren Gray's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family in the loss of their loved one.

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS CHANGE DRIVE 2000

Your nickels, dimes, quarters and currency make a difference. Please continue to put your money into your Christian Services change cans.

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GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 5-9. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUIT JUICE.

"laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Bill and Pat Bratcher** into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will help us as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 14260 CR 3300, Brownsboro, 75756, ph. 852-7030.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes** who celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary May 30 with a reception at their home. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

NEW ARRIVALS

Dan and Wini Cullinan are the proud great grandparents of Hunter David McLarry born May 24. He weighed 9 lb. 2 oz. and is 22 1/4 inches long.

Corrine Renate Collins was born to Kimberly and Scott Collins May 27. John and Mabel Holbert are the proud great grandparents. Grandparents are Shirley and Wayne Nations of Lawton, OK. Addison Scott Collins is the big brother.

ATTENTION LADIES

Make your plans to come and be a part of a fun activity and good fellowship as we have our "scrap booking" get together Friday, June 16 in the Family Life Center. Bring snacks and drinks.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23 (NIV).

CHURCH LIBRARY

Check it out! We have quite a few new books in our church library. Take advantage of the opportunity to use this wealth of information.

SHARE YOUR HEART AND HOME!

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the 2000/2001 school year. The students arrive in early August, 2000 and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. These students 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 Yvette Coffman, Texas State Director, at 1-800-941-3738 or the SHARE! Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.

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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Minibus driver for Sunday, May 28, and Wednesday, May 31, Don Ingram, ph.509-8955.

PRAYER AND CARE - Winona Shankle had surgery Thursday at ETMC. George Hearne is in Mother Frances for tests. Warren Gray was hospitalized this week due to kidney stones. Chloe Clark is recovering in ETMC Rehab, room 401b. Kathryn Cauthen is recuperating at home. Carolyn Womack is at home and continuing rehab. Dorothy Davis is in The Clairmont. Marc Carpenter, Charles & Mary Beth O'Neal's son-in-law, remains in ETMC. Jackie McDonald, Jim McDonald's mother, has been diagnosed with cancer. Othel Padgett, Chris Waggener's aunt, is very ill. Weaver Barnett, relative of the Sorrell's, is in M.D. Anderson for bone cancer treatment. Louise Caskey, Melissa Frick's grandmother, will require a delicate surgery on her hand. Mary Waggener, Chris Waggener's mother, is having health problems. Hunter Davis, the Waggener's grandson, is still on a breathing machine 3 times a week after a recent bout with pneumonia. 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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Glen May Matt Tate
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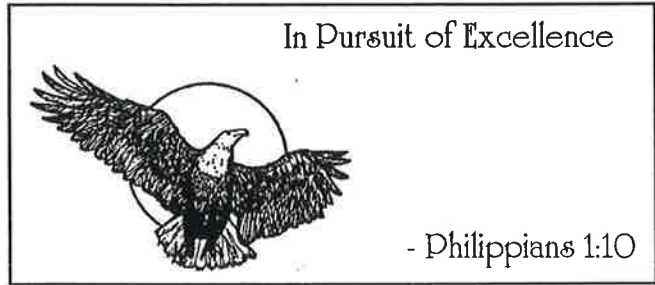
CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR

By the time you read this our Church Growth Seminar with Dr. John Ellas will be over half completed. We believe that these four days -- Thursday through Sunday -- will prove to be most significant to the life of this church in the days ahead. We have put much time and effort into this program -- over 400 of you filled out the twelve page questionnaire designed for our members. Additionally, our elders and staff have completed questionnaires for them and a group of randomly selected members met with John on Thursday evening. Every elder and staff member has individually spent about an hour with John on Thursday and Friday. Church-wide meetings were scheduled for Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon. We anticipate great periods of Bible study and worship Sunday morning and the oral report to the congregation by John on Sunday evening. I hope you have been involved in this seminar and that the benefits will be great. We appreciate all the work that so many

have done to help make the weekend a success. We thank the teens who helped with child care and Danny Snell for coordinating this important work. We appreciate the Women's Ministry for providing lunch on Saturday and the snacks for other times. We want to thank Mike Gravois for making sure that room setups and supplies were in order. We are grateful to our elders for their foresight in planning this event and to Dr. Ellas for being with us. You will be hearing more about all of this in the weeks ahead.

ALL CHURCH MEETING

On Sunday evening, June 4, following our evening worship, an all-church fellowship is planned in the Family Life Center. This meeting will include a sandwich and dessert supper, a Town Meeting (information), and a farewell to two of our families who will soon be leaving us (much to our regret). Be involved!



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THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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COMBINED ACTIVITY

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

CONSIDER THIS:

Sometimes - when we doubt that God can supply ALL our needs, we should meditate on the following: Moses and the Hebrews -- all 2 to 3 million of them -- came to the Red Sea. And they had to get across. Now, if they went double file on a narrow path, the line would be 800 miles long and require 35 days and nights to get through. So, if they walked 5,000 abreast, there had to be an opening in the Red Sea 3 miles wide to get over to the other side in one night. But then what was God going to do with them? They needed a campsite 750 square miles long and about two-thirds the size of Rhode Island. And they had to be fed.

According to the Quartermaster General of the Army, Moses would have had 1,500 tons of food each day (3,000,000 pounds). That would require two freight trains each a mile long to bring that much food each day. Remember, they were out in the desert, so they needed 4,000 tons of firewood for cooking all that food (8,000,000 pounds). That would take a few more freight trains, each a mile long, just for one day. Remember, they were 40 years in transit.

And oh yes! Water! If they had only enough to drink and wash a few dishes, it would still take 11,000,000 gallons each day. They needed a freight train with tank cars 1,800 miles long, just to bring water. But there weren't any trains!

Do you think Moses figured all this out before he left Egypt? I think not! You see, Moses believed in God, and God took care of these things for them.

Now do you think God has any problem taking care of your needs?
-- John Didriksen

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge -- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

(Ephesians 3:14-21)

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46th ANNUAL ABILENE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP - July 23rd - 26th

If you would like more information or are interested in attending please see the sign-up sheet outside Mike's office. We will mail housing and registration information to ACU on May 31st.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the flowers for my grandmother's funeral, your prayers, your support, your hugs and encouragement. Thanks for loving me and my grandmother and for making me feel secure, loved, and supported during this time. I love you.

Kyle Stowers

To the church at West Erwin:

My thanks for the visits and prayers, the phone calls, the delicious food, and other acts of kindness shown to me during and following my surgeries.

Love,

Henry Brown

Dear West Erwin Family,

Just a quick note to say a big thank you to all of our church family for the many acts of thoughtfulness shown to us at the birth of Brayden. The food was delicious, the prayers appreciated, and the visits of Jay, Mike, and Danny welcomed. The shower given for us was a great help. It's a wonderful thing to belong to a family so loving and caring. Keep us in your prayers as we attempt to raise Brayden and Brittney in the ways of the Lord! We love you all.

In Christian Love,

Todd, Kenna, Brittney, Brayden Kempton

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thanks for every card and call. Recovery is much easier when you have such wonderful support. Love,

Carolyn Womack

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and celebrate their

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NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Velma Lemons on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Mallory Ann Hatcher was born May 10 to Keven & Misty Hatcher. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 19 inches long. Colton is the big brother and Marc Lemons and Pam Lemons are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations to Todd and Kenna Kempton on the birth of a baby boy! Brayden Lee was born May 11 and weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and is 19 1/2 inches long. Brittney is the big sister.

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RESPONSE

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IN SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at the Community church at Emerald Bay for Bob Price, faithful member of the West Erwin church.

Services were held Wednesday at the Midlothian Church of Christ for Johnnie Barksdale, Melvin Crow's sister.

Donald Porter, Sandie Martin's cousin, died last weekend after a lengthy battle with cancer.

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

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

CHANGE DRIVE 2000

Your help is needed to touch the lives of the children in our care. If you have not picked up your Christian Services can, please do so as soon as possible.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Kristi Maxwell, daughter of Ray and Linda Maxwell, on her recent graduation with honors from West Point High School!

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

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HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

You are invited to the 35th annual Singing School conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 9-14. See bulletin board in office area for details.

CHEROKEE DAY - MAY 27, 2000

You are invited to attend this annual food and fund raising event! CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN - Celebrating 42 years of service!

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, May 28

Preacher: Mike Gravois; Nursery a.m.: Rhonda Haws; p.m.: Pam Lott; Toddler Nursery p.m.: Kim Frick; 2's: Shane & Becky Millican; 3's: Steve & Diane Denman; 4's: Wade & Diane Weathers; Overseeing couple: Wade & Diane Weathers.

The Search



Each Sunday

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

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

May 11, 2000 THE VISITOR Vol. 31-No. 19			
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Worship A.M.	592	601	596
Worship P.M.	339	344	330
Wed. P.M.	292		
Contribution	\$17,377.10	\$15,758.50	\$14,487.96
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, May 14 and Wed., May 17, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111			

PRAYER AND CARE - Kathryn Cauthen had surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Carolyn Womack is in Health South Rehab after knee replacement surgery. Grant DuVall, son of Aaron and Jean, responded well to medication for viral meningitis and is now at home. Dorothy Davis is in The Clairmont. Marc Carpenter, Charles & Mary Beth O'Neal's son-in-law, is improving in ETMC. Jackie McDonald, Jim McDonald's mother, has been diagnosed with cancer. Leon DeFratus, Chris Drummond's brother-in-law, will go to M.D. Anderson for more tests. Gay Lynn Glass, and her brothers, Joe and George, grandchildren of Bill & Ruby McCain, are having health problems. Othel Padgett, Chris Waggener's aunt, is very ill. Weaver Barnett, relative of the Sorrell's, is in M.D. Anderson for bone cancer treatment. Louise Caskey, Melissa Frick's grandmother, is scheduled for tests May 22 at Mother Frances. Neal Tessayman, Stan & Ernestine Mallory's grandson, had an emergency appendectomy at Mother Frances Tuesday. Peggy Suggs, Stuart Suggs' mother, is scheduled to begin radiation treatment.

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Prayer Harvey Strickland
Scripture Richard Stratton
Dismiss Greg Walker

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Bob Threadgill

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Prayer David Wicks
Scripture Lowell Wiggains
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MUSINGS ...

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Last week on Thursday, May 4, about fifteen men from West Erwin, including all three staff ministers, assembled at Harvey Hall at 4:00 a.m. to help prepare and serve the Mayor's Annual Prayer Breakfast. A big thanks to all who helped! Incidentally, Danny Snell is the most experienced person among us in this sort of thing, and I learned a great deal about how to do this from him. You stand around, look knowledgeable, and tell everyone else what to do.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our young people and adults who participated in this year's Leadership Training for Christ. Our young men did a great job in leading our worship last Sunday evening and the program which followed was well done and well received. Thanks to all who participated and congratulations upon your achievements.

CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR

May 25-28, with Dr. John Ellas

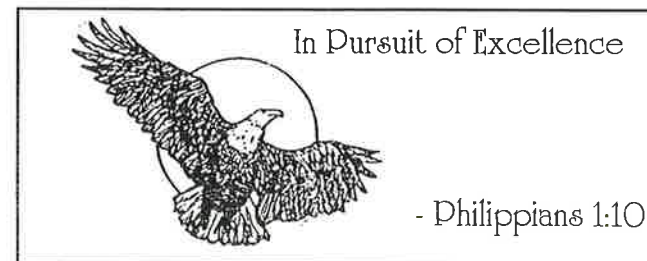
All members present Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday!

CHUCK CAUTHEN and HAROLD TAYLOR

A short time ago a new congregation was formed in Lewisville which has experienced exceptional growth. A few days ago Chuck Cauthen, who is the son of Faber and Kathryn and who has deep roots at West Erwin, and Harold Taylor, who is the preacher for the new congregation and who has a long history with West Erwin, were appointed to the eldership of the Lewisville church. Our congratulations to the church and to its newest leaders!

PRESTONCREST, DALLAS

Recently Dannie Skipper and I participated in the Eastern European Mission's "Prayer For The Nations" meeting, celebrating the 10 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the opening of Eastern Europe to the Gospel. In looking at the bulletin of the Prestoncrest church, which hosted the meeting, I noted that the church had 1500 in worship the Sunday before and a \$53,000 budget. It is served by ten elders and ten ministers. This church, which has experienced an explosive growth in North Dallas, seems to indicate what most of us already know: Church growth depends upon sound doctrine, generous hearts, good leaders, adequate staffing, and membership involvement -- that's just the way it is!



Sunday, May 14, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Hour Strikes"
(Luke 3:19-22)
P.M. "Victory In The Desert"
(Luke 4:1-13)

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Bible Class	445	332	370	
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Minibus driver for Sunday, May 7 and Wed., May 10, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.				

PRAYER AND CARE - Carolyn Womack is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Thursday. Guy Potts had a stent replaced Tuesday in ETMC. He expects to go home Friday. Kathryn Wallace is recovering after a recent cornea transplant. Don Blake is having serious back problems. Kim Frick is recovering at home after recent surgery. Henry Brown, Gaynelle Gray and Glen May are all recuperating at home after recent heart surgeries. Vera Boss, Zona Crone, Dorothy Davis, Jack Garner, and George Hearne are all recovering at home. Allen Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, is at home and continuing rehab. Marc Carpenter, son-in-law of Charles & Mary Beth O'Neal, is improving in ETMC. John Spencer, Richie Spencer's uncle and a close friend of the Womacks, returned to M.D. Anderson for another chemo treatment May 4. 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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Special presentation made by our young men

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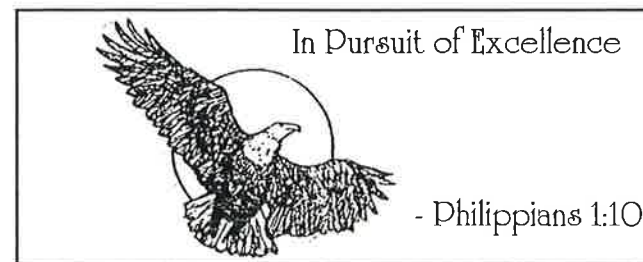
CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR COUNTDOWN

Our seminar with Dr. John Ellas is rapidly approaching -- just three weeks from now. It is so important that you be involved in these sessions. Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday will involve the whole church. We will have two sessions on Friday evening (7:30 - 9:30) and four sessions on Saturday (9:30 - 10:20; 10:30 - 11:30; 12:30 - 1:20; and 1:30 - 2:30). Refreshments will be served during the breaks and lunch will be served on Saturday. Child care will be provided. Friday evening's assembly will be in our auditorium and Saturday's meetings will be in the Family Life Center. Friday's sessions will be the sharing of information by John Ellas while Saturday's meetings will include some hands on participation by our members. Then on Sunday we will meet for our regular classes and morning worship -- what a great time this will be as we are coming off this super Friday and Saturday.

At our Sunday evening worship assembly John will make his oral report on how we can be an even greater church than we now are. The key to the success of this last weekend in May will be your participation. It is vital for you to be involved. It is a priority. Make the commitment.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Each year, following the LTC Conference in Dallas, we look forward to the presentation made by the West Erwin participants on a Sunday evening. This year the young men who took part in LTC will be leading the worship assembly this Sunday night -- including Scripture reading, prayers, song leading, and sermon. Following the worship assembly there will be a special LTC presentation. Danny Snell, a lot of adults, and our young people work very hard on LTC and we are proud of their accomplishments.



Sunday, May 7, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Voice Crying In The Wilderness"
(Luke 3:1-6)
P.M. - Young Men will conduct service
LTC Special Presentation

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chad Frick's team from Robert E. Lee for placing 1st in the 7th Annual High School Computer Programming Contest held at UT Tyler. Way to go Chad!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

This coming Sunday night will be our LTC Celebration. Several of our young men who participated in LTC will be conducting the worship time followed by a special presentation. All participants and sponsors need to wear your LTC Shirts and sit together in the right section. Those who are participating in the service need to be here at 5:30.

BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

Thanks to all of those who came to Briarcliff this past Sunday. Sorry for the mix up in scheduling, "but it was good that it was in your heart to do so."

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible Study every Thursday night at 7:00. We are studying the Names of God. This will be a special time together in our home. Contact me for more details. Please pray for our time together studying God's Word as we pursue excellence.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

A CREED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.
I was made weak, that I might humbly learn to obey ...
I asked for health, that I might be able to do great things.
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things...
I asked for riches, that I might be happy.
I was given poverty, that I might be wise ...
I asked for power, that I might have praise of men.
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need for God ...
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered
I am, among men, most rightly blessed!
- unknown Confederate Soldier

*"My Father, if it is possible,
may this cup be taken from me."
Matthew 26:39*

*About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice ...
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
Matthew 27:46*

*"For we do not have a high priest who is unable
to sympathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are -- yet without sin.*

JR.-SR. BANQUET

All juniors and seniors are invited to a Banquet in your honor on Saturday, May 20. Please RSVP by Sunday, May 14.

