

Dec. 20, 2001	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 32-No. 48
Records	Sunday December 16	Sunday December 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	424	375	368
Worship A.M.	615	582	574
Worship P.M.	300	355	359
Wed. P.M.	297	290	
Contribution	\$25,097.50	\$63,638.72	\$17,350.52
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 23, and Wednesday, Dec. 26, Clint Hale, ph. 597-1542. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** **Brittany Haws** had knee surgery Wednesday. **Aubrey Denman** is in ETMC following surgery last week. **Mabel Holbert** is in ETMC. **R.L. Brock**, Judy Clark's dad, is in ETMC. **Don Weathers** is scheduled for back surgery Dec. 28. **Cathy Hallman** had knee surgery last Wednesday. **Ann McCoy** is at home after breast cancer surgery. **Buddy Bell** is at home after being hospitalized due to a kidney infection. **Judith Harshbarger** is at home after back surgery. **James Pattillo**, Pat Pattillo's dad, is having lung problems. **Bob Pate**, Stephanie Christian's dad, is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. **Jim Pierce**, Faye Kennard's brother, is at home after heart surgery. **Ray Pugh**, Sheri Figueroa's dad, is doing better after a pacemaker implant. **Velma Newman**, Gaynelle Gray's sister, suffered a broken hip in Corsicana. **J.W. Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's stepfather, is recovering after surgery. **Binky Makovy**, Don McCune's brother-in-law, had cancer surgery in Waco. **Bonnie Blackstone**, Dale Blackstone's mother, is now in hospice. **George Herberger**, Kathleen Nowell's brother-in-law, will begin cancer treatment. **Pat Robbins**, friend of Andy and Barbara Fav has been diagnosed with cancer

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<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
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Hillard Hughes	Phil Maris	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
James Sublette	Joe McBee	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
	Ray Vannoy		(903) 592-0809
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
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**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Leon Welborn Randall Wilson  
 David Asbill Ray Womack  
 Dale Blackstone Dan Baldwin  
 Doug Yates Ponder Wright, Jr.  
**GREETERS**  
 Fred & Sara Powell & Walker Waggoner  
 Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Kate Sweeney  
 Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Michael Ragsdale  
 Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette  
 &Greg & Cyndie Wagner  
**Picking up cards Dec. 23 & 30:** Michael Ragsdale,  
 Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris

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*Happy Holidays*  
 From the office staff:

Reaching My Potential  
 In Christ  
  
 - Philippians 2:12-13

Sermons for Sunday, December 23, 2001  
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. "What Angels Saw"  
 (1 Timothy 3:16)  
 P.M. "The Ninth Principle Is Stewardship"  
 (2 Corinthians 9:6-11)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

There are many folks to thank for this great year.

First, thanks to our teens: I think back on 2001 and look at what our teens have done and am constantly reminded of their incredible drive to represent Christ to the world. Our teens served their neighbors, taught the Gospel, built a house, painted a church building in Mexico and taught the children there, taught the message to the children of West Point of Nebraska and built relationships with them, climbed a mountain, worked hard, cried, laughed, and grew. They did it all with a smile.

Second, thanks to all of the adults who helped these teens accomplish these goals. You have mentored, loved, and shined. Thank you for impacting their lives!

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the home of Jessica Kuechle on Sunday, Dec. 23. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Maps will be provided to their house. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

### KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who have helped with the Karing Kitchen Ministry this year. This outreach has made a difference in the lives of many people. Jesus would say, "Well done my good and faithful servant... When I was hungry you fed me..." May God Bless you for your servant heart.

### SERVANT RETREAT

Jan. 18-20 is the date for the annual Servant Retreat for all of those in high school. This will be an incredible weekend full of opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The deadline for signing up is Jan. 6. The theme this year is Solo La Sangre (nothing but the blood). We are expecting around 20 churches from the area for this great weekend.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed our LTC sign-up, please do so ASAP.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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**Dec. 31-Jan. 5** Family Ski Trip  
**Jan. 18-20** Servant Retreat



### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the food, calls, cards, encouragement, and especially your prayers during this difficult time. Please continue to pray for me. I appreciate your love and concern.

Ranae Bone

### YEAR END SINGING

The annual area-wide Year End Singing will be Wednesday, December 26 at the West Erwin building. There will be a special class for all preschoolers in room 103. Don't miss this time of singing praise to God and fellowship with other area Christians!

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Tuesday in New Orleans for Ve Gravois, Mike Gravois' mother. Services were held Sunday in Corsicana for Virgil Sharp, Linda McClenny's uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### THE FIVE SENSES OF CHRISTMAS

**See** - At Christmas there are lovely things to see - Behold, a burst of colors on the tree, and cozy rooms awash with candlelight. And stars that stitch bright patterns in the night. Ribbons, wrappings done in reds and greens, and through the window, winter snowfall scenes.

**Smell** - At Christmas there are pleasing things to smell - roasted chestnuts corner vendors sell, ginger cookies cooling on a tray, a jar of spice, a pungent pine bouquet, and when the oven door is open wide, a tempting whiff of turkey from inside.

**Touch** - At Christmas there are splendid things to touch - warm and fuzzy coats and hats and such, velvet vests and hand knit slipper socks gift that jiggles when you shake the box, a friend, a snowflake delicate and frail, a chunk of ice, a merry batch of mail.

**Taste** - At Christmas there are luscious things to taste - a fruited stollen filled with almond paste, a mug of cocoa or a glass of punch, a minty candy for after lunch, a juicy orange or a mellow pear, perhaps plum pudding, elegant and rare.

**Hear** - At Christmas there are joyful things to hear - the sound of church bells ringing deep and clear, the festive singing voices of a choir, a snap of twigs, the crackling of a fire, the story told at bedtime o'er and o'er of peace on earth, good will forevermore.

### BENEVOLENT CENTER

The Benevolent Center will be closed on December 18, 20, 25, 27 and January 1 and 4. We wish for everyone happy holidays and a happy, healthy new year!

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25 and New Year's Day, January 1, 2002.

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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Bring a friend to the annual Area-Wide "Year End Singing" 7:00 p.m., December 26, at our building!

### THE UNUSED KEYS TO SUCCESS

1. The greatest rewards begin when we change from "What's in it for me?" to "How can I help you?"
2. The best motivator of people is not money but genuine benefit.
3. To avoid failure is to limit accomplishment.
4. Confidence grows with achievement.
5. Always look for what's wrong before who's wrong.
6. The key to accountability is: who will do what by when?
7. Brainpower without willpower is no power.
8. Cooperation is spelled: WE."
9. Thinking is the hardest work there is; don't avoid it.
10. Competence without accomplishment is worthless. Intentions have no value without results.

### HOW TO HAVE A WINNING DAY

You have to listen more than you talk. You have to give more than you get. You have to smile more than you frown. You have to think "we" more than you think "me." You have to agree more than you disagree. You have to compliment more than you criticize. You have to laugh more than you cry. You have to clean up more than you mess up. You have to be positive more than you're negative. You have to be fascinated more than you're frustrated. You have to "walk the walk" more than you "talk the talk." You have to be more accepting than rejecting. You have to see the cup "half full" more than seeing it "half empty." You have to help more than you hinder. You have to believe in yourself more than you doubt yourself. You have to work more than you whine. You have to do more than you don't. You have to act more than you react. You have to save more than you squander. You have to care more than you ever have. You have to love more than you ever have.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

One of the goals that I would like to see accomplished within our educational program in 2002 is that we retain a high percentage of our current teachers and that we enlist somewhere between 6 to 12 new teachers. We are constantly looking for new teachers to help fill current teaching positions. It is my desire to create 3 new classes on Sunday morning within the next year. I really believe that we can accomplish this goal if we are faithful in our attendance and if we are willing to move into these new classes. Pray for this effort and let's put it into God's hands.

The following is a generalized list of the ways that I am proposing to the elders in order to obtain the above mentioned goal.

**First**, we need to provide our current teachers, as well as potential teachers, the opportunity to attend teacher training workshops. Teachers, you will have the opportunity of attending one such workshop on February 9th. This workshop will be held

at the Alpine church of Christ in Longview and I hope that we can take several of our members to that workshop. Mark this date on your calendar.

**Second**, let's continue to participate in our A.P.E.X. Program. The following is a summation of the A.P.E.X. Program.

**Round #1:** Orientation to the West Erwin educational program (this was held in July of 2001).

**Round #2:** Catching a Winning Vision (Winter Quarter).

**Round #3:** Focus group created to evaluate and develop educational outreach programs and classes.

**Round #4:** Implementation of the approved focus group recommendations.

**Third**, all of our current adult teachers are being asked to seek out 1 or 2 of their current students and then to involve them in the teaching of the class. This will allow the student teachers, as well as the class, to become familiar with the teaching style of these teachers. At the appropriate time, some of these classes will be split, with the newly trained teachers being given the task to grow that class. This program is being called: Student Teacher Educational Program (S.T.E.P.).



### THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Mend a quarrel.

Seek out a forgotten friend.

Write a love letter.

Share some treasure.

Give a soft answer.

Encourage youth.

Keep a promise.

Find the time.

Love an enemy.

Forgive.

Listen.

Apologize, regardless.

Think first of someone else.

Be kind and gentle.

Laugh a little.

Laugh a little more.

Express your gratitude.

Gladden the heart of a child.

Take pleasure in beauty and wonder.

Speak your love.

Speak it again.

Speak it still once again.

**BULLETIN:** There will be no bulletin the week of Christmas due to postal regulations for second class mail.

**BIBLE HOUR:** There will be no Bible Hour on Dec. 23 and no Jr. Bible Hour on Sunday, Dec. 23 or Sunday, Dec. 30.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 23

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Connie Sublette; Nursery p.m.: Pam Lott; Toddler a.m.: Brittany Asbill; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Debra Elzen; 2 year olds: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 3 year olds: Kimberly Clark & Kristi Harris; 4 year olds: Adam & Lisa Bryant.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 30

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Becky McRuiz; Nursery p.m.: Nerene Ingram; Toddler a.m.: Sara Scarborough; 2 year olds: Tara Kilgore & Carolyn Blackstone; 3 year olds: Shane & Becky Millican; 4 year olds: James & Ruth Ellis.



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Bible Class	375	414	379
Worship A.M.	582	618	549
Worship P.M.	355	383	337
Wed. P.M.	290	240	
Contribution	\$63,638.72	\$18,365.78	\$157,165.06
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 16, and Wednesday, Dec. 19, David Wicks ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Ann McCoy is at home after breast cancer surgery Monday. Buddy Bell expects to be dismissed from Mother Frances Thursday after being hospitalized due to a kidney infection. Alla Minnis is in ETMC. Pat Stokes is doing better and is back in the Clairmont. Judith Harshbarger is at home after back surgery. Mabel Holbert is scheduled for surgery Dec. 16. Bill Mezell is scheduled for tests Dec. 17, then possible ear surgery. James Pattillo, Pat Pattillo's dad, needs our prayers. Bob Pate, Stephanie Christian's dad, is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. Jim Pierce, Faye Kennard's brother, is recovering after heart surgery. Ray Pugh, Sheri Figueroa's dad, is doing better after a pacemaker implant. Velma Newman, Gaynelle Gray's sister, is in Heritage South Home in Corsicana due to a broken hip. J.W. Bullard, Cathy Culpepper's stepfather, is in ETMC after knee replacement surgery. Binky Makovy, Don McCune's brother-in-law, is very ill in Waco. Bonnie Blackstone, Dale Blackstone's mother, is now in hospice. 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 nursinghomes.

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

Call to worship Doug Yates  
Prayer Wally Dawkins  
Scripture Brady Dawkins  
Dismiss Danny Snell

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

Announcements Doug Yates  
Prayer Dr. Roger Knight  
Scripture Dennis Kingsbury  
Dismiss Jim Hooter

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Mark Waggonner Lowell Wiggains  
Greg Wagner David Wicks  
Greg Walker Walker Weathers  
Terry Warren Don Weathers

**GREETERS**

Gene & Leah Moon & Jade & Hutton Moon  
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Kyle Stowers  
Bob & May Helen May & Shannon Snell  
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee  
& Ken & Cathy Culpepper

**Picking up cards:** Chris Scroggins, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher & George Richardson

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**SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION**

The special contribution for Eastern European Mission and the Spanish work in Tyler totaled more than \$42,000 as you gave with a generous spirit. We are grateful to all who participated in this gift for two worthy causes. Through the years the West Erwin church has been highly motivated by our Lord's commission to reach out into our community and the world with the gospel. This special contribution for missions, added to our budgeted mission work, means that during this year we have given a total of \$238,000 to mission work throughout the world. We are able to give because we are blessed and we are blessed because we give. God still "loves a cheerful (hilaros -- note how the Greek word resembles the English "hilarious" - JPL) giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7). Thanks to everyone who engages in ministry at West Erwin!

**HOLIDAY SEASON**

During the holiday season we will have many of our folks who will be traveling and we can expect a good number of

visitors in our assemblies. We pray for your safe travels and let's be seeking out and welcoming our visitors. The holidays remind us that we stand on the threshold of a new year and, therefore, a new work program (we used to call this a budget) for the church. All of our ministries have submitted their requests to the elders who are finalizing the 2002 program, and we can be assured that it will be a challenge in accordance with the West Erwin tradition. The new work program will be presented to the congregation soon after the first of the year. Be in prayer for our leaders as they seek the Lord's will for us at this place.

**SUNDAY EVENING SERIES**

I want to thank you for the reception you are giving to the Church Growth series: Ten Principles. We will complete this series before year's end and, hopefully, we can make practical application of them in our congregation. See you Sunday for Bible classes and all worship assemblies.  
- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, December 16, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "The Choices We Make"  
(Numbers 14:6-10)  
P.M. "The Eighth Principle Is Fellowship"  
(1 John 1:3-7)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who were a part of the Youth Holiday Party this past Saturday night. We had a great turnout and our house was packed! Thanks to the youth group for the wonderful gifts!

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the home of Jessica Kuechle on Sunday, Dec. 23. Details later.

### KARING KITCHEN

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### SERVANT RETREAT

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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Our LTC sign up began last Sunday. If you missed it and haven't signed up yet, please do so ASAP.

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

The dedication of the 3rd Church of Christ Habitat House took place Sunday afternoon with a great turnout from West Erwin and the other churches. Winnie and her family were really excited to finally get her own home. A special thanks to all of those who helped build this house both with funds and labor. For those of you who always go the extra mile on this project, May God bless you for being a true servant!

If you want to see pictures of the Habitat House, the entire project is at: [http://community.webshots.com/user/gbgrubb\\_](http://community.webshots.com/user/gbgrubb_)

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Small Group Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 17</b>	<b>West Erwin - Host Karing Kitchen</b>
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<b>Jan. 18-20</b>	<b>Servant Retreat</b>



## IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the visits, calls, cards, prayers and the delicious food while I was sick. It is good to be a part of a caring congregation. May God bless you all.

Eloise Thompson

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

## WITH SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Church of Christ in Coleman, Texas for J.A. Bozeman, Michael's grandfather. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Michael and to all the family.

## ENTHUSIASM

*That certain something that makes one great, that pulls us out of the mediocre and common place, that builds power. It glows and shines -- it lights up faces!*

**ENTHUSIASM!** - the keynote that makes us sing, and men sing with us.

**ENTHUSIASM!** - the maker of friends; the maker of smiles, the producer of confidence. It cries to the world, "I've got what it takes!" It tells everyone that our job is swell, and what we are suits us - there is no better way of life

**ENTHUSIASM!** - It's the inspiration that makes us "wake up and live." It puts spring in our steps - spring in our hearts - a twinkle in our eyes and gives us confidence in ourselves and in others.

**ENTHUSIASM!** - It changes a goof-off into a worker -- a pessimist into an optimist; a loafer into a go-getter. If we have it, we should be thankful. If we don't have it, we should make a great effort to find it, and get up and work for it

*Ice water never moved a steam engine an inch.*

**ENTHUSIASM!** is unmistakable evidence that you love your work.

*Comfort and luxury are not the chief requirements in life -- what we need to make us happy is something to be enthusiastic about.*

## SPECIAL EVENT

The League Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will host the "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" with Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner **February 1-2, 2002.** See bulletin board in office area for details or for questions call (903) 885-153

## BENEVOLENT CENTER

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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Valentina Cliver** in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. She and her husband, Gerald W. Cliver, have been worshipping with us for several months. This couple will be valuable asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 13863 Teepee Trail, 75709, ph. 581-1728.

## NINE ASPECTS OF LIFE

1. *The adventure of life is to learn.*
2. *The purpose of life is to grow.*
3. *The nature of life is to change.*
4. *The challenge of life is to overcome.*
5. *The essence of life is to care.*
6. *The opportunity of life is to serve.*
7. *The secret of life is to dare.*
8. *The spice of life is to befriend.*
9. *The beauty of life is to give.*

## YEAR END SINGING

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*"Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the string we have, and that is our attitude."*

- Charles Swindoll

## THINK ABOUT IT ...

*"Give people more than they expect, and do so cheerfully."*

*"When you don't know what to do, pray. You'll be surprised at how much it will help you decide."*

*"When you realize you've made a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it."*

*"Open your mind to change, but don't let new ideas dilute your principles."*

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## COMMUNITY

### Balance . . . . . by Don Crawford

The Holiday Season brings with it a hurried mentality. We have to do the normal every day activities plus squeeze in so much more. During this season be sure to balance *Solitude, Community and Simplicity.*

**Solitude.** The Psalmist said, "Be still and know that I am God." Your engine wasn't designed to operate at 10,000 rpms. Be still. Take 30 minutes a day to reflect upon God and His guidance. (Phil. 4:19)

**Community.** Do not neglect your connection with God's people. Give them the opportunity to do that. Christian community, if neglected will, like a tire out of balance, vibrate the entire body and eventually cause major breakdowns.

**Simplicity.** People who are consumed with "things" can never be whole. Idolatry is closely related to the love of possessions because it displaces your allegiance. It puts your trust in something other than God who created you. The gospels contain

some 200 references to people putting their faith, belief, and trust in Jesus. Just because it's the holiday season does not mean you have reached a spot where you can coast in your relationship with Him. You need Him more now than ever before. Stay balanced!

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Small Groups are on schedule for Sunday, December 16. Services will start at 5:30 p.m. to allow extra time for these meetings. If you are not a part of a small group and would like to participate, or if you would be willing to lead a group yourself, please contact Don Crawford any time during the day at the church office.

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Be making your plans for the annual Area-Wide "Year End Singing" scheduled for December 26 at our building. Bring a friend. Let's fill the building for this special occasion.

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The Wednesday evening meals have been discontinued until January 16. Enjoy the holidays!

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! Wednesday evening was an exciting night at West Erwin. We all met together for a great chili dinner and then we began our new quarter for Wednesday evenings. Wednesday evening is such a great time to come together to fellowship with each other and to be edified through our Bible classes. I love our midweek services. In fact, I can't think of a single thing I'd rather be doing on Wednesday evening than meeting together with my West Erwin family. Apparently, many of you agree with me. Our numbers continue to rise, and with each additional person who decides to attend our classes comes the satisfaction of knowing that they will be exposed to the Word of God to a greater degree. Thanks for making our Wednesday evening services so meaningful over the last year.

If you are not presently attending our midweek services, please begin this coming Wednesday. I am so excited that we have put together some extremely meaningful classes. Think about it for a

minute. If you attend this Wednesday you will have the opportunity of hearing Jay Lockhart present a series of lessons entitled: **The Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.** He presents these lessons in the small auditorium for The Search TV program. The ladies class is meeting in the chapel and they are using a variety of teachers to present timely lessons concerning **Friendship.** In room 114, Forest McFadden is teaching a series of lessons entitled: **Getting Into God's Word.** These lessons are being presented so that all of the students will know how to study God's Word more effectively. If you love to build one another up through singing, then you won't want to miss our **Singing Joyfully** class that is conducted by Jerry Huff in the Heritage Room. It is so refreshing to hear singing throughout the building as these Christians raise their voices to God. And, yes, we have a new class being offered in room 112. I am teaching this class and it is entitled: **Catching a Winning Vision.** This class is extremely important to the growth of the church. Please consider attending this class as we discuss ways that we can aid the West Erwin church in growing as God would have us grow.



Dec. 6, 2001	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 32-No. 46
Records	Sunday December 2	Sunday November 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	404	433
Worship A.M.	618	616	589
Worship P.M.	383	359	386
Wed. P.M.	240	NC282	
Contribution	\$18,365.78	\$18,462.95	\$31,991.17
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 9, and Wednesday, Dec. 12, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Judith Harshbarger had back surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Pat Stokes is in ETMC due to internal bleeding. Alla Minnis is in ETMC. Continue to remember Bonnie Blackstone, Dale Blackstone's mother, Ranae Bone, J.A. Bozeman, Michael Bozeman's grandfather, recurring lung cancer, Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, Chloe Clark, Meeta Clucas, Tim DiMaggio, Barbara Fay's son, as he is released from prison, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, Charles M. Garrett, Charles Garret's son, K. Max Haws, Olyn and Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Mabel Holbert, Kim Jordan, Clyde Lane, Donna Lassiter, Brad Chambless' mother-in-law, Bernice Majors, Dub & Opal Mathews, Charles & Ann McCoy, Nancy McCoy, Mary McFadden, Freeman Morgan, Bob Pate, Stephanie Christian's dad, Jim Pierce, Faye Kennard's brother, heart surgery, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, Troy Portwood, John Portwood's dad, Ray Pugh, Sheri Figueroa's dad, Lorraine Rozell, Ginger Metcalf's mother, Eloise Thompson, Kathryn Wallace, and Frances Wester, Jimmy Wester's mother.

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Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell		Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
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Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper	Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn			11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809	

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Prayer David Hammond  
Scripture Nathan Linseisen  
Dismiss Danny Snell

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Ron Lott

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Danny Snell  
Prayer Stan Mallory  
Scripture Dan Gillam  
Dismiss Bill Hawkins

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Mark Waggonner Lowell Wiggains  
Greg Wagner David Wicks  
Greg Walker Walker Weathers  
Terry Warren Don Weathers

**GREETERS**

Don & Nerene Ingram & Bryce Murry  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Jordan Rousseau  
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Sara Scarborough  
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts  
& Maggie Craddock

**Picking up cards:** Chris Scroggins, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher & George Richardson

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### SPECIAL YEAR END CONTRIBUTION

Through the years the West Erwin church has set aside one Sunday near the end of the year for a special contribution. Some years we needed to make up a short fall in our regular budget giving. Some years we gave for some special program of work -- remodeling, building fund, paying off a mortgage or a mission opportunity. There was at least one year when we gave several thousand dollars above our regular Sunday giving and we had no special plan for using the contribution! However, this year we have two things to which we want the special contribution to go. First, we want to participate in Eastern European Mission's effort to raise one million dollars to cover the cost of placing the Bible and other religious materials into the hands of people in Russia. For about \$30 a family in the former Soviet Union can receive materials that very well will change their lives and their

eternal destinies. God has placed a big challenge before His people with the breakup of the Soviet Republic and great things are happening there every day. Some of our own people have been there and have a direct part in reaching Russians for Christ. We want to participate in a greater way and a part of our special contribution on Sunday will go for this work. The other work we want to do is help the local Spanish church purchase its own property and build its own building. Along with three other congregations in Tyler we propose to see this dream become a reality. So come this Sunday prepared to give generously to these two important works. We will take only one contribution and all we give above our regular budget will be considered our special. Thanks for sharing!

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, December 9, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "My Ways Are Not Your Ways"**  
(Isaiah 55:8-9)

**P.M. "The Seventh Principle Is Ministry"**  
(1 Peter 2:9-10)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

The dedication of the 3rd Church of Christ Habitat House will be Sunday, Dec. 9 at 3:00. Please join us for this celebration! The address is 2218 North Englewood in Tyler.

Saturday, Dec. 8 will be our last workday. We will be painting and taking care of the finishing touches. We will meet at 8:30 Saturday morning. We will plan to work through the early afternoon. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Our LTC sign up began last Sunday. If you missed it and haven't signed up yet, please do so ASAP.

### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the youth group Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 6:00-10:00 at our home in Whitehouse. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 fun gift. Contact me for more information.

### SERVANT RETREAT

Jan. 18-20 is the date for the annual Servant Retreat for all of those in high school. This will be an incredible weekend full of opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The deadline for signing up is Jan. 6. The theme this year is Solo La Sangre (nothing but the blood). We are expecting around 20 churches from the area for this great weekend.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will not meet again until the middle of January. Thanks to all of the teens who made these nights such a great experience this fall. We look forward to continuing in January.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Habitat Workday</b>
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Youth Group Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Habitat House Dedication @ 3:00</b>
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Small Group Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 5</b>	<b>Family Ski Trip</b>
<b>Jan. 18-20</b>	<b>Servant Retreat</b>



### IN APPRECIATION

I extend my sincere and deepest gratitude for all the thoughts, prayers and love I have received from my brothers and sisters at West Erwin. You have been a tremendous encouragement and I appreciate you very much. A special thank you to Jay Lockhart who means so much to all of us.

Sincerely,  
Bill Wilmeth

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West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your concern during my recent radiation treatments. Your cards and prayers were very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for me.

Love,  
K. Max Haws

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Thank you for the prayers, food, cards and calls following my skin cancer surgery. Your encouragement is always a blessing.

In appreciation with love,  
Nettie Potts

### BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of December 10-14. West Erwin has been asked to collect FRUIT LOOPS, PAPER TOWELS, & CHERRY PIE FILLING. Any other items collected are also greatly appreciated.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet Wednesday, December 12, in the Family Life Center for Bible study and brunch. This will be the last class for this year. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

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

-- Ben Franklin

### SPECIAL EVENT

The League Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will host the "Marriage Enrichment Seminar" with Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner **February 1-2, 2002**. See bulletin board in office area for details or for questions call (903) 885-153

*When you're smiling ...*

*A smile costs nothing but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it and none so poor that they can't be enriched by its benefits. It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away. Nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.*

- Gene Bluhm

### NEW PHONE NUMBER ....

Thomas & Stevie Blakemore, ph. 714-0496

### ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is in need of substitute teachers. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, please call Ann Collins at 561-8642 for further information.

*"The love we give away is the only love we keep."*

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 9

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Cathy Culpepper; Toddler a.m.: Toby Kennedy; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Donna Wright; 2 year olds: Jeff & Melissa Parrish; 3 year olds: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 4 year olds: Todd & Jana Hancock.

### The Search



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

## COMMUNITY

### The Time of Day . . . . . by Don Crawford

*"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is Abel your brother?'" And he said, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'"*

A farmer was standing at the gate winding his watch when a traveling salesman came down the road. The salesman stopped and asked, "Sir, can you tell me what time it is?" The farmer replied, "We don't give time to strangers." "Oh?" said the stranger, "Why is that?" "Well, if I give you the time," replied the farmer, "You'll want to thank me, and then I will want to know your name and you'll want to know mine. Then we'll sit down and visit and I'll end up inviting you to supper. You'll meet my daughter who is pretty and you'll want to date her. Then you'll likely propose to her for she's a fine girl, and she'll tell you you'll have to ask her Pa's consent. And I'll have to turn

you down 'cause I don't want my daughter marrying no salesman who ain't got no watch."

Funny reasoning, isn't it? Funny, perhaps, but not so different from our own. There are a lot of people around who won't give others "the time of day" because they don't want to get involved with them. Jesus teaches us we must get involved with people. We are our brother's keeper.

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Small Groups remain on schedule for the 3rd Sunday in December. Services will start at 5:30 p.m. and end at 6:15 to allow extra time for Small Group meetings. If you are not a part of a small group and would like to participate, or if you would be willing to lead a group yourself, please contact Don Crawford any time during the day at the church office.

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West Erwin is hosting the Year End Singing this year on December 26. Please mark your calendars for this event and plan to bring your friends. What a blessing it will be to fill the auditorium with praise to God that evening.

We were listed as the fastest growing church in the world at that time. We didn't use the Bible School program solely as a means to edify (build up) our current membership, but we used it as an outreach tool into the community. One of the reasons we grew so rapidly was because we had a Great Commission philosophy. And then it happened. Someone had an ungodly revelation to make our classes a means by which we fellowship only. Little by little we lost our vision for evangelism. Today, we are suffering because of this mentality. In fact, it isn't so common to hear leaders of the church throughout the U.S. say, "I'd love to be more evangelistic, but I just don't know how."

Even with all the classes I have attended and all the books I have read, believe me when I tell you, I do not consider myself an expert on church growth. But I do know this much, and that is that God expects our Bible School program to edify current members and to reach out into our community through evangelism. If you are interested in learning more about how we can catch a winning vision, please be present on Wednesday evenings as we study this subject together in room 112.

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Churches of Christ throughout the United States need to once again catch a winning vision in our Bible School programs. The winning vision that we need to catch is that our Bible School program needs to be evangelistic. Believe it or not, at one time our classes were extremely evangelistic. We had a vision and we used our Bible classes as a tool for growth. It worked and it will work once again if we focus our thoughts toward the Great Commission.

Some churches have already come to understand that if they make their Bible classes evangelistic they will grow. In fact, 84% of growing churches attribute their growth to the creation of Great Commission Bible classes. You see, when we take the Great Commission seriously, great things happen.

Once upon a time we had this vision of growth, when we studied the Bible and were known as *Bible totin' Bible quotin' people*. During this time frame (1950-1970) we doubled in size.