SUMMER TRIPS

As you can tell from our list of Important Dates, we have a busy schedule this summer. Please sign up with me ASAP if you plan to go on either mission trip or our BackCountry Trek. All of those entering the 9th grade are encouraged to participate in these trips.

IMPORTANT DATES

May	7	LTC Presentation
May	11	Bible Study @ the Snell's
May	14	Combined Devotional
May	20	Jr.-Sr. Banquet
May	21	Baccalaureate
May	21	Senior Devotional
June	18-24	BackCountry Trek
July	6-15	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	21-26	Mexico Mission Trip

www.westerwin.org
Watch for changes!
Let us know about your thoughts and ideas.

*Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence,
so that we may receive mercy
and find grace to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:15-16*

*"For I am convinced that neither death nor life ...
neither the present nor the future ...
neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
Romans 8:38-39*

*In times of trial, temptation, and loss
let us pursue excellence even more diligently.*

SINGLES' BROKEN BOW CAMPING TRIP

May 19th - 21st
For details contact Sandie Martin or Chris Reynolds

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Food Drive - April 16th - May 14th
THIS WEEKS ITEMS: DISPOSABLE RAZORS &
ROLL-ON or STICK DEODORANT
Please drop off your items at the display in the foyer.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP
June 5th - 9th

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the love and concern you showed to us during Glen's surgery. The prayers, visits, and food were much appreciated.

Our Love,
Glen & Bobbye May

Many thanks for the calls, cards, and visits during my recent surgery. The food that was provided was especially delicious and helpful.

In Christian Love,
Kim Frick

May I offer my sincere thanks to the church family for the food, cards, phone calls and visits following my knee surgery. Your prayers and attention speeded my recovery.

James Ball

I completely filled a 20 gallon trunk with medicines, vitamins, gloves, and bandages for Russia. (The Cannefax's Sunday night class made their bandages and decorated them for the orphanage ... very neat). Thanks to everyone who participated. I also received \$60 that I put with the Boomer's class donation of \$200 for the orphanage and work in Lomonosov (near St. Petersburg). Once again, West Erwin has shown the glory of God to the Russian people. Thank you.

Joy Rousseau

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Our Mission Statement
TO GLORIFY GOD
Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
*Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging*
West Erwin Church of Christ,

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Chris and Lina Bryan and little daughter Hannah into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be a great help as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 15895 Neches Parkway, 75704, ph. 596-9409.

ADDRESS CHANGE: John & Mabel Holbert
630 VZ CR 4804, Chandler, 75758
NEW PHONE #: Stevie Blakemore ph. 534-1419

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tiffany Sublette and Bruce Beaver for making the Dean's Honor Roll at ACU! To make the honor roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn at least a 3.45 grade point average.

Congratulations to Billie Morgan and the Briarwood Golf Club team for winning the Low Net title in the recent 17th Annual East Texas Crisis Center Golf Tournament!

CAMP DEER RUN DAY CAMP

Anyone interested in day camp for your child (ages 5 yrs - 9 yrs), please contact Ronda Clemons at 839-1834 or Cynthia Johnson at 534-8221. Date: June 26-29. Time: 9 a.m. - 3 pm. Cost: \$45.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS
CHANGE DRIVE 2000


Why not make a real change in the lives of children and families by taking part in the CHANGE DRIVE 2000 for Christian Services of East Texas? Your change can make a difference.

65 YEARS

of Serving, Saving, and Sanctification
North Tenneha Church of Christ 1701 North Tenneha, Tyler invite you to our 65th annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting
Dr. Carl Baccus of Los Angeles, CA will be the guest speaker
May 7 - 10, 7 p.m. nightly
65th Annual Male Chorus Concert - Saturday, May 6.

HYMN FEST 2000 You are invited to attend the 15th annual Gospel Singing Saturday, May 6, from 6-10:00 p.m. at the Daingerfield church of Christ featuring "The Embers Quartet" "Family Reunion" and uplifting congregational singing.

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Scripture John Cliver
Dismiss Ken Elzen

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Greg & Cyndie Wagner
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- Jay Lockhart

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ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Today a child is born,
Anything is possible.
The child screams, the mother cries,
a gentle touch, the bond of love,
Anything is possible.
The years pass, the child grows, scraped knees and runny nose,
Anything is possible.
"You know what I want to be when I grow up?"
says the child,
Anything is possible.
School days rush quickly by,
Teachers, counselors and friends,
come in and out of our lives,
Anything is possible.
Two steps backward and one step forward
Which way to go?
Decisions to make and
financial woes but a gentle reminder,
Anything is possible.
Set your goals high and do your best
Sometimes intelligence and morals are put to the test,
Anything is possible.
If success does not come easy

and goals cannot be reached,
Remember the scraped knees, the runny nose,
your scream at birth, the bond of love,
and the people with encouraging words,
Remember! Anything is possible.
- Lacie Carpenter (12 year old daughter of Sylvia Carpenter)

MY NAME IS LEGION

My name is Legion, and I am hurting...
hurting from the loss of someone I love through death, or life
hurting from a loneliness that overpowers
(doesn't anyone care?)
hurting from a physical pain that has no relief
hurting from mental anguish that almost drives me mad
hurting from rejection, or a slight, or a put-down
hurting from guilt - surely what I did was unforgivable
hurting from gossip spread about me, true or not
hurting from prejudices because of skin color,
education or money
hurting from being avoided when I need a hug, a touch
hurting from loss of direction when I need a guide
If you have love and compassion, look for me - I'm all
around, for my name is Legion, and I am hurting...
- Jimmy Denio

In Pursuit of Excellence

- Philippians 1:10

Sunday, April 30, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Unto Us A Child Is Born"
(Luke 2:1-7)
P.M. "And The Child Grew"
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Youth With Heart... by Danny LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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BRIARCLIFF WORSHIP

West Erwin will conduct the Briarcliff Worship Service this coming Sunday afternoon. Everyone is invited to help with this service project. Please meet at Briarcliff at 2:45. We will be finished at 3:45. Please don't miss this!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. This is a great outreach opportunity to this community. If you can help us serve this week or just want to visit with the folks who come, be there about 5:00. Keep praying for this ministry.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

GIVING SERVICE:-)

The legend of King Arthur tells us that when the old king died and successor was to be chosen here was considerable speculation on how a new king should be selected.

At this opportune moment there was discovered a huge stone with a sword embedded in it so that only the hilt was exposed. It was declared by the ruling powers that he who should be able to withdraw the sword would be crowned king. Many took the test and failed. They pulled and they tugged and exerted great strength, but the sword would not budge.

Arthur, who was not known then to have had royal blood because his identity was hidden at birth, was acting as a second in a contest between knights. The knight he was assisting broke his sword, and Arthur remembered the sword imbedded in the stone and ran to where it was kept. He grasped the sword to remove it so that he might take it to the knight he was serving and behold! a miracle -- the sword slid easily from the stone.

Thus King Arthur was proclaimed king because of his unselfish act in seeking the sword to give to another. In seeking to serve another, he gained a kingdom. His unselfish act was thus rewarded just as unselfish acts of service have been rewarded all through the ages.

Service is the sweet perfume of human goodness which you cannot pour upon another without getting a few drops on yourself. The greatest rewards of service are

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JR.-SR. BANQUET

All juniors and seniors are invited to a Banquet in your honor on Saturday, May 20. More details to follow.

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May 4	Bible Study @ the Snell's
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"The King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" (Matthew 25:34-36)

In our "Pursuit of Excellence" remember to
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IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers while I have been sick, also the food, cards, and visits. I love you.

George Hearne

IN SYMPATHY

We were saddened by the death of Claudia Griffis last week. Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. The church is in the process of setting up a fund for Kyle. If you are interested in contributing to that memorial fund, please make your check to the church with that notation.

West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall semester. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chuck Cauthen, son of Faber and Kathryn Cauthen, will be ordained as an elder in the church in Lewisville Sunday, April 30. We congratulate him on his eligibility and commitment in accepting this responsibility and share in his parents' pride.

Congratulations to Stephanie Christian who was chosen as TISD Secondary Teacher of the Year for the year 2000! She is a math teacher at Moore Middle School.

Caleb Browning was recently selected as Outstanding Boy of the Year in the elementary school he attends in Fort Worth. He is the son of Kenny and Carlotta and Nelda Browning is his proud grandmother.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 5-9. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUIT JUICE (apple & orange).

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You are invited!

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Sunday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m.

Broad Street Church of Christ

Mineola, Texas

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

invites you to celebrate APPRECIATION 2000

Annual Awards and Appreciation Banquet

April 30, 2000, noon

Courtesy luncheon and tours provided at the Moody Gymnasium on the MCH Campus north of Medina on Hwy 16.

65 YEARS

of Serving, Saving, and Sanctification

North Tenneha Church of Christ 1701 North Tenneha, Tyler invite you to our 65th annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting. Dr. Carl Baccus of Los Angeles, CA will be the guest speaker

May 7 - 10, 7 p.m. nightly

65th Annual Male Chorus Concert - Saturday, May 6.

HYMN FEST 2000 You are invited to attend the 15th annual Gospel Singing Saturday, May 6, from 6:0 - 10:00 p.m. at the Daingerfield church of Christ featuring "The Embers Quartet" "Family Reunion" and uplifting congregational singing.

PLEASE NOTE: Joel Petty, missionary in St. Petersburg Russia that we are supporting beginning this year, has asked that Joy Rousseau bring the following supplies when she goes to Russia May 3rd. BANDAGES, MEDICAL AND CLEANING RUBBER GLOVES, VITAMINS, A SIMPLE TELEPHONE (the place is really poor), STETHOSCOPE, DROPPER for Nose Drops, CHILDREN'S TYLENOL, ETC. for the orphanage that the church works with in Lomonosov.

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Worship A.M.	619	627	514
Worship P.M.	379	Area-Wide	305
Contribution	\$17,184.75	\$19,513.30	\$15,774.38
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, April 23 and Wed., April 26, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918			

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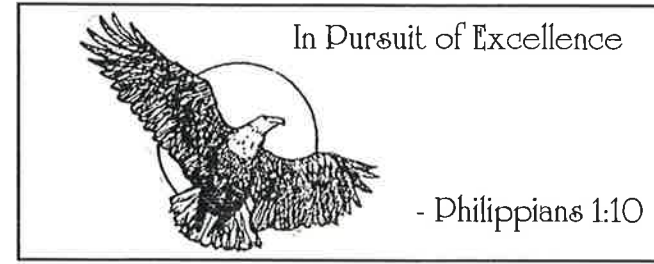
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CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR -- MAY 25 - 28

One of the most significant events of this year for the West Erwin church will be the Church Growth Seminar with Dr. John Ellas, Director of the Center for Church Growth in Houston. We have completed our Membership Survey forms and have sent them to Houston for evaluation. We are gathering other information about the church -- budgets for the last five years, growth patterns, community data, and opportunities for growth -- which will be studied by the Center for Church Growth before May 25-28. The schedule for these four days will be rather full. John Ellas will personally interview each elder and minister individually for 45 minutes on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday evening John will interview a cross-section of our congregation from 7:30 - 8:30 (a group to be selected at random by our elders). Then on Friday evening there will be a two hour session with the whole church during which John will speak on *Generations In Conflict* and *Church Growth History*. Saturday will

include at 9:30 a.m. a session on *Characteristics of Growing Churches* and at 10:30 a.m. we will discuss *Identifying Felt Needs for Outreach*. After lunch a 12:30 session will deal with *Effective Principles for Outreach* and a 1:30 meeting will close the day with *Identifying Growth Barriers*. On Sunday, John will observe Bible classes and worship with us during our morning assembly. Then at 6:00 p.m. he will present an *Oral Report* of his observations. It will be a good and important weekend. This seminar is for everyone who is interested in the future and the growth of the West Erwin church. Please, please make every effort to attend all sessions. Your participation and input are essential to the lasting results of this study. We will be calling upon you for your help in providing lunch and refreshments and child care during this important weekend ... but more about that later. For now, mark your calendars and give this church the priority for the weekend of May 25-28.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, April 23, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The Movement of History"
(Luke 1:5-13)
P.M. "Eternal Themes" (2)
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Youth With Heart... by Danny LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As you read this about 95 folks from West Erwin will be attending the 2000 Leadership Training for Christ Convention at the DFW Hyatt Hotel. Please pray for this group: Cody Ables, Allison Broome, Chris Ables, Julie Frick, Brady Dawkins, Cameron Ables, Danielle Rousseau, Brett Hone, Jordan Rousseau, Lauren Garrett, Jay Culpepper, Megan Florence, Dayne Harris, Bryce Murry, Sara Beth Scarborough, Shannon Snell, Gary Ables, Julie Ables, James Sublette, Connie Sublette, Lisa Snell, Danny Snell, Barry Scarborough, Mary Scarborough, Ken Culpepper, Cathy Culpepper, Tina Harris, Chuck Florence, Laurie Florence, Carrie Cannefax, David Cannefax, Jon Murry, Melanie Murry, Joy Rousseau, Keith Harris, Jamie Jordan, Terry Lowry, Jeff Fennell, Pam Fennell, Kim Jordan, Cayti Bynum, Caysi Bynum, Caleb Bynum, Kyle Stowers, Kelsi Wicks, Patrick Garrett, Kara Murry, Chris Scroggins, Cathy Scroggins, Pam Lowry, Claudia Griffis, Ginny Wicks, David Wicks, Lauren Florence, Frances Broome, Gary Aven, Frank Aven, Chad Frick, Kristin Murry, Kate Sweeney, Jared Jordan, Michael Ragsdale, Jessica Kuechle, Krista Russell, Joshua Lowry, Jennifer Elzen, Derek Russell, Courtney Russell, Austin Fisher, Aaron Lyons, Katelyn Johnson, Julie Fisher, Curt Jordan, Leah Russell, Jim Russell, Jay Bynum, Debbie Bynum, Ken Elzen, Debra Elzen, Michelle Kuechle, Nancy Sweeney, Tanner Philpot, Mark Philpot, Ginger

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois,

DON'T WORRY, BE HAPPY:-

- If you can start your day without caffeine,
- If you can get along without pep pills,
- If you can always be cheerful ignoring aches and pains,
- If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
- If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
- If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
- If you can forgive your friends for their lack of consideration,
- If you can overlook it when those you love take it out on you when through no fault of your own something goes wrong,
- If you can take criticism and blame without resentment,
- If you can ignore a friend's limited education and never correct him,
- If you can resist treating a rich friend better than a poor friend,
- If you can face the world without lies and deceit,
- If you can conquer tension without medical help,
- If you can relax without liquor,
- If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,
- If you can honestly say that deep in your heart you have no prejudice against creed or color, religion or politics,
- Then, my friend, you're almost as good . . . as your dog!!!!

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will

wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:25-27

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

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H.O.S.T.S News

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Dear Ones,

Thank you so very much for the lovely floral arrangement. We also wish to thank you for all the many prayers. That strengthened us and we felt all of your dear prayers. God bless all of you.

Love,

In His Name,

Dee Skaggs & family

I want to thank every one for the cards, calls, good food and phone calls. It meant so much to me to have so many friends and I really do appreciate the prayers said for me.

Roberta Tindall

Greetings from Augsburg, Germany...

We learned through a recent letter from Rudolf Rischer that Christel's health has worsened. The metastases in her bones have multiplied and even have gone into her liver. She recently began another series of chemo treatment - one each week for six weeks. Rudy reports that she is of good spirit and has not lost her great smile.

Rudy and Christel continue their good work in Germany. They are working to try to start a new church work in Aichach, near Augsburg. Rudy is also working in cooperation with others from Germany and Switzerland to put the entire New Testament on video in the German language.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ernie and Sharon Gordon on the birth of a new granddaughter! Mackensee Kay was born April 14 in McKinney, Texas to John and Kimberlee Lawless. She weighed 6 lb. 10 3/4 oz. and was 19 inches long.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Michelle Crow Kuechle** on her upcoming graduation from LeTourneau University in Longview on May 6, 10:00 a.m., with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

West Point High School's production of Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* recently won State honors in Nebraska. **Michael Maxwell** played the part of Jacey Squires, one of the barbershop Quartet members.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Henry Golightly

2404 CR 3516

Leesburg, TX 75451

Margie Wright

P.O. Box 846

Van, TX 75790

SING INTO SPRING

The Franklin church of Christ cordially invites you to the 19th annual Gospel Singing April 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Special groups attending: *The Sounds of Glory* from Madisonville, *The Harvesters* from Dallas, *The Lamplighters* from Franklin, along with congregational singing. Refreshments will be provided.