### HAVE FAITH

*Have you ever stood on a rainy day watching it pour and pour,*

*And suddenly there was a rainbow and the sun came out once more?*

*Have you ever felt in the dark of night alone in despair,*  
*And suddenly it was light again with bright hope everywhere!*

*We all have our rainy days sometimes, our nights are dark and long,*

*And suddenly hear God's small still voice, and again our faith is strong!*

- author unknown

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



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Records	Sunday November 25	Sunday November 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	404	427	406
Worship A.M.	616	615	645
Worship P.M.	359	323	352
Wed. P.M.	NC	282	
Contribution	\$18,462.95	\$19,753.43	\$17,988.57
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 2, and Wednesday, Dec. 5, Dor Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Bernice Majors is in Mother Frances for tests. Alla Minnis is in ETMC. Ann McCoy will have additional tests Thursday. Charles McCoy is in Mother Frances, room 349, with pneumonia. Ranae Bone, Judith Harshbarger, Kim Jordan, Dub Mathews, Nancy McCoy, and Freeman Morgan are all recovering after recent surgeries. Clyde Lane, Mary McFadden, and Eloise Thompson are all recuperating at home. Continue to remember Mildred Barnwell, Linda Marts' mother, Bonnie Blackstone, Dale Blackstone's mother, J.A. Bozeman, Michael Bozeman's grandfather, who has recurring lung cancer, Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, Chloe Clark, Tim DiMaggio, Barbara Fay's son, as he is released from prison, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, Charles M. Garrett, Charles Garret's son, K. Max Haws, Olyn and Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Mabel Holbert, Donna Lassiter, Brad Chambless' mother-in-law, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, Troy Portwood, John's dad, Lorraine Rozell, Ginger Metcalf's mother, Pat Stokes, and Frances Wester, Jimmy Wester's mother, Portwood's dad.

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Scripture Ray Womack  
Dismiss Ponder Wright, Jr.

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Jonathan Stone Chris Waggener  
Kyle Stowers Ray Vannoy  
Stuart Suggs Billy Terrell  
Mark Sweeney Marc Tate

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Louis & Jane Jones & Lindsey Lott  
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Tyler Lott

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**THE SPANISH CHURCH**

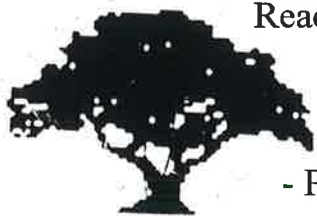
Some time ago the Glenwood church in Tyler made the decision to supply the salary for a preacher to work in the city among Spanish speaking people. The West Erwin church agreed to supply a temporary meeting place for the newly formed congregation. So, for many months the Spanish church met in our fellowship hall. From the beginning everyone involved knew that the best arrangement for the new congregation would be for it to have a place of its own to meet. With Glenwood taking the lead, plans were drawn up for a two-phase building project; the first phase will be a classroom building with part of it used as an auditorium and the second phase will be an auditorium. Plans are underway to purchase property and to begin the building project. The first phase of this program (the property and building of classrooms) will cost about \$65,000, provided we can construct the building with

volunteer labor. The Shiloh, Glenwood, North Tenneha, and West Erwin congregations have all agreed to help with the project. Our special end of the year contribution for 2001 will go toward two good works this year: the Spanish church and Eastern European Mission (see last week's bulletin for an update on EEM and the opportunities in Russia). Be planning and praying about what you can do on December 9 as we make a special contribution for outreach.

*"Remember every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with excellence."*

*"It's always the right moment to do the right thing."*

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, December 2, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "The Indispensable Virtue"**  
(Isaiah 66:1-2)

**P.M. "The Sixth Principle Is Unity"**  
(John 17:20-21)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are reminded of the devotional this Sunday night after church. More details Sunday morning. Invite a friend to join us!

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

We are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:00 P.M. that afternoon, all three houses will be dedicated.

Saturday, Dec. 1 will be a workday for all the landscaping and finishing touches. We will meet at 8:30 Saturday morning. We will plan to work through the early afternoon. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Our LTC sign up will be on Sunday, Dec. 2. All participants and sponsors need to meet at 5:00 to go over changes, expectations and sign up. We will meet in the Family Life Center. If you have questions about LTC, please don't hesitate to ask. More details to follow.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will meet next week in our home in Whitehouse at 7:30. We are studying the book of Hebrews. High schoolers, join us!

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<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>LTC Sign-up</b>
<b>Dec. 2</b>	<b>High School Devotional</b>
<b>Dec. 4</b>	<b>Bible Study @ The Snell's</b>
<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>Youth Group Christmas Party</b>
<b>Dec. 16</b>	<b>Small Group Meeting</b>
<b>Dec. 23</b>	<b>Combined Activity</b>
<b>Dec. 31-Jan. 5</b>	<b>Family Ski Trip</b>

## COMMUNITY

### Holiday Outreach . . . . . by Don Crawford

Due to very crowded schedules Monday Night for the Master will not be meeting during the holidays. It will start back on January 21, 2002. However, a new schedule called Holiday Outreach will be taking its place. We will be meeting in the Family Life Center at 6:30 p.m. to continue the different outreach ministries that have been involved in the Monday Night for the Master program. Ladies Prayer Warriors, Visitation, Card Writing and Phone Calling will all continue as usual. The big difference is that there will be no meal provided during the Holiday Outreach in order to give our cooks a well deserved break, nor will the World Bible School workers meet due to the mail problems during the holidays. Your involvement in the Monday Night for the Master ministries is greatly appreciated

and we ask that you continue to support the Holiday Outreach with the same enthusiasm.

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### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The West Erwin church of Christ owes a great big thank you to all of our teachers. Our teachers are extremely dedicated and involved in their student's lives. Without our teachers our Christian walk with God would be hindered greatly.

I am happy to report that we just completed one of the most successful quarters at West Erwin. Our students were challenged not only to adhere to the Word of God but also to teach others concerning the Word. We had studies on building successful relationships in our marriages, studies that emphasized church growth, and studies that focused on various books in the Bible. We even had a class that was structured on knowing how to study the Bible more effectively. There are not too many things that I feel confident in guaranteeing, but there is one thing that I do feel confident in saying and that is, if you were present for these classes, you had to grow spiritually.

During our fall quarter we had the opportunity to spend 30 days praying for various programs and activities here at West

Erwin. I was very grateful that one of those areas that we concentrated our prayers toward was our educational program. We spent 30 days in prayer and during that 30 days (and well beyond) I noticed a dramatic improvement in our attendance, attitude and involvement within the educational program. God blessed us in all of our efforts and we grew. Let's continue to focus our private and public prayer life toward our educational program. I am sure that God will continue to bless our efforts.

Once again let me say to our teachers from the fall quarter that you all did an outstanding job and in doing so you helped to fulfill the Great Commission. When Christ told the disciples to *Go, teach and make disciples of all nations*, He meant that all of us were to take the gospel with us no matter where we go. Our teachers utilized their talents here at West Erwin to strengthen and build up our members and visitors and in so doing they fulfilled the Great Commission.

Let me encourage all of our members to consider a class we will be offering on Wednesday evenings (winter quarter) that will focus on ways we can take the gospel to the world. This class is entitled *Catching A Winning Vision* and it will meet in room 112

### IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

While I was not surprised that you responded to Billie and me before, during and after my surgery; I was almost overwhelmed by it. It is such a blessing to have a family that serves God by serving others. Thank you for your calls, cards, visits and food; and especially thank you for your love and prayers.

Love,  
Freeman Morgan

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Austin for Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to James and Connie and all the family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robert and Pat Stokes on the celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary last weekend. Congratulations to Buck and Kathleen Nowell who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on December 2. We rejoice with these couples in this happy milestone in their lives and for their examples to us.

Congratulations to Jack and Johnnie Stringer on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Glory Sophia was born November 16 in Abilene to Kelly and Seth Pace.

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The congregation is invited for desserts in the Family Life Center immediately following the evening worship assembly on Sunday December 2. We will have opportunity to hear about the mission work in St. Petersburg, Russia and the Gatchina's church street kids from D'Ann Blume.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet Wednesday, December 12, in the Family Life Center for Bible study and brunch. They will then be dismissed until January 2002. on All ladies are invited to come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

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

**NEW ADDRESS:** Scott and Shara Hobson, 400 Thigpen Drive, #208, 75703 (phone number is same).

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Sharon O'Steen and her children, Lindsey, a middle school student and Allyson, a student at Andy Woods Elementary. Sharon is a realtor at Pirtle Real Estate. Their address is 3801 Cameron, 75703, ph. 581-6409. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming.

We are also delighted to welcome James "Pat" Pattillo, Jr. as he places his membership with the West Erwin church. He and Laurie Florence were married November 21 and they came to request our prayers for their marriage and for the union of their two families as they commit to put God first in their lives. Pat has a 10 year old daughter, Chelsea. Their address is 805 East North street, Lindale 75771, ph. 882-7413.

### MY INFLUENCE

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

*This is the wish that I always wish, the prayer that I always pray;*

*Lord, may my life help other lives it touches along the way.*

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### ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is in need of substitute teachers. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, please call Ann Collins at 561-8642 for further information.

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Records	Sunday November 18	Sunday November 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	427	433	413
Worship A.M.	615	602	613
Worship P.M.	323	369	324
Wed. P.M.	282	277	
Contribution	\$19,753.43	\$18,702.15	\$17,908.56
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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Kyle Stowers Ray Vannoy  
Stuart Suggs Billy Terrell  
Mark Sweeney Marc Tate

**GREETERS**

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Jessica Kuechle  
Mary Gaiser & Nila Miles & Taylor Lemons  
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Jordan Lyons  
Visitor Center: Fred & Sara Powell  
& Bill & Pat Bratcher

**Picking up cards:** Dalton Harris, Drew Harris, Spencer Shaw, Cameron Ables & Ethan Florence

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### WHEN GOD OPENS DOORS

Every few weeks I visit with Richard Baggett who works with Eastern European Mission, and every time I talk with Richard he has some new and thrilling story to tell me about Russia. As you know, when the Soviet Union collapsed doors began to open to us that were absolutely phenomenal. People in high educational places in Russia saw that the hope of their country lay in changing the hearts and lives of their young people by instilling the principles of ethics and character in them. Our brethren were chosen to write and distribute materials on the greatest character building book ever written, the Bible. Since then great things have happened. Many people have been taught, many have been converted to Christ (including a former superintendent of one of Russia's largest school districts), preacher training schools have been opened, congregations planted, countless volumes of materials have been distributed, and a dozen of our own West Erwin people have been involved in going to Russia for the purpose of teaching. And this is just the beginning. Here are some of the exciting things that are happening in Russia. In Saint Petersburg a program has been started to help people study the Bible through the mail. The opportunity was broadcast throughout

Russia and after ten broadcasts 22,000 had responded. In the Ukraine we have received an invitation to train public school teachers how to correctly teach the Bible in public schools using "A Newcomers Guide to the Bible" as a curriculum. In Barnaul 75,000 Bibles have been distributed to public schools. When the citizens of Barnaul heard that 5000 more Bibles were in storage, 300 to 400 a day lined up in subfreezing weather every day to receive Bibles until all 5000 were given out. In Volgograd (which has one of the largest and fastest growing churches in Russia and has averaged one baptism a week for the last two years) presidents of several universities, along with other educators, have been invited to a three day symposium on how to teach Biblical character in the schools of Russia. These meetings will give opportunity for our brethren to contact hundreds of teachers and students in Russia. At this point several people have already attended the congregation in Volgograd and some have been baptized. On and on the story goes. God has opened the doors to Russia and brethren are taking advantage of the opportunities. We can hold up their hands by providing resources for the printing of materials needed. More about this later.

- Jay Lockhart

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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, November 25, 2001**  
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**A.M. "Communicating The Story"**  
(1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

We had a wonderful Middle School Retreat this past weekend with over 140 folks present from Tyler & Henderson churches. This may have been one of the best retreats ever! Bruce Beaver was our speaker and did an outstanding job speaking about an atomic God! If you don't understand the theme, ask a middle schooler. A special thanks to Scott & Shara Hobson, Lisa Snell, Jade Moon, Krista Russell, Jay Culpepper, Jordan Lyons, Derek Russell and Bryce Murry for sponsoring the Middle School Retreat. You guys did an awesome job!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week for our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. Thank you for serving in this ministry.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will meet next week in our home in Whitehouse at 7:30. We are studying the book of Hebrews. High schoolers, join us!

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We are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 9. Saturday, Dec. 1 will be a workday for all the landscaping and finishing touches. Be watching for several more work days coming up. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.

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Dec. 23	Combined Activity
Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Family Ski Trip

## COMMUNITY

### Unsaved Relatives . . . . . by Don Crawford

"Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up." Luke 18:1

One of the easiest areas in which to lose heart as we pray is with our unsaved relatives. Our family members might be the people we most earnestly desire to come to Christ, but they are often the ones most resistant to our evangelistic efforts. Most of us come to the point where all we can do is pray. I don't have a guaranteed formula, but perhaps I can share what I have learned.

1. Pray for your relatives, not against them. Our tendency is to ask God to change their behavior. We say, "Lord, please clean up his mouth." Or, we pray that "he will come back to the Lord." What your relative hears

is that his family is praying the he would come back to the Lord so he would stop embarrassing the rest of the family. Usually, the more pressure you put on them, the further you drive them away. A prodded calf will run. Instead, try praying the your family member will experience the unconditional love of Christ. Then show him that you have that same kind of love in you. Your unconditional love will contribute a great deal to the softening of the heart.

2. Pray for patience.
3. Pray for other Christian influences.
4. Don't lose heart.

Through the years, I've learned that every spiritual journey is unique. People do not come to Christ at the same speed. God calls us to stay consistent and involved in their lives. Keep the doors open -- and pray

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

There are 7 goals that we as teachers should have in order to be effective in our classrooms. The 7 goals will help us to present our lessons and in doing so be pleasing to God.

*First*, let's present the Bible as the inspired, inerrant word of God. Let's not question the authority of the Bible, but once again realize that it is the only means by which we know what God would have us do on this earth.

*Second*, let's present ourselves as living sacrifices to God. If we set the proper example to our students they will respond in kind. We (as teachers at West Erwin) are role models to our students.

*Third*, Let's once again begin encouraging our students to invite those who are not members of the church to our Bible classes. If we do this we will be fulfilling the Great Commission.

*Fourth*, Let's make sure that we minister to the needs of our class. We need to be in touch with our students and we need to know how we can aid them on their spiritual journey. Let's bear one another's burdens along the way.

*Fifth*, as a teacher I should make sure that I am on the same page with the mission and purpose of the church. Our mission, here at West Erwin, is to promote the kingdom of God. As a teacher I should ask myself if I am trying to fulfill that goal.

*Sixth*, all of us as teachers should periodically ask ourselves if we are trying to create a learning environment so that each of our students will grow spiritually.

*Seventh*, am I reaching out to potential teachers and trying to reproduce them as effective Bible school teachers by mentoring them along the way?

These are 7 goals of an effective teacher. In order to conduct a class that is pleasing to God we should consider these goals and implement them in our classrooms. Please pray that we may accomplish these goals at West Erwin.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Johnnie Faye Gray, Warren Gray's sister, died last Thursday in Corsicana. Services were held last Friday in Denton for Willard Mason, Nina Crow's brother-in-law. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Bullard for Mitchell Stripling, former West Erwin member who had most recently been living in Austin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jack and Ernie Tarrant on the celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on November 18. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

### 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

### HOLIDAY BANQUET

Make your reservations now for our Holiday Banquet, A Christmas Celebration, on December 1st, in the Family Life Life Center. The cost is \$12.00 per person. The entertainment this year will be *Game Show Mania* with Danny Snell. If you need baby-sitting, please contact Melissa Parrish or Kim DuPree. Don't miss it!

### HOLIDAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

If you would like to contribute to the Christmas fund for our missionaries, please give your donation to a member of the Mission Committee or to an elder or preacher before Thanksgiving. Checks may be made to West Erwin with a memo noting that it is for the missionaries' Christmas.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Gene and Leah Moon and daughter Jade and son Hutton into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will help us to be what God wants us to be. Their address is 1411 Frostwood, 75703, ph. 534-8582.

We are also very pleased to welcome Mrs. Kim Tate and her children, Curtis (age 17), Timothy (age 15), Jason (age 13), Joshua (age 11), and Missy (age 8) into our growing family. They live at 13511 Big Oak Bay Rd., 75707, ph. 566-4388. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming.

"I am not concerned about the Lord being on our side, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of right. But it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side."  
- Abraham Lincoln

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### COUNT WHAT COUNTS

Count your garden by the flowers,  
never by the leaves that fall;  
Count your days by golden hours,  
don't remember clouds at all.  
Count the nights by stars, not shadows,  
Count your life by smiles, not tears,  
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### OUR HERITAGE

The heritage we have in America is absolutely phenomenal. We stand amazed at the wisdom and insight of our founding fathers in conceiving the idea of a nation like this one and in writing a constitution that, even after two hundred twenty-five years, ranks as one of the masterpieces of human history. We agree with Benjamin Franklin who said, "If a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, can we conceive of a nation rising without His aid." America must have blossomed in the providential care of God. Through our history as a nation, we believe that God has richly blessed this nation "from sea to shining sea." And what a heritage we have! When the nation was divided into North and South, Union and Confederate, we were vulnerable to foreign invasion during our civil war, but no invasion came. God blessed America. When America was drawn into two world conflicts and the outcome was for a time in doubt, God blessed America. When we were divided in the 1960's, God blessed America. When we were on the brink of nuclear war because of the missiles in Cuba, God

blessed America. When we were attacked by terrorists and responded to this threat, God blessed America. We have a rich heritage and we need to know our history. Students in school need to study American history, lest we forget our heritage and the price others have paid for our freedom. We should learn from history lest we repeat the mistakes of history. The same is true in the church. We need to know about the church's beginning and growth as seen in the book of Acts. We need to know church history and how the church came to be in America. We need to know about those who paved the way for the American Restoration movement. We need to know how the church began in Tyler, and we need to know about those who served this church throughout the years. We owe so much to so many. A young college freshman said, "I don't like history because history is about dead people and I am alive." The fact is that it is history that gave birth to and, therefore, life to the present. Know your heritage. You will be the richer for it.

- Jay Lockhart

**The evening worship Sunday, November 18, will begin at 5:30 p.m. due to small group meetings.**



Reaching My Potential  
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- Philippians 2:12-13

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P.M. "The Fourth Principle Is Excellence"  
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### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your many expressions of sympathy during the loss of our loved ones. Your prayers, cards, and hugs are deeply appreciated. We are blessed to be members of the West Erwin family.

Charles & Phyllis Rachui  
& Rose Teel

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food and especially the prayers in my behalf during my recent surgery and recovery. I appreciate every act of kindness and concern shown to me.

Kathryn Wallace

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To our West Erwin Family,

We would like to thank you for the prayers, flowers, cards, food, and words of comfort given us at the loss of our mother, Bessie Miles. They were all greatly appreciated.

Love,  
Elmer & Nila Miles

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Dear Fellow Christians,

Your kind remembrances of me after losing my grandson made my burden easier to bear. Thanks to all who sent cards and to those who signed condolences as groups. They meant so much to me and were a blessing.

Pauline Daughtry

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Dear Brethren and Friends,

I would like to express my deepest thanks to those of you who keep sending me letters of love to let me know you think of me and keep praying for me (since Cristel's death). This means so much to me and strengthens my faith.

From all my heart I would like to express to each of you my deepest sympathy in the cruel act of terrorism and attack on the United States which occurred September 11. Everyone here was shocked. We will pray for you daily and hope that every harm to you and your country will come to a stop.

Rudolf Rischer  
Augsburg, Germany

"Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on the celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on November 9. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to Spencer Shaw on winning First Place in the Division I Smith County Fire Prevention Awards Ceremony at the Rose Garden Center Building on November 12. He is in kindergarten at Cain Elementary in Whitehouse. Spencer is the son of John and Terry Shaw and grandson of Jay and Arlene Lockhart.

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with Cameron Ables and his family in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism. Cameron is a student at Hubbard Middle School and is the son of Gary and Julie Ables. He was baptized by his dad Sunday morning. Their address is 3417 Harwood, 75701, ph. 595-5710.

### RESPONSES

Ronald and Otelia Sills came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with their Lord and to ask for the prayers of the church for their family.

Bill Wilmeth came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for his spiritual and physical health.

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--Patrick Henry

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 18

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## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

### A BETTER WAY



A badger met a skunk one day  
Who wouldn't share the right of way  
And raised his battle flag and said,  
"If you want trouble just come ahead."

The badger said, "You little squirt,  
You're a stinker -- mean as dirt,  
But since you've got so much B.O.  
I'll step aside and let you go."

The moral that's in this episode  
Can serve you well along life's road  
Stay clear of all that could defile  
Though it makes you walk an extra mile.  
- Anonymous



*"But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those in opposition....." 2 Timothy 2:23-25*

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently I was listening to a man give a talk on the educational program of the church. In his talk I heard him make the following statement: "If you are having a hard time securing teachers for the Bible School program, it's because you haven't challenged your congregation to fulfill their obligation to the Great Commission." I had to think about that statement for a few minutes before I came to the same conclusion as the speaker. That statement is really a valid statement. You see, if we were committed to the Great Commission, we would be teaching others about Christ. We wouldn't have to be asked to do this, we would feel obligated to do it. Please consider this thought for a moment, "Why are you a Christian?" The reason that you are a Christian is (more than likely) because someone took the time to share the gospel with you. It might have been your parents or another relative. It might have been a friend or neighbor. But someone took the time to share the Word of God with you and

you accepted that message. In doing so, they fulfilled the Great Commission. In other words, they taught you God's Word.

Well, perhaps you have been a Christian now for 1 year, or 5 years, or 20 years, have you returned the favor? Have you taken the time to sit down with someone and to share the good news that transformed your life? Surely, you haven't kept that wonderful message bottled up in your life and hidden from the world that surrounds you. After all, we all understand that the word *Christian* means to be Christ-like and since we realize that Christ came to seek and save the lost, we must understand what our commission is.

You might be saying at this point, "Well, I just don't know how to fulfill the Great Commission." If that is your thought, let me introduce to a method of fulfilling the Great Commission. It's called being a Bible School teacher. Please see me if you would like further information regarding this matter. You can reach me here at the building (generally) between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at 502-0809. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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Bible Class	376	445	417
Worship A.M.	553	611	623
Worship P.M.	371	468	248
Wed. P.M.	230	340	
Contribution	\$21,882.86	\$17,076.07	\$22,871.70
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### WORDS FOR TROUBLED TIMES

"The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here .... It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not perish from the earth."

Abraham Lincoln  
Gettysburg Address

"We, and all others who believe in freedom as deeply as we do, would rather die on our feet than live on our knees."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
32nd President of the United States

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government."

Thomas Jefferson  
3rd President of the United States

"We shall go forward together. The road upward is strong. There upon our journey dark and dangerous valleys through which we have to make and fight our way. But it is sure and certain that if we persevere, and we shall persevere, we shall come through these dark and dangerous valleys into a sunlight

broader and more genial and more lasting than mankind has ever known."

Winston Churchill  
May 16, 1942

"We will persevere through this national tragedy and personal loss. In time, we will find healing and recovery; and, in the face of all this evil, we remain strong and united, one nation under God."


President George W. Bush

"I will love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; So shall I be saved from my enemies. The pangs of death surrounded me, and the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. The sorrows of Sheol surrounded me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, and my cry came before Him, even to His ears."

David  
Psalm 18:1-6

"I will never leave you or forsake you"

God  
Hebrews 13:5  
- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, November 11, 2001**  
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(John 5:1-9)

**P.M. "The Third Principle Is Leadership"**  
(Romans 12:3-8)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the combined devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time. Remember the question: Whole Heart, No Heart, or Half Heart? You are one of them! Which heart are you?

### SKI TRIP

We still have several spots left for the ski trip. If you are interested, contact me for more details. All those who signed up for the Ski Trip need to have your deposit in ASAP.

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

We are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 9. Saturday, Dec. 1 will be a workday for all the landscaping and finishing touches. Be watching for several more work days coming up. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Pray for this project!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in the 6-8 grade are reminded to sign up for the Middle School Retreat. The dates are Nov. 16-18. We will leave on Friday and return early Sunday morning. The cost will be \$30.00. Please sign up ASAP! More details to follow.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will meet next week in our home in Whitehouse at 7:30. We are studying the book of Hebrews. High schoolers, join us!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Remember our Middle School Devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov. 11** Middle School Devotional  
**Nov. 13** Bible Study @ The Snell's  
**Nov. 16-18** Middle School Retreat  
**Nov. 25** Out To Eat  
**Dec. 2** High School Devotional  
**Dec. 8** Youth Group Christmas Party

### WITH SYMPATHY

Bessie Miles, Elmer Miles' mother, died Thursday afternoon. Graveside services were held Saturday at Memorial Cemetery. Beth Johnson, Joe McBee's sister, died Saturday in Boise, Idaho. Memorial services were held Wednesday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Attention Ladies:** Bunko Thanksgiving feast Tuesday, November 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please R.S.V.P. to Melissa Parrish or Terry Shaw.

Our fall **Ladies Retreat** "*Living a Life of Praise*" is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship!

**Encouraging Words for Troubling Times** - Nov. 9-Nov. 11 at the Daingerfield Church of Christ, - a series of encouraging messages from God's Word with Dr. Neale Pryor, professor of Bible at Harding University. Friday and Saturday services at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday services at 9:30, 10:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

**Third Annual Mission Forum - *The Spreading Flame***, November 17-18 at the Lewisville Church of Christ, 901 College Parkway. See bulletin board in office area for details.

*I am only one, but I am one.  
I cannot do everything,  
But I can do something.  
What I ought to do,  
By God's will, I will do.*

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet Wednesday, November 14, in the Family Life Center for class and then a luncheon. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

*"A better church begins with me. By improving myself, the church is made better."*

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### Our Interest is Determined by Our Involvement

Have you ever noticed we only keep pictures of ourselves, our friends and our families; we always look for ourselves first in every picture; we don't go to PTA meetings once our children are grown; little league baseball was our life for years, but not anymore. The reason is simple ... INVOLVEMENT. Our interest is always determined by our involvement. Once the involvement has played out, the interest also plays out.

Some have already moved their involvement into the things of this world and little by little have dropped out of the church altogether.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6. Don't wonder why your life is a wreck. Know this! Without Him there is no purpose to life, no direction, no salvation. His church is not a "come if you have time" arrangement. The Lord's church is our life! It has priority! We belong to the Lord! We belong to one another! If you find yourself losing interest it probably has to do with your involvement. The more you get involved, the more interest you will have.

The Future Belongs  
To The Church  
That Cares  
About Lost Souls!

Pray for our nation!

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The book of Philippians is filled with great advice from the apostle Paul. Paul was so pleased with the church at Philippi. In fact, this church became a role model for surrounding churches. They were following the Word of God. They were very involved in the work of the church. They developed a mission minded, evangelistic attitude that helped turn that community right side up for Christ. No wonder Paul said that they were a church that pleased God. At the end of chapter one, Paul encourages the Philippian church to continue living a worthy life for Christ.

First, he tells them to "stand firm," in the gospel (vs. 27). Remember, in I Corinthians 15:58, Paul defines standing firm as being: "*steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.*" Basically, what Paul was instructing the church at Philippi to do was to hold the teachings of the gospel close to their hearts and not to compromise on those teachings.

Second, Paul encourages the church at Philippi to "not be alarmed by your opponents" (vs. 28). Paul was warning the

church that false teachers would eventually make their way into the church at Philippi, but if the body of believers would unite (having the same spirit and the same mind) they could be victorious over these false teachers. Paul's encouragement was that God would deliver them if they continued to stand firm.

Third, Paul prepares them for the "suffering that they would face for the cause of Christ" (v. 29-30). Paul is issuing a warning to the church that if they are prepared they will be able to withstand. We all should remember the writings of John in Revelation 2:10. The inspired apostle records, "*Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: ... be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*"

So, Paul's advice was that the church at Philippi: (1) stand firm, (2) not be alarmed by their opponents, and (3) prepare to suffer for the cause of Christ. My question is, how were they to fulfill these three instructions from Paul? The answer: through a study of God's Word. If they studied to show themselves approved and then lived the words they studied, they would, in the end, be victorious. We have the opportunity to do likewise this Sunday. I'll see you in Bible class.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Doris Neal into our West Erwin family. She is the mother of Cathy Hallman and recently moved here from Dallas. Her address is 7959 Pleasant Hollow Rd., 75709, ph. 595-0018.



### RESPONSE

Sheri Figueroa came to thank her church family for prayers for her health and to praise God that they have been answered. Her condition, against all odds, has improved.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

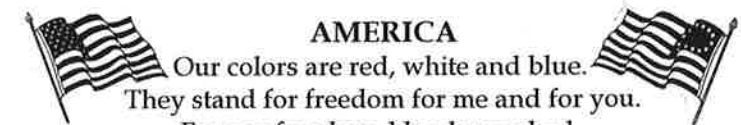
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Christ is the proof of love.  
Service is the expression of love.  
Happiness is the outcome of love.*

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**AMERICA**  
Our colors are red, white and blue.  
They stand for freedom for me and for you.  
For our freedom, blood was shed,  
So that we could sleep safe in our beds.  
To our veterans, we give praise  
For all of their past fighting days.  
For America, our loyalty will stand,  
Through thick and thin and across the land.  
In all the tough times, we will remember  
The people who died in the crashes of September.  
- Kelsi Wicks

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### THE AFTERMATH OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001


When you saw the events of September 11, 2001 on your TV screens over and over again, what were your feelings? Were they disbelief, anger, hatred, revenge, or a combination of these and other feelings? And what were your questions? Did you ask, "How could anyone justify suicide in killing thousands of innocent people?" "How could anyone do this?" "Why would they do it?" Here are some thoughts on the events of September 11.

1. God still rules the world. Although God does not cause everything to happen that takes place in the world, He does rule "in the kingdoms of men" (Daniel 4:32). He permits evil men to make bad decisions, but God is still on His throne and works in all things, good and bad, to bring about the ultimate good of His children (Romans 8:28). In the aftermath of September 11 look for God at work and remember that the cross of Christ stands as a symbol of the greatest evil ever perpetrated in this world. Following the cross, the disciples despaired in the confusing thought that this could happen. But three days later God turned the tables on Satan as Christ rose from the dead and guaranteed that good would conquer evil.
2. What Muslims want for the world. In a recent issue of *Moody Magazine* an American preacher who was raised in Saudi Arabia shared these insights concerning Muslim goals.

First, since Muslims see the United States as exporters of immorality by TV and movies, and since they see the United States' foreign policy as a political puppet of Israel and American Jews, and since they believe Americans have an anti-Arab bias in foreign policy and human rights issues, Muslims view America as a "Christian nation" as a powerful rival to their faith. Muslims cannot conceive of religion apart from politics and for them the kingdom of Allah will in the end become the unrivaled kingdom of this world. Second, Islam is committed to the complete subjugation of the entire world to Allah. Moderates claim terrorism has no place in Islam's goals while extremists believe the subjection of the world should be brought about by force and both quote the Koran to justify their positions. Extremists believe that if they die in "jihad" (holy war) against "atheists" (non-Muslims) they are assured of paradise.

3. What our attitudes should be. We will resist terrorism in every form and bring the guilty to justice. Our government will justly carry the fight to the terrorists (see Romans 13). Individually we must "get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger ... along with every form of malice" (Ephesians 4:31), lest we allow, through wrong thoughts and actions, the terrorists to control our lives. And this we will do, if God permits.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, November 4, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Will The Son Of Man Find Faith?"**  
(Luke 18:1-8)

**P.M. "The Second Principle Is Worship"**  
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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who made the Fall Festival a huge success. We had a huge turnout with over 400 people present for a great evening. We could not even begin to name all of those who helped because there were so many! What a blessing! A special thanks to Dale & Carolyn for setting up the food. Thanks to all the teens and adults for a great evening.

### SKI TRIP

All those who signed up for the Ski Trip need to have your deposit in ASAP.

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

We are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 9. Saturday, Dec. 1 will be a workday for all the landscaping and finishing touches. Be watching for several more work days coming up. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Pray for this project!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in the 6-8 grade are reminded to sign up for the Middle School Retreat. The dates are Nov. 16-18. We will leave on Friday and return early Sunday morning. The cost will be \$30.00. Please sign up ASAP! More details to follow.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will meet next week in our home in Whitehouse at 7:30. We are studying the book of Hebrews. High schoolers, join us!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Remember our Middle School Devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Nov. 4**  
**Nov. 6**  
**Nov. 11**  
**Nov. 16-18**  
**Nov. 25**  
**Dec. 2**

**Combined Devotional Bible Study @ The Snell's Middle School Devotional Middle School Retreat Out To Eat High School Devotional**



### IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Family,

We thank you for your prayers, wonderful food, beautiful cards, and letters of encouragement. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. How blessed we are to have the West Erwin family when times of trouble come. Please continue to pray for me as I have a long way to go.

Sincerely,  
Forest & Mary

### WITH SYMPATHY

Christopher Collins, Pauline Daughtry's grandson, died October 11 in Toledo, Ohio. Memorial services were held October 27 at the Hughes Springs Church of Christ. Services were held last Friday in San Antonio for Corine Holmes, aunt of Phyllis Rachui and Rose Teel. Erna Rachui, Charles Rachui's stepmother, died last Thursday. Services were held Sunday in Austin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

"Whatever you are, be a good one." - Abraham Lincoln

### SPECIAL EVENTS

Our fall Ladies Retreat "Living a Life of Praise" is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship!

**YOUNG AT HEART** - Pot-luck dinner, fun and fellowship in the Family Life Center, Thursday, November 8, at 6:30.

**Marriage Matters Seminar** at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ with Dr. Jerry & Lynn Jones Sunday, Nov. 4 - Wednesday, November 7. See bulletin board in office area for details.

### HOW DO YOU HANDLE STRESS?

A Harris poll a few years ago concluded that 86% of Americans are "chronically stressed out." Trying to cope with all the demands and stress of life, Americans consume about 30 tons of aspirins, tranquilizers, and sleeping pills every day! The drive for success is relentless and many of us are trapped on that treadmill of self-destruction. As we run faster and faster, an inner voice whispers that we're not getting anywhere, and that makes us run even harder. All the more reason why it is vital to our spiritual life and sanity to stop each week, refocus and worship, and be reminded of the more important things in life. Neglecting to pause and worship leaves us less capable to handle life and all its demands. Don't let busy-ness or weariness deprive you of the renewal we all desperately need each week; take the time to honor and praise God, and you'll be strengthened and helped in the process.

"Sow a thought, and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."

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### WORKERS/SERVANTS

We are able to enjoy all church fellowships such we had for *Walk Through The Bible* on Sunday, October 21, because of the efforts put forth by others. We would not have a place to sit if **Melvin and Donna Maples, Henry and Becky McRuiz, and Jack Stringer** did not set up tables and chairs. There would not be beans, potatoes and gravy if **Mary Rogers, Jon Sorrells, and Becky Howard** did not cook. We would not have anything to drink if **Doug and Cathy Scroggins, and Chris Waggener** did not prepare the ice and tea. Our tables would not have been covered and decorated without **Carolyn Blackstone**. We would not have food on the table without **Jan Cook, Judy Clark, Nila Miles, Louise Seaberry, and others**. Our kitchen would still be a mess if several fine ladies had not washed and cleaned. Then there is **Jerry Howard** who puts up tables and chairs, prepares drinks, cleans dishes, puts away tables and chairs, and whatever else it takes to make our fellowships run smoothly. Many thanks to those who serve.  
- John Steffee



### HOLIDAY BANQUET

Make plans to attend our Holiday Banquet, *Christmas in the City*, which will be Saturday, December 1st, in the Family Life Life Center. We will begin taking reservations on November 10th. The cost is \$12.00 per person. Danny Snell will be entertaining this year. If you need baby-sitting, please contact Melissa Parrish or Kim DuPree. You won't want to miss it!

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### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 4

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon; Nursery p.m.: Linda Marts; Toddler a.m.: Sarah Scarborough; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Fran Starnes; 2 year olds: David & Sharon Hammond; 3 year olds: Rachel Huff & Laura McClenny; 4 year olds: Shane & Becky Millican.

## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

### ONE DAY AT A TIME

One day at a time is a simple sounding assignment. If you think about it for a moment you will realize it is the only way we can live because life is apportioned to us in day-sized packages. Since GOD made life this way, I think we would do well to live one day at a time. So join me in saying aloud ....

... Just for today, I will strive to live for Jesus.

... Just for today, I will be happy, no matter how many clouds of gloom may hover over me.

... Just for today, I will not make one single excuse. I will accept blame when it is mine to handle. If GOD gives me another day to do better I will do better.

... Just for today, I will speak kindly. I have a lot of hard things stored away, but I will postpone them and give a friendly hand to one who needs it.

... Just for today, I will smile, and watch for smiles to return to me. They always do!

... Just for today, I will think on things that are noble and pure and admirable.

... Just for today, I will breathe thanks to GOD for His matchless and marvelous grace toward me.

... Today belongs to my Lord because He gave it to me. I will use this day to glorify Him.

One day at a time is the secret to GOD's abundant life that He has promised. Try it just for today!

Pray for our nation!

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

1 Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Next, all of our students must be afforded every possible opportunity to develop spiritually. Our classes should provide our students with learned teachers who have a passion for the Word of God. These teachers should assist their students in gaining knowledge of God's Word, making the necessary application to God's Word and then in responding positively to God's Word.

And last, once our students gain knowledge, apply what they learn to their lives, and respond positively, they need to teach or train others along the way. It is simply not good enough to know, apply, and respond, but each of us, with a burning passion for the lost, must become teachers of God's Word to the lost world. We must be willing to "take the gospel" to our relatives, friends and neighbors. We must be willing to "go into all the world" with this good news. Remember, it only takes one generation with a non-evangelistic attitude to cause apostasy (great falling away) to occur. So, let's get after it to ensure that this generation is not the one that it will be said of, "They allowed the church to fall away." Let's continue to pray for our Bible school program so that we will grow as God would have us grow.

You have heard the quote, "success is a journey, and not a destination." The same thing may be said with utmost certainty regarding Christian education. Realizing that one never reaches the "destination" of education, it is very clear that as educators our goal, objective, aspiration, and passion should be to assist our students along their journey. Since their journey continues far beyond the time for which they have been entrusted to us, we must strive to assist them as they gain the appropriate and necessary attire, information, and vehicle for their journey. Educating the entire student is critical.

At the top of the list, as we assist our students, we must place values, morals, and ethics. Such attributes as integrity, honesty, loyalty, manners, and honor are vitally important. All of these attributes can be summed up by teaching our students to *do that which is right in the sight of God*. As old fashioned as that principle might seem, it still works.



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Records	Sunday October 21	Sunday October 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	449	409	413
Worship A.M.	617	565	624
Worship P.M.	NS	462	385
Wed. P.M.	277	310	
Contribution	\$27,469.73	\$20,150.44	\$20,107.49
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 28, and Wednesday, Oct. 31, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Nancy McCoy was admitted to Mother Frances ICU Tuesday due to dehydration and diabetes. She had a toe amputated Wednesday. **Judith Harshbarger** is scheduled for additional surgery Friday at ETMC. **Freeman Morgan** is scheduled for aneurysm surgery Tuesday. **Bill Mezell** is scheduled for ear surgery Tuesday. **Pat Stokes** is recovering after recent surgery at ETMC. **Kim Jordan** will have surgery for breast cancer Nov. 6. **Ken Culpepper** is at home after an emergency appendectomy Tuesday. **Carolyn Womack** had foot surgery Tuesday. **Meeta Clucas** is in ETMC Rehab due to a broken ankle. **Eloise Thompson** is in HealthSouth Rehab. **Marie Threadgill** is in Park Place, room 223b. **Thelma Bennett, Clyde Lane, Mary McFadden** and **Kathryn Wallace** are all recuperating at home. **Dub Mathews** is at home and continuing therapy. **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, is hospitalized in Missouri following a stroke. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, and **Troy Portwood**, John Portwood's dad, are both recuperating after recent surgeries. **Erna Rachui**, Charles Rachui's stepmother, is in hospice in Austin. **Othel Padgett**, Kathy Waggener's aunt, is in hospice.

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Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
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Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
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			11:30 A.M.
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Stan Clark  
Prayer Chuck Gillam  
Scripture Todd Hancock  
Dismiss Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Jamon Kirby

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Leon Welborn  
Prayer Dick Higginbotham  
Scripture Greg Jones  
Dismiss Don Ingram

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Eddie Rogers Derek Russell  
Jordan Rousseau Jim Russell  
Trey Rousseau John Shaw  
Doug Scroggins Barry Scarborough

**GREETERS**

Roy & Fern Bench & Tyler DuVall  
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Cody Fedell  
Dean Brookshire & Lorene Venable & Payton Fedell  
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack  
& Ken & Cathy Culpepper

**Picking up cards:** Chris Scroggins, Cameron Ables, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris, Chase Fisher.

Daylight Savings time ends  
Sunday, October 28  
Set your clocks back 1 hour

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### GOOD DAYS

About 300 of our people attended the *Walk Through The Bible Seminar* last Sunday afternoon and from the reports I have received, everyone seemed to enjoy and benefit from the four hour look at the Old Testament. Tom Washburn did an excellent job with the adults and Tom Hensley did an equally fine job with the children. We will long remember the church auditorium as a giant map of the biblical world and the keys to remembering the themes of the Old Testament books as well as the major characters. With the full participation of the audience and continued repetition of the material the events of the Old Testament were burned into our memories. Also, were not all of us adults greatly impressed with the demonstration by our young people of all they learned during the day? It was the consensus of those who participated that the day was long but most profitable. By the way, some of you were really good doing Moses and Samson and Jeff Fennell will always be the city of Ur! Thanks to John Steffee and all who helped him for providing the "dinner on the grounds" following Sunday

morning worship -- they served a very large crowd in record time! Thank you! After Sunday we continued our emphasis upon the Word as we entered Seminar 2001 on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday in our Family Life Center. Thanks to all of you who participated in *The Wonder Of The Word, The Authority Of Scripture, and Studying The Bible*. A special thanks to all of those who made the Seminar come together and run so smoothly. Thanks to the Don Crawfords, the Doug Yates, and Velma Lemons for their work with children, to Don Drummond for video taping the sessions (to be seen on The Search soon) and to his committee for planning, to Danny Snell for being our emcee, to Gary Ables for the songs and for putting together the 6:30 singing, to Arlene Lockhart and all those who helped provide and serve refreshments, to James Ellis for seeing that the room was ready for each session, to those who set up the chairs, and to those who prayed and invited and attended! It was good.

- Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, October 28, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Glory Of Christ"  
(Colossians 1:15-18)

P.M. "The First Principle Is Truth"  
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

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### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who put together our Walk Through The Bible Seminar this weekend. It was a wonderful experience! I am always amazed at the fascinating way that the Old Testament fits together.

Thanks to all who helped us hang sheet rock this past Saturday. Thanks to Rose Teel and Phyllis Rachui for bringing lunch for the group. It was GREAT!

### SKI TRIP

We are planning a ski trip for our families again this year. If you are interested, please see me as soon as possible. We are planning to ski to Breckenridge. We will leave on Dec. 31 and return on Jan. 5. **Deadline for signing up is Oct. 28!**

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

The sheet rock is hung and the tap and bed is being done this week. We will be ready to put up trim next week. We are planning to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 9. Be watching

for several more work days coming up. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Pray for this project!

### FALL FESTIVAL

West Erwin's Fall Festival will be on Sunday, Oct. 28. There is a sign-up list posted if you would be willing to help. We will set up on Saturday morning at 10:00 and Sunday afternoon. Sign up on the list and be a part of this wonderful time.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Oct. 27** Fall Festival Setup @ 10:00 A.M.  
**Oct. 28** West Erwin Fall Festival  
**Oct. 30** Bible Study @ The Snell's  
**Nov. 16-18** Middle School Retreat

*Please Remember to pray for our country!*

## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

The West Erwin Church of Christ is so blessed for having Jay Lockhart as our preacher. He is a man of high integrity and a great Christian example for Tyler. He is a man who stands for the truth of GOD's Word. He is a man who agonizes over the well-being of each member. So how can we help him? I thought of seven ways.

1. Build his spiritual power by praying for him. Use Philippians 1:3 as an example.
2. Build his reputation by speaking well of him. He will have weak and strong points.

His influence will depend on which of them you stress.

3. Build his morale by encouraging him.
4. Build his wisdom by consulting with him.
5. Build his leadership by cooperating with him.
6. Build his pulpit power by hearing him. Full pews challenge a man to prepare and deliver great sermons. Empty pews are disheartening.
7. The greatest thing you can do for your preacher is to follow the Christ he preaches.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently, during President Bush's first prime time television news conference dealing with the tragic events of September 11th, he recommended to the citizens of the United States that we all try to get back to our normal lifestyle as soon as possible. I would like to see things return to normal also. I'd like to see people feeling comfortable enough to once again get on a jet and fly wherever they would like to go or wherever they need to go. I would like to see investors on Wall Street feeling comfortable enough to once again aid our economy in moving in the right direction. I'd even like to see people feeling comfortable enough to once again go into a tall building without being apprehensive about it. I hope those days return soon. I must tell you, however, I hope we never return to the way things were before September 11th as far as our spiritual dedication is concerned. After the tragic events unfolded on September 11th, we once again bowed our heads and exalted the name of God above all other names. Not only did we pray to God, but we also returned to the

assembly to worship God. Those who week after week had the ability to convince themselves that attending church really wasn't important, put aside that ridiculous thought and reentered the assembly in order to draw comfort and solace as they were wrapped in the arms of God.

Well, six weeks have passed since September 11th. Six weeks in which the leaders of the United States have rightly urged its citizens to get back to a normal way of life. If you are curious as to how the church has reacted during this six week period, let me share with you the following information from our West Erwin Bible school attendance records. First, before September arrived, we were averaging 401 for the year in our Sunday morning Bible school. After the tragic events unfolded, for the remainder of September we averaged 445. Since October arrived, the first two Sundays we averaged 408. Second, let's consider our Wednesday evening Bible school. Once again, before September 11th, we were averaging 270 in our classes. After the tragic events unfolded, the remainder of September we averaged 315. Since October arrived the first three Wednesdays we averaged 298. Let me ask this question: "What direction are our numbers heading?"

## IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

I want to say thanks so much to so many of our dear Christian loved ones for the cards, gifts, visits and calls on my 91st birthday. I still love and think of you. I wish I could still be with you more.

Love,  
Leona Hardin

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To the West Erwin church,

Thank you for your prayers for my health as I deal with back problems. Please continue to pray as I face back surgery on November 12.

Ranae Bone

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Daniel and Kim DuPree on the birth of James Caleb, born Wednesday, October 17. He weighed 8 lb. 6 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Melvin and Donna Maples are the proud grandparents and Jessica and Emily are the big sisters.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Terry Kiker and Melanie Dobbs who were united in marriage on October 20. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

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Congratulations to Don and Carolyn McCune on the recent celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

*"Christianity is a part of the common law of America."*

James Wilson (1 of 6 men to sign both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution)

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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Lauren Florence** in her decision to be baptized into Christ. She is the daughter of Laurie Florence and was baptized Sunday by Dale Blackstone. Her address is 805 East North Street, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7413.



West Erwin Annual Fall Festival  
Sunday, October 28, 7:15 - 9:00 p.m.

Family Life Center  
Carnival Booths for children  
Lots of Games and Prizes  
Costume Contest

Refreshments will be served  
(Please bring a bag of wrapped candy)  
Great Fun for the Whole Family!

## ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

*It is with great pleasure that James Lyle Jerkins II and Gina Elizabeth Montgomery announce their betrothal and upcoming marriage. The ceremony will be held Saturday, November 24, 2001, in beautiful Tyler, Texas.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

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The North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to their first annual "Fall Gospel Explosion." A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, with speakers beginning at 9:00. We will bring many uplifting messages, praise in song and sweet fellowship. Please call 593-6868 for more information.

You are cordially invited to the **Rejoicing Campaign**, at the **Lewisville Church of Christ** October 28-31. Robert Oglesby, from the Waterview church in Richardson will be bringing lessons designed for Christian growth. Singing will begin at 7:00 each evening with the messages beginning at 7:30. See bulletin board in the office area for more details.

**East Texas Christian Academy** is in need of someone for after school child care from 3:00-6:00 p.m. for children ages 3, 4, and 5. Please call 561-9582 if interested.

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Bible Class	409	410	382
Worship A.M.	565	596	576
Worship P.M.	462	391	296
Wed. P.M.	310	316	436
Contribution	\$20,150.44	\$20,683.50	\$15,788.78
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Ernie Gordon  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
James Hardin

**NO 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Jimmie Philpot Jason Randall  
Marc Philpot Doug Ragsdale  
Dan Richardson Charles Rachui  
Fred Powell Brant Prestidge

**GREETERS**

Chris & Kathy Waggener & Dustin Chandler  
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks  
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Jennifer Elzen  
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack  
& Louise Seaberry

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### WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE AND SEMINAR 2001

Here's what you can expect during *Walk Through The Bible* and *Seminar 2001* this weekend and Monday through Wednesday:

- Sunday: Walk Through The Bible**
- 9:00 a.m. - All 6th graders through adults in auditorium with Tom Washburn  
All 1st graders through 5th graders in small auditorium with Tom Hensley  
All nursery through kindergarten in regular class rooms for regular classes
- 10:00 a.m. Regular morning worship in auditorium
- 11:30 a.m. Catered lunch for entire church (whether or not you plan to stay for the afternoon)
- 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. - All 6th graders through adults in auditorium with Tom Washburn  
All 1st through 5th graders in small auditorium with Tom Hensley  
All nursery through kindergarten in child care (see signs in hallways or go by the Welcome Center in foyer for locations)

- Note: There will be breaks and refreshments periodically throughout the afternoon.
- Note: No 6:00 service at the building but Small Groups will meet -- see your group leaders for details.
- Monday through Wednesday: Seminar 2001**
- 6:30 p.m. - Singing with Jerry Huff in the Family Life Center
- 7:00 p.m. - *Seminar 2001* with Gary Ables, Danny Snell and a Bible presentation by Jay Lockhart.  
Monday - "The Wonder of The Word"  
Tuesday - "The Authority Of The Scripture"  
Wednesday - "The Study Of The Bible"
- 7:45 p.m. Refreshments and fellowship
- Note: Childcare for nursery through kindergarten will be provided in our main building Monday and Tuesday
- Note: Nursery through kindergarten will meet in regular classes on Wednesday evening.
- Note: First grade and up will be in the Family Life Center each evening for Seminar 2001

- Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, October 21, 2001**  
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**A.M. "The Story"**  
(Galatians 4:4-7)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who have helped with the devotionals the past few weeks. Thanks to Barry Scarborough and Ginnie Wicks for helping with Bible Quiz. Thanks to Scott Hobson who has filled in teaching for me recently. It is a real blessing to have folks like these working in the youth ministry.

### SKI TRIP

We are planning a ski trip for our families again this year. If you are interested, please see me as soon as possible. We are planning to ski to Breckenridge. We will leave on Dec. 31 and return on Jan. 5. **Deadline for signing up is Oct. 28!**

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### FALL FESTIVAL

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### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Night Bible Study will not meet this next week due to the Seminar. We will meet again on Oct. 30.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

*"If God is for us who can be against us?"*

Romans 8:31

GOD is not way out there in the heavens unconcerned about you and me or with what is going on down here on earth. HE is the GOD of the universe. Nor, is GOD out to get us as some may think. He's not sitting there with His marker waiting for us to mess up and when we do He cheerfully chalks up another mark against us. HE has withheld nothing so

that we might be saved ... NOTHING. GOD is for us. And if GOD is for us, who can be against us? Let's live so the rest of the world will take notice of our faith and courage.

### Upcoming Events

Walk Through the Bible and Seminar 2001

October 21-24

Small Groups - Sunday, October 21

Monday Night for the Master - each

Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center

Pray for our nation!

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

Teachers, your Bible class is a challenge and you marvel at the tremendous diversity among your students. Johnny seems to learn better when you write on the board. Sally remembers better if you read or give her verbal information. Bobby has trouble sitting still and does better at activities that require movement. Karen likes for you to tell her exactly what to do and how to do it, while Hannah chafes under too much direction. How do you tailor your instructions to meet the needs of all the class? Believe it or not, there is a way to teach all of these students in one setting. It's called: *Teaching In A Circle*. Guess what? Christ used this method in his teachings. That's right! Sometimes he taught as a lecturer, sometimes as a story teller. There were those occasions that he taught from a hands-on perspective. Christ used whatever method that was available to him to deliver his message to people. He was both effective and efficient in his approach to teaching. With Christ as our example, we should to likewise.

If we are to succeed as teachers, we must teach in a circle. Teachers, please do not become locked into one method of teaching, because in doing so you will lose the opportunity to reach all your students. Use a variety of methods and approaches. Teach your lesson both verbally and visually. Give each of your students the factual materials which are necessary for them to build a solid foundation for Christ, but also make this material applicable to their lives. Take great Bible stories and bring them to life with your ability to tell the greatest story ever told. Deal with Bible truths and then bring them to life through various service projects. Create an environment of trust and belonging in the classroom and establish procedures for handling conflict.

Remember, when Jesus taught he presented logical, practical lessons for everyday life. Shouldn't we do likewise in our classrooms today? Doing so will make us more successful in teaching each student to fully know, understand and use the Word of God to broaden the kingdom on this earth. Let's all strive to be just like the Master Teacher.

## IN APPRECIATION



To the West Erwin Church,

Thanks so much for all the acts of kindness and remembrance afforded Virginia and me during my unexpected surgery and recuperation. Such support provides a powerful component to the healing process.

Sincerely,

David & Virginia Demic

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Dear West Erwin friends,

On behalf of Brenda, myself, and our brothers, thank you for your prayers and concerns for our mother, Chloe Clark, these past several weeks. To date her reports have been favorable and we thank God for watching over her during the tests, biopsy, and surgery. Your cards and calls have been a great encouragement to her. Please continue to pray for her during this recuperation time. We love her and have realized through the years she is a fighter and an example of strength to all of us.

In Christian love,

Sherry Bobbitt & family

Brenda & Robert Parish

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Thanks to all for the cards, food and your prayers during our time of illness. We do appreciate your concern and thoughtfulness and we are so grateful to be a member of the Lord's church at West Erwin. We love you all.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

## WITH SYMPATHY

Jink Pope, Dorothy Woods' nephew from Alba, TX, died Tuesday night of lung cancer. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord"* (Psalm 33:12).

NEW ADDRESSES: Jeff & Pam Fennell family, 13322 Lauren Lane, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-0092.

Jim Hooter, 15459 CR 288, 75707, ph. 570-3218

## THE BETTER THINGS

*I do not ask for easy paths along life's winding roads  
But for the promised grace and strength to carry all its loads.*

*I do not ask for treasures here, to hoard, decay and rust  
But for better things in life - humility and trust.*

*I do not ask for many friends, but give me, Lord, the few  
Whose loyalty and faithfulness are first of all to You.*

*I ask not skies forever clear with unbroken calm,  
But in each ill that overtakes to know thy healing balm.*

*I do not ask for honor, fame, while life's short race I run  
But for the will to do Thy will-to hear Thy glad "well done."*

- Ethel Meadows

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## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Tyler DuVall and his family in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. He is the son of Dr. Aaron and Jean DuVall and is in the 8th grade in Whitehouse. Their address is 16215 FM 2964, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1840.

Greg Anding came to request the prayers of his church family that he might grow spiritually and be a stronger Christian.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

*Walk Through the Bible* with Tom Washburn teaching 6th grade through adults in the auditorium and Tom Hensley teaching 1st-5th grades in the small auditorium on Sunday, October 21 at West Erwin Church of Christ. Bible classes 9:00 a.m., worship services 10:00 a.m., catered lunch at 11:30 in the Family Life Center, then back to the auditorium at 12:30. We will be dismissed for the day at 4:30. October 22-24, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Seminar evenings will meet at 6:30 for 30 minutes of singing, then at 7:00 the messages will be presented by Jay Lockhart. Refreshments will be served at 7:45 when the evening services are dismissed.

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- James Adams

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 21

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## The Search

Each Sunday



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

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<b>Records</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Year</b>
	<b>October 7</b>	<b>September 30</b>	<b>Ago</b>
Bible Class	406	410	637
Worship A.M.	574	596	795
Worship P.M.	348	391	NS
Wed. P.M.	305	316	
Contribution	\$17,939.30	\$20,683.50	\$18,010.71
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 14, and Wednesday, Oct. 17, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Clyde Lane is in ETMC, room 2524. **Thelma Henley** had day surgery Monday. **Kim Jordan** is scheduled to see an oncologist to determine treatment for breast cancer. **Jean Dees** is having health problems. **T.C. Cox** had eye surgery Thursday. **Dub Mathews** is in ETMC Rehab. **Jane Clemmons** is undergoing therapy for balance. **Mary McFadden** is at home after suffering a neck injury. **Eloise Thompson** is recuperating at home after a fall. **Marie Threadgill** is in Park Place, room 223b. **Judith Harshbarger** is recovering at home. **Martha Moore**, Rhonda Haws' mother, is undergoing tests. **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, is hospitalized in Poplar Bluff, MO. following a stroke. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is recuperating at their home after recent surgery. **Troy Portwood**, John Portwood's dad, is in Mother Frances following surgery. **Jink Pope**, Dorothy Woods' nephew, is in hospice due to lung cancer. Continue to remember **Mabel Holbert**, **Frances Wester**, Jimmy Wester's mother, **Susan Prine**, niece of Don & Norma Durham, and **Gary Gaines**, Wanda Denio's son, and **Olyn** and **Doris Hill**, brother and sister-in-law of Lowrane Cananda.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>			
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	Danny Snell - Youth	
Don Crawford - Involvement			
<b>MISSIONS</b>			
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell	
<b>ELDERS</b>			
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	

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

Call to worship Stan Clark  
Prayer George Jones  
Scripture Byron Denman  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Bill Mullins

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Dannie Skipper  
Prayer Don Durham  
Scripture George Colvin  
Dismiss Austin Fisher

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Jimmie Philpot Jason Randall  
Marc Philpot Doug Ragsdale  
Dan Richardson Charles Rachui  
Fred Powell Brant Prestidge

**GREETERS**

Billy & Lynda Terrell & Cayti Bynum  
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Jay Culpepper  
Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Brady Dawkins

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### RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION

*"No great civilization has ever been destroyed until it was destroyed from within"*

*"Doing right brings honor to a nation, but sin brings disgrace"*  
- Proverbs 14:34 (CEV).