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I WONDER WHY THAT IS

How did Sunday evening church services begin in America? I'm sure I don't know. I think all of us would agree that we, as Christians, need to meet as the whole church at least once on the Lord's day to sing, pray, teach, partake of the Lord's Supper, and to give of our means. However, the Bible does not specify a Sunday morning and a Sunday evening service, so why do most congregations have two meetings on Sunday? I have an idea that some place along the line some brethren, perhaps elders in congregations which were fully organized, agreed that an additional hour for worship on Sunday was desirable, helpful, and therefore, a good thing. And they were no doubt right. I don't know whether the first century church met twice on Sunday or not. Since these early Christians had a practice of not only worshipping together but of eating together as well, they might have met all day! Since many first century Christians were slaves and could not easily get away from their tasks for a day time service, they might have met only at night (see Acts 20). Also, it is of interest to remember that the early church met daily, not just on Sunday (Acts 2:46). That be as it may, we agree that we need to meet as the church on the Lord's day and most of our brethren meet Sunday mornings and evenings and that this practice is a good thing, not a bad thing. Now, some observations: (1) Churches that have a distinct theology (knowing what they believe and why) are churches that grow and that have a higher percentage of their members at these second Sunday meetings; (2) Churches that emphasize the doctrine of Christ have more people at services other than Sunday morning than those who are weak doctrinally; (3) Churches that do the above are more mission minded at home and abroad than those who do not; (4) Christians who attend these meetings are the ones who are growing spiritually. I wonder why that is?

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, April 9, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. " Things Most Surely Believed Among Us"
(Luke 1:1-4)
P.M. "Eternal Themes"
(Luke 1:46-55)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

LTC 2000 is only a week away! We will have a very important meeting on Sunday night, April 16 in the Family Life Center for all participants and sponsors. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Check the mail for other important information.

Please note the following practice schedules:

The young Chorus - 4:00-5:00 Sunday.

The older Chorus - 5:00-6:00 Sunday.

5th & 6th Puppets: Wed. 7:00 & all day Sunday.

7th & 8th Puppets: Wed. 7:00 & all day Sunday.

11th & 12th Puppets: Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00.

Younger Drama(Murry's) Wed @ 5:30, all day Sunday.

Older Drama(Blaylock's) Wed. @ 7:00,

Saturday @ 11:00, Sunday @ 2:00.

Bible Quiz at 7:00 Wednesday with Barry.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible Study every Thursday night at 7:00. We are studying the Names of God. This will be a special time together in our home. Contact me for more details. Please pray for our time together studying God's Word as we pursue excellence.

Please note: We will not meet on Thursday, April 20.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

COUNTING YOUR BLESSINGS

2	3	6	4	7	5
$\frac{+3}{5}$	$\frac{+4}{7}$	$\frac{+1}{7}$	$\frac{+5}{8}$	$\frac{+0}{7}$	$\frac{+6}{11}$

When you look at the addition problems above what do you notice? Now, be honest. Did you see the six I answered correctly or did you focus on the one incorrect answer? That's the way most of us are trained to see. We look for the incorrect answers. Think about what you read in the newspapers, watch on TV, or listen to on the radio. You read about bombings, assassinations, fires, wars, droughts, immorality, and character flaws in our leaders. For the most part as a society we discount the positive and dwell on the negative but that's not the way God looks at us. He always sees the good in us.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:6-8

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me--put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Food Drive - April 16th - May 14th

THIS WEEKS ITEMS: BATH SOAP & TOOTHPASTE

Please drop off your items at the display in the foyer.

H.O.S.T.S News

Please remember the deadline to register and turn in your money for the Beaver's bend camping trip is Tuesday, May 2nd. For information about the trip, please contact Chris Reynolds or Sandie Martin.

April Singles' Area-Wide Activity
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT & PRAISE TIME
Friday, April 28th, 7 pm - 'til
West Erwin Family Life Center

*Burke Brack will lead our Praise Time following the tournament

FREE SEMINAR



PROVIDING
RESOURCES FOR
TODAY'S FAMILIES

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 20th
ETCA Auditorium
Free Babysitting

SPEAKERS:
Dr. Roger Allen, PHD in Psychology - "Common Sense of Discipline"
Melinda O'Quinn, M.Ed. TISD Educational Diagnostician - "Motor, Speech & Language Development. How do I know what's normal?"
Texas Tomorrow Fund - "Tomorrow's College at Today's Prices"

LADIES BIBLE CLASSES

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class meets each week at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Nelda Browning is leading a study of *Steps of Jesus*. Fern Bench is teaching a class for ladies on Wednesday evenings, which began in March, on *A Sense of Presence*. The Ladies Class taught by Anita Peek & Sue Starnes on Sunday mornings is studying the *Book of Acts*. Plan to be a part of these times of Bible study and fellowship.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Chuck & Linda Gillam 280 VZ CR 4821 Chandler, TX 75758	Mark & Melissa Frick P.O. Box 24 Chandler, TX 75758 ph. 849-3521
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West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall. School hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 8:15 - 2:15. For more information call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins or the church office at 592-0809.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 5-9. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUIT JUICE (apple & orange).

GOSPEL MEETING

The Wills Point Church of Christ invites you to come and hear the gospel of Christ preached by Jerome Savage, April 16-19. Services will be Sunday 9 & 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.; Monday -Wednesday 7 p.m. Your support will be an encouragement to us and these lessons of hope will strengthen your faith.

SING INTO SPRING

The Franklin church of Christ cordially invites you to the 19th annual Gospel Singing April 28, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Special groups attending: *The Sounds of Glory* from Madisonville, *The Harvesters* from Dallas, *The Lamplighters* from Franklin, along with plenty of congregational singing. Refreshments will be provided.

LECTURESHIP 2000

Theme: First Principles

Where: Eastern Hills Church of Christ, Marshall, TX

When: April 28, 29, 30; Fri. & Sat. 7:00 p.m.;

Sunday 9:30 & 10:20 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

More details on bulletin board in office area

"Laughter is the brush that sweeps away the cobwebs of the heart."

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CONGRATULATIONS

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ATTENTION LADIES

Scrapbook Night at the Family Life Center
Friday, April 14, 6:30 p.m. - Bring snacks
For more information, call Ruth Ellis at 597-9624.

HELP WANTED: We are in need of men and women to give two or three hours of their time each week to help in the Benevolent Center as we reach out to the community in this ministry. Contact James Phillips for more information.

"Motivation is when your dreams put on work clothes"
"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" Colossians 3:23 (NIV).

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Records	Sunday Apr. 2	Sunday Mar. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	326	402	303
Worship A.M.	590	620	637
Worship P.M.	351	372	182
Contribution	\$18,332.00	\$19,811.41	\$15,057.42
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, April 9, and Wed., April 12, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Glen May** had bypass surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **Gaynelle Gray** is in Mother Frances after heart surgery last Friday. **Henry Brown** is at home after recent heart and other surgeries. **Kim Frick** is scheduled for surgery April 11 at ETMC. **Brooke West** is scheduled for surgery in Austin April 19. **Dorothy Davis** is recuperating at June Chapel's home. **James Ball** and **Amy Fisher** are both recovering after recent knee surgery. **Vera Boss, Zona Crone, Jack Garner,** and **George Hearne** are all recovering at home. **Allen Bobbitt,** Chloe Clark's son-in-law, remains in ETMC Rehab. **Letha Sims,** Claudia Griffis' aunt, is in ETMC. **Marc Carpenter,** son-in-law of Charles & Mary Beth O'Neal, is improving in ETMC. **Rick Pratt,** Dannie & Sue Skipper's son-in-law, is recovering after recent back surgery. **Mary Burgett,** Pam Fennell's grandmother, is very ill in Emmett, OK. **Scott Shirley,** a member at University, has begun cancer treatment. **Vallery Johnson,** friend of many at West Erwin, is in final stages of leukemia.

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Dr. Dennis Stansbury

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Area-Wide Assembly
at the
Shiloh Road Church of Christ
SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Blake Lowry Caleb Bynum
Brady Dawkins Derek Russell
Cody Ables Chris Ables
Josh Lowry Jay Culpepper

GREETERS
Billy & Lynda Terrell
Ray & Gal Vannoy

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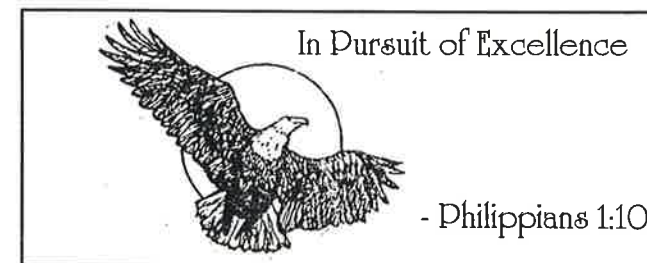
AREA-WIDE MEETING

This Sunday evening, April 9, is the time for our Spring Area-Wide Meeting, hosted this time by the Shiloh congregation. It will be a great time for worship and fellowship as we enjoy this semi-annual event. This time we will have the privilege of hearing the Leadership Training For Christ youth choruses from the various congregations sing from 5 until 6 o'clock with the worship assembly at 6:00 p.m. James Wilson, pulpit minister for the North Tenneha congregation, will be the guest speaker. I heard James recently at a lectureship in Mount Pleasant and he is an outstanding speaker -- you will want to hear him. Also, during our annual Spring Area-Wide Meeting we take a special contribution which is for four local works, all benefiting young people: Christian Services of East Texas; Campus Christian Center; East Texas Christian Academy; and Camp Deer Run. Checks should be made out to the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. If you want your

contribution to go to one, two, or three of these works, please designate it on your check. If there is no designation, the entire amount will be divided equally among the four. Please participate.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Through most of January and all of February and March we talked on Sunday mornings and evenings about *The God We Worship*. These lessons, which probed the nature of God, had a changing influence upon me (and from your comments and notes, many of you were changed as well). It now seems appropriate to follow these messages with a series which we will call *Walking With Jesus*, studies in the Gospel of Luke. We will begin, God willing, on Sunday morning, April 16. For these messages to impact us we need attendance, receptive hearts, prayer, open Bibles, and concentration. See you soon!
- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, April 9, 2000
By Mike Gravois
A.M. "In The Potter's Hands"
Isaiah 45:9-10
P.M. Area-Wide at Shiloh

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THANKS!

Thanks to David & Carrie Cannefax, Chuck & Laurie Florence, & Ginny Wicks for all the work they do with the Kids For Christ program. The dinner and presentation this past Sunday night was great!

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This coming Sunday, we will be meeting at the Shiloh Rd. Church for our annual Spring City Wide Meeting. At 5:00, all of the LTC choruses from Broadway, Shiloh Rd., and West Erwin will sing. This will be a great opportunity for you to hear some great choruses. Don't miss it!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Derek Russell for receiving several awards recently: an award Academic Excellence in Winona Schools, 2nd Place in the Smith County Essay Contest, and placed 1st in the District UIL Science Competition. Way to go Derek!

CITY-WIDE DEVOTIONAL

Join us this coming Sunday night after the assembly at Shiloh Rd. for a devotional time with area teens. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

DON'T STOP!!!!

You failed many times, although you may not remember.

The first time you tried to walk, you fell down.

The first time you tried to talk, you could hardly make a sound. The first time you dressed yourself, you may have looked like a clown. But you didn't give up!

Did you hit the ball the first time you tried to bat?

Did you make a cartwheel the first time you tried that?

Did you jerk the car the first time you drove a stick?

Did you do it perfectly the first time you tried a magic trick?

Heavy hitters, the ones who hit the most home runs, also strike out the most, when all is said and done. Babe Ruth struck out 1,330 times, but he also hit 714 home runs. R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on.

We all fail sometimes; it's part of success.

Just don't stop trying. Don't worry about failure.

Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try ...

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

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2000

VBS 2000 ORGANIZATIONAL & PLANNING MEETING will be rescheduled at a later date due to Area-Wide Meeting

H.O.S.T.S News

Mar. 31- Apr. 1	April Fool's Party @ Patsy Vinyard's
April 2	Stephanie Christian's Birthday
	Dinner out - Applebee's
April 8	Lazer Tag
April 9	Dinner Out - Bodacious BBQ
April 11	Bible Study @ the Kirbys'
April 15	Chris Reynolds/Lara Anders Wedding
	2:00 p.m. at Glenwood
April 16	Gary & Eleanor Nunn's Anniversary
	Dinner Out - Chili's
April 21	Will & Stephanie's Shindig
April 23	Dinner Out - Denny's (South Loop 323)
April 25	Bible Study @ the Kirbys'
April 28	Area-Wide Singles' Volleyball
	Tournament & Praise Time
April 29	Bowling
April 30	Dinner Put - El Chico
May 2	Reservation & money due for Broken Bow camping trip

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

The Scroggins family would like to thank everyone (especially the organizer, Mary Rogers) who came to move furniture Saturday, March 11. We are so blessed to have such a family.

Doug, Cathy, Charlie & Chris

WITH SYMPATHY

Ralph Skaggs, Melanie Murry's dad, died last Wednesday after a lengthy battle with cancer. Services were held Saturday at the Singing Oaks Church in Denton. David Houston, Jayne Fitzgerald's uncle, died last Monday in Louisiana. Lawrence W. MacFall, long time West Erwin member who has most recently been confined to a nursing home in Oklahoma, died Monday. Burial was Thursday at Memorial Cemetery in Tyler. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in their loss of loved ones.

GOSPEL MEETING

Johnny Ramsey will be preaching in a Gospel Meeting at the University church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248, April 7-9, Fri. & Sat. - 7:00 p.m.; Sun. 9:30, 10:30 & 6:00 p.m. Special Youth Forum Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

LET MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME HELP YOU

Medina Children's Home currently has vacancies for children and single mothers with children. Our Group care program is for children ages 5 to 17. A child is given the opportunity to attend an excellent school, worship at a church based on Biblical truth, and enjoy a safe haven while they reside at MCH. Our Mother-Child-Care program assists single mothers and their families. We provide job training, educational opportunities, parenting classes, and spiritual guidance. If you know of a child or single mother who needs our assistance, you may contact Social Services at (830) 590-2871. Thank you for letting Medina Children's Home be of service to your congregation.

A Unique Christian Ministry

Would you be interested in making a one, two, or three year commitment to a wonderful, rewarding ministry in Christian child care? Nothing can compete with the individual happiness to be attained through serving others, especially helpless children. House parenting at Medina Children's Home is indeed a true Christian ministry. Would you be the one who decides to serve children? Applicants must be spiritual, mature Christians and have a high school diploma. The annual starting salary for a couple is \$29,220, without experience and #31,620 with experience. Nontaxable compensation fully paid by Medina Children's Home includes health insurance, lodging, food, utilities, and telephone. In the pension plan, the employer matches up to 70% of the employees' annual salary. Contact Pat Chaney at (830) 589-2871 if interested.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome Rob and Carmen Hilliard back home. They worshipped with us several years ago before moving away from the area. They have moved back and wish to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. Their address is 122 Partridge Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1392.



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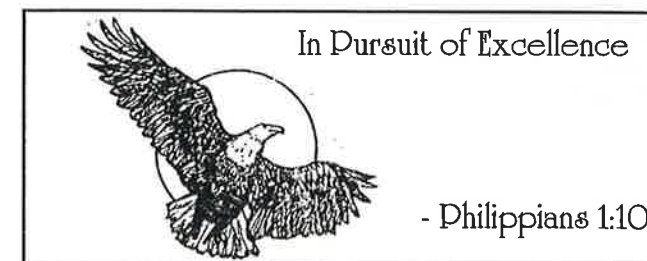
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WARMING BY FIRES WE DID NOT BUILD

All of us are indebted to those who have gone on before us. This is true in the nation -- the founders who wrote the declaration of Independence and the Constitution, elected officials who have served the Republic, and those who fought wars to preserve the American way of life. It is true in the family -- ancestors, grandparents, parents, relatives, siblings. It is also true of the church -- the God who purposed, the Christ who purchased, the Holy Spirit who guided, and the apostles and prophets of the first century, but also those who brought the gospel to our communities, planted churches, served as elders and deacons and preachers, and many more. We were given good foundations upon which to build -- foundations laid by early restorationists and others down to this present time. The fact is that all of us in the church today have been "warming by fires we did not build." Did those who belonged to our spiritual heritage do a good job or a bad job? Most would say that, granting their imperfections, they did a good job. Now the next generation comes on the scene. The new generation benefits from the sacrifices, the battles fought, the prices paid, and the successes of the former generations. The new generation assembles in buildings it did not build, gathers with people it did not convert, and benefits from wisdom it

does not have. Now, what shall this new generation do? Will it build upon what has been accomplished? Will it strive to get closer to Scripture? Shall it be committed to being only Christians and continue the process of the restoration of New Testament Christianity? Or will the next generation follow its feelings and its preferences and engage in practices unknown to the pages of Scripture? Can we learn from history (if we do not we are sure to repeat its mistakes)? Just after the turn of the century the group now known as the Disciples of Christ took the latter course and today is one of the most liberal and declining churches among denominations. Here is a question to ponder: do I have the right to come into a church which is seeking to build upon its New Testament heritage, a church I did not plant, water, on contribute to its increase and based upon my opinion of what I think it should be, cause division, discord, and confusion? I think not. If that's the course I choose, let me plant a new work rather than destroy what others have built through sweat, blood and tears. If we are "warming by fires we did not build" we ought to think a long time before we seek to put it out. Or, to use another analogy, if we are going to cut off the branch we are standing on, we better know where we're going to land.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, April 2, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "And They Continued"
Acts 2:41-47
P.M. Lanny Witt from E.T.C.A.
guest speaker

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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the Lott family on the recent baptisms of **Brandon and Lindsey Lott**. They were baptized into Christ by their dad March 16. Their address is 23456 CR 181, Bullard, ph. 894-4445.