There is no question but that this nation was built upon Christian principles. There is no question but that the founding fathers had a respect for God, even though some of them had erroneous views of how God works. There is no question but that we, as a nation, have departed far from the intentions of those who wrote our Constitution. The terrorist attacks upon New York and the Pentagon and the continued threat of other terrorist activity has caused our nation grief, has filled us with anger, and has sobered us. Wars are no longer "over there" and there are no front lines or visible enemies. We are aware of the fact that they could strike any where at any time. We wonder what tactics the terrorists might use next -- more suicide bombings, bacteria over major population areas, or poisoning of water supplies. All of this has caused us to think more soberly ...

and to think of God. Many of us have remembered words of our founding fathers like those of Benjamin Franklin who said, "If a sparrow cannot fall without His notice, can an empire rise without His care?" We have considered the words of the Pledge: "... One nation under God ..." and more people are praying. America has been called a Christian nation. Of course, we have known this designation was not really accurate. However, there was a time when our nation acknowledged God -- we spoke of God in schools and at public meetings and we prayed unashamedly in public places without fear of opposition or ridicule. But now we have moved God out of public schools and public life; fewer of us go to church; we have aborted 40 million innocent babies; and we have secularized our lives. Is there any hope for America? Oh, yes! Not in bombs and missiles or tanks and planes, but in enough of God's people, though they be few, who will call upon God and seek to live righteously. Let's step forward next week in supporting the Bible presentation in the *Walk Through the Bible Seminar* and in the three nights, Monday through Wednesday, of Seminar 2001!

- Jay Lockhart

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**Sermons for Sunday, October 14, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "By This Time"  
(Hebrews 5:12 - 6:3)  
P.M. "What Is Islam?"  
(Hebrews 1:1-4)

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### BIBLE QUIZ

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Oct. 14</b>	<b>Middle School Devotional</b>
<b>Oct. 15</b>	<b>Bible Quiz</b>
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## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

*"I'm just one person. How can I possibly contribute anything worthwhile to God's plan for the world? What difference can one person make?"*

*Have you ever thought that? In our American society where "bigger is better" and large numbers are impressive we are often prone to overlook the significance of one. Think of the difference that only one can make.*

- Only one letter missing from your key board will render your computer useless.
- Only one key out of tune on a piano can make beautiful music impossible.
- Aaron Burr missed being the President of the United States by one vote.

- Only one vote kept President Jackson from being impeached.
- The state of California was admitted to the Union by only one vote.

*The New Testament teaches that no member in the body of Christ is insignificant. Only as each member does its work can the body grow and attain its goal of maturity and unity in Christ.*

*There are so many different areas to work in here at West Erwin. If you are not plugged into a place where you can use your talent, or grow a new one, then please call the church office and we'll help you find that place. Love ya! Have a great week!*

Pray for our nation!

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently, I sent a questionnaire to those who have been involved in the kindergarten through 5th grade section of our educational program. It is extremely important that this questionnaire be filled out and returned to me as soon as possible. The elders are wanting us to develop a one year plan, three year plan, and five year plan for our program. The information on the questionnaire will help me in this effort.

I have been so encouraged with the response so far. I am receiving these forms back at a steady rate. If you have additional information that you would like for me to consider, please write it at the bottom of the questionnaire and return it to me as soon as possible. All suggestions will be considered. It is quite possible that I overlooked some of our teachers (K-5th) when I sent out this questionnaire. It is also possible that some of you might have

misplaced yours. Therefore, listed below is a duplicate of the questionnaire. Please fill one out and return it to me. Thanks.

### Kindergarten Through Fifth Grade Teacher Information

1. I would like to continue teaching in the West Erwin educational program.
2. I would like to be removed from being considered in the teaching program.
3. I would like to teach during two of the following quarters:  
A. Fall; B. Winter; C. Spring; D. Summer
4. I can only teach during the: (please select one of the following quarters)  
A. Fall; B. Winter; C. Spring; D. Summer
5. The grade I would like to teach is:  
A. Kindergarten; B. 1st; C. 2nd; D. 3rd; E. 4th; F. 5th
6. I would prefer to teach on:  
A. Sunday morning; B. Wednesday evening; C. Either



## IN APPRECIATION

Charles and Cindy Jamison lost their home and everything in it recently in a fire. The West Erwin Benevolent Center was able to help them by donating some clothing. This family would like to express their gratitude to the church for the help they received.

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"Living a Life of Praise" is the title of our fall Ladies Retreat, and the date is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship before the rush of the holidays!

**NEW ADDRESS:** Mike and Nora Gravois are now in their new home in Georgetown, 147 Tanner Circle, 78626. They send their love.

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12).*

## GOD, HEAL OUR LAND

*This land we love of liberty,*

*God gave to us to build.*

*Its flag is stained with battles fought*

*May we, too, keep it free.*

*We've failed to blaze trails for our own*

*As those who went before,*

*May we fulfill our purpose here,*

*And may we pass it on.*

*Lift up our eyes so we may see,*

*new hopes and dreams fulfilled,*

*'Til every child no fear may know,*

*And peace all nations will.*

*Refrain: God heal our land, its people bless,*

*The stars upon its flag shine bright.*

*The stripes of red for the blood and tears.*

*Dear God, please heal our land.*

(from the song "God Heal Our Land" written by Alton Howard, 1987)



## CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC.

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., a licensed child-placing agency, is accepting applications for infant adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Jennifer Hearne at Christian Homes, (915) 677-2205.

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## LET US PRAY

30 days of prayer for 1) Revival, 2) Bible Classes, 3) Worship, 4) Groups, 5) Outreach (*Monday Night For the Master and Walk Through The Bible seminar*). Remember to pray for our country.

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**17th Annual Fall Lectureship** series at the University Church of Christ October 14-17. Series Theme: Exalting Jesus Christ. Speakers: Eddie Parrish, Jack Orbison, Dan Manuel, Dean Robertson & Ralph Wilson. See bulletin board in the office area for more details.

**3rd Annual Lake Tawakoni Fall Lectureship Series,** October 7-11, at the Lake Tawakoni Church of Christ. Theme: "A Savior Such As This" Speakers: Randy Reagan, Ray Hunter, Ken Gardner, Irvine Williams, Ferman Carpenter, Shawn Williams, Iris Ramsey, and Johnny Ramsey.

*"Freedom and fear, justice and cruelty, have always been at war, and we know that God is not neutral between them."*

- President George W. Bush

*"It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."*

- President George Washington

*"Providence has given to our people the choice of their rulers. It is the duty as well as the privilege and in the interest of our Christian nation to select and prefer Christians for our rulers."*

- John Jay, First Chief Justice

*"Our laws and institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind ... our institutions are emphatically Christian."*

-- Supreme Court ruling, 1892

*"The highest glory of the American Revolution was this: It connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government and the principles of Christianity."*

-- John Quincy Adams

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 14

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Bible Class	410	492	433
Worship A.M.	596	703	600
Worship P.M.	391	408	390
Wed. P.M.	316	321	311
Contribution	\$20,683.50	\$20,873.91	\$17,759.69
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### WALK THROUGH THE BIBLE

October 21-24 is our *Walk Through the Bible Seminar* and we are expecting four exciting days. On Sunday we will begin at our Bible class hour with **Tom Washburn** meeting with 6th grade through adults in the auditorium and **Tom Hensley** meeting with 1st grade through 5th grade in the small auditorium. Children's classes, from kindergarten down, will meet in their regular places. We will have our usual morning worship time at 10:00 followed by a catered meal in the Family Life Center. Then at 12:30 we will continue in the auditorium and classrooms with our adults and young people respectively. Nursery through 5 year-old classes will be provided in the afternoon. The *Walk Through the Bible Seminar* will conclude at 4:30 and there will be no service at our building at 6:00. However, our *Small Groups* will be meeting that evening at times and places determined by the group leaders. Please remember that *Walk Through the Bible* will be followed on Monday through Wednesday with three nights of *Seminar 2001* in

which we will be further emphasizing the Bible with three presentations: *The Wonder of the Word*, *How the Bible Teaches*, and *The Study of Scripture*. These week night meetings, which will be held in our Family Life Center, will begin with 30 minutes of singing at 6:30 followed by the service at 7:00. The services will begin with some songs, a welcome statement, prayer, and then the message. We will be dismissed by 7:45 and then will be served refreshments by our *Women's Ministry* during a time of fellowship. We will provide child care for infants and classes for children through the fifth grade during these evening services. We need your help in prayer, invitation, and attendance. Please participate in every way you can during these preparation days and the seminar itself. This is a significant time for the growing West Erwin family and we need the active involvement of everyone. We are counting on you.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, October 7, 2001**  
A.M. & P.M.  
by Gene Glaeser

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

We have had a good crew working on the house and it is really coming along. We are in the dry and ready to hang sheet rock. Our next Saturday workday will be Oct. 6. We will meet at 8:30 and work till the early afternoon. Lunch will be furnished. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. There will also be a group working during the day on Thursdays. If you are interested in helping, please contact me. Pray for this project!

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### SKI TRIP

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### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Oct. 8. If you are interested in helping, please be there by 5:00.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 2	Bible Study @ The Snell's
Oct. 6	Habitat Workday
Oct. 7	High School Devotional
Oct. 8	West Erwin Hosts the Karing Kitchen
Oct. 15	Bible Quiz
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*Please Remember to pray for our country!*

## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

*"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."*

*Psalm 33:12*



*Someone said, "When America ceases to be good, it will cease to be great." In this statement we are reminded that the greatness of a nation does not rest in her military power, her technological*

*advancements, or political sharpness, or her national wealth. A nation's greatness is found in the sum of her goodness. Righteousness is the determining factor in a country's future. Solomon said, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any nation" (Proverbs 14:34).*

God bless America, land that I love;  
Stand beside her, and guide her,  
Through the night, with the light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies;  
To the oceans, white with foam;  
God bless America, my home, sweet home.  
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**Pray for our nation!**

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

Children like to run and have a good time at home, at school, and even at the church building. Each week, after we are dismissed from our services, you will find kids playing all throughout the building. All of our children are well behaved, however, if they are left unattended for too long sometimes they become over active. Recently some of the decorations in our classrooms have been disturbed and this is frustrating to our teachers. They put a lot of time into these decorations and what takes them hours to display can be torn down in a matter of seconds. Talk to your children and emphasize to them that once our services are over all of our classrooms should be considered off limits. Children are a precious gem and we are fortunate to have the opportunity of "training them up in the way of the Lord." Sometimes they amaze us with the dilemmas that they get into. Please consider the following story as proof. The boss of a big company called one of his employees. A child answered the phone and whispered "hello." The boss said, "Is your dad home?" The child

whispered, "Yes." The man then replied, "Well, any I talk to him?" The child whispered, "No." The boss then said, "Well, is your mom home?" Again the voice replied, "No." Frustrated the boss said, "Well, is there anyone at your house that I can talk to?" The little child said in a low and hushed voice, "Yes, a policeman but he's busy right now." "Busy doing what?" asked the man. Whispering again, the little boy replied, "He's talking with my mom and dad and the fireman." Before the man could respond to that comment he heard a loud hovering sound in the background. He asked the little child, "What's that noise?" The boy responded, "It's a helicopter." Now, extremely alarmed, the boss asked, "What is a helicopter doing at your house?" "They're bringing a search team," whispered a little boy. The boss replied, "Why do they need a search team?" The little boy giggled and then whispered back to the man, "They're looking for me."

I'm happy to report that things are not as chaotic here as the events that unfolded in the story mentioned above. I am sure that all of this can be handled if we as parents simply talk to our children about this matter. Thank you for your support.

## IN APPRECIATION



West Erwin Church of Christ,

Your presence at the hospital was comforting. Your calls, cards and visits were encouraging. Your food was delicious. And your prayers were strengthening and successful. Thanks for watching over Billie and me. Hopefully, there is only one more to go.

Love,

Freeman Morgan

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I want to thank everyone that is sending cards, and for their prayers. They do help in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Gary, Wanda & David Gaines

## ATTENTION LADIES!

"Living a Life of Praise" is the title of our fall Ladies Retreat, and the date is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship before the rush of the holidays!

## LADIES BUNGO

All ladies who would like to join us are invited to come to the Family Life Center on Tuesday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. Please call Terry Shaw or Melissa Parrish for more information.

## CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE, INC.

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., a licensed child-placing agency, is accepting applications for infant adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Jennifer Hearne at Christian Homes, (915) 677-2205.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

An invitation to "A Night of Singing" on Saturday, October 6, 2001 at the West Erwin Family Life Center. 6:00-7:00 (eating) 7:00-9:00 (singing). Bring sandwiches, chips, and desserts enough for your family. Drinks will be furnished.

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ, 2705 East Travis, Marshall, Texas invites to a seminar, "Prayer In Scripture" presented by Malcolm Parsley, missionary, author and educator. Friday, Oct. 5 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. & Saturday, Oct. 6, 9:00 a.m.-noon with a light lunch served at noon.

The North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to their first annual "Fall Gospel Explosion." A continental breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, with speakers beginning at 9:00. We will bring many uplifting messages, praise in song and sweet fellowship. Please call 593-6868 for more information.

CSET presents Art Linkletter on Tuesday, October 9, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas. You are cordially invited to hear Art Linkletter entertain us and enjoy a delicious meal. All proceeds benefit the Christian Services of East Texas. Tickets are \$50 per person and are tax deductible. For more information call 509-0558.

Our Mission Statement

## TO GLORIFY GOD

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The Search

Each Sunday



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

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with Kate Sweeney in her decision to live her life for her Lord. She was baptized into Christ Thursday evening by her dad, Mark Sweeney. Kate is in the 8th grade. Their address is 111 Forest South Drive, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9043.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Bill and Donna Mullins and their sons Jordan (a student at ACU) and Alex (9th grade student) into the West Erwin family. We know they will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is P.O. Box 133, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-6191.

Byron and Yvette Denman came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They are a talented and dedicated couple and will be an asset to the work here. They live at 6003 Old Bullard Rd. #133, 75703, ph. 939-2266.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Don & Nancy Crawford, 2575 Pineview Dr., 75704, ph. 526-0449.

## LET US PRAY

30 days of prayer for 1) Revival, 2) Bible Classes, 3) Worship, 4) Groups, 5) Outreach (*Monday Night For the Master and Walk Through The Bible seminar*). Remember to pray for our country.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joseph Cox, son of Ross and Rosemary Cox and grandson of Bob and Rebecca Center, on winning the District V Competition for the San Saba River Chapter DRT of Texas. This is an annual history essay contest sponsored statewide. District winners advance to state level competition.

## MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 22. West Erwin has been asked to collect KLEENEX. Other items needed are: canned pasta (like Ravioli), Velveeta type cheese, cream of celery soup, canned sweet potatoes, fabric softener, tomato paste, white vinegar, cider vinegar, dishwashing liquid, napkins.

*"The Congress of the United States approves and recommends to the people the Holy Bible for use in the schools."*

-- John Quincy Adams

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 30

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Judy Clark; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Toddler a.m.: Freida Starr & Jamie Jordan; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Sharon Gordon; 2 year olds: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; 3 year olds: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 4 year olds: Todd & Jana Hancock.



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Records	Sunday September 23	Sunday September 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	492	461	426
Worship A.M.	703	625	611
Worship P.M.	408	435	
Wed. P.M.	321	337	327
Contribution	\$20,873.91	\$29,067.39	\$19,437.22
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 30, and Wednesday, Oct. 3, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

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### REFLECTIONS UPON THE AFTERMATH

In the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the United States on September 11, 2001, there have been some sobering facts that have come to light. As a nation we have come to see that we are vulnerable to the actions of a few mad men. A few individuals brought about the deaths of over 6000 people, completely destroyed the twin landmarks of the skyline of New York City, threw the transportation industry into a tailspin, cost our nation billions of dollars in losses, and shook the financial center of America. The hatred for our way of life prompted a few to surprise us, shock us, send many into depression, fill others with grief, and sober us all. Our nation's shock turned to anger and anger has turned to resolve as our president has announced that the guilty parties will be brought to justice and the countries that shelter them will share in their fate. Now for some reflections upon all of this. *First*, it is difficult for us to understand how anyone can be so filled with hate that they would commit suicide to bring harm to others even when their attacks take the lives of innocent children. *Second*, it is hard to imagine radical zealots blowing up themselves and others as a religious act. *Third*, terrorists are like the thorn in the lion's paw ... extremely painful but not fatal. Terrorists will not destroy us. *Fourth*, the terrorist attacks of September 11 have brought us together as a nation and helped us see that our priorities can easily get mixed up. *Fifth*, as a nation we have

been brought closer to God. *Sixth*, and I find this to be extremely interesting, our president called for a national day of prayer on September 14, men and women from the United States congress sang "God Bless America" on the steps of the capital, the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer opened the meetings of some local government officials after being absent for some time, a college football game in Mississippi opened with the teams and the fans singing "God Bless America," the combined bands of two universities played "Amazing Grace" during the half-time of a football game, and no one has yet said anything (at least to my knowledge) about the separation of church and state! When the founding fathers of our country established this separation, they clearly wanted to prevent us from having a state religion. They had no intention of leaving God out of our lives ... even our political lives. They believed that freedom was God's gift to men, all of whom were created equal, and stated it in the Declaration of Independence. Out of the ashes of New York, from the charred buildings of the Pentagon, and ascending beyond the burned earth of Pennsylvania is heard the voice of the American people: "God Bless America ...," "In God We Trust ...," "Our Father which art in heaven ...," "One nation, under God, indivisible ..."

- Jay Lockhart



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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, September 30, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "The Purpose"  
(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:18-20)  
P.M. "Transformation"  
(Romans 12:1-2)

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## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

*I love the church that Jesus bought  
and I know that it is right;  
I go there every Sunday morn,  
but not on Sunday night.  
I love to sing the songs of God,  
such worship must be right,  
This I do on Sunday morn,  
but not on Sunday night.  
And May God bless our preacher, too,  
and give him power and might;  
But put a sinner in my place,  
I won't be there Sunday night.  
I love to hear the gospel, too,  
it gives me pure delight;  
I hear it every Sunday morn,*

*but not on Sunday night.  
I'd go through rain, sleet and snow,  
do anything that's right  
to be at church on Sunday morn,  
but not on Sunday night.  
I know I need more hope and strength  
to keep me in the fight;  
For help I come on Sunday morn,  
but not on Sunday night.  
Yes, we all must someday die;  
I hope I'll be doing right;  
So may I die on Sunday morn  
and not on Sunday night.  
- Gus Nichols*

It's sad to believe, but the poem is all too true. A great many of us only have a "Sunday morning worship habit." Since the first of the year we have averaged more on Sunday morning than on Sunday night.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I have been so impressed with our Wednesday evening attendance over the last few weeks. Before the month of September our average was 270 for 2001. Since our new quarter began our attendance has averaged 315 for the month. These figures should make all of us feel good about the commitment that we are making here at West Erwin to study the Word of God. Since one of the areas of concern with our 30 days of prayer is the Bible School program, please allow me this opportunity to once again inform this congregation regarding these classes. If you haven't been attending on Wednesday evenings, here's what we offer. *First*, we begin the evening with a meal that has been prepared by some of our members. During the course of the month you will have opportunity to select between the following entrees: (1) hamburgers, (2) pizza, (3) tacos, and (4) brisket. This is a great time of fellowship. *Second*, we break off into classes. These classes have been designed for our spiritual journey. Each week, Jay Lockhart conducts a class entitled The Search. This class is

presently studying: The Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow. We also have a singing class: Sing Joyfully. If you love to sing, you'll love this class. Jerry Huff conducts this class in the Heritage Room. Our ladies are having a great time in their Wednesday evening class: Learning To Love. This class emphasizes the language of love and is taught by Arlene Lockhart in the chapel. I am also pleased with the emphasis Forest McFadden is putting into his class: Get Into The Word. This is a study that he and Don Drummond designed. They meet in room 114. And if you are parents who are raising children, please consider attending Hillard Hughes' class: Raising Faithful Kids. This class meets in room 111. Parents, this is a must so don't miss out on these great lessons. The evangelism committee also designed a class entitled: Conversational Spanish. This class is taught by Leah Russell in the Family Life Center. *Third*, we have the chance to fellowship immediately following our classes. We need this time to catch up on various items and just to share with each other. So, if you haven't been attending our Wednesday evening services, please reconsider and let's grow as God would have us to grow.



### IN APPRECIATION

Your concern and thoughtfulness for me while I was in the hospital and rehab was appreciated so much. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, flowers and visits. They helped so much.

In Christian Love,  
Roberta Tindall

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God has a wonderful way of sending special friends when we need them the most. Thanks for caring. There are no words to express how much we appreciate the love that has been shown to Gary and his family during these difficult times in their lives. Your expressions of love and concern have been a real encouragement to them and also to Jimmy and I. Thanks so much.

In Christian love,  
Jimmy & Wanda Denio



### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Melanie Dobbs, bride-elect of Terry Kiker Sunday, September 30, from 4:30-5:30 in the Family Life Center Selections: Dillard's & Wal Mart

Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Garrett Sublette on being named to the Dean's List at Abilene Christian University. To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average. Garrett is the son of James and Connie Sublette.

### ATTENTION LADIES!

"Living a Life of Praise" is the title of our fall Ladies Retreat, and the date is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship before the rush of the holidays!

*"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity. We have grown in number, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown, though we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which has preserved us in place and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace. Too proud to pray to the God who made us. It behooves us then to humble ourselves before the offended power; to confess our national sins and to pray clemency and forgiveness upon us."*

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with Tyler Lott and his family in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Monday evening. Tyler is the son of Ron and Pam Lott, and was baptized by his dad. The Lotts live in Bullard at 23456 CR 181, 75757, ph. 894-4445.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Irene Whaley into the West Erwin family. She came Sunday to make known her desire to be recognized as a member of the Lord's church at this place. Her address is 3110 Towne Park, #3404, 75701, ph. 939-0114.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Mrs. Rose Teel, 5802 Bostick Dr., Tyler, 75707, (same phone #)

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Records	Sunday September 16	Sunday September 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	461	440	419
Worship A.M.	625	573	605
Worship P.M.	435	385	367
Wed. P.M.	337	286	
Contribution	\$29,067.39	\$20,108.95	\$18,435.65
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 23, and Wednesday, Sept. 26, Clin Hale, ph. 597-1542. Please call if you need transportation.			

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Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Jim Carty  
Scripture Brody Clark  
Dismiss Will Christian

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### THE DAY AMERICA WEPT

Tuesday, September 11, 2001, is a day we will always remember. The news came sketchy and incomplete: some kind of explosion had occurred in the upper floors of one of the twin towers in New York City. TV stations showed pictures of the fire and smoke. Then it was reported that an airplane had crashed into that tower, one of the two tallest buildings in New York. As America watched the fire from the streets of New York and on television around the world, an unbelievable drama unfolded before our eyes: a second plane came out of nowhere and crashed with great impact into the second tower, sending fire and smoke and debris everywhere. Next, we were told that a third plane had crashed into the Pentagon and that a fourth plane had gone down over Pennsylvania. As minutes became hours our nation began to see what had taken place: terrorists had carried out a well planned attack on America resulting in the loss of millions of dollars in property and the loss of thousands of lives. Our country was shocked, stunned, and paralyzed. Airports shut down, businesses closed, and in some respects the nation came to a halt. Nothing like this had ever happened on American soil. Nothing akin to this had happened to us since

Pearl Harbor. There are similarities between Pearl Harbor and what happened on Tuesday: both were unexpected; both resulted in great loss of life; and both were carried out by misguided people. There were also differences: one was carried out on military targets while the other was carried out on civilians. One was an open attack by another nation while the other was an attack planned by cowardly individuals. In the one the enemy was clearly defined while in the other the enemy is hidden. What shall we do? We mourn as a nation. We bury our dead. We pray. We pray for the families directly affected, we pray for our national leaders as decisions are being made, we pray that God will use this terrible catastrophe to bring our nation closer to Him. And let us remember. Let us remember that freedom is never free. Let us remember that true security is to be found only in God. And let us remember these words: "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

- Jay Lockhart

**Remember to bring your friends for a special Friends Day September 23, 2001**



Reaching My Potential  
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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, September 23, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Stay Here A Moment"**  
(1 Samuel 9:25-27)

**P.M. "Do You Have An Exercise Program?"**  
(1 Samuel 30:1-4, 6)

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will meet in

the family Life Center. Please bring \$3.00 for supper and invite a friend to enjoy this special evening.

### TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students are invited to the Tuesday Night Bible Study each week at our home in Whitehouse. We will meet from 7:30-8:30.

### SKI TRIP

We are planning a ski trip for our families again this year. If you are interested, please see me as soon as possible. We are planning to ski at Breckenridge on Jan. 2-4. For more details, contact me ASAP.

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*Please Remember to pray for our country!*

## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

Sunday has been spotlighted as "Bring a Friend Day." It's a time for us to share the most important things in our lives with our friends -- that is our faith in Christ. We have planned for the day to be an experience which will be uplifting and worshipful. We will strive to let your friends know just how special they are. So, pray about who to invite. Pray that God will open their hearts to say yes. Pray that they will be touched by His spirit and our love when they attend. Use this special time to invite your friends. The more you invite the more who will come!

On one occasion, Peppermint Patty said to Marcie: "I'd like to read this book, Marcie, but I'm kind of

afraid. I had a grandfather who didn't think much of reading. He always said that if you read too many books your head would fall off." Marcie responded: "You start the first chapter and I'll hold onto your head."

*Friends hold onto friends!  
Friends help each other face the future together.  
"Do not forsake your friend" (Proverbs 27:10).*

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We now have 13 small groups meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you would like to participate in a small group, just let me know. Most groups are pretty full but we can always expand to 14 groups!

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

With the tragic events of September 11, 2001 fresh on our minds, perhaps it would do us good to reflect on the need for praying daily in our life as a nation. Over the last 20 to 30 years we have debated the issue of public prayer to death. We have banned it from our schools, sporting events, and even attempts have been made to ban prayers at the beginning of each session of Congress. The ACLU has fought, not only to eliminate public school prayers, but also to take the words "under God" out of the pledge of allegiance, and we won't even go into details concerning how they are trying to limit God's influence in organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America. And yet, just a few minutes after the destruction of the World Trade Centers and the events at the Pentagon, America found herself on her knees, with bowed heads asking God to be with her. The President of the United States called for a national day of prayer, pockets of congressmen could be seen throughout the capital building openly praying, and countless news organizations commented on the

open air, "Let's pray for those who have been injured or killed and for our great nation." I have heard it said (all my life) that during times of crisis we turn to God. After the events of September 11th, I now know just how true that statement is. And even though I, like you, was saddened by the events in New York and Washington, I was so proud to see us once again involve God in the events of our nation.

Not long ago a high school football program was sued because they insisted on praying prior to their game. Just a few months before that lawsuit was brought to trial, a principal in Jackson, Mississippi was fired because he allowed a prayer to be read over the intercom at his school. And in St. Louis, Missouri, a 10 year old boy, who insisted on saying a private prayer before he ate his lunch each day, was warned 3 times not to do so and then forcefully removed from the lunch room by the principal.

America, it's time that we rethink the direction that we have allowed ourselves to be led over the last few decades regarding public prayers and other spiritual issues. At this tragic time in our country's history we should remember what is recorded in James 4:7: "Draw nigh to God. and he will draw nigh to you ..."



### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your prayers and for the flowers. Your visits mean so much to me and they will help me get well sooner. I love you more than I can say.

Marie Threadgill



### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Melanie Dobbs, bride-elect of Terry Kiker Sunday, September 30, from 4:30-5:30 in the Family Life Center  
Selections: Dillard's & Wal Mart  
Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Pattie Tate (as of September 26) 1123 Woodlands Park Dr., Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8012

### ATTENTION LADIES!

"Living a Life of Praise" is the title of our fall Ladies Retreat, and the date is set for November 16 & 17 at Stone Fort Camp. Please reserve these dates on your calendar and join us for fun and fellowship before the rush of the holidays!

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Odie and Dolores Kennedy** and son **Toby** into our growing family. They came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. Their address is 17472 Creekside Drive, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-6513.

**Lea Anne Kennedy**, daughter of Odie and Dolores, also wishes to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. She is a nurse and lives in Tyler at 400 West Southtown #508, 75703, ph. 581-6192.

**Chad and Lindsey Harbuck** came Sunday to make known their desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. (Lindsey is the daughter of Billy and Kim Pool). They live in Mineola at 1099 CR 2210, 75773, ph. 569-0170.

### RESPONSE

Clyde Lane came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for forgiveness of sin in his life.

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- J. Edgar Hoover

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tony Adams and his Chapel Hill High School students for honors won in a recent National Structural Engineering competition in Richmond, Virginia.

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### THE MIGHTY MEN

When David was established as the king over all of Israel, there were 37 men who belonged to a special military unit called "the mighty men" (2 Samuel 23:8). David had a vast army, made up of men, all of whom were significant and important, but the 37 distinguished themselves as warriors. Last Monday morning we kicked off our "30 Days of Prayer" with a Men's Prayer Breakfast and 41 men came together at 6:30 for a meal and prayer. These men are "the mighty men," the "warriors" of prayer. They are not the only ones -- we have an army of warriors dedicated to prayer. So join us in this effort as we pray for *revival* and *renewal* in this church. Revival comes from God when we prepare our hearts and do the right things to allow revival to happen. Revival begins with the individual as we open ourselves to be renewed. In preparing ourselves for revival we help answer our prayers. Second, pray for our *Bible Classes*. Our classes give us great opportunity for outreach and evangelism as well as for personal growth. Pray about

teachers, materials, students, and bringing others. Third, pray for our *worship*. Pray that we may truly worship "in spirit and in truth," that our worship will glorify God, that worship will be edifying for the church, and that worship will be a means of evangelism. Fourth, pray for our new *groups* which will begin meeting once each month after our evening services beginning September 16. Pray that these meetings will give all a sense of belonging, a broader fellowship, deeper friendships, and growth for the body. Fifth, pray for our *local outreach*. Three things are particularly important here: Monday Night For The Master, beginning September 17; Friends Day on September 23; and Walk Through The Bible, October 21-24. If we will pray as though everything depends upon God and work as though everything depends upon us, great things will happen. Be one of an army of warriors of prayer! Be involved in these 30 days of prayer!

- Jay Lockhart



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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, September 16, 2001**

A.M. Dennis Jones, Guest Speaker  
President, Heritage Christian University

P.M. Don Crawford

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### BIBLE QUIZ

Due to some scheduling difficulty with the churches involved in the East Texas Bible Quiz, we will be starting in October and will be studying the book of Genesis. More details to follow.

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## COMMUNITY

... by Don Crawford

### How Can I Stop Yelling At My Kids?

"Usually, My kids are cooperative and well-behaved. But sometimes they push and push and I get angry and boil over. I'm always ashamed when I explode like this. How can I get control of myself when my kids push me over the brink?"

First, it sounds like your kids know how to "push your buttons." If you want to control this ability of theirs then the most effective technique is to state a consequence and walk away, then stick to it. "If you ask again, it means you are too tired to understand my NO, so there will be a 7:30 bedtime tonight instead of 8:30." When they ask again, simply sympathize, "I knew you needed more sleep," and walk away.

Another way to handle this is to say, "I'll think about it and give you my answer in a little while. But if you ask me again, the

answer is no," and walk away. Or, "I'm starting to feel angry so I'm going to stop and pray about it now." Then walk away.

Walking away is very effective in controlling pushy children. It tells them that you have already responded and the matter is closed. If they follow after you, don't indulge them by listening to them. Simply smile and play the statue on the outside even though you're boiling on the inside.

Some time when you are close and enjoying one another, it helps to talk about how you feel when they keep pushing. Too many times we are in the heat of battle before we attempt to deal with it. Then we blurt out impossible consequences and threats.

Our children can come up with remarkable possibilities for their own discipline if given the opportunity. Then later when the pressure is on, you can refer back to their own suggestions. Just be sure to carry them out or they will become merely ideas, not action.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Ask any teacher and they will probably tell you that one of the most frustrating things they go through as a teacher is when they prepare a lesson, present that lesson to the best of their ability and then look out over their classroom only to see a look of total confusion on the part of their students. It is very disheartening to put your all into your teaching only to receive a blank stare back from the recipients of that information. In fact, when I was in college I had a professor that periodically would say to the class, "Now if I'm going too fast or if you don't understand, please raise your hand." As soon as he finished that statement, every hand in class would go up. This professor, although very knowledgeable, had a hard time communicating his message to the students. Believe me when I tell you, that I am extremely thankful that he was merciful in the way he determined my final grade.

We (as teachers) should learn from our mistakes and realize that just because we call ourselves teachers does not mean that we are

actually teaching. If our students are not learning, then how can we be teaching? If it becomes apparent that your students are not receiving the information that you are delivering, then it's time to attack your subject from a different angle. We must be willing and able to adapt in order to reach our students. In fact, remember what the apostle Paul said in I Cor. 10:33: "even as I try to please everybody in every way ... so that they might be saved."

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Any suggestions that you might have regarding the educational program of the church, please feel free to make them. Together, let's make sure that we are giving our students the best we have to offer.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the continued prayers and cards. I am feeling much better. My brain surgery is scheduled for about September 24 at ETMC. Your continued prayers give me strength and lighten my heart. I thank God every day for my church family. My prayers are with you too.

God bless each of you,  
Judith Harshbarger

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Your concern and thoughtfulness is appreciated more than you know. I know your prayers were answered. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. Thanks to the ones who sat with Bob during my surgery.

In Christian Love,  
Jane Clemmons

### New Mailing Address:

Stevie Blakemore, P.O. Box 4601, 75712

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome **Andy and Barbara Fay** into our West Erwin family. They will be a strength to the work here as shown by their participation while they have been attending here. They live at 8526 Pleasant Hollow Road, 75709.

**Todd and Lori Roberts** and little son, **Caden**, came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. Their address 15308 Country Acres, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-5640.

**Kim, Billy and Ryan Pool** have been attending here for some time and we know they will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 2775 West Highway 80, Mineola, Texas 75773, ph. 569-0456.

## RESPONSE

**Sandie Martin** came Sunday with two prayer requests: 1) for her uncle, Jerry Porter, and he undergoes surgery for colon cancer Monday in Mt. Pleasant, and 2) for herself as she returns to Mayo Clinic for tests due to her brain surgery last year. She asks for prayers that the test results will be good and that they will have a safe trip to and from Rochester, Minnesota.

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## WHERE IS YOUR STRENGTH?

*A Harris poll a few years ago concluded that 86% of Americans are "chronically stressed out." Trying to cope with all the demands and stress of life, Americans consume about 30 tons of aspirins, tranquilizers, and sleeping pills every day! The drive for success is relentless and many of us are trapped on that treadmill of self-destruction. As we run faster and faster, an inner voice whispers that we're not getting anywhere, and that makes us run even harder. All the more reason why it is vital to our spiritual life and sanity to stop each week, refocus and worship, and be reminded of the more important things in life. Neglecting to pause and worship leaves us less capable to handle life and all its demands. Don't let busy-ness or weariness deprive you of the renewal we all desperately need each week; take the time to honor and praise God, and you'll be strengthened and helped in the process.*

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Worship P.M.	357	Area-wide	390
Wed. P.M.	250	290	304
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Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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Scripture Don Crowder  
Dismiss Melvin Crow

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Brandon Lott Joe McBee  
Ron Lott Phil Marts  
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Freeman & Billie Morgan & Krista Russell  
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### REVIVAL

The time is right for us as a church to enter a season of spiritual renewal and revival. Summer is ended and the beginning of fall is an ideal time for us to make revival a priority. We have a full slate of activities planned for September and October and our full involvement in every phase of our work will prepare us for revival. Let's notice some facts about revival. First, revival is an Old Testament word (chayah) and means to renew life, to refresh, to rebuild, to restore life. It is related to the meaning of the New Testament word renewal (ananeo) which means the restoration of spiritual vitality. Second, we need revival because we have a tendency to grow weary, to slip backward, to become inactive, to neglect what we should do, to forget what our priorities should be. Third, revival comes from God. David said, "O Lord ... revive us again" (Psalm 85:6). One of the New Testament words for renewal (anakainoo) is used only in the passive (2 Corinthians 4:16; Colossians 3:10) which means renewal is something done for us or to us. God brings revival. Fourth, God brings revival only when we prepare our hearts for revival and do things God wants us to do to bring revival. The great revivals of the Old Testament came after the kings of Judah, as well as the people, prepared their hearts

before God by confession, repentance, and obedience to the law of God (see the reforms of Hezekiah and Josiah). Revival will come as we prepare ourselves for the blessings of God. Fifth, revival is personal and individual. Like conversion, revival doesn't take place in groups or by multitudes, but revival takes place one person at a time. On the Pentecost of Acts 2 there were 3000 people converted to Christ, but they came one by one. The converts soon numbered 5000 and then were multiplied, but they came one by one. The cause of Christ grew like wild fire in the first century from Jerusalem to Rome, but the people came one by one. So it is with the spiritual growth of Christians. We are all to grow, but we grow one by one. Revival can sweep across a church, a state, or a nation, but revival takes place one by one. It takes place in your heart and spreads to the hearts of others, but it happens one at a time. The time is right for God to send revival. The real question is, will you and I prepare our hearts and do the right things through confession, repentance, and obedience so that God will bless us with revival? You and I hold the key. What will your answer be? What will my answer be?

- Jay Lockhart

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**A.M. "The Essence Of Prayer"**  
(Daniel 9:20-23)

**P.M. "Fulfilling Your Purpose"**  
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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the combined devotional last Sunday night. We had a great turnout.

Thanks to Dr. Aaron Duvall for teaching the High School Class this summer. Thanks to Scott Hobson for teaching several classes also.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of the high school students are reminded of our devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Invite a friend to enjoy this time together. We will be finished at 9:00. Details about where will be announced in class Sunday morning.

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

This September, West Erwin along with the Shiloh Rd., Glenwood, and Broadway churches will begin building their 3rd Habitat For Humanity home. This project is a

huge undertaking that requires a lot of volunteer help as well as donations. Sept. 22 is the date for our first construction date. On that day, we will start with a foundation and build all the walls, and cover the house with a roof. Mark your calendars now and plan to help. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me. If you are interested in helping on that day or later dates, please contact me.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Sept. 17 will be the date for the first Bible Quiz. We will be studying the book of Acts. The first test will be over Acts 1-7. This coming Sunday, we will meet together for lunch and study time until 2:30. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Contact me for more info.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Sept. 2** High School Devotional  
**Sept. 22** Habitat Construction Date  
**Nov. 16-18** Middle School Retreat

## COMMUNITY

### Family Heritage ... by Don Crawford

There is nothing that strikes closer to parents hearts then considering what we will leave our children. Some parents want to leave their children a nice sum of money, others a piece of land, a house, or the family business. Some want to make sure their children are left with a good education. Still others, less materially focused, try to leave a heritage of family memories of vacations and experiences. All of those have value in the effectiveness they will have on the lives of your children, yet one thing is certain, if your children should have all these things, yet forfeit their souls you have left them nothing. Children imitate what they see. They also have a canny knack for recognizing and rejecting hypocrisy. So, what do they need from you?

1. **Teach them to love God's Word.**
  - a. Leave them a light for their path.
  - b. Leave them a heritage of reading, studying, and meditating on the Holy Scriptures.
2. **Teach them to love Christ's church.**
  - a. Teach your children the importance of worship, service, and fellowship.
  - b. Never let them hear words of disdain for the Lord's church, or its leaders come from your lips.
  - c. Let them taste faithful attendance and personal involvement.
3. **Teach them the importance of prayer.**
  - a. If God has given us one thing to sustain us in this life, it's prayer.
  - b. Teach them to pray and pray often with them.
  - c. Let them witness the source and the strength of your own relationship with God.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Turner Publishing Company released a book in 1996 entitled *Tenko!*. It was an amazing story of survival by Sgt. John Boyd, who was a POW during WWII, in Rangoon. I had the privilege of not only meeting John Boyd, but to serve as a minister under his leadership at the Seventh and College church of Christ in Mayfield, Kentucky for a few years. He is indeed an amazing man.

On August 3, 1943, while on a skip bombing raid in his B-25 John Boyd, who was a gunner, was shot down over Burma. He had just enough time to grab his parachute, step out of the hatch, and pull his ripcord before hitting the ground. He was immediately surrounded by Japanese soldiers and hauled off to Rangoon Jail. Over the course of his imprisonment he would not only suffer multiple threats to his life, but he would suffer many diseases and near death experiences. He remained a prisoner at Rangoon for approximately two years until British troops finally freed him from the Japanese hands. After hearing his story, as

told to me by John Boyd, I had to ask, "What kept you going during that terrible time in your life?" His answer (which was not surprising to me) was his trust in the Lord.

Can you imagine being held against your will in a far away land? I'll be honest with you, I cannot even imagine such a thing. And yet, as I look through the pages of the Bible I notice the life of Paul, who suffered many things at the hands of his adversaries. According to the scriptures Paul was stoned, whipped, beaten with a rod, unjustly put in jail, falsely accused, shipwrecked, even spending 1 1/2 days in the sea. Why? He did all of this for the Lord. His life had been transformed from a life that would lead him to say he was the chief of sinners to a life that would be used to lead a multitude of people to the Lord. Once he became a Christian he knew that he couldn't keep this life changing message to himself, he had to share it with others.

What an example Paul should be to all of us. We, like Paul, have had our lives altered through the Word of God. We, like Paul, should be sharing the Word of God with as many as we can. Let's start turning the world right side up for Christ. Begin right where you are and make a difference for the Lord.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Gladys Singleton, Jeff Parrish's grandmother, died Tuesday morning after a lengthy illness. Services will be in Palestine. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### YOUNG AT HEART

Thursday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. is time for the Young at Heart group to meet for their monthly fellowship meeting. If you are 55+, plan to come to the Family Life Center, bring a covered dish to share, and enjoy this time of food, fun and fellowship.

### NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

A new 2001 pictorial directory is on its way! It has been a long time since the last one so we are expecting 100% participation. If you have not already scheduled a time for your family photos, please do so as soon as possible. Delk Photography, a local company, will provide the service. They promise three things. (1) One free 5X7 to each family, (2) Several discount package plans to purchase, and (3) Your pictures and the directory before Christmas.

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Call Melissa Parrish or Terry Shaw for more information.  
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You're invited to a **Ladies Day Program**, *A New Attitude for the New Millennium*, Saturday, September 8, at the North Tenneha Church of Christ. Registration is at 8:30 a.m.; program from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Please let us know if you plan to come so we can prepare for your visit, ph. 593-6868.  
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The Onalaska Church of Christ invites you to their **Annual Ladies Lectureship** September 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Betty Bender, author, from Columbia, TN will speak on "As We Travel Through Life" (With Its Trouble and Strife). Book reviews, lunch, skits, book store and lots of fellowship. R.S.V.P. (936) 594-9564.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA presents **Celebrate the Children; An Evening with Captain Scott O'Grady** on Saturday, September 8, at 7 p.m. in the Wise auditorium on the TJC campus. You are invited to spend an evening with the fighter pilot who was shot down over Bosnia and survived six days on the ground in enemy territory. Hear about his faith, courage and patriotism that brought him home. All proceeds will go toward educating ETCA students. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for veterans and children. For more information, please call 561-8642.

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### LOOKING AHEAD

September launches a new quarter in our Bible School program and I want to urge all of us to be involved in these opportunities for spiritual growth. We have a full range of classes on Sunday mornings from young children through adults and some new classes are offered on Wednesday evenings. On Wednesdays, in addition to the *Sing Joyfully* class which we offer on a continuing basis, we have a new study for The Search which will be *The Church: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*. Additionally, new classes will be offered for parents: *Raising Faithful Children* taught by Hillard Hughes; for ladies: *Learning to Love* with Arlene Lockhart; for those interested in *Conversational Spanish* with Leah Russell; and for those interested in *How To Study The Bible* taught by Forest McFadden. If you haven't been in a class on Wednesday evenings, this will be a great time to start. Also, as summer ends and we settle into more normal routines following Labor Day, we need to put a new priority upon Sunday morning Bible classes and attendance at our

worship times. This fall let's make the decision that our Sunday morning Bible class attendance will average 450 and our worship will average 650. We can do this if we make an individual commitment to make classes and worship priorities. What about it? Will you do your part? Also, let me remind you to sign up Sunday for your picture to be made for our new church directory. Times are available in the foyer. And sign up in the foyer for participation in our *Life Groups* which will meet on the third Sunday evening each month following our evening worship. Remember that only on the third Sunday evening we will meet for worship at 5:30 instead 6:00 (every other Sunday we will meet at 6:00) and will be dismissed for group meetings at 6:15. One other thing: *Monday Night For The Master* resumes on September 17 and we will sign up each Sunday on our attendance cards as to when we will attend and what work we wish to be involved in on Mondays. It's a busy time ... a good time. Be involved.

- Jay Lockhart

Friend's day is scheduled for September 23 with regular Bible classes, morning worship with a catered meal to follow, and evening worship. Try to be in town that day and bring someone with you.



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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, September 2, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
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(I Kings 17:15)  
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### THANKS!

A special thanks to all of those who helped with the Back To School Prayer Meeting at Shiloh Rd. this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout and got to meet some new folks in each of the schools.

Remember, 3 minutes a day makes a habit!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of the middle and high school are reminded of our combined devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Invite a friend to enjoy this time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

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**Sept. 2**  
**Sept. 22**  
**Nov. 16-18**

**Combined Devotional**  
**Habitat Construction Date**  
**Middle School Retreat**

### IMPORTANT DATES

## COMMUNITY

by Don Crawford

We are well on our way for a 100% participation in our new pictorial church directory. Thank you for your cooperation that will make this a reality by Christmas.

Not many signed up to participate in small group activities. The purpose of these groups is to create the environment for primary group relationships to take place. Primary relationships are those relationships that will eventually go beyond the surface interactions that are so prevalent in larger groups, such as the worship assembly. It's in those smaller groups where we can begin to fulfill biblical

mandates such as "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2), and "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep" (Romans 12:15). Normally, heart to heart relationships do not happen unless the appropriate vehicles is in place ... meaning smaller groups. The small group sign-up sheets will remain available through next Sunday at the Visitor Center. If you have any questions, please feel comfortable to call me.

Wednesday, September 5, starts our evening meals together before Bible classes. Danny Snell will be preparing his infamous burgers and Louise Culpepper will make her wonderful pies. Please make sure to mark your attendance cards on Sunday if you intend to eat the following Wednesday.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The new quarter has finally arrived. All of us enjoyed a nice long summer vacation and now it's time to get back into the swing of things here at West Erwin. Our students have been promoted to their next level in our educational program of the church. All of our teachers (thanks to Velma, Ginny and Danny) are in place and ready to go. Let's make sure that we attend (every opportunity that we have) our classes so that we will learn more about the Word of God.

As we begin this new quarter, let me remind all of our teachers concerning the mission statement of the educational program at West Erwin. It says, "The Bible School program will edify the believers through a systematic study of God's Word and will evangelize those that are lost by reaching out to them through our classes and fellowships." Teachers, please remember that you have two responsibilities regarding your teaching assignment: first, you are to evangelize and second, you are to edify. If we

concentrate our efforts in these two areas, we will be effective in our work for the Lord.

One year from today, I'd love to be able to tell of several success stories (giving God the glory) that came about due to our educational program. I'd love to hear of several of our little ones who with great excitement show their mother and father a reward that they received from their teacher for getting the answers right to various questions. I'd love to hear of students in the primary grades who cannot wait to get to church on Sunday morning or Wednesday night because they do not want to miss their classes. I'd love to hear that several of our youth (middle school through high school) responded to the gospel because their teacher shared with them the greatest story ever told and through that story showed them what they needed to do to become a Christian. And I'd love to hear that we as adults have come to the conclusion that there is only one way to make it to heaven and that is by doing the will of God. I hope one year from now all these success stories are fulfilled and what better way do we have to ensure that they are fulfilled than through our educational program.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for Bennye Boyd Siler. Your efforts have been an integral part of the recovery process that is beginning for Bennye, and we are grateful! Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

The Bennye Siler Family

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Hello one and all. I do miss you each one. Thank you for sending the church bulletin. I look forward to it each week. I got down here okay and got moved in my room last week. It's very pretty and, of course, green and white, with a handicap bathroom, and my daughter's gourmet food table, and people say they aren't lucky. I've got a lot to thank God for. Thank you so much and we will meet again. In Christian Love,

Doris Terrell

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Thank you for all the cards, prayers, and kind thoughts. It helps to know that people care and keep us in their thoughts. My legs don't let me do a lot of things so we are going through a hard time. Jimmy and Wanda Denio go to church at West Erwin and have a lot of friends that care about us and pray for us. We would like to thank all of them. Sincerely,

Gary, Wanda & David Gaines

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Dear Family,

Thank you for the 14 years you have shown your love, encouragement, and support as we struggled with Guy's health problems. Thank you for all your kindness this past week. Your prayers, food, calls, cards and beautiful floral spray were all appreciated.

Love,

Nettie Potts & all the family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Guy Potts died Thursday, August 23, after a lengthy and valiant battle with cancer. A celebration of his life was held Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Nettie and to all the family and friends.

*"Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death."*

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- (3) Your pictures and the directory before Christmas.

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## BAPTISMS

Carl Stowers put on his Lord in baptism Sunday. We rejoice with him in his decision to turn his life around and live for Christ. He is Kyle Stowers' dad and they live at 16884 Elm Lane, Flint, 75762, ph. 825-9399.

Walker Waggonner came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. Walker is in the 7th grade and is the son of Mark and Martha Waggonner and the grandson of Fred and Sara Powell. Their address is 4520 CR 1295, 75704, ph. 597-2111.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Curtis and Mary Lu Pruett came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. They formerly worshipped with the church in Jacksonville but have been attending here since moving to Tyler recently. Their address is 224 Barbee, 75703, ph. 534-5428.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Norene Ingram, 1228 Willow Cove Terrace, 75703, ph. 561-9457

### 58th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Buddy and Dorothy Bell on the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on August 26. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

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*"The love of God surrounds us like the air we breathe around us - As near as a heartbeat, as close as a prayer, and whenever we need Him, He'll always be there!"* - Helen Steiner Rice

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The Search

Each Sunday



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

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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



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Bible Class	401	406	402
Worship A.M.	593	568	604
Worship P.M.	380	362	377
Wed. P.M.		270	308
Contribution	\$29,122.48	\$19,142.69	\$19,644.37
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 26, and Wednesday, Aug. 29, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE-** Kathryn Wallace is progressing well after heart surgery Monday at ETMC. Guy Potts remains in ICU at ETMC. Warren Gray is in ETMC, room 4430. Judith Harshbarger is now at home. Treatment for her brain tumor will be decided later. Jane Clemmons is at home after recent carotid artery surgery. Roberta Tindall is in Health South Rehab. Alla Minnis is back in Clairmont Nursing Center. Mabel Holbert continues to have health problems. Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, remains ill (his mailing address is 2871 CR 256, Stephenville, TX 76401). Frances Wester, Jimmy Wester's mother, is undergoing treatment for lung cancer. Mildred Russell, Jim Russell's mother, is in Olympic Plaza Rehab after recent surgery. Bennye Siler, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South Rehab, room 101A. Carolyn Pearson, friend of the Buck Nowell's, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Todd Wilkerson, friend of the Scroggins, suffered broken ribs and collarbone in a motorcycle accident. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	

<b>SUNDAY</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
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Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>		Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
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 Call to worship Stan Clark  
 Prayer Eddie Rogers  
 Scripture Jason Randall  
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
 Doug Ragsdale  
**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Area Wide Meeting  
 Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
 Mike Armour, guest speaker  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Monty Kiker John Holbert  
 Terry Kiker Jim Hooter  
 Dennis Kingsbury Roger Howell  
 Jamon Kirby Hillard Hughes

**GREETERS**  
 Don & Nerene Ingram & Brandon Lott  
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Lindsey Lott  
 Phil & Linda Marts & Tyler Lott  
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 & Jim & Sue Carty  
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**“PRESS THE PEDAL TO THE METAL”**

This is an automotive thing -- “press the pedal to the metal.” It doesn't speak of a quiet drive in the country on a lazy summer afternoon. Rather it refers to moving out, laying down some rubber, seeing what the old machine can do. With the winding down of summer, we have a really busy fall planned for the church. First, there is the new pictorial church directory. It's been a while since we have updated pictures for our church family and the dates have been set for September 8-18. You will be asked to sign up for the time to have your picture made. Second, there is the resumption of Monday Night For The Master which will kick off in mid-September. This was a highly successful program last spring and we look forward to many of our people being involved in this good work this fall. Third, September is also the time to resume our Small Group ministry with a brand new format. All of those who choose to be involved in this program will be asked to sign up for the initial meetings which will take place on September 16. We will designate the

third Sunday evening each month as the regular time for these groups which will meet at 6:30, following a 5:30 worship time. Fourth, Monday, September 10, at 6:30 a.m., we will have a Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Fellowship building to launch 30 days of prayer for this fall. The incomparable Jon Sorrells will be cooking who knows what. On Wednesday evening, September 5, we will resume our Wednesday evening meals with Snell burgers and Culpepper pies. Then, October 21 will be the Walk Through The Bible seminar followed by three nights of preaching in the Family Life Center. This is going to be a busy, busy place for the rest of the year and we haven't even mentioned new classes on Sundays and Wednesdays, the resumption of the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class, and on and on. All of this is designed for outreach and edification, so be involved as much as you can. It's time to “press the pedal to the metal.”  
 - Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
 In Christ  
 - Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, August 26, 2001**  
 By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
 A.M. “I Am Praying For You”  
 (Colossians 1:9-14)  
 P.M. Area-Wide Meeting at Shiloh  
 5:00 - Singing  
 6:00 - Worship  
 with Mike Armour speaking

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BACK TO SCHOOL

By the time you read this, most everyone will be back in school. As we go through this school year, let's remember to let our light shine and be salt to the world!

### THANKS!

A special thanks to Barry & Mary Scarborough, Ken Elzen, and Lisa Snell for hosting the middle school devotional last Sunday. Teens, as our discussion led us, let's remember to make our visitors really feel welcome!

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All of the area teens are invited to the Back To School Prayer Meeting after the Area Wide Meeting at the Shiloh Rd. Church on Sunday, August 26. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will meet at Shiloh Rd. for church at 6:00 and stay until 9:00. Parents need to pick you up at

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**Aug. 26** Back To School Prayer Meeting  
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## COMMUNITY

by Don Crawford

Pictures, Groups, meals and more ...

To put it biblically, the next few weeks are "pressed-down, shaken together and running over" with sign-up sheets. They are a must. We are asking for your help to get through them all.

Sunday, when you enter the foyer, you will encounter tables with sign-up sheets for you to choose the time that will best suit you and your family to have your picture taken for the new directory. We are desperately needing 100% participation. Pictures will begin Saturday, September 8. Other days to take pictures will be September 9, 11, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Then during our worship time together, Dr. Lockhart will introduce you to some of the different types of small groups that have been suggested. After the service is over, you will find sign-up sheets for those small groups at the Visitor Center. If you wish to be a part of the organization of a new group, or participate in a small group which will meet once a month, please find the appropriate sheet to add your name. These sheets will be available for you to sign-up through Sunday, September 2. Your involvement in a small group is strictly voluntary, but if you are needing "connection" this is the place to start.

P.S. Monday Night For The Master sign-up sheets are on the way!

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The new quarter is fast approaching and all of our teachers are gearing up for their class sessions that will cover the next 13 weeks. Once, again, I need to thank the educational coordinators for the fantastic job that they have done within the educational program at West Erwin. Thanks, *Velma Lemons, Ginny Wicks,* and *Danny Snell* for securing all of our teachers for the fall quarter. That's a total of over 50 teachers. I have confidence that the educational program will be blessed due to their labor of love. As you see these three, please let them know how much you appreciate them.

By now, every family at West Erwin has received the letter that I send out each quarter regarding our class schedule. One class has been added to the Wednesday evening schedule that I'd like to make everyone aware of. *Forest McFadden* and *Don Drummond* have been working on some material for over two years and Forest will be presenting this material in room 114.

The class is entitled: *Get Into The Word*. It is a two part study on (1) the fundamentals of studying the Bible, and (2) How to interpret Scripture. If you would like additional information regarding this class, please see Don or Forest at your convenience.

I am also excited about the new ladies class that we will be offering on Wednesday evenings. Arlene Lockhart will be teaching this class that will meet in the chapel. Her study is entitled: *Learning To Love*. Ladies, you won't want to miss this class. Also ladies, let's remember your Wednesday morning class that begins September 5th at 10:00 a.m. Fern Bench will begin a study on *My Daily Walk With God*, at that time.

We do have a few changes that we will be implementing at the beginning of the new quarter. Some of our classrooms will change places (but our teachers will remain the same) in an attempt to better use our facility. I'd like to take this time to thank all of our teachers for their willingness to cooperate in this matter.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,  
We want to thank everyone for their expressions of sympathy and concern for the loss of my grandmother.

Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury

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Thank you for all the prayers and good thoughts when I had surgery.  
Chandra Gillam

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Sow a habit and you reap a character.  
Sow a character and you reap a destiny."*

## FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

Founder's Day/Open House, Saturday, Sept. 8, 12:00 noon  
Join us in celebrating 41 years of service to the higher level of needs of children of Texas; also honoring Gene Boone for 15 years of service as President/CEO of Foster's Homes. Please bring groceries to help us stock our commissary for over 60 hungry children

## ANNUAL AUCTION

Cherokee Home For Children - Sat., Sept. 29, 9:30 a.m.  
Benefiting the children: partial list of auction items include: Automobiles, yard items, household goods, office, home shop, farm/ranch items. Donated items are being accepted (tax write-off).

## MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 22. West Erwin has been asked to collect KLEENEX. Other items needed are: canned pasta (like Ravioli), Velveeta type cheese, cream of celery soup, canned sweet potatoes, fabric softener, tomato paste, white vinegar, cider vinegar, dishwashing liquid, napkins.

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## A SMILE

She smiled at a sorrowful stranger ... The smile seemed to make him feel better ... He remembered past kindnesses of a friend and wrote him a thank you letter ... The friend was so pleased with the thank you letter that he left a huge tip after lunch ... The waitress, surprised by the size of the tip, bet the whole thing on a hunch ... The next day she picked up her winnings, and gave part to a man on the street ... The man on the street was grateful; for two days he'd had nothing to eat ... After he finished his dinner, he left for his small dingy room ... He didn't know at the moment that he might be facing his doom ... On the he picked up a shivering puppy and took him home to get warm ... The puppy was very grateful to be in out of the storm ... That night the house caught on fire ... The puppy barked the alarm ... he barked till he woke up the whole household and saved everybody from harm ... One of the boys that he rescued grew up to be President ... All this because of a simple smile that hadn't cost a cent.  
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Scripture Bryce Murry  
Dismiss James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Forest McFadden

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements James Sublette  
Prayer Don Peek  
Scripture James Phillips  
Dismiss John Portwood

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Monty Kiker John Holbert  
Terry Kiker Jim Hooter  
Dennis Kingsbury Roger Howell  
Jamon Kirby Hillard Hughes

#### GREETERS

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### WHAT HAPPENED TO HONOR?