IN APPRECIATION

I want to express my appreciation to all who sent me greetings on my 91st birthday, for the phone calls and all the hugs I received. I love and appreciate all of you.

Lena Hays

SOMEDAY

"There's a loving letter I mean to send
There's a visit I mean to pay.
There's a careless habit I hope to mend
When I get the time -- someday.
There's a dusty Bible I mean to read;
There's an hour I'll keep to pray
And I'll turn each dream to a golden deed
When I get the time someday.
I will carry flowers to the sick and sad;
I will seek for those who are astray;
You may trace my steps by the hearts made glad
When I get the time - someday.
So we have thought and so we have said;
Yet how sad it is to relate
That busy with less important things
We waited until too late."

Have we made the best of every opportunity? Have we used our time and energy wisely as God would have us to? Let us as Christians strive to make the most of every opportunity for His sake and our own. -- copied from Gospel Advocate

NEW ADDRESSES

Clyde & Doris Waggoner
5802 Raleigh
Tyler, TX 75703
ph. 534-9965
(Chris is Gina Montgomery's brother and Ray and Carolyn Womack's grandson. He would enjoy hearing from you.)

Chris Montgomery
ABTRY, 1-37SA Box 1157
Box #339508
Fort Lewis, WA 98433-9508

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Stephanie Christian** on her recent selection for Teacher of the Year from Moore Middle school. She is one of five finalists for the district!

Congratulations to **Carrie Cannefax** and **Leah Russell** on achieving academic honors at UT Tyler. They were both named to the Academic Dean's List for the fall semester. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed at least 9 semester hours at the university with a GPA of at least 3.7.

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CHEROKEE DAY

MAY 27, 2000

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Food * Bar-B-Que * Fun * Fellowship
West Erwin is asked to collect: BATH SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, MOUTHWASH, SHAMPOO, SHAVING CREAM, DISPOSABLE RAZORS, ROLL-ON DEODORANT, and FOOT SPRAY (no aerosol cans!)
CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN
Celebrating 42 years of service!

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 5-9. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUIT JUICE (apple & orange).

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

"Blessed are those who are too tired, too busy, too distracted to worship with fellow Christians when the church meets

-- they are my best workers.

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked - I can use them.

Blessed are the touchy, with a bit of luck

they may stop going to church -- they are my missionaries.

Blessed are those who are very religious

but get on everyone's nerves -- they are mine forever.

Blessed are the troublemakers -- they shall be called my children.

Blessed are those who have no time to pray

-- they are easy prey for me.

Blessed are the complainers -- I'm all ears for them.

Blessed are you who read this and think it is about other people and not yourself -- I've got you!

- Satan

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Stop by the table this week to see a list of the job areas, character roles, marketplace booths, and support positions where we need help. If you see an area that appeals to you, you can pencil in your name.

VBS 2000 ORGANIZATIONAL & PLANNING MEETING
Sunday afternoon, April 9th
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Main Auditorium

COMING ATTRACTIONS

DINNER FOR 6 SIGN-UP BEGINS April 2
VBS ORGANIZATIONAL & PLANNING MEETING April 9
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March 23, 2000 THE VISITOR Vol. 31-No. 12			
Records	Sunday Mar. 19	Sunday Mar. 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	383	388
Worship A.M.	613	598	570
Worship P.M.	389	330	362
Contribution	\$18,604.95	\$16,294.26	\$19,014.10
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I'VE GOT TO MOVE ON

Recently, while pumping gas, I was approached by a young man who was looking for a ride. He asked if I was headed north. I told him I was not, but offered to buy him a hot dog and coke. When I brought the food out I asked him where he was going. The young man seemed surprised that I asked but finally told me he was going as far away as he could get. I decided to be very bold and asked why. He then said it was time to end the conversation and began to walk away. As he left, he turned and said, "I've just got to move on."

For several days following that event my mind continued to return to that young man. I do not know his situation yet I understand his feelings. You see, There is within us that desire to "move on" when things become difficult. When our boss becomes too bossy, we move on to another job. When our car becomes more trouble than it is worth, we just move on to another car. When friends are not functioning the way we want them to, we just move on to other friends. When a congregation is not adequately meeting our needs, we just move on to another congregation.

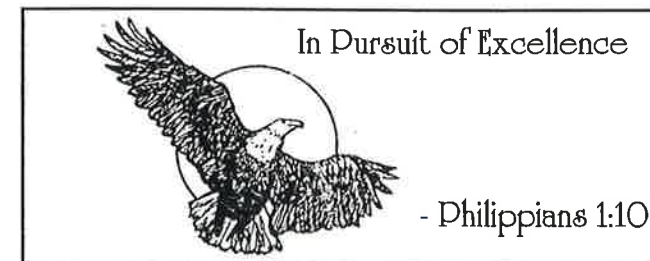
Why are we so good at moving on? Perhaps it is because that is the easy way out. If we stay put then we are required to fix a situation and that takes effort. That

causes me to invest part of myself. If I move on then there is nothing invested and no effort required. I can simply start all over. The real problem is that eventually there is no place to "move on" to.

I am grateful that Christ did not have that "move on" mentality. At any point during His final days on this earth, He could have chosen to move on. His choice provided a reason for each of us to stay the course. Perhaps we can strive to be more like Christ and move forward rather than move on. When things are difficult at home, move forward not on. When things become challenging at church, move forward but not on. Think of how different our world would be if everyone strove to move forward rather than moving on.

- article by Bill Weaver, Plymouth church of Christ, Plymouth, FL
- copied from *The Edifier*, Dickson, TN church bulletin

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Hebrews 10:19-25
P.M. "The God Who Is The Same"
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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

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IT'S ALL ABOUT PARTICIPATION

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.

To weep is to risk appearing sentimental.

To reach for another is to risk involvement.

To expose your feelings is to risk exposing your true self.

To place your ideas and dreams before a crowd is to risk their loss.

To love is to risk not being loved.

To try is to risk failure.

But risks must be taken, because the greatest hazard in life is to risk nothing.

The person who risks nothing, does nothing, has nothing, is nothing.

They may avoid sorrow, but they cannot learn, feel change, grow, love life.

Chained by their attitudes, they are slaves; they have forfeited their freedom.

Only a person who risks is free.

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

2 Timothy 1:7

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, March 27th, 2000

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Breakfast will be served at 6:15 a.m.

Jon Sorrells will be our chef

Please give your \$1 to Jon or to one of the staff so we can get a head count.

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ACU BIBLE TEACHERS' WORKSHOP

July 23 - 26

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 5

EAST TEXAS TEACHERS' TRAINING WORKSHOP

September 16

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin,

Thank you for loving Mom. She loved the people here and felt at home - didn't want to miss a thing. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you.

We love you all,
Carolyn & Ray Womack
& all of Marikate's family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the beautiful easel spray for my mother's service. During the past year you visited her, prayed for her and sent cards and she appreciated it, as did we. Thank you for the cards, visits, and prayers for us since her death. Your love and support has been such a comfort to our family. We love all of you.

Guy & Nettie Potts & family

Mike and Martha Pitzer wish to thank all of the members of Mother's church for the lovely plant and your prayers in memory of our beloved mother. We also wish to thank all the people who brought food. It was delicious.

In Christian Love,
Mike & Martha Pitzer

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you for the many cards of encouragement. So many of you have made me feel better with your cards. Your love, prayers, concern, and your empathy make me feel stronger. Thank you for caring so much. Love you.

Norma Durham

Dear West Erwin Church,

Thank you so very much for your continued support of E.T.C.A. We really appreciate your ad in the auction program. It was wonderful to have a full page of church ads. It displayed a real community support of the churches of Christ for the school. This year's auction was one of the best because of the support of so many people. Thank you again.

In His Name,
Cherisse Craft
Program Coordinator

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

LET'S START TALKING

This Sunday, March 19, is the deadline to sign up for the *Let's Start Talking* program. There will be a training session Saturday, March 25 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center. The training will last six hours and will include breakfast (at 8 a.m.) and lunch (12:00 - 1:00). We will be dismissed at 4 p.m. If you are interested in joining us, please call the church office or Eddie Rogers at 596-8613 (home), or 596-8642 (work).

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SHOWER INVITATION

Please come to a Bridal Shower honoring Lara Anders bride-elect of Chris Reynolds Sunday, March 26, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center Selections: Target & Service Merchandise

SECRET SISTERS

It's time! Please pick up a "Secret Sisters" form in the foyer and return it to the box marked "Secret Sisters" by Sunday, March 26. Contact Michelle Kuechle or Terry Shaw for more information.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Check it out! We have quite a few new books. Take advantage of the opportunities to use this wealth of information.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday at Boren-Conner Funeral Home in Bullard for Vera Nelson, Bill Smith's aunt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family

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March 16, 2000 THE VISITOR Vol. 31-No. 11			
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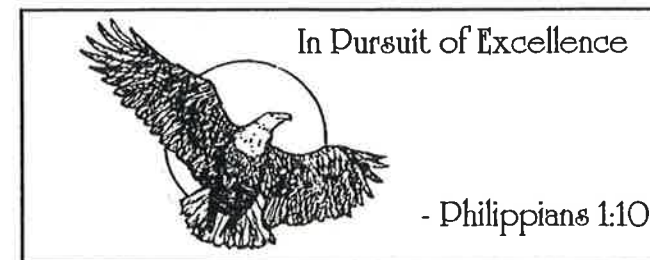
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May 25-28 - These are the days of our Church Growth Seminar with John Ellas from the Center for Church Growth in Houston. A complete schedule for these Thursday through Sunday meetings will follow soon, but

the important thing to keep in mind now is that by the time John Ellas arrives we will have completed our Church Membership Survey forms (which we are doing now) and we will be ready for individual meetings of each elder and staff member with John on Thursday and Friday, a meeting of a randomly selected cross section of the church with John on Thursday evening, church-wide meetings with John on Friday evening and Saturday morning and afternoon, and, finally, our regular Sunday gatherings with John's final report on Sunday evening. It's important that the whole church be involved in the whole seminar, so please mark your calendars and reserve May 25-28 for these important happenings. These will be days of evaluation, identifying areas of strength and weakness, how to do a better job in ministry, and how to effectively promote church growth into a new century. Think! Dream! Be aware! Pray! Be active!

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, March 19, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God of Commitment"
Genesis 15:7-1, 17-18
P.M. "The God Who Guides"
Proverbs 3:1-6

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family:

To those who sang, beauty was heard. To those who cooked, appetites were filled. To those who sent cards, hearts were gladdened. To those who hugged and said lovely, supportive things, spirits were lifted. Thank you all for helping us celebrate Mom's life and her death in Christ.

We love you,
Carolyn & Ray Womack
& all of Marikate's family

Dearest West Erwin Family,

My mother dearly loved you all so much. Words cannot express the appreciation we feel. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you for the food, the cards, the calls, the visits, and all the hugs.

Love,
The Family of Laverne Keith
Brian, Mary & Lucie Hunt
Tom, Kay, Tim & Suzanne Keith

It is at times of grief and sorrow that you helped us most. Your prayers, cards, words of encouragement, and love mean so much and the food prepared by our Church Family was so gratefully appreciated.

Remembering with Christian love,
Bill and Ruby McCain

We want to thank each of you for your many prayers, visits, cards and calls during Bill's recent illness. A special thanks to my cooking group (Agnes, Johnnie, Virginia, Norene, Vikki, Lynda and Ernie) for the wonderful meals each Tuesday in February, to James Phillips for his work, to Arnold Ables for delivering the food. Thanks to Jay, Mike and Danny for the visits and concern and to the elders for the visits, calls and cards. We love this congregation.

Bill and Alice Denson

"Memories are keepsakes of the happy times we've known."

WITH SYMPATHY

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March 26-29

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Weekdays: 12:05 (lunch served) & 7 pm

Messages from the Bible will be presented that are rich in encouragement and real insight. They will help those who hear make sense out of life and gain direction for living in 2000 and beyond

LET'S START TALKING

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Always remember that the Lord has promised to be there, whether you are in a valley, or on top of a mountain.

His hand will guide and protect you from harm as long as you stay close to His side.

If you should get ahead of him, he will humble you.

His grace will be sufficient for you to carry out the ministry He has anointed you to walk in.

His blessings will follow you wherever you go.

The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.

So it is with Christ.

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body

- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free -

and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

I Corinthians 12:12-13

Whatever your gift or chosen ministry, may God be glorified by your efforts as you work to further the cause of His Kingdom.

"Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might."

Just how involved are you in the work here as we pursue excellence in 2000?

ROOKIE MVP'S

As we enter into this new quarter of classes I want to acknowledge, applaud, and recognize our rookie teachers. Many of you have contributed to the education ministry at West Erwin and we will always be grateful, but the following individuals are helping in classrooms for the first time this quarter: Brody Clark (3rd grade), Dan Baldwin (4th grade), Emily Wood (3 year olds), Greg Jones (4 year olds), and Cathy Waggener (2nd grade). Thanks for joining our winning team!!!

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Worship P.M.	510	370	362
Contribution	\$17,035.30	\$18,044.40	\$18,089.08
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, March 12, and Wed., March 15, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Jack Garner is back in Mother Frances. Dorothy Davis is in Health South, room 103, after a fall. Henry Brown was hospitalized for tests, is now at home but will have additional tests. Norma Durham is undergoing tests. Roberta Tindall is expects to go home Thursday. George Hearne is recovering at home. Allen Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, is in ETMC after back surgeries. Letha Sims, Claudia Griffis' aunt is in ETMC. Leola Reynolds, Chris Reynolds' grandmother, is very ill. Grant Alexander, Cynthia Johnson's nephew, is back home after recent surgery. Marc Carpenter, son-in-law of Charles & Mary Beth O'Neal, is in ETMC. Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is doing well after surgery last week in Waco for an aortic aneurysm. Jody Thornton, Emily Wood's friend, has been diagnosed with heart disease. 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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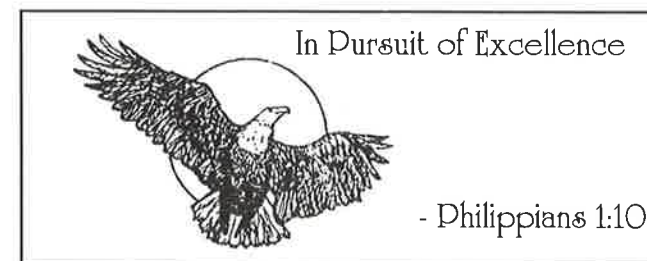
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"WHAT IS THE MOTIVATION?"

Why does a husband and father work long hours at a job he may not particularly like? You may say, "To provide for his family" and you are right, but why does he really do it? Why does a wife and mother clean the house, cook the food, wash the clothes, change the diapers, and wipe runny noses? You may say, "That's what she does," and you are right, but why does she really do it? Why does a child of God attend worship, read the Bible, pray, and serve others? You may say, "That's what a Christian does," and you are right, but why does this person really do these things? If the motivation for the above actions is responsibility, that's not bad. The husband/father, the wife/mother, as well as the Christian, all do have responsibilities. But, I hasten to add this: if we do what we are supposed to do solely because of a sense of responsibility, whatever we are doing will soon become a burden and a dull routine. The higher motivation is love. That's why in our relationship with God love is supreme. God doesn't intend for our

response to Him to be simply the drudgery of responsibility, but the transforming power of love -- love that yields to, surrenders to, and gives obedience to God. John said, "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3). Our love for God is a response to God. We do not love God because we sought Him out, pursued Him, and found Him. We love God because He sought us, pursued us, and found us -- He took the initiative. "wehn we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly ... while we were still sinners, Christ died for us ... when we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son" (Romans 5:6-10). Now "we love Him because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Let every response to God be a response of love and every response will be a response of joy, anticipation, and gratitude and never a response of a burdensome, dull routine. See you Sunday in worship ... motivated by love!

-- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, March 12, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Who Is A Father"
Luke 15:11-20
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Hebrews 4:14-16

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THANKS!

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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.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Sometimes we cannot see our burdens as stepping stones or building blocks. At times when we feel overwhelmed we need the help of a faithful brother or sister in Christ to come along side of us and share our burden. In giving us a new perspective we can see the reality of daily life more clearly. We need to help one another look at the world through God's eyes, for ours are often clouded with worry and stress.

Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. Each one should test his own actions. Then he can take pride in himself, without comparing himself to somebody else, for each one should carry his own load.

Galatians 6:1-5

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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Kristin Murry and her family in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday evening. Kristin is the daughter of Dan and Lynn Murry. Their address is 11734 Yarbrough Lane, Troup, 75789, ph. 839-8704.

Ken Seigler put on his Lord in baptism Sunday. He recently moved to Tyler and has asked for prayers that he might live his life as God would have him live. He lives in Brookhollow Apartments, 202 Thigpen Dr. #1420, 75703.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Friends and Family In Christ,

Thank you for the cards, visits, thoughts and prayers for me while I was in the Tyler Rehab. A special thanks to the Benevolent workers and the Kids For Christ. I enjoyed thinking of each of you on the lists.

I gained a lot of strength in the Rehab but home looked good to me last Thursday. A.Z. sends greetings to all of you, our kindred and friends in Christ.

With Love,

Ruth Pauline Aven

We are so thankful for your prayers and concern during Connie's dad's surgery. He is doing remarkably well. Please continue to remember Gordon Smith in your prayers as he recovers.

In Christ,

James & Connie Sublette

WITH SYMPATHY

Marikate Davis, mother of our Carolyn Womack and long time member at West Erwin, went to be with her Lord last Wednesday. Services were held Saturday at our building. Laverne Keith, longtime and much loved West Erwin member, passed from this life Sunday. Services were held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Walter Malone, Ruby McCain's dad, died last weekend. Graveside services were held Tuesday near Lindale. Ruby Graham, Nettie Potts' mother, died Tuesday night. Services were held Thursday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Mark & Melissa Frick moved this week. Their new address is P.O. Box 24, Chandler, 75758.

Mitchell & Helen Stripling are now in Colonial Manor #306, 930 South Baxter, 75701.

SECRET SISTERS

It's time to start up "Secret Sisters" again! You may pick up a form in the foyer and return it to the box marked "Secret Sisters" by Sunday, March 26. More about the opening dinner later. Contact Michelle Kuechle or Terry Shaw for more information.

LADIES BIBLE CLASSES

The Ladies Class taught by Anita Peek & Sue Starnes on Sunday mornings is studying the *Book of Acts*. The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class meets each week at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Frances Phillips is leading a study of *Christian Graces*. Fern Bench is teaching a class for ladies on Wednesday evenings, beginning March 8, on *A Sense of Presence*. Plan to be a part of these times of Bible study and fellowship.

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'WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?'

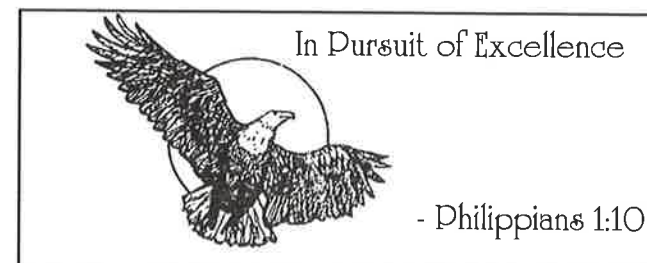
In the February, 2000 issue of the Gospel Advocate, Neil Anderson, the publisher, revealed some results of a survey that remind us of something all of us surely know. Here's what Neil said:

When both parents are faithful to the Lord, their children are most apt to remain faithful. Research shared by Wendell Byrd, local preacher, indicated that when both parents are active in a local congregation, 93% of their children will maintain an active adult faith. On the other hand, when only one parent models his or her faith, the figure for their children drops to 73% retention. Reduced membership participation resulted in 53% of their children remaining in the church. In situations where both parents are nominal in their attendance and involvement, only 6% of their children stayed faithful.

Of course, there are exceptions, but the fact remains that the principle of "as the twig is bent, the tree's inclined" is true. The history of Israel is a telling story. The children were

usually less faithful to the Lord than were their parents. Finally, the nation would go into apostasy and only when great revivals occurred did the people return to God. It is so hard to get our priorities straight in this culture -- so many demands on our time, so many directions in which to go, so many children's activities. So we neglect the spiritual and say by our actions that what really matters doesn't matter much to us -- and the children see it. If the most important doesn't really matter much, they may reason, maybe it doesn't matter at all. We may still attend church some, but do our children or will they when they are on their own? We still talk about the importance of worship and Scripture and church, but do our children or will they later on? We still go through the motions but our hearts are no longer in it, but will the children even bother to expose themselves to that which can transform lives? For some of us it's already too late. For others, the hour is late but there is still time. For still others, there is great opportunity because our children are still young. So what will it be? The song asks the question, "Where have all the children gone?" We may hold the answer, but they may not be here unless we give the most important our very best. Think about it!

-- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 27, 2000
By Danny Snell
A.M. "All The Way Down"
Luke 6:46-49
P.M. Special Presentation on Christian Education
(Jay Lockhart is in a meeting with the church in
Carthage through Wednesday evening).

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

PERSISTENCE PAYS

Two frogs jumped into a bucket in their search for food. Both were surprised to find themselves sinking into thick, rich cream.

After floundering in the cream for a few minutes, the first frog yelled, "We've had it! We'll never get out of this mess alive."

"No sense giving up just yet," reasoned the second frog. "We'd only drown. Keep on kicking."

"I can't," said the first frog. "It's no use. We can't swim out of here and we can't jump."

"Don't give up," urged the second frog. "Keep kicking. You can do it."

"No, I can't," the pessimistic frog said, as he sank slowly to the bottom of the bucket.

The second frog shook his head sadly, but he kept kicking. Hours later, just when he thought he couldn't kick another stroke, the cream began to thicken. Soon he was sitting in a bucket of rich, thick butter, snapping at the flies that were swarming around him.

His optimism and his perseverance saved his life, and the bonus turned out to be the dinner for which he was searching.

Brother, 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

Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. James 1:12

H.O.S.T.S. MARCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 4	Singing to shut-ins - meet at 3 pm at Will & Stephanie Christians
Sunday, March 5	Dinner out - Rick's in the square
Tuesday, March 7	TNFTM @ Mike & Nora's (5-7 pm)
Saturday, March 11	Mickey Stevens/Cathy Miller's wedding 6 pm @ Glenwood Church of Christ
Sunday, March 12	Dinner out - Spring Creek Bar-B-Que
March 13 - 17	SPRING BREAK
Tuesday, March 14	Bible Study @ the Kirby's
Friday, March 17	Movie night @ Mike & Nora's 7 pm
Saturday, March 18	Visit to Lee Estate - watch for details
Sunday, March 19	Dinner out - T.G.I.Friday's
Tuesday, March 21	TNFTM @ Mike & Nora's 5-7 pm
First Day of Spring	
Sunday, March 26	Dinner out - Hot Rod Whataburger
Tuesday, March 28	Bible study @ the Kirby's

BIRTHDAYS

Shannon Kingsbury	Tuesday, Feb. 6
Lonnie Brown	Monday, Feb. 20
Wendy Robbins	Tuesday, Feb. 28
Sandie Martin	Tuesday, Feb. 28

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Josh Lowry and his family in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Josh is the son of Terry and Pam Lowry and grandson of Vaughn Lowry. Their address is P.O. Box 515, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-2727.

IN APPRECIATION

To our Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards and many other expressions of sympathy when my sister passed away. At times like this we really appreciate our brothers and sisters. Again, thank you.

John & Ruby Cliver

To the Church,

We are so thankful for your prayers and love. Thank you for the beautiful plant. Much love to all.

Katie Heath & family

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank everyone who called and visited A.Z. while he was in the hospital and later at Atria Copeland. My family and I want to thank those who attended visitation at the funeral home, Ladies Bible class and others who made sandwiches and cookies that my family enjoyed. A special thanks to Roy and Fern Bench for all that they have done. I am happy to be at home at Hide-A-Way Lake. Please remember me in your prayers.

I love you,
Lena Hays

LADIES

MARCH 3rd - 6:30 until ?

Scrapbook Night at the Family Life Center
Bring snacks - See you there!

For more information, call Ronda Clemons at 839-1834.

ATTENTION LADIES

Bunko

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Kimberly Clark
318 West Third, 75701
Please RSVP - ph. 596-8666

16th ANNUAL SONGFEST

Friday, March 17, 2000, 6:00 p.m.
Eastern Hills Church of Christ
1200 East Corsicana, Athens, Texas

Featuring "Free Indeed," "The Gospelaire," "North Tenneha Male Chorus," "Deep Harmony," "The LTC Chorus," & "His Way." Everyone is welcome! No collections will be taken. Come and enjoy the wonderful sound of acapella singing and fellowship. Free refreshments are served throughout the evening.

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And

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At two o'clock in the afternoon

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Reception following ceremony Heritage Room

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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GOSPEL MEETING

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting with Jay Lockhart
March 5 - 8, 2000

Sun. 9:30 am, 10:20 am & 7:00 pm, Mon. - Wed 7:00 pm
Mark Foster, Jim Jones, & A.C. Thompson, song directors
Carthage Church of Christ, 1309 West Panola, Carthage

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Directory Changes ...

Jimmie & Ruth Harris - ph. 825-3801
Glen & Bobbye May - 2101 Dover Lane, 75703
Grace Siler - ph. 854-2373
Mitch & Kim Walters, 2718 Amy Lane, 75701, ph. 566-1580

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area Thursday, March 9, to pick up groceries.

Needed for West Erwin Playschool: paper towel and bathroom tissue rolls.

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Worship A.M.	610	595	547
Worship P.M.	342	348	302
Contribution	\$18,163.63	\$18,167.90	\$15,395.36
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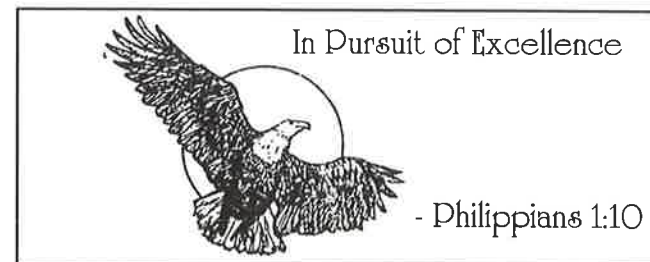
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MISSIONS AT HOME AND ABROAD

I believe in world missions. First, we want to see the lost saved. Second, world evangelism is Christ's mandate to the church (Matthew 28:19-20). And third, when people are won to Christ by people we support, this is fruit to our account (Philippians 4:17). No doubt all of us support world-wide missions. It's easy to do since we do not have to be personally involved. As a church, we send our check each month and that may be it. Hopefully we support missions with our interest and prayers, but the real work is done by somebody else. It's relatively easy to send money to the other side of the world without being involved personally. Does this explain why we seem to be more interested in world missions than we are local evangelism? While sending missionaries across the ocean, do we feel little responsibility to go personally across the street? I really think we would like to but why do we find it so difficult to do? There may be many reasons, a few of which include: Fear of rejection; feeling we do not know enough; and awkwardness in bringing up the subject of Christ. Have you ever thought that we make the task too difficult? Have you considered that there are many acts of concern and kindness which you can do to advance the cause of Christ by simply being alert to opportunities? Let me tell you what one man does, as reported by Stafford North in a recent issue of the Christian Chronicle. This man "works the lobby" every

Sunday looking for visitors. He welcomes each one, gets their name and address and phone number, and makes sure they find their class or a seat in the auditorium. He helps make their first experience a pleasant and beneficial one. On Sunday afternoon or Monday he calls the family (or person) to let them know their visit was appreciated. He then drops them a card or letter of welcome. His objective is to get them back a second time and he does whatever is appropriate to achieve this end. When they visit a second time he invites them to lunch at a restaurant which is sort of neutral ground. He asks questions and seeks to know them better. He looks for any spiritual needs they have as a basis for further contact. He doesn't bring up the church at this point so they won't feel "pounced on." If they ask about the church he will answer, but his primary purpose at this point is to show them he is genuinely interested in them. The week of the luncheon he calls and asks if he can visit their home. Since they now know him, he will probably be welcomed and he can now show how the church can meet their needs. His objective is to get them back to church and perhaps in a study of Scripture, depending on their needs. This brother, using this method, led 20 people to Christ in 1999. The plan is simple and it works for this man. The keys are: genuine concern for people; a plan; and actively pursuing the plan. I wonder what we could do if we tried!

-- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 27, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Who Is Perfect"
Matthew 5:43-48
P.M. "The Sovereign God"
Isaiah 46:8-11

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Laurie Florence and Lisa Snell for hosting the middle school activity this past Sunday night.

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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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Sharing

Is someone happier because you passed his way today?

Did you bring a smile to a clouded face when you did not turn away?

Is someone's burden lighter for just a little lift,

A pleasant word, a little boost, or perhaps some small gift?

Do you feel content and happy when you settle down at night

Because you found a troubled friend and helped to set him right?

A load is always lighter when a friend walks by your side.

You cannot cure all ills, but at least you know you tried.

Let not one single day go by at home, at work, at play . . .

Unless someone is happier because you passed his way.

Author unknown

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"A new command I give you; love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, February 28th - West Erwin Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 6:00 a.m.

Breakfast served at 6:15 a.m.

Chef: Jon Sorrells

Please plan to join us.

Give \$1 to Jon Sorrells, a minister, or an elder.

The purpose of the \$1 is to help with the cost of the meal and to provide a count so we know how many to prepare for.

IT'S A ZOO OUT THERE!!!

(Or Single Parenting Isn't for Wimps)

A Successful Single-Parenting Interactive Workshop

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12:30 - 7:00 p.m. Cost: FREE

Richland Hills Church of Christ

For more information and to register, see Mike

Or call (817) 581-3319

* THE LION AND THE MOUSE

Dealing with Loss and your Child's Angry Feelings

* MONKEY SEE, MONKEY DO

Transferring Your Values to Your Child

* IF I COULD TALK TO THE ANIMALS

Learning to Communicate Better with Your Children

* PANEL DISCUSSIONS

* SPECIAL DISPLAYS

* ACTIVITIES FOR YOUR CHILDREN

* ATTENDED NURSERY

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Jennifer Gordy in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. She is a young single (engaged to be married) and lives in Big Sandy, Route 1, Box 219, 75755, ph. 725-7419.

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the beautiful flowers, phone calls, cards, food, and visits.

Mary Butler
Nancy Kincheloe

I want to thank you for your prayers, cards and calls concerning my broken shoulder. They were very much appreciated and I will not forget your thoughtfulness.

Love,
Jean Dees

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home for Willie (Gene) Heath, son of our Katie Heath. Graveside services were held Monday at Memorial Cemetery for Alma Pitzer, long time West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jim and Priscilla Mayer on the birth of a new grandson! Stephen Alexander Mayer was born February 16 in Grand Prairie to John and Kim Mayer. He weighed 6 lb. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

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.
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-- Alfred A. Montap

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"Unshared joy is an unlighted candle."

Sorry to lose ...

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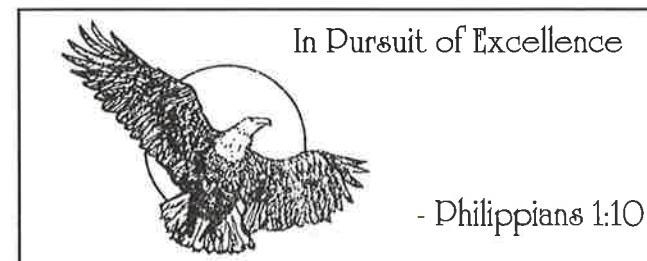
Etiquette is defined as "a conventional code of special behavior." I want to make some suggestions about our behavior when we come to the church building. My reason for doing this is simply to awaken our awareness and to remind us of some things we already know. Some apply to adults; some to kids; some to us all. Read and apply.

1. If you turn it on, turn it off.
2. If you open it, close it.
3. If you borrow it, return it.
4. If it belongs to someone else, leave it alone.
5. If it belongs here, don't remove it.
6. If you break it, replace it.
7. If you don't know someone, meet them.
8. Greet everyone, and invite visitors to sit with you.
9. Enter to worship, leave to serve.
10. Don't run in the building.
11. Don't throw things at signs, lights or people.
12. Don't hit.
13. Parents, know where your children are and what they are doing before, during, and after class time and worship.