Through His ancient prophet Malachi, God said, "A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is my honor? And if I am a Master, where is my reverence?" (1:6). Of course, the religious leaders of Malachi's day denied that they had failed to honor God, so they asked, "In what way have we despised Your name?" (1:6). God replied that they had failed to honor him by offering to Him less than their best (1:7-8), by saying that serving the Lord was a weariness (1:13), and by failing to keep their vows (1:14). In short, they had failed to honor God, while going through the motions of serving Him, by failing to keep His commandments -- they had disobeyed God and caused others to stumble as well (2:8). When one disregards the commandments of God he dishonors God, no matter what he may say to the contrary. What has happened to the honor which belongs to God? Then, there is the honor that belongs to the governing officials. God says, "Honor the king" (I Peter 2:17). How does one do this? By obedience to the law of the land (I Peter 2:13). To fail to be a law abiding citizen,

one disobeys God and fails to honor God. What happened to honor? Next, there is the honor that belongs to husbands, wives, and parents (I Thessalonians 4:4; I Peter 3:7; Ephesians 6:2; 5:33). This means we are to give proper respect to these folks. We cannot honor God and forsake these responsibilities. Finally, there is the honor that belongs to elders in the church (I Timothy 5:17). Elders are shepherds who are to be followed and overseers who are to be respected (Acts 20:28). We are to obey and be submissive to our leaders so that they may serve the church with joy (Hebrews 13:17). It is appalling to hear how some brethren, who consider themselves to be mature and faithful Christians, speak disrespectfully of elders and disregard their leadership as though we are free to do our own thing. When elders are duly appointed and recognized, the congregation is accountable to God to follow their leadership -- when we agree with them and when we don't. The only exception would be if elders violated Scripture. What happened to honor?

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, August 19, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Examine Yourselves"**  
(2 Corinthians 13:5-9)

**P.M. "What About Small Groups?"(2)**  
(Acts 2:41-47)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

A special thanks to Jim & Leah Russell and Trey Rousseau for hosting the high school devotional last Sunday. Teens, as our discussion led us, let's remember to make our visitors really feel welcome!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this time together.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All of the area teens are invited to the Back To School Prayer Meeting after the Area Wide Meeting at the Shiloh Rd. Church on Sunday, August 26. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Make plans to attend this great evening

together as we pray with this other young people from each of our schools.

### HABITAT PROJECT 2001

This September, West Erwin along with the Shiloh Rd., Glenwood, and Broadway churches will begin building their 3rd Habitat For Humanity home. This project is a huge undertaking that requires a lot of volunteer help as well as donations. Sept. 22 is the date for our first construction date. On that day, we will start with a foundation and build all the walls, and cover the house with a roof. Mark your calendars now and plan to help. If you are interested in making a donation, please see me.

Aug. 19  
Aug. 26  
Sept. 22

### IMPORTANT DATES

Middle School Devotional  
Back To School Prayer Meeting  
Habitat Construction Date

## COMMUNITY

by Don Crawford

### Leaving no regrets.....

Erma Bombeck needed an organ transplant, and even though she could have been moved ahead of the waiting list, due to her prominence and wealth, she refused to do such, and subsequently died from organ failure. She said if she could live her life over again she would make some changes. I thought we would do well to hear her words.

- I would have talked less and listened more.
- I would invited friends over for dinner even if the carpet was stained and the sofa worn.
- I would have burned that pink candle sculptured like a rose before it melted in storage.

- I would have sat on the lawn with my children and not worried about grass stains.
- I would have taken the time to listen to my grandfather ramble about his youth.
- When my kids kissed me impetuously, I would never have said, "Later. Now go get washed up for dinner."
- I would not have worried about who doesn't like me, who has more, or who's doing what. Instead, I would have cherished the relationships I had with those who did love me.

So, think about what you are doing each day to build yourself mentally, physically, emotionally, as well as spiritually. Life is too short to let it pass by.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our "Promotion Sunday" is fast approaching. Our youth look forward to the first Sunday in September as they are promoted to their new grade in our Bible School program. Teachers, please take note that on August 26th, the last Sunday in August, we will take the last five minutes of class to walk our students to their new classrooms. Then on Sunday, September 2nd, all of our students should know what classroom they should be attending. We will try to have our educational coordinators (Velma and Ginny) in the hallway to assist teachers and students on August 26th. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

All of our Bible Hour programs will be at full throttle once September rolls around. I would like to personally thank all of our Bible Hour teachers for all of the work that they put into these programs. We have several programs in which our youth can participate in on Sunday evenings. Our Junior Bible Hour is made up of those who are preschool age. They meet in the

Heritage Room and then break off into various classrooms. David Wicks, Dan and Debbie Baldwin, along with many other adults, work this program. We also have a Bible Hour that meets upstairs. This Bible Hour program is for all of our youth who are kindergarten through third grade. Dale and Carolyn Black stone coordinate this effort. Our third Bible Hour program is called Kids For Christ (KFC) and they will once again be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for this program. The Murry's and the Scarborough's coordinate this effort and it is for those who are in the 4th grade through 6th grade. Let's make sure that all of our youth participate in these great educational classes.

While on the subject, let me take a few moments to thank those who help out with our Children's Worship program which is conducted on Sunday morning. I deeply appreciate all the work that our coordinators (Velma and Diane) put into this effort. Those who are asked to serve in this program should count it as a great blessing. Please remember if you are unable to serve during your scheduled time, please switch with another participant or let your contact person know so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

## IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank our West Erwin family for the sandwich supper held in our honor. We cherish the plaque and the words of encouragement given to us. We will greatly miss all of you. Thank you for your prayers as we move to Fort Worth and continue our work for the Lord.

Jim, Kelley, Katie & Clayton Bell

New address (after Aug. 20) 2713 Clovermeadow, Ft. Worth, Tx 76123, ph. (817) 423-3541; e-mail: jkbell90@aol.com

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To all the West Erwin Family,

We are thankful to you for all the kind remembrances of us during the illness and death of T.H. Payne. The prayers, calls, visits, food, flowers, memorials and comforting words. We love you very much.

Kathryn Cauthen, Bettye Sue Harris,  
Charles Payne & Amy Shotts

### NEW ADDRESSES:

Wally & Laurie Dawkins, 300 Robinwood, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7118

Drew & Jayne Fitzgerald, P.O. Box 214, Frankston, 75763, ph. (903) 876-2648

### AREA-WIDE MEETING

Sunday P.M. - August 26

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Mike Armour, guest speaker

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, September 5, with a salad luncheon in the Family Life Center. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

*"It isn't our position but our disposition that makes us happy."*

### YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group elected new officers at their last meeting. Don Durham is the new president, Ray Womack is vice president, Virginia Pike is secretary, and Bob Threadgill has agreed to continue as treasurer. Don't forget the Ice Cream Social at the Shiloh church Friday, Aug. 17, at 6:30 p.m.!

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA still has one opening for a part time High School Math teacher.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Neil Vannoy, son of Ray and Gail Vannoy, on receiving a full academic scholarship to Pepperdine University to pursue a Masters Degree in International Business. He will attend one year in California and one year in Mexico.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

G.W. and Valentina Cliver came Sunday to make known their desire to become members of "this active and God-loving church." We are very pleased to welcome them into our West family. G.W. is the son of our John and Ruby Cliver. Their address is 13863 Teepee Trail, 75709, ph. 581-1728.

George L. Jones III formerly worshipped with the Piedmont church of Christ in Gilmer. He has been attending here for several weeks and would like to be an active part of the West Erwin congregation. He lives at #8 Libby Lane, Longview, ph. (903) 236-8899.

David Hannah, a former West Erwin member, came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with his Lord and to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. His address is Economy Inn, 3301 Mineola Hwy., #313, 75702.

FYI - If you have information you would like to share in the bulletin, please remember that the inside of the bulletin goes to the printer at noon on Tuesday, the front and back (Jay's article and the prayer and care list) at noon on Wednesday.

**SPECIAL NEED:** Sheri Figueroa needs shoe boxes to use for her Bible class. If you have some you can share, please bring them to the church office. Thanks for your help.

### MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 22. West Erwin has been asked to collect KLEENEX. Other items needed are: canned pasta (like Ravioli), Velveeta type cheese, cream of celery soup, canned sweet potatoes, fabric softener, tomato paste, white vinegar, cider vinegar, dishwashing liquid, napkins.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is proud to present **Celebrate the Children; An Evening with Captain Scott O'Grady**. Captain O'Grady is a wonderful speaker and will provide an entertaining and inspirational talk for families and children of all ages. He is the fighter pilot who was shot down over Bosnia a few years ago and will be sharing his experience and speaking about his faith in God, family and patriotism that gave him the encouragement he needed to survive. The program will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 at Wise Auditorium on the TJC campus. Tickets will be sold only in advance: \$10 for adults, \$8 for veterans and children. All proceeds will go toward the school. For more information, please call 561-8642.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 19

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Sharon Gordon; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2 year olds: Laura McClenny & Rachel Huff; 3 & 4 year olds: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart.

The Search



Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



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Records	Sunday August 5	Sunday July 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	388	343	425
Worship A.M.	586	446	627
Worship P.M.	406	306	364
Wed. P.M.	260	252	240
Contribution	\$17,286.79	\$18,030.81	\$16,902.50
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 12, and Wednesday, Aug. 15, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Alla Minnis** is in ETMC, room 3530, due to blood clots in her leg. **Judith Harshbarger** is in ETMC, room 3530, with a staph infection. **Phyllis Rachui** had outpatient knee surgery Thursday. **Chandra Gillam** had surgery Thursday at Olympic Plaza. **Melvin Crow** was dismissed from Mother Frances Sunday. **Tommy Price** is at home after recent shoulder surgery. **Mabel Holbert** continues to have health problems. **Jane Clemmons** is undergoing tests. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, is now at home. **Gary Gaines**, Wanda Denio's son, is very ill (his mailing address is 2871 CR 256, Stephenville, TX 76401). **Hazel Fagan** is in Health South Rehab, room 108. **Frances Wester**, Jimmy Wester's mother, has begun radiation treatment for lung cancer. **Mildred Russell**, Jim Russell's mother, is ETMC after surgery Tuesday. **Bennye Siler**, Grace Siler's dad, is in Health South Rehab, room 101A, following a stroke. No visits at this time, please. **Carolyn Pearson**, friend of the Buck Nowell's, has been diagnosed with lung 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 nursinghomes.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.

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

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

Call to worship Stan Clark  
Prayer Wally Dawkins  
Scripture David Demic  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

Announcements Dannie Skipper  
Prayer Ernie Gordon  
Scripture Curt Jordan  
Dismiss Jeff Hone

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Charles Harris George Hearne  
Jerry Huff Dick Higginbotham  
Clint Hale Matt Haws  
Todd Hancock Casey Haws

**GREETERS**

Jeff & Pam Fennell & Dayne Harris  
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Brittany Haws  
Mary Gaiser & Anita Peek & Wesley Hilliard  
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui  
& Scott & Shara Hobson

**Picking up cards:** Ethan Florence, Michael Ragsdale, Cameron Ables, Cody Frick, George Richardson.

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### AS SUMMER WINDS DOWN

Is it my imagination or has this summer brought more activities than usual? I know this for sure: a lot has been happening in the life of the church and in our personal lives. Of course, there are the normal family vacations with our people scattered to the four winds. However, church activities have also taken our people far and wide. In addition to Camp Friendship in early summer, we have just completed the Marketplace VBS. A lot of people put in a great deal of time and effort to make those two events successful. Then we had groups traveling to Nebraska for a VBS, to Mexico for teaching and repairs on the church building, and to Russia for a Youth Camp. Additionally, we had a group of people go on a wilderness trek, a group to go to the ACU Teachers' Workshop, and a group of senior citizens visit some homes for children which we support. Now, as we approach the end of summer and the beginning of school, we may stay closer to home, but the activities will go on. With the coming of fall we will have our semiannual Area Wide Meeting the last Sunday of

August (26th) with Shiloh hosting and the guest speaker will be Mike Armour. September will bring the resumption of church wide groups with new and more effective formats (sermons on the next few Sunday nights will explain what we can accomplish in groups). We also plan to have a Friend's Day one Sunday in September. September will see us renewing the Monday Night For The Master ministry, one of the more successful things we did during the first part of this year. Additionally, a number of our young people and adults will be involved this fall in the building of a Habitat For Humanity house project. October will find us focusing on a *Walk Through The Bible* weekend followed by a three day seminar, similar to what we did last fall. So, we will have our regular times of Bible study and worship as well as places for work and service for everyone. Let's be involved in our church meetings, but let us also find places of service -- those two things will promote our spiritual and numerical growth this fall.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, August 12, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Leaving Home"  
(John 6:44-51)  
P.M. "What About Small Groups?"  
(Acts 2:41-47)

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

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Thanks to all who made our Mexico Mission a success! Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Mexico as well as our teens who have done an outstanding job this year!

### SUPER DAVE...

As you read this bulletin, Dave "the intern guy" will be on his way back to Oklahoma to start another school year at Oklahoma Christian. Dave has been a blessing to us this summer with his bright and fun attitude as well as great leadership. We will miss him and I will miss him! Thanks Super Dave, for a great summer.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All of the area teens are invited to the Back To School Prayer Meeting after the Area Wide Meeting at the Shiloh Rd. Church on Sunday, August 26. Make plans to attend this great evening together.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this time together.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 12** High School Devotional  
**Aug. 19** Middle School Devotional  
**Aug. 26** Back To School Prayer Meeting  
**DAVE'S FAREWELL ADDRESS**

Some of you may have heard the nasty rumor floating around that I'm leaving you. Unfortunately, it's true, and no one is more saddened by that than I am. To say that I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here with you is an understatement. So it is to tell you that I will miss you and that I love all of you. I feel incredibly lucky to have been a part of this wonderful family and I want to thank all of you who adopted me into your family, who saw me through car wrecks, wrestling injuries and other such tragedies. I love you all and I will miss you sorely.

## COMMUNITY

by Don Crawford

There are numerous programs and activities coming to life in September and October. Please be watching carefully so you will not miss any of them.

- Monday Night For The Master will kick off September 17. It will be handled much like last year, but you can also expect some changes that will enhance the effectiveness of our work.
- The opportunity to start some new small groups will begin in September. Dr. Lockhart will be addressing the needs and kinds of groups that we will be utilizing.

- A new pictorial directory is in the making. It's been a long time since we have had one printed so we expect an excellent turnout.
- Our fall seminar is the world's most popular Bible-based seminar on the market. We have a dynamic instructor coming to lead in a highly creative, interactive learning adventure that is as much fun as it is effective. It's coming in October!

Each of us has a place of service in this congregation. Each of us has a responsibility to do our best to present ourselves to GOD (2 Timothy 2:15). If you are searching for a place to use your talents, or you want to develop new ones, please feel comfortable to approach me with your ideas.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

Well, it's over! That's right, our annual Vacation Bible School has been completed for this year and, boy, was it a great VBS! I really enjoyed the excitement of the day as we gathered at the Family Life Center and participated in our marketplace and the building of the tabernacle. The most enjoyable experience for me during this year's VBS was the thrill of watching our youth enjoying this time together. They had the opportunity of traveling from station to station and participating in various activities (i.e. lapidary shop, wood shop, bakery, produce, dye shop, metal shop and, of course, the building of the tabernacle. Several of our young people came up to me after the conclusion of VBS and told me how much they enjoyed themselves and, let me tell you, that meant a lot to me.

Vacation Bible School is a great opportunity to edify our youth and to evangelize our community. We are doing a fantastic job in

edifying our youth and now it's time that we focus on evangelizing the community through VBS. It can be done. I want to let the West Erwin congregation know that over the next few months we will reevaluate our strategy to reach out into our community through our VBS program and next year we will use VBS as an evangelistic tool. I believe, in order for us to be pleasing to God through this effort, we must reach out into the community. Please pray for this great effort and I know God will bless this work. If you have any suggestions, feel free to make them to me as soon as possible.

But, as far this year goes, I could not be any more pleased with the effort to the staff. To those who worked during our VBS, thanks for your labor of love. Everyone played a vital role and without your work our VBS would not have been a success. A special thanks goes out to **Velma Lemons, Dale Blackstone, and Don Crawford** for all of the extra hours you applied to this year's VBS. Everyone should begin resting up, because we only have 11 ½ months until next year's VBS.

### IN APPRECIATION

For your cards, calls, visits, concern and prayers, we thank you. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. We love you all.

Jo & Art Rowland

### YOUNG AT HEART

Here's the scoop: you're invited to the Shiloh Primetime Area Wide Ice Cream Social at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, Friday, August 17, at 6:30 p.m. Join in the fun and fellowship! Please call in the number planning to attend from your group by Sunday, August 12, to J.D./Sherry Osborn at 592-0034 or Sandra Clark at 561-7992.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday in Wichita, Kansas for Opal Kingsbury, Dennis Kingsbury's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### SAINT LOVE

When Jesus was suffering on Mount Golgotha He was thinking about you and me. His love was saintly like a bright light in the sin fire. On the palm of Christ is our name. In His hand is our life. He accepted us with His love. He brought Heaven near to us. Look at His pierced hands. Who of us is worth that? That He suffered for us even to death. Don't let the sinful life erase your name from His hands. Jesus stretched out His arms to pull you out of the sinful life.

The article above was written by Nadya, a 13 year old Russian girl, who was baptized at the summer camp held by some of our West Erwin members.

### AREA-WIDE MEETING

Sunday P.M. - August 26  
Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
Mike Armour, guest speaker

### IN THE NEWS

Did you see Heather West's name listed in the Tyler paper as one of six East Texans who feel privileged and honored to serve in the White House? Before going to Washington, she worked in the executive office for then Gov. Bush, after attending the University of Texas at Austin. Her proud parents are Louis and Jean West.

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins on his verbal commitment to the University of Texas at Arlington on a basketball scholarship for the year 2002-2003. In his junior year he was the Most Valuable Player of District 16 4-A, first team All Region II, third team All State on the Texas Sports Writers Association team and was second team on the Tyler Courier Times Telegraph's All East Texas squad. He was also a pre season All State pick by Texas Basketball Magazine.

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### SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Lara Reynolds has asked for our prayers as she searches for a new job, that she might find something in which she can also glorify her Lord.

Laurie Florence requested our prayers for her children, that God's love will heal and protect them.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall semester. School hours are 8:15-2:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children from infant through pre-k. Contact Terry Shaw or the church office for more information.

NEEDED for West Erwin Playschool: highchairs for the nursery. If you can help, please see Terry Shaw.

### THE BETTER THINGS

I do not ask for easy paths along life's winding roads  
But for the promised grace and strength to carry all its loads,  
I do not ask for treasures here, to hoard, decay and rust  
But for better things in life - humility and trust.  
I do not ask for many friends, but give me, Lord, the few  
Whose loyalty and faithfulness are first of all to You.  
I ask not skies forever clear with unbroken calm,  
But in each ill that overtakes to know thy healing balm.  
I do not ask for honor, fame, while life's short race I run  
But for the will to do Thy will - to hear Thy glad  
"well done."  
- Ethel Meadows

### FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

Founder's Day/Open House, Saturday, Sept. 8, 12:00 noon

Join us in celebrating 41 years of service to the higher level of needs of children of Texas; also honoring Gene Boone for 15 years of service as President/CEO of Foster's Homes. Please bring groceries to help us stock our commissary for over 60 hungry children

### BENEVOLENT CENTER

Would you like be involved personally in the ministry of helping people? Could you spare about two hours of your time on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings? We need people to help as we minister to the needy of our community by distributing clothing, sewing, quilting, etc.

*"Sow a thought, and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."*

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 12

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Worship A.M.	446	555	535
Worship P.M.	306	334	366
Wed. P.M.	252	252	277
Contribution	\$18,030.81	\$18,811.98	\$16,320.50
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 5, and Wednesday, Aug. 8, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Melvin Crow was admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday. He is in room 444. **Tommy Price** is at home after shoulder surgery last Thursday. **Steve Denman** sustained a mouth injury in a woodworking accident but is at home and doing well. **Mary Adams, Elizabeth Hughes, Don and Carolyn McCune and Guy Potts** are all recuperating at home. **Mabel Holbert** continues to have health problems. **Jane Clemmons** is undergoing tests. **Dorothy Emmons Davis**, former West Erwin member, is in Pinecrest Health Center recovering after a fall. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, got a good report after recent surgery in Dallas. **Gary Gaines**, Wanda Denio's son, is very ill (his mailing address is 2871 CR 256, Stephenville, TX 76401). **Glenn Sweeney**, Mark Sweeney's dad, is recovering at home. **Roxanne Landry** is recovering at home after injuries due to a car accident. **Hazel Fagan** is now in Health South Rehab, room 108. **Frances Wester**, Jimmy Wester's mother, has begun radiation treatment for lung 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 nursinghomes.

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Announcements Joe McBee  
Prayer Clyde Waggoner  
Scripture Greg Walker  
Dismiss Ira Wilson

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Charles Harris George Hearne  
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Clint Hale Matt Haws  
Todd Hancock Casey Haws

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Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Megan Florence  
Harold & Shirley Denman & Lauren Garrett  
Don & Norma Durham & Melanie Goodson

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& Ken & Cathy Culpepper

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### WHO IS ARDIPITHECUS RAMIDUS KADABBA?

There he was, looking at me from the cover of TIME magazine -- Ardipithecus ramidus kadabba, my ancestor who supposedly lived 5.6 million years ago. "Ardi" is believed by some to be a chimpanzee type creature who will help us find out when apes became human. Of special interest is the fact that scientists do not know yet what "Ardi" looked like because their assumptions are based upon just a few bones and there may be a difference in the ages of the bones found of as much as a few hundred thousand years, according to the TIME cover story! According to the magazine article, man, apes, and chimps had a common ancestor about 7 million years ago (the authors are quick to tell us the dates are approximate, which by interpretation means the dates are wild guesses -- JPL). Somehow, we don't know how, man, apes, and chimps took different roads in the development about 6 million years ago, with modern humans developing about 1 million years ago. I wonder why humans continued to "evolve" but apes and chimps did not. All of this intrigues me. Of course man, apes, and chimps ... as well as fowls, horses, and fish ... had the same "Ancestor" -- they were all

created by God! Why should it be surprising that there are similarities in all mammals, since God made them all. Also, there is no proof the earth is as old as the evolutionists assume -- evolution needs "millions of years" for the process to happen. Oh, but they tell us that their dating processes prove an old earth. Tell me something: when Adam was one day old, how old do you suppose he looked? Twenty? Thirty? If you had seen Adam one day after he was created, you would believe he was twenty or thirty, but he was not. Perhaps God put the oil and coal in the already mature earth on the very day He created! In any event, if man is just a glorified beast who has evolved from some lower form of life, why should we be surprised that he acts like a beast? By the way, Congressman Gary Condit is also featured on this same cover of TIME! Your behavior should differ from a beast because you are different from a beast. You were made, not a little higher than the beast but "a little lower than the angels," in "the image of God." Now, go act like your Father.

- Jay Lockhart

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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, August 5, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "The Glory"  
(Exodus 24:15-18)  
P.M. "Hope"  
(Ephesians 2:11-13)

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### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Thanks for your prayers for a safe and successful trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We returned home Wednesday, August 1, hot and tired but with a good feeling of accomplishment after spending several days painting the church building as well as teaching the children's classes. We always look forward to this trip because of the relationships we have built with our brothers and sisters there. Following is a list of those who participated: Bradley Asbill, Anthony Aven, Allison Broome, Caysi Bynum, Jay Culpepper, Wendy Culpepper, Valerie Figueroa, Melanie Goodson, Jamie Jordan, Nicole Mosher, Bryce Murry, Derek Russell, Krista Russell, Jordan Rousseau, Danielle Rousseau, Kyle Stowers, Ken Culpepper, Henry McRuiz, Leah Russell, Trey Rousseau, Dannie Skipper, Jim Hooter, Curt Jordan, and Danny Snell.

### A YOUTH'S ONE TIME VISIT

"I refused a date to the movies, choosing rather to go to the Wednesday night Bible class and prayer meeting. I looked for several people who were important to me. I looked for my Sunday school teacher, but he wasn't there. I looked for the familiar faces of a couple of deacons whom I know, but they were not there. I looked for several members who seemed to be real spiritual and who had greeted me warmly at the Sunday morning services, but they were not there. Perhaps these Christian friends do not think the Wednesday night services are so very important. I guess next Wednesday night I'll go to the movies instead. In fact, I might have something better to do this Sunday, too." Could this young person be from our congregation? - copied from Bulletin Digest

"Behavior is a mirror in which every one displays his own image." - Goethe

### COMMUNITY

by Don Crawford

#### A Job or Ministry? ...

Some people have a JOB in the church; others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What's the difference?

If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job.  
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's ministry.

If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a job.  
If you keep on serving, it's ministry.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a job.

If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your efforts, it's ministry.

If you do it only as long as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a job.

If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's ministry.

The average church is filled with people doing jobs.  
A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

If GOD calls you to ministry, don't treat it like a job.  
If you have a job, consider giving it up to find a ministry.  
GOD wants people who are excited and faithful to HIM in ministry.

- adapted from Jackson, TN. bulletin

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! What a fantastic week we had at the Abilene Christian University Teachers' Workshop. There were 26 of us who made this journey and that gave us the second highest number of participants attending the workshop this year. If we would have had 3 more participants we would have had the most. Teachers, I am in awe of your commitment to the educational program at West Erwin.

I believe the month of July has been a great blessing for our teachers. We began the monthly participating in our Adult Preparation for Educational eXcellence (A.P.E.X.) Program. This program emphasized to our

teachers various aspects of the West Erwin Bible School program. We ended the month of July by attending A.C.U.'s Teachers' Workshop.

During the workshop I heard one of the teachers say something that I have been emphasizing for the past nine months here at West Erwin. He said, "Through our teachers we can: (1) fulfill the Great Commission, (2) bring meaning to people's lives, (3) build character in our students and (4) guide our students in becoming free from sin." Teachers, you are doing a fantastic job; please keep up the good work. I am looking forward to even bigger and better things in the years to come. Let's continue to be involved in this great work for the Lord.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

I would like to thank you for the flowers, cards, words of comfort at the loss of my brother. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Love,  
Sue Skipper

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Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you very much for the encouraging way that you welcomed me to your worship time on Sunday evening. It is always a pleasure to visit and observe the good works that you are doing. Your recent accomplishments in Russia and Mexico provide even greater reasons to rejoice in the Lord. Everyone associated with Healing Hands International sends their sincere appreciation for your financial partnership and encouragement. Please pray that the Lord will continue to raise up Christians like you who consistently prove their love for Him by sacrificially fulfilling the first and second greatest commandments.

Yours In Him,  
Ray Hughes

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My sincere gratitude to all the ladies who shared their love at my shower and for the wonderful gifts for Brianna. God shows His love in many ways. We often feel his touch and He's been blessing me, through you. Thank you very much!

Ranae Ritchie

### WITH SYMPATHY

T.H. Payne, brother of Kathryn Cauthen, Bettye Sue Harris and Charles Payne, died Monday after a valiant battle with cancer. Services were held Thursday in North Augusta, South Carolina. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Richard Gregory on the birth of a new grandson! Nicholas was born July 21 to Heath and Charletta Gregory. The baby was taken to Children's Hospital in Dallas but is now home and everyone is doing well. Doris Kennedy is the proud great grandmother! Congratulations to Ranae Ritchie on the birth of Brianna Faith on Friday, July 27. She was 19 1/2 inches long and weighed 7 lb. 1 oz.

**Sorry to lose ...** Wade and Sandra Park and daughters, Alyssa and Karen, will be moving to Van temporarily, then to Canton. Wade has completed his nursing degree and is working for Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

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### BENEVOLENT CENTER

Would you like be involved personally in the ministry of helping people? Could you spare about two hours of your time on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings? We are in need of people to help as we minister to the needy of our community by distributing clothing, sewing, quilting, etc.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 5

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; Nursery p.m.: Judy Clark; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Frances Broome & Julia Wilshire; 2 year olds: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3 & 4 year olds: James & Ruth Ellis.



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Bible Class	384	377	398
Worship A.M.	555	558	567
Worship P.M.	334	314	5,522
Wed. P.M.	252	229	260
Contribution	\$18,811.98	\$27,152.78	\$16,920.02
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 29, and Wednesday, Aug. 1, Clint Hale, ph. 597-1542. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Tommy Price was scheduled for shoulder surgery Thursday. Mary Adams, Elizabeth Hughes, Don McCune and Guy Potts are all recuperating at home. Mabel Holbert continues to have health problems. Jane Clemmons is undergoing tests. Dorothy Emmons Davis, former West Erwin member, is in Pinecrest Health Center recovering after a fall. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is recovering after surgery last Wednesday in Dallas. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is now hospitalized (his mailing address is 1013 Ponderosa Dr., North Augusta, SC 29841). Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, is very ill (his mailing address is 2871 CR 256, Stephenville, TX 76401). Glenn Sweeney, Mark Sweeney's dad, is recovering at home. Dr. Barbara Simmons, Dub Mathews daughter, is improving in Albuquerque. J.L. Landers, Kenna Kempton's grandfather, is hospitalized in Little Rock. Roxanne Landry is in ETMC due to injuries in a car accident. Hazel Fagan is in Mother Frances after a fall. 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 nursinghomes.

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

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

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Dismiss Phil Marts

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Aaron DuVall

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Danny Craddock  
Scripture Rodney Dalton  
Dismiss Will Christian

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Charles Garrett David Hammond  
Ernie Gordon Wayne Golden  
Mark Frick Chuck Gillam  
David Frick Dan Gillam

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### THE GOOD OL' SUMMERTIME!

Well, we are in the midst of the summer -- we know that in East Texas because the temperatures are in the 90's and there is no rain. We had an unusually nice spring with mild temperatures and moderate heat, but for July we have had little rain and climbing temperatures. However, we are not complaining -- we accept with thanksgiving what God gives, both cold and heat, sunshine and clouds, fall and winter and spring ... and the good ol' summertime. Summertime is when school is out, families go on vacation, and the work of the church continues. This summer, in addition to the many things that go on year round (the church meets, the poor are clothed, the hungry are fed, visitors to services are called, the Bible is taught, prayers are offered), we have made an impact in many places as our people have gone far and near to share the Savior. For instance, we sent one group to Russia to teach children in a camp setting. Who can

measure the power of our people in the lives of those children as the good news of Jesus was shared. Then, as with every summer, young people and adults went to Nebraska for the Vacation Bible School. Danny Snell reports that more townspeople attended the Wednesday night program than ever before. How can we possible measure the good being done through this VBS? Add to these things the group going to Mexico to help the church there have a better and more comfortable place to worship. These trips do not only benefit the people in Russia, Nebraska and Mexico, but they help our people who go and, ultimately, they help us as well. We are grateful for all those who participate in these trips with a mission. As you are on the go this summer, go with God, remember Him in all you do, and return safely. It's the good ol' summertime.

- Jay Lockhart



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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, July 22, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "The Joy Of The Lord Is Your Strength"**  
(Nehemiah 8:5-6, 8-10)

**P.M. "When Storms Threaten"**  
(2 Chronicles 20:1-4)

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

### THANKS!

A special thanks to all of those who helped with the combined activity this past Sunday. We had a great volleyball game and great singing! Thanks to all who helped.

Thanks to all who helped with the Tyler SYS this past Tuesday night.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As you are reading this bulletin, 25 of us from West Erwin will be on our way to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We will be painting the church building as well as teaching the children's class. We always look forward to this trip because of the relationships we have built with our brothers and sisters there. Please pray for us to have safe travel, good health, and COOL days (well maybe just good weather...). Following are a list of those going: Bradley Asbill, Anthony Aven, Allison Broome, Caysi Bynum, Jay

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Derek Russell won 1st Place in the Biology Division of the State UIL Science Competition. Way to go Derek!

Congratulations to Brittany Haws who has been selected as a US National Award Winner in English and will be listed in the US Achievement Academy Official Yearbook. Way to go Brittany!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 27-31 Mexico Mission Trip**

## COMMUNITY

### Help newcomers make connections ...

by Don Crawford

Most people, especially if they grew up in a small church, fear they will never get connected in a large church. But the ease or difficulty of getting connected is not determined by the size of the church. Old-timers in a church of any size usually feel connected; newcomers usually don't. Therefore, small, non-growing churches can be the hardest places to make new connections because relationships are already established. Large, growing churches can be the easiest places for newcomers because there are so many more connection points available.

In any church, those who never feel connected move out sooner or later. So, here at West Erwin we want to take

deliberate steps to help newcomers connect. One great way is to be an introducer. Take the initiative to get acquainted, then introduce them to others. An introducer seldom becomes the newcomer's close friend, but he is instrumental in moving the newcomer into the network of relationships. Another good idea is to introduce newcomers to other newcomers. They share more things in common. They have all left something behind. They are all feeling somewhat uncomfortable. But most of all there are no relationship waiting lists, so connecting them together is much easier. I'm even thinking we should have "Special Task Forces" composed mostly of newcomers.

I'm expecting an influx of newcomers so let's all work together to do our best to help newcomers make connections.

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Hopefully, everything has been organized and we are becoming extremely excited about our upcoming Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is: "Build A Holy Place." We need to be praying for the success of this great program and let's encourage our members and friends to attend this VBS. Parents, I desperately need your help with one matter. We need to make sure that the registration forms are filled out and returned to my office no later than July 27th. Please be diligent in this effort because a lot hinges on the information that we receive from these registration forms. You may pick one of these forms up at the Visitor's Center, or at the entrances to the building. Please return these forms to the table outside the office complex or give them directly to me. Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated. The effectiveness of a Vacation Bible School has come into question in the last few years. Many people in the church are asking, "Does VBS help us to grow?" I'd like to take a moment to attempt to answer this question. The answer to the

question really depends on many variables. For example, a Vacation Bible School will not be effective if it is just thrown together without much thought being put into it. Also a VBS will not be effective if there are not enough volunteers involved in the program. When considering whether or not a VBS is effective we should take a few moments to look at whom the VBS is for. If it is only for the membership it might be effective in edifying the body of believers, but it has completely left evangelism out of the mix. I believe that if we are going to have a successful VBS it will be because we have made an effort to reach out to our unchurched friends and neighbors. Let me assure you that if you take the time to invite a friend or neighbor from the community to our VBS, I will make every effort (as long as we have the necessary information on those visitors) to visit them in their homes after VBS is over. So, in order for our VBS to be a success, we must bring in friends and neighbors (please remember to register them) so that visits can be made after VBS. Please allow me the opportunity of visiting the unchurched so that I might share with them some vital information regarding West Erwin and perhaps change their life into eternity.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church,

We wish to express our gratitude for your prayers in behalf of Glenn Sweeney, father of Mark Sweeney. We know the prayers have been answered as he is at home and slowly recovering! God is good!! Our son, Mark and wife Nancy and Kate and Patrick love your congregation. God bless you.

Glenn & Billie Jo Sweeney

### WEDNESDAY ICE CREAM EXTRAVAGANZA

There will be no Wednesday evening fellowship after Bible classes Wednesday, August 1, due to preparations for VBS. Final Ice Cream Fellowship for the summer will be August 8.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to coach Rick Fedell and his T-ball team, the Whitehouse Silver Bullets, who won first in their division, then captured the regional championship before traveling to Salado for State competition. Kenzie Fedell is part of that team!

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** Mrs. Norene Ingram, 13464 FM 279, Chandler, 75758 (911 change)

Dwight & Michelle Smith, P.O. Box 1467, Lindale, 75771

Sorry to lose ... Rob and Carmen Hilliard are now worshipping with the Shiloh Road congregation.

## AREA EVENTS

**AREA-WIDE SINGLES GAME NIGHT** - Saturday, July 28 from 6:30 'til - midnight at the West Erwin church Family Life Center. Bring finger foods and drinks. We'll play volleyball or you may bring the games of your choice. Bring a friend and enjoy this time of food, fun, and fellowship!

**FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING** - You Are Invited! July 29, 2001 at 1:30 p.m. at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas.

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## UNTIL I LEARNED

Until I learned to trust, I did not learn to pray  
And I did not learn to fully trust 'til sorrows came my way.  
Until I felt my weakness, His strength I never knew,  
Nor dreamed 'til I was stricken  
that He would see me through.  
Who deepest drinks of sorrow drinks deepest too of grace,  
He sends the storm so He Himself can be our hiding place.  
His heart that seeks our highest good  
knows well when things annoy.  
We would not long for heaven if earth held only joy.  
- Corrie ten Boom

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Bible Class	377	373	353
Worship A.M.	558	533	561
Worship P.M.	314	342	322
Wed. P.M.	229	271	259
Contribution	\$27,152.78	\$19,862.43	\$16,201.71
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 22, and Wednesday, July 25, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Mary Adams is recuperating at home after surgery last Thursday. Guy Potts is continuing home health care and therapy. Chris Scroggins, son of Doug and Cathy, is doing well after a tonsillectomy Monday. Carolyn McCune is recuperating at home after a couple of falls. Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is very ill in Temple. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is very ill with cancer. (His mailing address is 1013 Ponderosa Dr., North Augusta, SC 29841). Glen Sweeney, Mark Sweeney's dad, is hospitalized in Dallas. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, continues to have health problems. Dr. Barbara Simmons, Dub Mathews daughter, is improving in Albuquerque. Ann Faulkner, Kathryn Wallace's daughter-in-law, is doing well after surgery for breast cancer. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is at home after recent surgery. Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, is very ill with an undiagnosed illness. 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 Tony Adams  
Scripture Adam Bryant  
Dismiss Hillard Hughes

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Dean Brookshire  
Scripture Bill Bratcher  
Dismiss Stevie Blakemore

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Charles Garrett David Hammond  
Ernie Gordon Wayne Golden  
Mark Frick Chuck Gillam  
David Frick Dan Gillam

**GREETERS**

Jay & Debbie Bynum & Cayti Bynum  
Milburn & Jan Cook & Caleb Bynum  
Melvin & Nina Crow & Jennifer Elzen

Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette  
& Greg & Cyndie Wagner

**Picking up cards:** Drew Harris, Dalton Harris, Steven Figueroa, Derek Clemons, Aaron Clemons.

**WITH SYMPATHY** - Sue Skipper's brother, David McDougal, died Tuesday. Services were held Friday in Warren, Arkansas. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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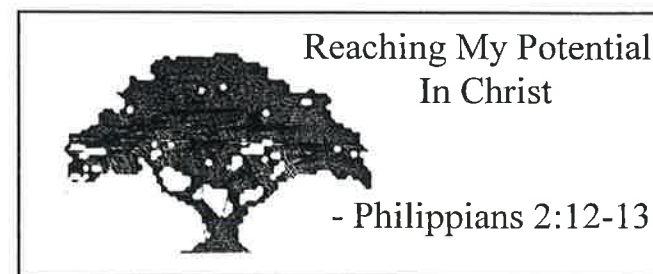
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### FOR THE SAKE OF HIS BODY

Years ago I went to preach for a little country church located in a little clearing far from town on a narrow dirt road. The building was white frame with two front doors, one on each corner, and was set up on concrete block supports so one could bend down and see all the way under the building. Inside, the pulpit was located between the two doors and big "pot bellied" stove was in the center of the room. There were no class rooms or air conditioning and there were no screens on the windows. As I remember, there were twelve people there that Sunday and the singing was no better than the sermon this boy preacher delivered. Yet this was the place the saints met. This was the New Testament church in that community and the Bible says the church is "glorious" (Ephesians 5:27). It was hard to see much glory in that little country church. It is so easy to view the church through our eyes, which see only material things, and to forget what the church really is. The church is not a little frame building out in the country,

but the people saved from sin by the blood of the crucified Christ; people reconciled to God who formerly were hopelessly lost; people purchased by the blood of Jesus; people called out of darkness into the marvelous light; and people who are God's own possession. When we look at a little country building or at the flaws of our imperfect people, we need to look closer and see what the church really is. When we see beyond the physical, see our weak, sinful brothers and sisters in Christ as the redeemed people of God, the bride of Christ, and the people for whom Christ is coming we will begin to understand that the welfare of the church is worth any sacrifice, any time spent, and any effort made on her behalf. Paul said he even rejoiced in his sufferings because he endured what he did "for the sake of His (Christ's) body, which is the church" (Colossians 1:24). So let us love, serve, and keep the peace "for the sake of His body," the "glorious church."

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, July 22, 2001**  
A.M.  
"The Journey"  
(Genesis 12:1-4)  
by Danny Snell  
P.M.  
Ray Hughes

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

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

### THANKS!

A special thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We had a great turnout with over 70 folks coming for a hot meal.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All teens are invited to the devotional this Sunday night immediately after the evening worship assembly. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Bring a friend and enjoy this time of fellowship together! We will be finished at 9:00.

### CITY-WIDE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Join us on Tuesday, July 24, at West Erwin for a great evening with our brothers and sisters from other congregations in Tyler. We will meet from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Plan to come!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Last week, we completed one of the best Nebraska Mission Trips ever! We had a consistent turnout each day for the VBS and the time we spent with our brothers and sisters was out of this world. We have built some really strong relationships with them over the years and it is very evident that the love shines out. We have already set the dates for next year and are excited about it.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We need to meet this Sunday, July 15, at 5:00 p.m. in the Boomer's classroom (the old chapel) with everyone planning to go on the Mission Trip to Mexico.

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 22  
July 24  
July 27-31

Combined Devotional  
Tyler SYS @ West Erwin  
Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

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one another, regard others more highly than yourself, serve one another and submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

The language of GOD always reminds us that we need the community of faith to grow in Christ.

GOD also gave each one of us talents to be used in His community. If you are not plugged in to that special place, then let me help you find it. There are so many places to use your talents here at West Erwin and more places are being developed all the time.

GOD never intended for any of us to live the Christian life alone. He intended for us to move beyond the superficial social contacts that often pass for "Christian fellowship."

His intentions are revealed to us in "one another" language in the New Testament: Love one another, be devoted to one another, forgive one another; teach one another, encourage one another, pray for one another, bear one another's burdens, be kind, compassionate and generous in hospitality toward

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Fond and vivid memories remain in my mind of the days growing up and attending Vacation Bible School. We had small classrooms but we managed to all come together and bring our friends and to have wonderful classes. We would sing all of the traditional VBS songs and sometimes act a little silly, but the message of God's Word was always in the forefront of our classes. We also had time to eat refreshments and enjoy each others company. That experience is fresh in my mind (I am convinced) because of the dedication of the VBS teachers.

I believe that one of the reasons I am a Christian today is because of the love for God that those godly men and women planted in my heart during VBS. I have had the chance over the years to thank those men and women for aiding me through the teaching of God's Word. Even after VBS, they continually reinforced those lessons and even demonstrated those lessons by the way they lived their lives. I am proud to be able to call them by name and to have had the chance to personally thank them.

Even though some of these fine brothers and sisters in Christ have now passed on their lives live on, in my life and others that they influenced, to the glory of the kingdom of God.

VBS teachers, please understand that you have volunteered to be involved in a work that might very well change the life of your students in VBS. My plea is that you take your job extremely seriously and that you plan the best class possible for our VBS. Remember, the early Christians (as well as us) were commissioned to "Go ... And teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" Matthew 28:19-20.

Just how important is VBS? Believe it or not, it falls into the realm of the Great Commission. It is a way in which we can take the gospel to the lost world. With this in mind, let me once again thank you for volunteering and let me challenge you to make a positive impression for the Lord on the hearts of these young men and women in our classes. Thanks!

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

For your prayers, cards, calls, visits, food, and caring thoughts of us, Nettie and I both thank you. There cannot be a more loving family anywhere. You are all appreciated. Love,

Guy Potts

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To the West Erwin Church,

We just wanted to thank each and every one of you who brought us meals and who prayed for our family while I was in the hospital. We feel very blessed to have found such good people to surround ourselves with. Thank you again.

Jon, Michelle, Dylan, Lexie  
& Noah Koster

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I would like to thank everyone for the last six months in driving me to doctor's visits, the hospital and for waiting with me, for all the ways you showed your care and concern. I also am very appreciative of the phone calls, cards, and especially your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Opal Cooper

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were in San Angelo last week for Minton White, Jeanine Hughes' uncle. Services were held Monday in White Oak, Texas for Dot Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to coach **Clay Clemons** and his T-ball team, the Whitehouse Rangers, who won first in their division, then copped the regional championship. They will travel to Salado next week to compete for state honors. West Erwin team members are **Aaron** and **Derek Clemons**, **Cade Suggs**, and **Will Weathers**. Derek Clemons was selected as Most Valuable Player!

Congratulations to **Laurie Dawkins** who was recently inducted into Tyler Rho Rho chapter of Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society at UT Tyler.

Sorry to lose ...

Teri Bradshaw has accepted a teaching position in Grapevine, TX. Her new address is 195 East Round Grove #314, Lewisville, TX 75067.

Doris Terrell has moved to 1620 Edson Drive, Beaumont, TX 77706-2713

### EVANGELISM CLASS

You are invited to join Eddie Rogers' class on evangelism in the Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings. They are discussing Randy Becton's videos on "Everyday Evangelism."

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

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

**Eric Kiker** came Sunday to make known his desire to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. He was baptized into Christ at the Pinetree church in Longview. We are very pleased to welcome him into our family to work and worship with us. He is a young single and is the son of Monty & Brenda Kiker and brother of Terry Kiker. His address is 802 Lee Road, Kilgore, TX 75662, ph. 983-0310.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall semester. School hours are 8:15 - 2:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children from infant through pre-k. Contact Terry Shaw or the church office for more information.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is currently enrolling for the fall semester. Please call the admissions office at 561-9582 for availability or for more information.

ETCA is accepting applications for the following positions: High School Math (part-time), includes Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus; Middle English (4 classes) and High School English (1 class) - (part-time or full-time). If interested, please call 561-8642.

### ETCA GOLF TOURNAMENT

East Texas Christian Academy Golf Tournament, Monday, July 30 at Garden Valley Golf Resort (Dogwood Course). Tee time: 9:00 a.m. Format: four-man scramble. Fees: \$100.00 per person, \$400.00 per team. Call 561-9642 to enter! (All proceeds will benefit the ETCA Athletic Dept.)

### BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

Boles Children's Home, a 24 hour residential child care facility located in Quinlan, Texas just east of Dallas, is looking for houseparents. We are looking for people who want to make a difference in a child's life. We employ both spouses; have adequate salary package; health, dental and life insurance; and retirement program. Contact Johnny Adams at (903) 883-2204 or jmadams!ednet10.net.

### RUSSIAN MISSION TRIP

Our prayers for a successful trip, safe journey and good health are being answered. As of Saturday, July 14, there had been 16 baptisms as a result of the mission trip to Russia by ten of our members. They are all doing well and are scheduled to return on Thursday, July 19.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 22

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Esther Wilson; Nursery p.m.: Becky McRuiz; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Fran Starnes; 2 year olds: David & Carrie Cannefax; 3 & 4 year olds: Kim Clark.

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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Worship P.M.	342	370	350
Wed. P.M.	271	280	315
Contribution	\$19,862.43	\$16,746.08	\$17,720.56
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 15, and Wednesday, July 18, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Mary Adams is recuperating after surgery last Thursday. Guy Potts is continuing home health care and therapy. Alla Minnis had a procedure last week to help her manage pain. Richard Gregory, Roger Knight and Bettye Price are all recovering after recent surgeries. Bill Smith is being treated with medication and rehabilitation. Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is very ill in Temple. Dot Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is critically in Longview. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is very ill in Tennessee. Glen Sweeney, Mark Sweeney's dad, is hospitalized in Dallas. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, continues to have health problems. Dr. Barbara Simmons, Dub Mathews daughter, is improving in Albuquerque. Ann Faulkner, Kathryn Wallace's daughter-in-law, is doing well after surgery for breast cancer July 6. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is scheduled for surgery Monday in Wylie. Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, is very ill with an undiagnosed illness. 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 nursinghomes.

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

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Stan Clark  
Prayer Bill Hawkins  
Scripture Glen May  
Dismiss Leon Welborn  
**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Matt Haws  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Announcements Leon Welborn  
Prayer Greg Walker  
Scripture David Asbill  
Dismiss Dennis Kingsbury  
**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
David Demic GeorgeDaugherty  
Daniel DuPree Harold Denman  
Aaron DuVall Steve Denman  
Jimmy Denio Don Durham  
**GREETERS**  
Teri Bradshaw & Trecia Starr & Elizabeth Davis  
Nelda Browning & Mary Dawson & Brady Dawkins  
Jim & Sue Carty & Tyler DuVall  
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee  
& Wally & Laurie Dawkins  
**Picking up cards:** Ethan Florence, Michael Ragsdale, Cameron Ables, Derek Clemons, Aaron Clemons.

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**IT DEPENDS ON THE HEART**

I heard a well known speaker present a sermon on Romans 12:1-2: "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" - Matthew 6:21

All of us who preach have, no doubt, presented messages based on this text many times over. It is a beautiful statement, a challenging statement, and a comprehensive statement. It is filled with meaning. It is a command of God. It is a summation of Christian living. We preachers have studied it, analyzed it, and wrung truth from it. So there I was, a preacher in an audience made up largely of preachers, listening to a sermon based on a text I myself had preached many times ... and I thoroughly enjoyed it, was edified by it, and was determined to preach it better and live it more completely than ever before. Why? Was it because I had not known these truths before? No. Was it because the speaker brought forth truth I had never thought about? Hardly. Was it because of the eloquence with which the message was presented? Not at all. I was helped by the sermon because I love the

scripture, I enjoy hearing the old, old story, I am benefited in hearing the message taught. That should surprise no one! After all, the scripture the "Word of God" to man. It is "the power of God unto salvation." It is "milk" and "meat" for our spiritual growth. It is "more precious than gold" to the believer. It is "sweeter than honey" to the child of God. If I benefit from the Word, whether I am reading the printed page or hearing the spoken message does not depend primarily on the circumstances or the speaker or the passage under consideration so much as the condition of my heart. If the heart is right we can be helped by the most simple message from the Word of God. So I sat there in the audience that night and benefited from what was happening. Not because of the surroundings. Not so much because of who the speaker was. I was filled because I could truly say with David, "My heart stands in awe of Your Word. I rejoice at Your Word as one who finds great treasure" (Psalm 119:161-162). It depends on the heart. - Jay Lockhart

**Reaching My Potential  
In Christ**

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, July 15, 2001**

**A.M. "The Missing Ingredient"**  
(1 John 2:15-17)  
**Don Crawford**  
**P.M.**  
**Dave Christy**

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave THANKS!

A special thanks to the following adult sponsors who participated in the Nebraska Mission Trip: Gary & Frances Broome, Debbie Bynum, Dave Christy, Danny & Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper and Lisa Snell. We couldn't do it without them!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As of Tuesday morning, the Vacation Bible School is going really well. On the first day we had 68 students and Tuesday morning we had 85! We're expecting a big crowd for the VBS and church meeting and ice cream social on Wednesday. Everyone is doing well; no illnesses or accidents so far. Please pray that much good will be done and that we will continue to have good health and have a safe journey home. We plan to be back in Tyler by about 8:00 p.m. Saturday.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All middle school students are invited to the devotional this Sunday night immediately after the evening worship assembly. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Bring a friend and enjoy this time of fellowship together! We will be finished at 9:00.

### CITY-WIDE SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Join us on Tuesday, July 17, at the Broadway Church of Christ for a great evening with our brothers and sisters from other congregations in Tyler. We will be dismissed at 9:00 p.m. Plan to come! The following week, July 24, West Erwin will be hosts for this Summer Youth Series in our Family Life Center. Make your plans now to be a part of this time of fun and fellowship as we praise God and become better acquainted with young people from other congregations.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We need to meet this Sunday, July 15, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boomer's classroom (the old chapel) with everyone planning to go on the Mission Trip to Mexico.

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin is hosting the Karing Kitchen on Monday, July 16. We need your help! Be there about 5:00 p.m.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 17** Tyler SYS @ Broadway  
**July 24** Tyler SYS @ West Erwin  
**July 19** Workday  
**July 27-31** Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

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Our emergency food supply needs restocking. Please bring non-perishable items such as:

- Ranch Style beans
- Pork-n-beans
- canned meats
- peanut butter
- macaroni & cheese
- dried beans, etc.

Thank you for your generosity and desire to help those who come to our building seeking assistance.

Nancy and I are thankful to be a part of the West Erwin congregation. We could tell that this was a loving and serving church on our very first visit. Keep on being just that. And we ask that you find your greatest measure of patience as we try to learn all your names and faces.

If you have ideas or suggestions of how we could better serve one another and our community, please share it with me. If you are not as involved as you want to be and you want to change that, please let me know. God created us for life together, so let's do our best to enjoy and encourage one another. See ya Sunday!

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

For the last few weeks our teachers have been attending our teacher's training class entitled: Adult Preparation for Educational exllence (A.P.E.X.). I have been so thrilled with the results of this program. We concluded it this past week and I am confident that much good came from this series of lessons. Our teachers now have a better knowledge of what is expected of them in the classroom. They also have a better knowledge regarding various approaches that they can use in the classroom. We spent one whole week talking about edification, evangelism and fellowship. These are areas of concern that I believe we need to rethink and attempt to focus on during our Bible classes. To a certain degree we edify one another through a study of God's Word and occasionally we take advantage of the fellowship opportunities within our classrooms, but we really need to rethink our evangelism strategy within the educational program of the church. We had some suggestions made concerning evangelism that I think will be a great springboard for bigger and better

things in our future. Suggestions such as: (1) advertising, (2) dual teachers, one of which has the responsibility of checking on visitors and absentees, (3) using Monday Night For The Master as an aid for our Bible School, (4) having our teachers attend workshops and seminars which emphasize evangelism. Evangelism through the Bible School program is necessary if we are going to call our program successful. The bottom line is, "if we are not reaching people through our Bible School program, then we are failing." Let me encourage the membership of the West Erwin church of Christ to pray concerning our evangelistic efforts in the Bible School program and also to come to me with any suggestions regarding this matter. We will make every effort to implement these suggestions.

This Sunday evening (June 15th) at 5:00 in the Heritage Room, we will have our last VBS meeting before the big event on August 4th. This meeting is extremely important, so try your best to be present. If you signed up or if you didn't sign up but you're available to help. Please be present.

A.C.U. Teacher's Workshop, July 22-25 - drop by my office to pick up your schedule or call if you have any questions.

## IN APPRECIATION

The flowers were beautiful. Thank you for your kindness. Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated and will always be remembered by the Louise Galaway family.  
(Warren Gray's sister)

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I would like to thank everyone for their help during the last 6 months in driving me to doctor visits, the hospital and for waiting with me, and for all the ways you showed your care and concern. I also am very appreciative of the the phone calls, cards, and especially your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
Opal Mathews

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Dear West Erwin Church,  
Thank you for the study Bible and the book on Wisdom. They will be very useful.

In Him,  
Allison Broome

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We would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and words of comfort at the death of Marie's aunt, Lillian Bettinger.

Marie & Bob Threadgill

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Thanks to everyone involved in my recent move. I appreciate all the prayers, calls, cards, and visits. Hope to continue hearing from you. Thank God for all of you. With love,

Bernice Majors

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Thanks for all the Christian acts of love and kindness shown to me during my recent surgery. The prayers, visits, calls and food was deeply appreciated.

In Christian love,  
Bettye Price

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Hydro, Oklahoma for H.D. Pitt, Cathy Krewall's nephew. Services were held in Atlanta, Texas for Judy Lesman, Shirley Denman's niece. Services were held in Galatin, Tennessee for Mildred Flynn, Edgar Bullard's sister. Services were held Monday in Dallas for Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad. Our love and sympathy is extended to all these families.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Kyle and Kim Fletcher on the birth of a baby boy! Reed Thomas was born July 5. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. The Fletchers live in Lindale and have been attending here.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Cody Frick** on being selected to the All Star T-ball team in BMR District! Cody is the son of Mark and Melissa Frick, grandson of David and Wanda Frick and Dudley and Jeannie Brookshire, and great grandson of Dean Brookshire.

## BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Michael Holmes** in his decision to be baptized into Christ on Thursday, July 5. His address is 701 Shiloh Road, 75703, ph. 509-8223.

## RESPONSE

**Margie Wright** came to ask for prayers from her church family to thank God for the blessings in her life and that she might bloom in God's love and live and serve Him in a way that brings glory to Him.

## NEW ADDRESSES:

Don & Nancy Crawford, 105 Parklane Drive, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-2783

Jimmie & Ruth Harris, 8604 CR 2265, 75707, ph. 566-9784

Bernice Majors, 2055 Grande #1123, 75703

Kyle Stowers, 16884 Elm Lane, Flint, 75762, ph. 825-9399

Terry & Vicki Warren. 17751 Slack Rd., Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-2084

**RUSSIAN MISSION TRIP** - Remember to pray for a safe journey, successful trip, and good health for the group that left on Sunday, July 1, on a mission trip to Russia. They will return July 19. The people who went on this trip are: Dan & Debbie Baldwin, Brandon Colston (Dannie & Sue Skipper's grandson), Wendy Culpepper, Scott & Shara Hobson, Joy & Danielle Rousseau, Dannie & Sue Skipper and David Wicks.

## EVANGELISM CLASS

On Wednesday night, July 18, the Evangelism Class will show video #1 in "Everyday Evangelism" with Randy Becton. You are invited to join us in the Family Life Center for this important study. Call Eddie Rogers for more information.

## ETCA GOLF TOURNAMENT

East Texas Christian Academy Golf Tournament, Monday, July 30 at Garden Valley Golf Resort (Dogwood Course). Tee time: 9:00 a.m. Format: four-man scramble. Fees: \$100.00 per person, \$400.00 per team. Call 561-9642 to enter! (All proceeds will benefit the ETCA Athletic Dept.)

## ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

There will be an all-church fellowship in the Family Life Center Sunday, July 15, following the evening worship assembly, honoring of **Jim and Kelley Bell** who will be moving soon. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts. Drinks will be furnished.

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 15

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Becky McRuiz; Nursery p.m.: Esther Wilson; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Carolyn Welborn; 2 year olds: James & Ruth Ellis; 3 & 4 year olds: Rachel Huff

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Records	Sunday June 24	Sunday June 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	429	405	393
Worship A.M.	606	691	561
Worship P.M.	429	391	381
Wed. P.M.	271	304	285
Contribution	\$18,227.31	\$17,290.75	\$18,421.92
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 1, and Wednesday, July 4, Clint Hale, ph. 597-1542. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Guy Potts remains in ETMC after suffering a stroke. Alla Minnis is scheduled for a procedure to help her manage pain July 5 at ETMC. Roger Knight had a procedure Wednesday at Mother Frances. David Cannefax had outpatient surgery Thursday. Richard Gregory is recovering after recent surgery. Bettye Price is at home after recent surgery. Tommy Miller is ill at home. Bill Smith will be treated with medication and rehabilitation. Virginia Jones, Buck Nowell's sister, is doing well after surgery for breast cancer. Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is very ill in Temple. H.D. Pitt, Cathy Krewall's nephew, is now under hospice care. Dot Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is critically in Longview. Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad, is in hospice care. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is very ill. Bobby Snyder, Sr. is recovering after recent back surgery in Dallas. Glen Sweeney, Mark Sweeny's dad, is hospitalized in Dallas. Dr. Barbara Simmons, Dub Mathews daughter, is some improved after serious injuries in a car accident recently in Albuquerque. Ann Faulkner, Kathryn Wallace's daughter-in-law, will have surgery for breast cancer July 6 at ETMC.

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

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<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.