14. When you attend the service, don't miss the worship.
15. If you are over eight years of age, sleep at home.
16. If someone is crying, wipe their tears.
17. If someone is lost from their mother, help them find her.
18. If someone is new, help them find their place.
19. Open your Bible.
20. Sing with joy.
21. Bow your head.
22. Remember why you are here.
23. Give your fair share.
24. Attend.
25. Be happy.
26. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The time we spend together at the building would be much more pleasant for everyone if we would put these things into practice. Try it ... and see!

-- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 13, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Of Glory"
Exodus 33:17-23
P.M. "The Significance of the Seed"
Mark 4:17
By Mike Gravois

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Thanks to Jim Bell for teaching the high school class this past Sunday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to come!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Feb. 21. If you are interested in helping, let me know or just be there at 5:00. We will serve the meal from 6:00-7:00. Please keep praying for this ministry.

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be over 2 Kings 12-17 on Mar. 20. The study sheets are ready. We will have a study session on Sunday, Mar. 5.

Congratulations to our teams this past Monday for earning a 1st & 3rd Place!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible Study every Thursday night at 7:00. This will be a special time together in our home in Whitehouse. Contact me for more details. Thanks to all who came last week. Please pray for our time together studying God's Word as we pursue excellence.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Feb. 21	Karing Kitchen - West Erwin
Feb. 24	Bible Study @ the Snell's
Mar. 5	Bible Quiz Study Session
Mar. 20	Bible Quiz

Please plan to join us.

Give \$1 to Jon Sorrells, a minister, or an elder.

The purpose of the \$1 is to help with the cost of the meal and to provide a count so we know how many to prepare for.

RECEIVE A BLESSING - SHARE YOUR HOME

The SHARE! High School Exchange Program needs volunteer families for international exchange students for the 2000/2001 school year. Students from over 25 countries will live with host families and attend local high schools for either one semester or the full school year. Host families provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. 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 home. The students will arrive in early August. They speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their own interests. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). For more information about hosting, please call Yvette Coffman, Texas State Director, at 1-800-941-3738 or the Southwest Regional Office at 1-800-414-3738.



We rejoice with Luke Blackwell in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Monday evening following a Bible study with Jay. He has been attending here for some time with his fiancé, Ashley Melvin. His address is 3122 Cameron, 75703, ph. 597-6297.

Ashley Melvin, came Sunday to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. She formerly worshipped with the Broad Street congregation in Mineola. She lives at 5207 Hollytree Dr. #903, 75703, ph. 534-6228. Luke and Ashley plan to be married in the spring and we are very pleased to welcome this fine young couple into our growing family.

RESPONSE

Debra Baldwin came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family as she strives to be a stronger Christian and make the right choices in seeking to live her life for Christ.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to us while Jack was in the hospital and in rehab. We know many prayers were offered on behalf of Jack's illness and we know they were heard and honored by Him. We are now home and we are thankful for that. Jack was amazed at so many pretty cards he received. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Hope to be back in worship before too long.

Jack & Peggy Garner

WITH SYMPATHY

A.Z. Hays, faithful and active member of the West Erwin congregation from 1992 until failing health made it impossible, died Monday morning. Visitation was Tuesday at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale, with graveside services Wednesday at Green Hill Cemetery near Mount Pleasant. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Lena and to all the family and friends.

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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BRIDAL SHOWER

Your presence is requested at a Bridal Shower honoring Angie Hendrix bride-elect of Michael Harris On Sunday, February 20, 2000 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm 8310 Crooked Trail At the home of Karen Stansbury Selections at Dillard's 561-2528, if regrets



NEW ARRIVALS

M'Lynn Rose Phillips was born February 9 in Lubbock to Marshall and Rhonda Phillips. She weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. And was 20 1/2 inches long. James & Frances Phillips are the proud grandparents.

Stuart & Marisa Suggs celebrated her birthday on February 11 with the birth of a baby daughter. Kennedy Lauren weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. Cade and Cassidy are the big brother and sister. Jo Butler is the proud grandmother and Mary Butler is the great grandmother.

Directory Addition: Roger & Glenda Howell
12447 Hwy 63 W, 75704
(We did not have ph. #) ph. 592-2563

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BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, February 20 -
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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, February 28th
West Erwin Fellowship Hall
Doors open at 6:00 a.m.
Breakfast served at 6:15 a.m.
Chef: Jon Sorrells

This has become quite a tradition, men. There's not a better way to begin a work week than with food, fellowship, and prayer.

The Search



Each Sunday

KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.
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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Records	Sunday Feb. 6	Sunday Jan. 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	401	379
Worship A.M.	579	595	561
Worship P.M.	355	NS	365
Contribution	\$16,456.65	\$18,640.00	\$18,522.33
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, February 13, and Wed., February 16, Terry Frick, ph. 894-9364			

PRAYER AND CARE - Laverne Keith is in ETMC. She will undergo additional chemo treatment. Alma Pitzer is now in Hospice. Myra Turner is in ETMC, room 3305. Roberta Tindall was admitted to ETMC Tuesday. Bill Denson is in Health South Rehab, room 107a. Jack Garner is now at home. Christine Parsons, Edna Hodnett, and Carolyn McCune are all recovering at home from pneumonia. Jean Dees is recuperating at home. Braylee Shotts, little daughter of Brad and Amy Shotts, was hospitalized but is now at home. Marie Threadgill continues to improve at home. Alice Stephenson is very ill in Braircliff. Allen Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, remains in ETMC Rehab. Tommy Scott, Laurie Florence's friend, is undergoing dialysis while awaiting a kidney transplant. Letha Sims, Claudia Griffis' aunt is in ETMC. Pauline Aven, Gary Aven's mother, is in Health South Rehab. James Wicks, David Wicks' dad and an elder at the University congregation, is recovering from triple bypass surgery at Mother Frances.

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Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Marc Lemons
Dismiss Louis Jones

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Grant Knight

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Prayer David Frick
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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Russell Fedell J.N. Metcalf
Brady Dawkins Jared Metcalf
Wade Park Jon Murry
Dan Murry Bryce Murry

GREETERS
Dannie & Sue Skipper
Bill & Judy Smith

WITH SYMPATHY - James Leonard Stone, Mary Butler's brother, died Tuesday in Tyler. Graveside services will be in Garden Valley. Lewis Armstrong, Danny Snell's uncle, died Wednesday morning in Donna, Texas. Services are pending (Wed. a.m.). Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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SPANISH CHURCH

A few months ago the Glenwood church, where Juan Arellano attends, decided to begin a Spanish congregation with Juan serving as the preacher and supported by Glenwood. Since then the small church has met in a rented city of Tyler building in East Erwin Street. After three months the city did not renew the lease so the Glenwood elders asked our elders if the Spanish church could meet in our fellowship building until they secure another meeting place. Of course, we wanted to help so last Sunday the Spanish church hung out its banner and met in our building at 10 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 5:00 p.m. for Bible study and worship. They will be meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. We will soon be offering *Let's Start Talking* at West Erwin, a program designed to help Spanish speaking people to speak better English by using Luke and Acts as the text. We will be sharing any contacts with Juan for further study. Pray for this new work.

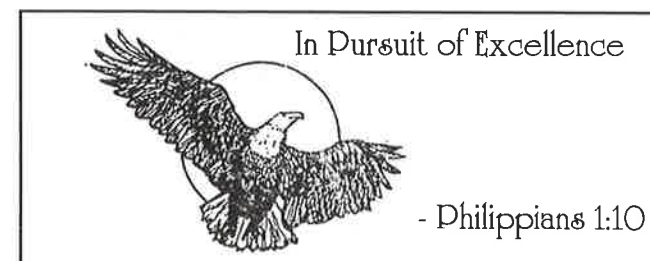
CHARLES VALENTINE TO SPEAK

Since the latter part of 1999 we have been supporting Charles Valentine in his work in Russia and *Character Counts*. The progress of the gospel in the former Soviet Union has been quite remarkable in the past few years and Charles will be reporting on his work this Sunday evening at our six o'clock assembly. Be sure to hear Charles.

THIS SUNDAY

The Lord willing, we will be meeting this Sunday for classes at 9:00 a.m. and worship at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. People who are pursuing excellence (our theme for the year 2000) will want to take advantage of these times together. Be a part of all these assemblies which are designed to promote your spiritual welfare. In our Sunday morning assembly we will sing praise, break the bread and drink the cup, bring our thanksgiving and petitions to Him in prayer, give our gifts, and study The God We Worship -- "The God Of Presence." Come. Participate. Grow.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 13, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Of Presence"
Psalm 139:7-10
P.M. Charles Valentine, guest speaker

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chad Frick for earning honors in the recent Academic Decathlon. He won second place in speech, second place in math, third in social science and third place in economics! Way to go Chad!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

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SHEPHERDING GROUPS REORGANIZED

By now you should have received a letter from the elder overseeing your new shepherding group, a roster of members, and a schedule of your group meetings for this year. Please don't just throw these pieces of paper away!!! The Shepherding Ministry provides us with so many opportunities: fellowship, visitation, caring for our sick and shut-in members, encouragement, shared prayer concerns, missionary outreach, support for those in crisis, and so much more. It's not just lunch. It's a vital part of the life of this congregation. Please plug in, turn on, get involved, and be a part of other's lives as we pursue excellence together this year.

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13 THINGS YOUR DOG CAN TEACH YOU

1. When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
2. Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
3. Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
4. Take naps and stretch before rising.
5. Run, romp, and play daily.
6. On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
7. When you're happy dance around and wag your entire body.
8. No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout ... Run right back out and make friends.
9. Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
10. Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
11. Be loyal.
12. Never pretend to be something you're not.
13. If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:25-27

If you feel your life has gone to the dogs ... then praise God for He has provided for your every need. Give God your worries, then go out and celebrate the gift of this day.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for all your cards, calls, visits, and prayers during my recent setback. You are all so special to me. I'm feeling better but please continue to pray for me.

In Christian Love,
Jerry Konczak

To My West Erwin family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and warm expressions of sympathy at the passing of my father, James A. Cain. It is good to know that my family and I are being thought of by my spiritual family and heavenly Father during this time.

Sincerely,
Gary Cain

ATTENTION: FAMILY BUILDERS CLASS

Third Annual Sweetheart Banquet
Saturday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m.

In the Family Life Center

Men will cook for their sweethearts!

PRIZES! GREAT FUN! ENTERTAINMENT!



Change of
Address

Greg & Julie Fisher
899 VZ 1803
Grand Saline, 75140
ph. 962-5587

Dorris Humble
12396 CR 412
Tyler, TX 75704
ph. 882-1026

Scott & Cheryl Jenkins
6734 CR 2301
Tyler, TX 75707
ph. 566-1904

SFC Richard Shelton
HHC 49 Armored Division
Attn: Division Surgeon Section
Tuzla Main (Eagle Base)
APO AE 09789

Brody & Kimberly Clark
318 West Third Street
Tyler, TX 75701
ph. 596-8666

Sorry to lose ... Tim Reynolds has moved to Longview. His new address is 2601 Bill Owens Pkwy #1036, Longview, 75604.

TIME

We cannot redeem or buy back time, but we can make the most effective use of time if we will plan and practice discipline. "Time is the stuff life is made of," said Benjamin Franklin. Thus time is valuable because it is life. Knowing and making wise use of one's time is the difference between accomplishing great things and having a mediocre life. Time wasted is tragic because many good intentions go unfulfilled by wasting time.

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RESPONSE

Margie Wright came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family as she seeks God's power and direction in dealing with the stresses in her life with calm and grace.

NEW ARRIVAL



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RE-ELECTION

Suppose you, as a member of the church, had to run for re-election for membership like a senator or a member of the House of Representatives. And suppose your re-election depended upon the record of your Bible class attendance. Or what if it depended upon your contribution record? Would you be willing to make that public in order to be re-elected? What about your speech? And your record of honesty and integrity? Would you be re-elected? In II Peter 1:10, the apostle Peter said that we should give diligence to make our calling and election sure. If you were to die right now and face God in the judgment - just as you are - what would be the result? -- David Sain

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Scripture Greg Jones
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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Forest McFadden Richard Stratton
Henry McRuiz Earl O'Quinn
Shane Millican Will Dutton
Don Blake Freeman Morgan

GREETERS
Claude & Odell Sessions
Larry & Winona Shankle

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THE LAST SUNDAY OF JANUARY
Deacon John Steffee is a remarkable man. If you want something done all you have to do is tell John and it gets done in a wonderfully fine way. So each year when we celebrate the anniversary of entering our new auditorium on the last Sunday of January with combined classes, worship, a dinner, and a second period of worship we put John in charge of the dinner and it happens -- just like clockwork. Last Sunday over five hundred people were fed in just over thirty minutes. Thank you, John, for a job well done. Also, thanks to all those who helped in any way to prepare the Family Life Center and to serve the food. You know who you are ... and so does He. A special thanks to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone who did the table decorations and countless other things to make the dinner so enjoyable. Is it my imagination or was there a special warmth to fellowship Sunday? And were the three worship periods in close proximity -- between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. especially encouraging and uplifting? For me, probing the nature of our magnificent God is humbling and

strengthening. I hope it is for you. We will continue Sunday, if He wills.

WHAT ABOUT OUR THEME?
In Pursuit of Excellent - that's our theme for 2000! What are you doing to make it real in your life? Have you made any decisions that reflect you are seriously In Pursuit of Excellence? What about involvement in true worship? What about relationships? What about choosing better over good and best over better? What about your spiritual life -- study of Scripture and prayer? They are only words (In Pursuit of Excellence) until we make them a part of life.

DID YOU KNOW?
The Christian Chronicle reported that according to the Gallup Organization, 58% of those who go to church regularly first began going when they were invited by someone they knew. Also, 63% of those who do not attend report that no friend had ever invited them. Think about it.
- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 6, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Who Is Holy"
Isaiah 6:1-8
12:30 P.M. "The God Of Power"
Revelation 19:1, 4-6

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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The Younger Girls Chorus will meet at 4:00 and the Mixed Chorus will meet at 5:00.

We are working on a schedule for the Bulletin Boards and Puppets to meet and practice.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 6	High School Activity @ Kuechle's
Feb. 10	Bible Study @ the Snell's
Feb. 13	Combined Activity
Feb. 14	Bible Quiz

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

LIFE'S ABC'S

Avoid Apathy	Negate Negativity
Be Bold	Overcome Obstacles
Courtesy Counts	Practice Patience
Don't Discourage	Quit Quitting
Enough's Enough	Resist Rudeness
Forgive, Forget	Seek Success
Get Going!	Treasure Today
Have Hope	Urge Understanding
Ignore Insults	Visualize Victory
Journey Joyfully	Why Wait?
Keep Kicking	Xpect Xcellence
Love Life	You're You
Make Miracles	Zoom Zestfully

*This is the day the LORD has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24*

SHEPHERDING GROUPS REORGANIZED

In an effort to promote fellowship, new relationships, and more personal contact with individual families at West Erwin we have reorganized our Shepherding Groups. These groups give us the opportunity to get to know each other better, promote visitation, care for our shut-ins,

provide meals for families in crisis, outreach to our missionaries in the field, and to share good food from time-to-time. Each group is under the oversight of one of our elders. Look for the display set-up in the lobby and find your group. Next, check the calendar to see when your group meets. A written notice/invitation will be sent to your home the week of your group's meeting.

H.O.S.T.S. News

Heaven-Oriented Spiritually-Transformed Servants

A Singles' Ministry of the West Erwin Church of Christ	
*Tuesday, February 1	Dinner/Bible Study @ Kirby's
*Saturday, February 5	Green Acres Bowl (7 pm)
*Sunday, February 6	Dinner Out @ Mercado's
*Sunday, February 13	Dinner Out @ Olive Garden
*Tuesday, February 15	Dinner/Bible Study @ Kirby's
*Saturday, February 19	Movie Nite @ Teri or Trecia's
*Sunday, February 20	Dinner Out @ Pizza Hut (Loop & Broadway)
*Saturday, February 26	Area-Wide Activity @ Shiloh
*Sunday, February 27	Dinner Out @ Quizno's
*Tuesday, February 29	Dinner/Bible Study @ Kirby's

BIRTHDAYS

Ranae Ritchie	4th
Brian Walker	5th
Julia Wilshire	11th
Laverne Keith	14th
Alma Biggs	20th
Roberta Tindall	23rd
Gina Montgomery	24th



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome J.B. "Buck" and Kathleen Nowell into our West Erwin family. They recently retired and moved back to this area. They are an active and dedicated Christian couple and will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 331 Hide Away Lane East, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9015.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you all so very much for the wonderful food, calls, visits and prayers during my recovery. I am overwhelmed by the kindness of the church and feel very fortunate to have found such a wonderful church family.

Amy Shotts

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and other kind expressions of sympathy of the passing of our grandmother, Ima Keeling Huff. We truly appreciate the love our family is shown by you.

Sincerely,

Jerry & Rachel Huff

Krista & Kalli

You are kind sweet people. I thank you for everything you have done for us, and thanks a lot to Danny Snell and James Phillips. I am recovering from a back operation and I hope to be able to return soon. Please continue to pray for us. I love you all.

George Daughtry

We appreciate the food, cards, calls and prayers at the death of my brother, W.M. Hearne. Your love and care helps us through the difficult times.

George & Ruth Hearne

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held last week in Arkansas for Fran Starnes' uncle. Service were held Monday in Las Vegas, Nevada for Valeria Rydberg, Todd Kempton's grandmother. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to these families.

RICHARD SHELTON SERVING

Richard Shelton will leave February 7 for Bosnia where he will serve his country for about nine months. He is a platoon sergeant and combat medic with the 49th Lone Star Armored Headquarters Division, and will be the Non-Commissioned Officer In Charge with the Surgeon's Section. We will be praying for his safety while there and for safe return home.

NOTE: Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting Tuesday, February 8, at 6:30 at ElCharro.

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60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bob and Marie Threadgill on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary January 31.

Sorry to lose . . .

Casey Culpepper has placed membership with the Glenwood congregation. We wish him well as he serves the Lord in his new church home.

Versions of the Bible

One day some people were discussing the pros and cons of the different Bible translations. One man said he still likes the King James version because of its "beautiful poetic style." The second person preferred the New King James version because "it's more up-to-date in vocabulary." Another person said he likes the American Standard version because "it is a more accurate translation from the Greek to the English." A fourth man declared, "I like my mother's translation best of all." Then, noting the puzzled look on every one's face, he continued, "Oh, yes, she translated the Bible into life, and that's the best translation I have ever seen." And he had a good point. The parent who lives by the Bible is a greater influence upon a child than the one who just talks about doing right. Mom and Dad, all of the talking and teaching you do is never as powerful as the example you set.

-- David Sain

BROOKSHIRES RECEIPTS

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Jan. 27, 2000	THE VISITOR		Vol. 31-No.4
Records	Sunday Jan. 23	Sunday Jan. 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	412	401	353
Worship A.M.	586	623	536
Worship P.M.	384	369	366
Contribution	\$17,985.53	\$16,097.14	\$13,125.58
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, January 30, and Wed., February 3, Doug Scroggins, ph. 839-7624.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Myra Turner is in ETMC after surgery on a broken hip last Saturday. **Bill Denson** is improving at Mother Frances after a serious reaction to medication after knee replacement surgery. **Jack Garner** is now in Health South Rehab. **Alma Pitzer** is back in Mother Frances, room 445. **Christine Parsons** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Edna Hodnett** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Jean Dees** had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **George Daugherty** is recovering at home. **Priscilla Mayer** is having health problems. **Allen Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, remains in ETMC Rehab. **Jerry Konczak** is ill at home. **Gertrude Siler**, Grace Siler's great aunt, is ill. **Lloyd Hale**, Myra Turner and Lauree Hale's brother from Mineola, is in Mother Frances after a pacemaker implant this week. **Keith Harshbarger**, Judith Harshbarger's dad, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. **David Byas**, Bettye Price's son-in-law, is being treated with chemo due to kidney disease.

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ELDERS		
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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn
		Dannie Skipper
		Ira Wilson

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	6:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.
	11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
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Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Prayer Caleb Bynum
Scripture Blake Warren
Dismiss Bryce Murry

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Forest McFadden Richard Stratton
Henry McRuiz Earl O'Quinn
Shane Millican Will Dutton
Don Blake Freeman Morgan

GREETERS

Claude & Odell Sessions

Larry & Winona Shankle

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CHURCH GROWTH SEMINAR

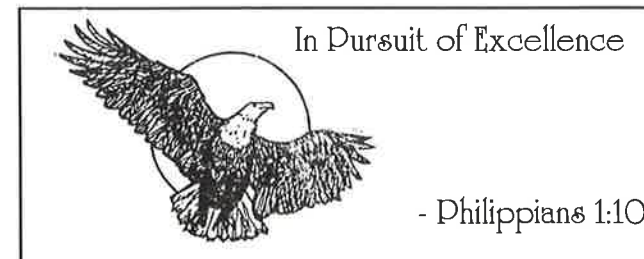
In many ways 1999 was West Erwin's greatest year in her 114 year history. We want to build upon what we have begun and upon what God has done with us. To this end, we have announced that May 25-28 is reserved for a Church Growth Seminar with Dr. John Ellas, the Director of the Center For Church Growth in Houston, Texas. John Ellas is a former university teacher and coach and his doctorate is in church growth. He is probably as well informed regarding church growth as anyone among us. This seminar will help us immeasurably as we grow into the new century. The success of this opportunity will depend upon the cooperation and involvement of as many of our members as possible. The first thing we must do is to set aside the dates of May 25-28. In the weeks ahead you will be asked to fill out a Membership Survey form consisting of data used to determine growth potential of the church and to give your opinions about the congregation. The schedule for the four days (Thursday - Sunday) will consist of interviews with elders individually and an interview with a cross section of the congregation on Thursday. Individual interviews with other elders

and staff members during the day and a two hour congregational meeting in the evening on Friday. Saturday will see congregational meetings from 9:30 - 2:30. On Sunday morning John Ellas will be an observer during Bible classes and one of 600 worshippers during our morning assembly. Then the seminar will close with an oral report on the findings of the study by John Ellas at our evening assembly. It's exciting! It will be helpful! Please participate!

ANNIVERSARY DAY

It hardly seems possible that we have been in our new auditorium for eight years but on the last Sunday of January we will begin our ninth year in our current setting. When we went into the new building in 1992 we celebrated with a Homecoming, dinner on the ground, and uplifting worship. This year we will follow the format of earlier years with combined youth through adult classes at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m., a catered dinner in the Family Life Center at 11:30 a.m., and a devotional service at 12:30 will end the church-wide activities for the day. That's this Sunday.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, January 30, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
Bible Class "The God Of Justice"
Psalm 97:1-6
A.M. "The God Of Mercy"
Psalm 103:8-17
12:30 P.M. "The God Of Grace"
Ephesians 2:4-10

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the middle school activity this past Sunday night. We had a great time at Mazzio's. Thanks to the Elzen's, Jordan's, Sweeney's, and Cannefax's for going.

Thanks to Daniel Dupree for teaching the high school class this past Sunday.

SERVANT RETREAT

This past weekend, twelve of us went to Lone Star for the Servant Retreat. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to grow spiritually. Thanks to Leah Russell for going as a sponsor.

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be over the book of 2 Kings on Feb. 14. The study sheets are ready. We will have a study session on Sunday, Feb. 6.

HOMECOMING

West Erwin's annual Homecoming will be Sunday, Jan. 30. Don't miss this special day!

All of those in the youth group are invited to our Homecoming Special this Sunday afternoon

in the Family Life Center from 4:30-9:00. Bring a snack food and a friend for this special time together.

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Please remember that all Pre-Convention Events are due by Feb. 1.

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

THE LETTER

One day a woman named Louise fell asleep in her bed and dreamed a very fitful dream. She dreamed that someone in Hell wrote a letter to her and it was to be delivered to her by a messenger. The messenger passed between the lakes of burning fire and brimstone that occupies Hell and found his way to the door that would lead him to the outside world. Louise dreamed that the messenger walked to her house, came inside, and gently, but firmly, woke her up. He gave her the message saying only that a friend had written her from Hell. In her dream, Louise took the letter with trembling hands and read:

My friend,

I stand in judgment now and feel that you're to blame somehow. On earth I walked with you day by day and never did you point the way. You knew the Lord in truth and glory, but never did you tell me the story. My knowledge then was very dim; you could have led me safely to Him. Though we lived together on the earth, you never told me of the second birth. Now I stand this day condemned, because you failed to mention Him. You taught me things, that's true. I called you friend and trusted you, but I learn now that it's too

late. You could have kept me from this fate. We walked by day and talked by night and yet you showed me not the Light. You let me live and love and die when you knew I'd never live on high. Yes, I called you a friend in life and trusted you through joy and strife. And yet on coming to the end, now I cannot call you my friend.

Marsha

After reading the letter, Louise awoke. The dream was still so real in her mind and sweat dropped from her body in pools. She swore she could still smell the acrid smell of brimstone and smoke in her room. As she contemplated the meaning of her dream, she realized that, as a Christian, she had failed in her duty to go out to all the world and preach the gospel. As she thought of this she promised herself the next day she would call Marsha and invite her to church with her. The next morning she called her friend and the conversation follows:

Bill, is Marsha there?
Louise, you don't know?
No, Bill, know what?
Marsha was killed last night in a car accident. I thought you knew.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Jimmy and Wanda Denio into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for several weeks and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 225 Samuel, 75701, ph. 593-6707.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin friends,

Our family is overwhelmed by your prayers and other acts of concern since Allen's accident. We love you and ask you to continue to pray for Allen's complete recovery and for my strength and good health to care for him.

In Christian love,
Sherry & Allen Bobbitt
Chris & Whitney
Chloe Clark

To our brethren at West Erwin,

This is a bit belated but we sincerely thank you for the monetary gift you sent at Christmas time. We didn't do cards or a letter this year. We had good intentions but they didn't get us very far. We think of you often and thank the Lord for you all. We know you pray diligently for the work here and for our family. We would like to ask you to pray for Cathy Schultz' family. They're going through some times of tough decisions concerning her husband's job and aren't sure which direction to go. This past school year has been a busy one which is going very quickly. Those of you who have had a senior can relate to that I'm sure. College preparations and paperwork are time consuming, along with all the other senior events. Thank you again for the love and generosity you've shown through cards, notes, e-mails, prayers and everything else!

Yours In Christ,
Ray & Linda Maxwell & family

IN SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Dallas for Massey Hearne, George Hearne's brother. We extend our sincere love and sympathy to all the family.

Sorry to lose . . .

Paul & Linda Brumitt are worshipping with the Broadway congregation. Lawrence W. MacFall is now in Spiro Nursing Home, room 45, in Spiro, OK 74959. He would enjoy hearing from you. Charles & Freida Starr have moved to Longview. Kyle & Kara Willoughby are attending the University congregation. We will miss these families but we wish them well as they continue to serve the Lord in their new church homes.

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NINTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2000

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AREA EVENTS

"The Church: A Divine Institution In A Fallen World" Entering the third millennium with faith, hope and anticipation. **Fifth Annual Men's Retreat** - Palestine Civic Center, Saturday, January 29, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration cost, \$15.00 per person, includes lunch. Starting the new year with faith and courage, sacrificing a day for the Lord and His glory.

You are invited! **5th Sunday Area-Wide Singing** Sunday, January 30 at 2:00 p.m. At the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola.

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Scripture Mike Harris
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Jim McDonald Jim Mayer
Phil Marts Ron Lott
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WITH SYMPATHY
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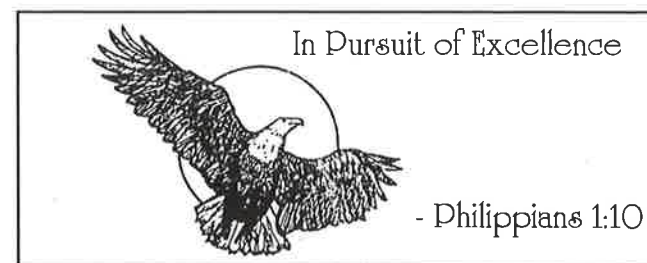
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WINNING THE HEARTS OF CHILDREN

One of the most significant results for us of the fall of the Berlin wall and the collapse of the Soviet Union was the opportunity to meet **Vladimer Skovorodnikov**, the former Superintendent of the schools in the Altai Region in Russia. The significance lies in the fact that Vladimer looked at various religious groups working in Russia and chose our brethren to be the ones who would prepare and teach the principles of Christianity to the public school teachers, who in turn would teach these principles to the children of Russia (Vladimer has since become a New Testament Christian). His rationale was that if Russia was to survive, it would be necessary to win the hearts of the children to a higher plain of living. This has always been the case: if one wishes to change the future he must win the hearts of the children in the present. So, when Moses was about to pass the mantle of leadership to another and he gave his last speeches to Israel, he insisted that the fathers teach his words to their children (Deuteronomy 6:6-9) -- this was the only way to secure the future. If I were out to secure the identity of the church in the future I would want to instill in the minds of as many young people as I could the basic principles of New Testament Christianity. If I had as my goal to radically change the church of the future I would seek to be a teacher on or near

the campus of a Christian University. I would seek to have young people under my influence and I would put questions into their minds about things their parents might expect to have fortified by people like me (of course, I would be betraying the trust of the parents by doing this). I would tell them that the church is narrow and bigoted and had its beginning in the 19th century American Restoration movement of Stone and Campbell. I would insist that issues like instrumental music in worship, baptism by immersion for the forgiveness of sin, the Lord's supper each Sunday, and leadership roles for men are simply traditional views of the church of their parents. I would try to convince them that churches of Christ are simple a denomination among denominations and that everyone who believes in Jesus is my brother. I would exchange pulpits with denominational preachers to give the young people a broader view of Christianity. These are some of the things I would do if I wanted to undermine the faith of young people and, as I succeeded, I would capture the minds of our children and change the church of the future into what my misdirected vision thinks it should be. Do you suppose anyone has thought about doing this? Is the environment in which you place your children one that fortifies faith or undermines faith? Interesting questions!

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, January 23, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God Of Goodness"
Psalm 119:65-68
P.M. "The God Of Knowledge"
Isaiah 40:9-14

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Youth With Heart... by Danny
THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came to the planning session this past Sunday night. We had an excellent meeting with much discussion about the future and direction of our youth ministry. We must choose to pursue the most excellent things and that will influence the direction of our youth ministry. If you missed the meeting, check with me for details.

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SERVANT RETREAT

This weekend, 14 of us from West Erwin will be attending the Servant Retreat in Lone Star. We will leave the building at 5:30. Please pray for us.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. This has been a wonderful ministry and will help many people. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement for this ministry.

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois
ESSENCE OF TODAY

"I expect to pass through this world but one. Any good I can do, or any kindness that I can show, Let me do it now, for I shall not pass this way again."
"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

For He who promised is faithful;
And let us consider how to stimulate one another To love and good deeds,
Not forsaking our own assembling together, As is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."
Hebrews 10:23-25

Whose life will you touch today?
Please don't delay

OASIS

Wednesday evening dinner menu for January 26th will be:
Barbecue Brisket
Pinto Beans
Corn
Sliced Bread
Iced Tea
The cost per meal will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 6 and under.

HOME COMING

West Erwin's annual Homecoming will be Sunday, Jan. 30. Don't miss this special day!

All of those in the youth group are invited to a special activity that Sunday afternoon in the Family Life Center. Check the mail for more details.

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H.O.S.T.S. News

5th Annual Dallas Singles' Conference
Saturday, January 29, 2000
Waterview Church of Christ
Richardson, Texas
*for more information, contact Mike
*Saturday, January 22nd from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., Area-Wide Games Night in the Family Life Center
*Sunday, January 23rd - Dinner Out @ LaPosada's
*Sunday, January 30th @ 3 p.m. - Super Bowl Extravaganza at Mike & Nora's
February 1 will be our next Dinner/Bible Study at the Kirbys'

Dear God,

So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-indulgent. I am thankful for that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of this bed. From that point forward, I'm going to need some serious help. In Jesus name, Amen!



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with **Blake Lowry** in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism Sunday. He is the son of Terry and Pamela Lowry and grandson of Vaughn Lowry. Their address is P.O. Box 515, Arp, 75750, ph. 859-2727.

We are very pleased to welcome **Richard Shelton** into our West Erwin family. He will be leaving soon for several months of service in Bosnia. We will be praying for his safety there and for a safe return home. His current address is 10941 Oak Haven, Tyler, 75706, ph. 858-9303.

IN SYMPATHY

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ADDRESS CHANGES:

Stan & Ernestine Mallory	Margie Wright
6408 Hollytree Circle, 75703	8570 CR 3409, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2034

NEEDED for Benevolent Center: Paper grocery bags, small size men's pants, large shirts.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Jim Hooter and Gina Montgomery who recently became engaged to be married. Congratulations to Tina Harris who is the proud owner of a new car, won through excellence in sales and recruiting for Mary Kay Cosmetics.