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

Call to worship Stan Clark  
Prayer George Colvin  
Scripture Melvin Crow  
Dismiss James Sublette

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

Announcements James Sublette  
Prayer Robert Hilliard  
Scripture Claude Figueroa  
Dismiss Archie Kennard

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

David Demic George Daugherty  
Daniel DuPree Harold Denman  
Aaron DuVall Steve Denman  
Jimmy Denio Don Durham

**GREETERS**

Greg & Kris Walker & Maselyn Walker  
Wade & Diane Weathers & Anthony Aven  
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Frank Aven

Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell  
& Jerry & Becky Howard

**Picking up cards:** Ethan Florence, Michael Ragsdale, Cameron Ables, Derek Clemons, Aaron Clemons.

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

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### A PRESENT, POWERFUL, REJOICING, LOVING ... AND SINGING GOD

The Old Testament prophets were often fiery preachers with a message of judgment for a disobedient people. However, they were preachers who spoke their judgment through tears -- we remember Jeremiah as the "weeping prophet" and we recall he wrote Lamentations, a book of tears. While the prophets spoke of judgment they usually bring their messages to an end with a note of hope for the future. The little book of Zephaniah follows this pattern. The prophet was the great-great grandson of Hezekiah, one of the few good kings to reign in Judah, and he was related to Josiah, another good king of Judah, who brought about a great revival between 640 and 609 B.C. The reforms of Josiah brought outward change but failed to fully remove the inward heart of corruption which characterized the nation. Into this arena Zephaniah came with a message of doom -- the day of the Lord, judgment day, is coming. However, following the chastening process, blessing will come in the person of Messiah, "a pure language (a correct system of thought about God)" will return, and there will be praise and singing. In this setting there is an intriguing

statement made in Zephaniah 3:17. First, we are told "the Lord your God is in your midst." God is present in the lives of His people and He has said, "I will never leave you" (Hebrews 13:5). Second, we learn that God "the Mighty One, will save." God is not only present, but He has the power to supply all of our needs (Philippians 4:19). Third, God "will rejoice over you with gladness." We are here reminded of the father in Jesus' story of the prodigal son who said, "... Let us ... be merry; for my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found" (Luke 15:23-24). Fourth, the prophet said, "He will quiet you with His love," i.e., He will give you rest. Jesus said, "Come unto me ... and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). Finally, Zephaniah says, "He will rejoice over you with singing." Have you thought of the fact that God is a singing God? When His people do what is right, God rejoices with singing! Perhaps that is why He asks us to sing: "Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms" (James 5:13); and, "Be thankful ... singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Colossians 3:16).

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, July 1, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "What About Christian Education?"**  
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

**P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (9): Self"**  
(John 21:15-17)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave THANKS!

Thanks to following who went as sponsors on the BackCountry Trek: Ken Culpepper, Leah Russell, Lisa Snell, Curt Jordan and Dave Christy. We could not have done it without these folks.

Thanks to David Asbill for teaching my class last Wednesday night.

Thanks to Barry & Mary Scarborough and Ken & Debra Elzen for hosting the middle school devotional last Sunday.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All middle and high school students and all of those who are going to Nebraska are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. This will be a special time to pray for the Nebraska Mission Trip and those who are participating. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a working session this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip. Please make every effort to attend. You will need to have your \$50.00 fee and medical release turned in by Wednesday, July 4.

## TYLER SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Join us on Tuesday, July 17, for a great evening with our brothers and sisters from other congregations in Tyler. Plan to come!

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Sometimes God blesses us in the most unusual ways. The hike up wasn't as easy as we would've hoped for. Nor was the hike to Jicarilla Peak. But I think everyone who went on BackCountry Trek would agree that it was worth it. It was worth sitting in the smoke to be near the fire, it was worth a little pain to get to the peak, it was worth a lack of privacy to be with each other and it was worth a strenuous hike in the high altitude to witness up close God's beautiful creation. We learned a lot about each other. For example, Jordan Lyons has a fear of ice, Jamie Jordan makes a wicked Crystal Lite and the girls are better at gathering firewood than the guys. The trip was tough, but it was fun. We enjoyed a great time with each other in the middle of God's handiwork and I think we would all do it again given the chance.

### IMPORTANT DATES

July 1  
July 5-14  
July 8  
July 17  
July 24  
July 19  
July 27-31

Combined Devotional  
Nebraska Mission Trip  
Middle School Devotional  
Tyler SYS @ Broadway  
Tyler SYS @ West Erwin  
Workday  
Mexico Mission Trip

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

New Testament evangelism occurs through preaching and teaching. Jesus is our biblical model for evangelistic teaching. We read in Matthew 4:23 that, "Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom." Teaching was Jesus' primary activity. His teaching had an evangelistic urgency. He imparted the necessary and appropriate information so that those He taught could make an informed and sincere decision.

There are many scriptures in the New Testament that show us the evangelistic style of Christ. For example, He knew how to teach "one on one," as He demonstrated with the woman at the well (John 4:16). He knew how to teach a multitude of people as He demonstrated so many times along the shore of the Sea of Galilee. He even knew how to mentor to His disciples as He prepared them to take the reigns from Him when He ascended back into heaven. Even though Christ's audience may have varied in size, He always remained constant in proclaiming the truth of God's Word.

Today, we should be willing to follow the example that Christ set back in the first century. Our Bible School program should be every bit as evangelistic as when Christ walked this earth. Our Bible School program should be assisting people to become Christians and once they

become Christians, then our Bible School program should be focusing on how to aid them in maintaining a Christian lifestyle. We cannot fail in either of these two areas of concern.

The educational program of the church should assist (both the church as well as the unchurched) in the following areas.

- Develop biblical knowledge, concepts, and attitudes that lay the foundation for conversion.
- Seek and come to know Christ in a personal way.
- Respond to Jesus by understanding and following His Word.
- Understand the mission of the church to such a degree that we are willing to share the good news with others.
- Day by day, week by week, continue to mature in Christ through systematic study of His Word.

We, as teachers (within the Bible School program) need to begin to map the spiritual needs of our students. We need to get to know them and not allow them to fall through the cracks. We need to enlist new students by seizing the moment as various opportunities are laid before us. We also need to make sure that we check on all of our absentees as well as visitors to our class. All of these things will grow a dynamic and evangelistic Bible School program. Remember, there is a lot more to teaching than simply showing up for class on time.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. The food we had for lunch on the day of the funeral was deeply appreciated. Thank everyone for the meals that were brought.

The Louise Santos Family

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Thank you very much for the Bible. I'm sure it will aid in my learning and studies.

Caleb Bynum

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A special thank you to Gary and Eleanor Nunn and Peggy Garner for your thoughtfulness in staying with us during Bill's tests. Also, Leon Welborn for your visit and prayer. The cards, calls, and prayers are greatly appreciated. With mediation and rehabilitation we hope Bill's health will improve.

In Christian Love,  
Bill & Judy Smith

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To my West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, prayers, flowers and visits over the past several months. We are hoping that a procedure planned for the next week or two will alleviate most of the pain so that I can return somewhat to normal. It is such a blessing to be a part of this wonderful family and I love you all.

Alla Minnis

Thank you and I love you too.

Mary Farrer

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Thanks so much for the cards, visits, and prayers during my illness. We greatly appreciated the food prepared for us and your concern for us.

Jon & Norma Sorrells

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** - Jon and Norma Sorrells are in the process of a move. As of July 1, their new address will be 13880 CR 4110, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9797.

You may get in touch with Alla Minnis through her daughter, Mary Farrer, at NU-3 Lake Cherokee, Longview, 75603, ph. (903) 643-0212.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Jon and Michelle Koster on the birth of Noah David on June 15. He weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. Dylan and Lexie are the big brother and sister. Michelle was very ill due to complications since the birth but she is improved and at home.

Congratulations to Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot on the birth of a new granddaughter! Catherine Noel was born to Steve and Katie Wolfgang in Dallas June 24. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz.

## 55th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

George and Dorothy Daugherty were married in Brady, Texas on June 30, 1946. We congratulate them on the celebration of 55 loving and happy years together.

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## OUR MAN IN MIAMI

Armando Alaniz went from working for TDCJ to working for JESUS. Armando graduated with a degree in Criminal Justice and worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice but decided his calling was to reach out to Hispanic people in Florida and the Caribbean. He was prepared for the work. He had worked at the Colgate Church of Christ in Lubbock, the Leadership Training School, and the Sunset International Bible Institute.

Armando works with three congregations in the Miami area and the Atlantic International Bible Institute. In addition, he is actively involved with lectureships, campaigns, gospel meetings and workshops throughout the U.S. and Latin America. Currently he is evaluating the curriculum for the Hispaniola Center for Biblical Studies in Santo Domingo. Armando is also an author, including a book on Greek Grammar, due out in August.

The Atlantic International Bible Institute is currently training preachers and teachers for Cuba. Armando and AIBI are excited about this marvelous opportunity to train these Christians who will return to Cuba with Bible study books. They are currently requesting funds to buy books and materials and to pay for travel.

West Erwin is one of the churches providing support to Armando through his sponsoring church in Angleton, Texas. He keeps us updated with periodic newsletters. Armando is a hard worker for the Lord and is very appreciative of your support.

## SINGLES GAME NIGHT

West Erwin Family Life Center

Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

It's time for fun and fellowship! We will play volleyball. For those who wish to play something else, please bring a game of your choice. Please bring finger foods or drinks. We hope to see you there!

## ATTENTION LADIES

There will be a "Scrapbooking Night" in the Family Life Center, July 10 from 6:00 p.m. 'til --. Call Ruth Ellis for details.

## NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

There will be no bulletin the week of July 4 due to postal regulations for second class mail.

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 1

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook; Toddler nursery: Connie Sublette; 2's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3's & 4's: Laura McClenny.

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 8

Preacher: Fred Powell; Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Pam Lott; 2 year olds: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 3 & 4 year olds: Kristi Harris

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Records	Sunday June 17	Sunday June 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	389	405
Worship A.M.	691	592	627
Worship P.M.	391	380	378
Wed. P.M.	304	256	
Contribution	\$17,290.75	\$17,660.78	\$15,428.79
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 24, and Wednesday, June 27, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Guy Potts is in ETMC after suffering a stroke last Saturday. Bettye Price was scheduled for surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. Dan Gillam is scheduled for dental surgery Friday. Tommy Miller is ill at home with a lung infection. Faber Cauthen and Gaynelle Gray are both recovering at home. Bill Smith will be treated with medication. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, is recovering after lung surgery. Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad, is in hospice care. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is battling cancer. Judy Lesman, Shirley Denman's niece, has cancer. Marge Gordon, Ernie Gordon's mother, needs prayers for pain relief. Virginia Jones, Buck Nowell's sister, has breast cancer. Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is very ill in Temple. H.D. Pitt, Cathy Krewall's nephew, is now under hospice care at home in Colorado. Dot Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is critically in Longview. Bobby Snyder, Sr., father of Bobby Snyder, Lori Blaylock, Julie Fisher and Dana Pierce, had back surgery Wednesday in Dallas. Glen Sweeney, Mark Sweeney's dad, is hospitalized with pancreatitis in Dallas. Linda Hone's dad suffered a stroke in Oklahoma.

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Mike Gravois - Involvement		Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.		
<b>MISSIONS</b>				Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.			
Rafael Falcon		Jeff Holland		Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.		Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
<b>ELDERS</b>				<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>			
Hillard Hughes		Phil Marts		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.		<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
James Sublette		Ray Vannoy		11:30 A.M.		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
						(903) 592-0809	

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

Call to worship Jay Lockhart  
Prayer Harvey Strickland  
Scripture Greg Wagner  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

Announcements Dannie Skipper  
Prayer Ron Lott  
Scripture Brandon Lott  
Dismiss Terry Warren

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

David Demic George Daugherty  
Daniel DuPree Harold Denman  
Aaron DuVall Steve Denman  
Jimmy Denio Don Durham

#### GREETERS

Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall & Chris Ables  
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Cody Ables  
Chris & Kathy Waggener & Cameron Ables  
Visitor Center: Bill & Pat Bratcher  
& Fred & Sara Powell

**Picking up cards:** Ethan Florence, Michael Ragsdale, Cameron Ables, Derek Clemons, Aaron Clemons.

**WITH SYMPATHY** - Services were held Friday at Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana for Louise Galaway, Warren Gray's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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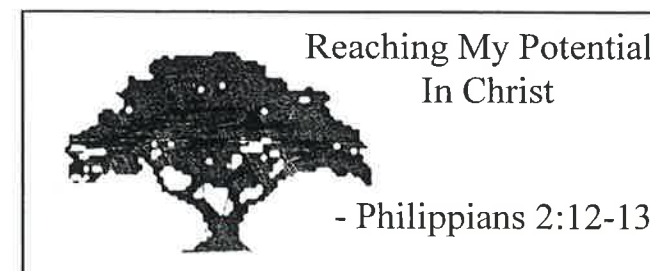
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### WELCOME TO DON AND NANCY CRAWFORD

As was announced last Sunday by Joe McBee, speaking for the elders, Don Crawford has accepted the invitation to become our Minister of Involvement. Don, and his wife Nancy, will be moving to Tyler on June 22 to assume his duties by the first of July. The Crawfords have rented a duplex in Whitehouse until they can decide where they will live on a more permanent basis. Don and Nancy are talented people who have served Christ and His church in full time ministry for the past fifteen years. Don is known to many in the Tyler area because of his six years of effective work with the Rusk church (1988-1994). Since 1994 Don has preached for the church in Terrell, Texas and most recently in Bethany, Oklahoma. He is a 1986 graduate of Harding University School of Biblical Studies and is skilled in counseling, mission campaigns, leadership training, Life Units and Care Groups, summer camps, home Bible studies and youth

training. Don is also an effective teacher and preacher. Nancy has been a teacher of children, high school girls, and ladies, has trained teachers and taught at the ACU Bible Teacher's Workshop, has spoken on lectureships and Ladies Day events, and is very interested in the development of children. Don and Nancy have two grown children, Melissa, a wife and mother of their grandchild, Caleb, and Ben, a recent graduate of Oklahoma Christian University, who plans to be married in September. Don recently presented to our elders some of his ideas for involvement which include a *Reaching Up Ministry*, a *Reaching In Ministry*, and a *Reaching Out Ministry*. My prediction is that Don and Nancy will "hit the ground running" by July 1, and will be a real asset to the work and worship of the West Erwin church. We welcome the Crawfords and anticipate their arrival.

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, June 24, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Seeing Is Believing"**  
(2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

**P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (8): Crisis"**  
(Esther 4:13-17)

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

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Please pray for safe travel, safe hiking, good health and great weather as we are hiking in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico. As you read this 14 of us will be on our way home from backpacking in the mountains of New Mexico. Those who are participating in this trip are: Allison Broome, Dave Christy, Jay Culpepper, Ken Culpepper, Melanie Goodson, Curt Jordan, Jamie Jordan, Jordan Lyons, Bryce Murry, Jordan Rousseau, Leah Russell, Kyle Stowers, and Danny and Lisa Snell. We will return to Tyler on Saturday, June 23.

*"Sow a thought, and you reap an act. Sow an act and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."*

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All high school students are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Bring a friend to enjoy this time together.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a working session this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip. Please make every effort to attend.

### EAGLES IN A STORM

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagles will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift itself higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us -- and all of us will experience them -- we can rise above them by setting our minds and belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storms that bring sickness, tragedy, failure, and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.

The Bible says, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." - selected

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 17-23  
June 24  
July 5-14  
July 27-31

BackCountry Trek  
High School Devotional  
Nebraska Mission Trip  
Mexico Mission Trip

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! What a fantastic we had at Camp Friendship 2001. We had approximately 40 campers who had the opportunity to sing songs of praise to God and to hear great lessons from His Word. We also had the opportunity of participating in (1) crafts, (2) cooking, and (3) sports activities. All our campers did an outstanding job and we made it through the week with only a few minor bumps and bruises. The male camper of the week was **Dakota Phillips** and the female camper of the week was **Lascii Starnes**. In addition to our 40 campers we had approximately 15 counselors and 10 staff workers. A great big thank you is extended to all of them for their labor of love during the week. I'd personally like to thank my coordinators for Camp Friendship. They are: (1) Drew Fitzgerald - sports activities; (2) Martha Waggoner - cooking activities; and (3) Velma Lemons - craft activities. As soon as we all recuperate from this year's activities, we will begin planning for Camp Friendship 2002.

All of our current teachers (winter, spring, summer, fall), as well as any potential teachers, should remember that our teacher training class (A.P.E.X.) will begin at 5:00 p.m. on June 24th in room 112. This class has been designed to aid all of our current teachers in understanding what we wish to accomplish through our educational program. It will also help all potential teachers to understand what is expected

of them if they decide to take on the role of teacher here at West Erwin. These classes will run for 4 consecutive weeks and we will have make up dates if necessary. I'm looking forward to spending this quality time with our teachers and having the opportunity to share and glean as we discuss our educational program.

Now that Camp Friendship has ended I will begin to focus my full attention to Vacation Bible School 2001. Remember, this year's theme is: *Build A Holy Place*. It is an interactive VBS which will also have a marketplace with it. I still need a lot of help. I am so pleased with the number that has signed up so far. When many of you signed up, you put, "use me where you need me." I took you at your word and I have placed you in strategic areas. I will be contacting you soon to let you know which station you will work during VBS. I'm going to send you the information you need in order to begin preparing for August 4th. Thanks for being so cooperative and let's have a great VBS. I'd like to thank all of our members who brought coffee cans by my office for VBS. We now have plenty. The summer is rapidly passing us by and before you know it August 4th will be here. Let's remember our commitment to VBS and let's all work together, giving God the glory in all that we do.

### IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin Church Family,

I missed you very much during my hospital stay and recovery time. Thanks for the calls, cards, prayers, food, flowers, and the Lunch Bunch. Thanks to Jay Lockhart for his daily visits and prayers. Thanks to Dannie Skipper and Leon Welborn for their many visits and phone calls. West Erwin is truly a loving, caring family.  
Faber Cauthen

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Athens for Jack Ireland, John Cliver's brother-in-law. Services were held Tuesday for Bill Rumsey, Jamon Kirby's brother-in-law. Services were held in Waco for Lillian Bettinger, Marie Threadgill's aunt, who died Monday. Bill Bratcher's cousin, Linda Beth Carpenter and her husband were killed in a car accident last Wednesday in Circleville, Ohio. Our love and sympathy is extended to all these families.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Julie Fisher** on being named as International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator for Tyler Independent School District!

### ATTENTION, YOUNG LADIES

There will be no Bunko meetings for the months of July and August. It will begin again in September. Enjoy your summer!

### GRAND CANYON FAMILY ENCAMPMENT

In cool, green Flagstaff, Arizona. Mark your calendar and make your plans today! July 8-11, 2001. In our cluttered, confused, unsure world, it is time for

### BLESSED ASSURANCE

Jesus is the only answer for our world and the church. In 2001, the Encampment will be praying for unity and courage, and will be studying the source of that unity and courage: our assurance in Jesus Christ. We must find the still center in a world that is spinning our of control. Join us for four extremely important days in July. Bring the whole family for a vacation and, more importantly, a spiritual renewal that could make a difference for your entire year. (Many wonderful recreational activities in the area: lakes, mountains, Indian ruins, the Grand Canyon, Sedona, Oak Creek Canyon and many more.)

### SHARE YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME!

Host families, with or without children, are needed for international exchange students for the 2001/2002 academic year. The students arrive in early August and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. Students will attend local high schools. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional office at 1-800-941-3738.

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Colton Cunningham** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Colton is the son of Jeff and Julie Cunningham and the grandson of Dick and Sue Higginbotham. He is currently at his grandparent's home at 627 Haden, ph. 596-9975.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tom and Beverly Hale** into our family at West Erwin. They will be an asset to the work of this church as they seek to serve God, their church family, and to seek and save the lost. Their address is 12387 Pollan, 75704, ph. 597-1047.

### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Edward C. Ketchum  
and

Mr. And Mrs. Wayne Kilpatrick  
Request the honour of your presence  
At the marriage of their children  
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Records	Sunday June 10	Sunday June 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	389	404	389
Worship A.M.	592	594	596
Worship P.M.	380	427	319
Wed. P.M.	256	303	
Contribution	\$17,660.78	\$21,759.75	\$18,567.96
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 17, and Wednesday, June 20, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Gaynelle Gray had stent implants Tuesday at ETMC. Bill Smith is scheduled for tests and probable surgery Friday. Jon Sorrells was dismissed from ETMC Wednesday after surgery Monday. Don McCune is at home after being taken to ER Tuesday. Mary Adams, Carolyn McCune, Freeman Morgan, Art Rowland, and Robert Stokes are all recuperating at home after recent surgeries. Faber Cauthen is recovering at home. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, is recovering after surgery for lung cancer in Sherman. Louise Galaway, Warren Gray's sister, is ill in Corsicana. Lillian Bettinger, Marie Threadgill's aunt, is ill in Waco. Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad, is in hospice. Fred Elzen, Sr., Ken Elzen's dad, had surgery last Friday in Shreveport. T.H. Payne, Kathryn Cauthen and Bettye Sue Harris' brother, is battling cancer. Judy Lesman, Shirley Denman's niece, has advanced cancer. Marge Gordon, Ernie Gordon's mother, needs prayers for pain relief. Virginia Jones, Buck Nowell's sister, has breast cancer. Dorothy Woods and her husband Carey need our prayers. Adeline Smith, Connie Sublette's grandmother, is very ill in Temple. H.D. Pitts, Cathy Krewall's nephew, is very ill in Aurora, Colorado.

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Prayer Bill Bratcher  
Scripture Dan Baldwin  
Dismiss Joe McBee

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Jim Armstrong  
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Announcements Joe McBee  
Prayer Ron Lott  
Scripture Brandon Lott  
Dismiss Rob Hilliard

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Milburn Cook George Colvin  
Clinton Culpepper Don Crowder  
Danny Craddock Ken Culpepper  
Mike Cooney Melvin Crow

**GREETERS**

Marc & Dana Tate & Carson Tate  
D.L. & Eloise Thompson & Anthony Aven  
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Frank Aven  
Visitor Center: Greg & Cyndie Wagner &  
Wally & Laurie Dawkins

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### IT REMAINS A HOT TOPIC

There has never been more talk about it, more books written about it, or more time in elder's meetings consumed by it -- Church Growth. Why, we ourselves conducted a Church Growth Seminar in 2000 and are even now attempting to put into place what we learned in order that we might grow. Church growth experts look for indicators of growth and decline in churches across the nation and share these things with us so that we can avoid decline and accomplish growth. Church growth data measures numerical growth and in some instances spiritual health, but the statistics have difficulty in determining the condition of the heart. With all the good help available for churches to use in promoting growth, this fact remains: people come to church when we personally invite them and they stay when they develop friendships. Now, of course, there are other factors involved, but basically this is it: invite them and they come, befriend them and they stay. All the programs in the world will not succeed the way a personal invitation and personal relationship will. Now, how can we accomplish this simple formula? Here are some suggestions:

1. Prayer - Every great movement of God always began with prayer. Pray for opportunities, for people, for courage. Then invite them and befriend them.
2. Speak - Presence evangelism without proclamation evangelism does not work. You have to invite them and befriend them.
3. Conviction - People are really lost without Christ. God is not looking for more methods or more programs, but for more men and women who will invite and befriend.
4. Love - Love Christ, His Word, His church, and this church. Every congregation has its flaws because it is made up of flawed people like you and me, but love this church, support this church, talk up this church, then invite and befriend people.
5. Involvement - Be involved in what this church is about: worship, building up each other, serving others. And then invite and befriend.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, June 17, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Like Father Like Son"**  
(Psalm 145:8-10)

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

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Rain may have flooded Houston, but it didn't stop the 19 of us who went there for Middle School Madness from having a good time. We arrived in Houston just after tropical storm Allison, which was more of a surprise to the sponsors than we let on. The rain soaked us while unpacking the bus, but cleared up enough for us to enjoy NASA the next day. At NASA, we all had fun learning about space, paying \$5 for ice cream, and of course, riding what became known as "the swing thingy." Due to continuing rain, we skipped the Astroworld trip, and instead enjoyed the simple pleasures of the Katy Mills mall. And then there was Joe's Crab Shack, where the middle schoolers all had the fine delicacies of hamburgers and corn dogs. Which, after their run-in with the squid was perfectly understandable.

We had a lot of fun on our trip to Houston, but the best thing in my opinion is that every day offered many lessons to learn. The week's theme question was "Where will you be when you get where you're going?" and it included lessons on Stephen, Solomon, Paul, Euodia and Syntyche, as well as a lesson on how to get along with each other lovingly. Throughout the times of group-building, teaching and learning, those present found that the question of the week was very applicable to their

lives. Where will you be when you get where you're going? Hopefully, not in the middle of a tropical storm!

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped sponsor Middle School Madness: Jim Russell, Mary Scarborough, Ginny Wicks, Lisa Snell, and Dave Christy.

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a working session this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip. Please make every effort to attend.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going on the BackCountry Trek need to be here by 4:00 with your gear. Please pray for our group this next week. Pray for safe travel, safe hiking, good health and great weather as we are hiking in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico.

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 17  
June 17-23  
July 5-14  
July 27-31

Middle School Devotional  
BackCountry Trek  
Nebraska Mission Trip  
Mexico Mission Trip

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

During the later part of June we will begin a teacher's training class entitled Adult Preparation for Educational Excellence or (A.P.E.X.). This class has been designed to aid our current teachers as well as give some instructions and guidance to potential teachers. We will meet in room 112 at 5:00 each Sunday evening for 4 weeks. Each class session will last approximately 45 minutes. We are asking that all of our current teachers (winter, spring, summer and fall) attend these classes. We want to make sure that we are all on the same page and that we are all heading in the same direction regarding our educational program.

Perhaps over the years you have said, "I'd like to teach but I'm not sure what would be expected of me." If you have thought that, then let me assure you, this class is for you. We need you in these classes. We will be looking at general information regarding the teaching of our students and we also focus specifically on our curriculum and how to reach various goals and objectives. I will have the opportunity of teaching our college age class for 2-3 weeks regarding this exact material. We want to utilize our college age students in our classrooms as much as possible. Let's begin by praying for this great effort and let's make sure that we are present for these instructional classes.

Any time you offer a training series (i.e. A.P.E.X.), you are doing that to equip the teachers to excel or to reach new heights. Participants are exposed to various teaching and learning techniques that will make their classroom more effective. When we participate in these programs we are doing this in order to help our students gain additional knowledge that will one day allow them to hear: "*enter in thou good and faithful servant.*" The power to change lives comes to us through a study of God's Word. The Bible school program is specifically designed to help us in our study of God's Word.

Teachers, during A.P.E.X. we will be discussing four (4) arms of the educational program. They are: (1) reaching - which is the enlisting of new students to your classroom; (2) teaching - which is a noble position that attempts to advance the knowledge of each of our students so that one day they can teach others regarding God's Word; (3) winning - which is seeing your labor of love pay off when one of your students becomes a Christian; and (4) maturing - which is the opportunity to watch that student advance to unimaginable heights in his/her dedication to the Lord.

As a teacher it is my goal to reach, teach, win, and mature students, not for my glory, but to the glory of Christ. Let's be sure to be present during A.P.E.X. as we learn various approaches to teaching that will aid us in our quest to have the best educational program imaginable here at West Erwin.

## IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thanks to Jay Lockhart for the comforting words. The plant you sent in David's memory was beautiful. Thanks for preparing lunch for us. We enjoyed the food very much. We really appreciate your coming out to bid farewell to David.

In Christian Love,  
The Melvin Grayson family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Monday at Memorial Cemetery for Louise Santos, a long time West Erwin member. Our sincere sympathy is extended to Leon and to all the family and friends.

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## EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is currently enrolling in all classes for the fall semester. Please contact Brenda Craig at 561-9582 for more information.

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ETCA is accepting applications for the following positions: High School Math, includes Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus (part time); Band Director for 6th, 7th & 8th grades (part time); and Preschool aide. Call 561-8642 for more information.

## HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

You're invited to the the 36th annual singing school conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 8-13, 2001. Cost \$162 includes tuition, room and board, and class materials. For more information, please call (940) 864-3101.

## TEXAS NORMAL SINGING SCHOOL

The 55th Annual Singing School at ACU, Abilene, Texas, July 15-20 - includes Song Leading School, Public Worship Development Workshop, Song Writing School, and Christian Singer's Workshop. For more information, contact Joe Furr, 800 Baker Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75092 or e-mail joefurr@aol.com.

## FAITH COMES BY HEARING

Don't forget the *Faith Comes By Hearing* Bible reading program we began on Sunday, May 6th and will conclude by reading through the New Testament this Friday, June 15th.

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## RESPONSE

Chris and Lara Reynolds came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family as they deal with the loss of the baby they were expecting. Lara had an outpatient procedure Monday due to this miscarriage.

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## MISSING PUNCH BOWL

The large punch bowl that is supposed to be in the Family Life Center is missing. If you know where it might be, please call the church office. It is needed right away.

*"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."* - W. Clement Stone, founder of Success magazine

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Wed. P.M.	303	269	
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Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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**PRAYER AND CARE** - Gaynelle Gray had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Opal Cooper had carotid artery surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Jay Bynum had knee surgery Wednesday. Louise Santos is in Mother Frances, room 443. Brett Hone had surgery on his wrist Thursday. Mary Adams (Mary will require more surgery later), Carolyn McCune, Freeman Morgan, Art Rowland, and Robert Stokes are all recuperating at home after recent surgeries. Thelma Davis, Linda Hone's mother, had knee replacement surgery in Oklahoma City. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