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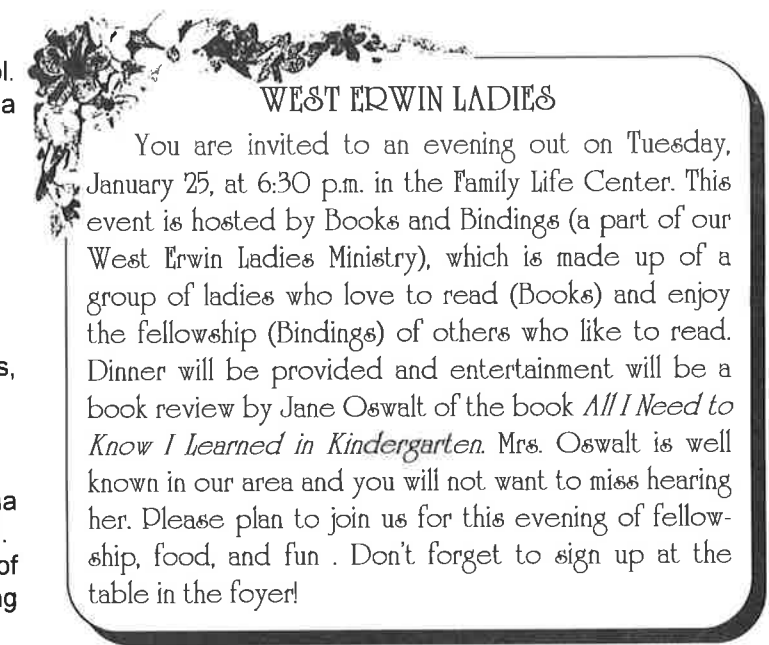
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HOME COMING 2000

BIBLE CLASS - 9:00
WORSHIP - 10:00
LUNCH - FAMILY LIFE CENTER
AFTERNOON WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

AREA EVENT

"The Church: A Divine Institution In A Fallen World"
Entering the third millennium with faith, hope and anticipation. Fifth Annual Men's Retreat - Palestine Civic Center, Saturday, January 29, 2000, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration cost, \$15.00 per person, includes lunch. Starting the new year with faith and courage, sacrificing a day for the Lord and His glory.



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

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

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, January 23 -
Preacher - Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Freida Starr; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Sharon Gordon; 2's - Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3's - Jerry & Rachel Huff; 4's - Todd & Kenna Kempton; Overseeing couple - Clay & Ronda Clemons.

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Records	Sunday Jan. 9	Sunday Jan. 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	349	388
Worship A.M.	581	568	561
Worship P.M.	395	374	374
Contribution	\$17,495.30	\$20,755.84	\$16,081.80
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus driver for Sunday, January 16, and Wed., January 19, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Jack Garner is in Mother Frances, room 393. Alma Pitzer is in Mother Frances, room 360. Laverne Keith is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. Bob May is recovering at home after gall bladder surgery. Allen Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's son-in-law, is in ETMC Rehab. Roy Roberson has been dismissed from ETMC. Lloyd Martin, Kevin Dorsey's uncle and a member of the South Main church in Henderson, is in ICU at Henderson Memorial Hospital. Beverly Richey, Mary Richey's brother-in-law from Palmer, Alaska, recently had surgery for throat cancer. Opal Golden, Rita Sitton & Nita Kennedy's sister, is in Mother Frances with heart problems. Opal's daughter, Sherry Mullings, has a brain tumor and needs our prayers also. Allie Hollis, Doris Kennedy's sister, is in ETMC following hip replacement 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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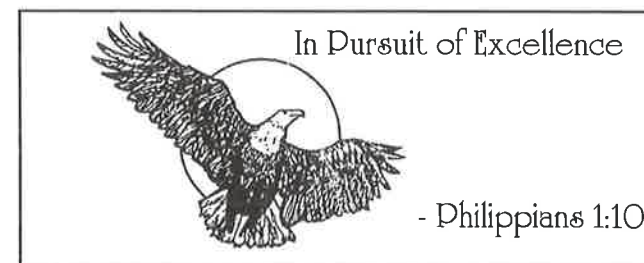
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THE GOD WE WORSHIP

Have you ever wanted to do something and yet felt totally inadequate to do it? I have . . . many times. I have stood in the presence of suffering and wanted to do something to alleviate the pain but felt totally inadequate. I have been invited to speak before audiences made up of college professors, preachers, elders, and some of the church's finest and, while I was honored to do it, I felt so inadequate. I have stood at death's door and felt so insignificant. But, I guess I have never felt any more inadequate than I do as I approach the series of studies which begins this Sunday. For a long while I have wanted to present this series but I felt I wasn't ready. Then I begin to gather materials, to ponder how I would approach the subject, to pray about the entire procedure. Now I feel more inadequate than before. However, I'm going on with it! I plan to begin this Sunday morning a series of sermons I have chosen to

call The God We Worship. The series will seek to better acquaint us with who God is. In the outset we are overwhelmed by how quickly we plunge in over our heads. How can I expect you to understand what I will try to say when I do not understand it myself? Yet, God wants us to know Him and He has revealed Himself to us in terms with which we can identify. We can never know all about God, but we can know more than we do, know him better than we do, and be forever changed by this knowledge. I have already been changed . . . and you can be, too! So, as inadequate as I feel, I'm going to try to enter the depths of God. I hope you will try too. With our theme for the year 2000 being "In Pursuit of Excellence," what better way to begin the year than to seriously study The God We Worship? I hope to see you Sunday as we look into the Holy of Holies.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, January 16, 2000
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "The God We Worship"
Isaiah 40:25-31
P.M. "The Hands of Jesus"
Matthew 8:1-4

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Linda Hone and Lisa Snell for hosting the High School Devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time and great dream for our growth in the future.

Thanks to Ron Lott for teaching class this past week in my absence.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Leigh McClenny for being selected for the ALL-East Texas Volleyball "First" Team. She also was the Most Outstanding Setter for the 15-3A Division. Way to go Leigh!

Congratulations to Payton Fedell for placing First in the Three-point Shootout at the Tyler CEO's Tournament. Way to go Payton!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you are interested in helping, be at the Fellowship Hall by 5:30.

PARENT - TEEN MEETING

We will have a very important planning session for the West Erwin Youth Ministry this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. This will be an eating meeting so check the mail for more

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CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

On the first day of school, a teacher was glancing over the roll when she noticed a number after each student's name, such as 154, 136, or 142.

"Wow! Look at these IQ's," she said to herself. "What a terrific class." The teacher promptly determined to work harder with this class than with any other she ever had.

Throughout the year, she came up with innovative lessons that she thought would challenge the students, because she didn't want them to get bored with work that was too easy.

Her plan worked! The class outperformed all the other classes that she taught in the usual way. Then, during the last quarter of the year, she discovered what those numbers after the students' names really were: their locker numbers.

Please pray for our teachers as they work to make the Bible come alive inside the hearts and lives of their students. Praise God for all of those willing to spend their time and energy to share God's Word with us. Better yet, why not consider teaching yourself? What better way to help build the future than to touch a life today with the TRUTH of God's Holy Word?

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BEGINNING THIS WEEK!!!

Keep an eye out for these new Bible studies beginning on Wednesday, January 12th.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

10 am * Heritage Room
"Christian Graces"

A study aimed at understanding God's grace, as we develop our own graces. This study will be built out of 2 Peter 1:5-9.

Taught by: Frances Phillips

Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Room 113
"My Life As A Wife" or "Til Death Do Us Part"
Commitment to contentment
The Blessings of Marriage
Taught by: Melinda O'Quinn

Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study

Room 112
"Victory Over Temptation"
Beating the Devil at His Own Game
Taught by: Hillard Hughes

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IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin Church,

Thanks for all the cards and well wishes after the untimely death of our brother-in-law, Bob LaVerne. My sister and her two children are working through this tough time with God's help. Thanks.

Earl & Melinda O'Quinn

IN SYMPATHY

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NEEDED: Substitute teachers for West Erwin Playschool. If you love children, please call Terry Shaw or Laurie Dawkins.

ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Not everyone can do everything, but everyone can encourage. Everyone can be involved in giving encouragement. Words and actions of encouragement are tonic for the heart; they lift weary spirits and infuse new strength into our lives. Encouragement reminds people that their life matters and that they are not overlooked or forgotten.

Being an encourager doesn't require special skills or training; it springs from a heart that cares and that seeks to bless and help. It can be conveyed through a note or a few words, or with a smile and expressions of appreciation. Mainly, it is just a matter of getting up and going or doing it, but what a difference it can make.

Giving encouragement can be so easy, yet it can so easily be neglected. How? Things like "busy-ness." We are such busy people, preoccupied with lots of activities, but sometimes our busy-ness causes us to overlook opportunities to go and give encouragement. Then there is that ugly word, "procrastination." We see the need and we really do intend to go and do, but other things preempt our good intentions and we never get there.

There will always be a critical need for the ministry of encouragement within the church. Let's begin this year a new ministry especially designed to involve and help each of us serve this critical need of giving encouragement. We need to encourage one another. We need to encourage those looking for a church home and especially those who are seeking salvation. You can make a significant difference in someone's life! We need people willing to be involved and busy like Barnabas, the "son of encouragement." Open your arms, expose your heart, and let's fulfill this ministry of encouragement.

(adapted from Burleson Bulletin)

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NEW ARRIVALS

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Congratulations to Charles and Mary Beth O'Neal on the birth of a new granddaughter! Morgan Jane O'Neal was born January 5 to Danny and Annette O'Neal. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. Jim and Kelley Bell are the proud aunt and uncle.

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Worship A.M.	568	611	530
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Contribution	\$20,755.84	\$14,719.13	\$15,767.01
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Milburn Cook

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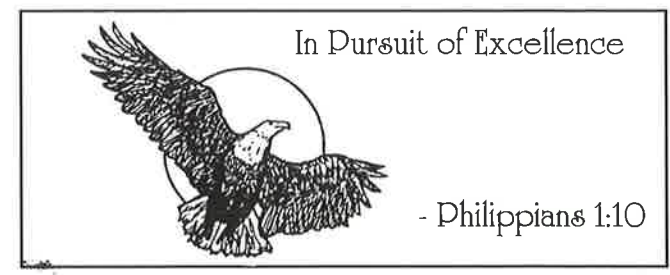
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IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

1999 was a very good year for the West Erwin church. At the beginning of the year we set some goals for ourselves which included both spiritual and numerical growth. We prayed for renewal and revival within our congregation; for 100 additional people who would help us become more what God wants us to be as a church; for greater power in preaching and teaching; and for the "fullness of God" in our lives. Our goal for the giving of our financial means was set at \$17,001 a week and we wanted to pay off the indebtedness on our Family Life Center. All of our tangible goals were exceeded and we believe our intangible goals were met as well. We have just concluded an exceptional year and now, as we enter the year 2000, we look forward with great anticipation to our greatest year ever. We have adopted as our theme for the new year "In Pursuit of Excellence" based upon Paul's prayer for the Philippians that they might "approve the things that are excellent" (Philippians 1:10). How can we accomplish this goal? Paul gives us three

keys: have a desire for loving in abundance the things that we should (1:9); make the right choices (1:10); and be the right kind of people to the glory and praise of God (1:10-11). This Sunday we will be challenged on our giving to meet the largest weekly budget in this church's history. This will be a great time for us to begin fulfilling our theme, "In Pursuit Of Excellence." Start by being on time for Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. Be one of more than 600 worshippers at our 10:00 a.m. "In church" meeting. Come back Sunday evening as more than 400 people will worship God together. Be a part of over 300 Christians meeting together for classes on Wednesday evenings. Increase your giving some (if you are not giving at least 10% of your income back to God, start Sunday) and let's meet our budget from day one. Love the right things; make the right choices; be the right kind of people -- pursue excellence. Then when our history is written it may be said, "This was their finest hour" -- at least until next year!

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, January 9, 2000
A.M. "The Challenge"
2 Corinthians 8:1-5
Leon Welborn and Dr. Jay Lockhart
P.M. "An Extravagant Love"
Luke 7:36-43
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Y2K...

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Thanks to all of those who began this new year/decade/century/etc. Together. We brought in the new year with a prayer and a devotion to our Creator. May this be the year we mature in Christ and grow.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the 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!

CLASS NOTES by Mike Gravois

BEING SUCCESSFUL IN 2000

We think we will die of embarrassment if we are rejected. We sometimes don't even get up to bat because we don't want to strike out. The way I understand it, success and failure, as commonly spoken of, are really imposters. It is the experience of moving toward the goal that is important. Moving equals success. Not moving equals failure.

David Miln Smith and Sandra Leicester
Hug the Monster
Andrews and McMeel

Success is a JOURNEY, not a DESTINATION

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshipped beyond the river in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:14-15

As we begin this new year, new decade, new millennium, choose to be a success like Joshua did. Take a step TODAY towards a closer walk with God.

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Jan. 16	Parent-Teen Meeting
Jan. 21-23	High School's Servant Retreat
Jan. 23	Middle School Devotional
Jan. 30	Homecoming

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Keep an eye out for these new Bible studies beginning on Wednesday, January 12th.

Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

10 am * Heritage Room

"Christian Graces"

A study aimed at understanding God's grace, as we develop our own graces. This study will be built out of 2 Peter 1:5-9.

Taught by: Frances Phillips

Wednesday Evening Ladies Bible Study

Room 113

"My Life As A Wife" or "Til Death Do Us Part"

Commitment to contentment

The Blessings of Marriage

Taught by: Melinda O'Quinn

Wednesday Evening Men's Bible Study

Room 112

"Victory Over Temptation"

Beating the Devil at His Own Game

Taught by: Hillard Hughes

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Our Wednesday evening dinner program will resume on Wednesday, January 12th. Please remember to mark your cards on Sunday, January 9th with the number of meals you would like to have provided. The cost per meal will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 6 and under.

RESPONSES

Laurie Florence came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that God will direct the decisions that she must make in her life.

Claudia Griffis and Kyle Stowers came to ask for prayers for Claudia's son and Kyle's dad and for themselves as they are going through some very bad times.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Members,

I've finally completed my Eagle project. I had over 400 hours of volunteer labor and over \$430 in donations by the time the project was carried out. Thank you all very much for the generous donations that were made to see the project through. It was the people who worked and helped that made this project possible. And if it wasn't for all the contributions this service to the Helen Lee Foundation could not have been completed. Thank you again.

Bryce Murry

Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you for thinking of us at Christmas. We always appreciate the love and care you show us. It is wonderful to serve God with you and on your behalf.

In Christ,

Jeff, Brenda & Josiah Holland

Thank you for the food, cards, all of your well wishes, and most of all your prayers during my recent illness. It is very reassuring to know that I belong to such a caring and nurturing Christian family. Thank you.

Rose Teel

To All Tuesday Cooks:

Thanks a million for all that you do. You are very much appreciated by all who benefit from your efforts. We wish you a happy and prosperous New Year. Thank you.

James Phillips

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Freeman and Billie Morgan on the birth of a new grandson! Samuel Mason Morgan was born December 18 in Stockton, California to Randall and Kim Morgan. He weighed 8 lb. 12 oz.

WITH SYMPATHY

Tommie Alice Egbert, long time West Erwin member, died December 26. Burial was in Laurel Land in Fort Worth.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Frances Phillips is teaching on "Christian Graces" from 2 Peter. Come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ

Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging

West Erwin Church of Christ

WEST ERWIN LADIES

You are invited to an evening out on Tuesday, January 25, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. This event is hosted by Books and Bindings (a part of our West Erwin Ladies Ministry), which is made up of a group of ladies who love to read (Books) and enjoy the fellowship (Bindings) of others who like to read. Dinner will be provided and entertainment will be a book review by Jane Oswald of the book *All I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*. Mrs. Oswald is well known in our area and you will not want to miss hearing her. Please plan to join us for this evening of fellowship, food, and fun!

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a miscellaneous Bridal Shower honoring Miss Tara Dark, bride-elect of David Haney, II (former West Erwin member) Sunday, January 9, from 2:00-3:30 at the home of Karla Vandiver 1204 Golden Road

Selections at Target and Service Merchandise

WEDDING INVITATION

Tara D'Wan Dark

And

David Mauldin Haney, II

Together with their parents

Mr. And Mrs. Ray Dark

And Mr. And Mrs. David Haney

Invite you to share in their joy

As they exchange marriage vows
On Saturday, the fifteenth of January

In the year two thousand

At seven-thirty in the evening

Broadway Church of Christ

Broadway and Cumberland Road

Tyler, Texas

Reception following

"Do unto others as though you were the others."

Children's Worship Workers - Sunday, January 9 - Preacher - John Shaw; Nursery a.m. & p.m. - Brittany Haws; Toddler Nursery p.m. - Kathy Portwood; 2's - Tim & Stephanie Percefull; 3's - Aaron & Jean DuVall; 4's - John & Terry Shaw; Overseeing couple - Clay & Ronda Clemons.

The Search



Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister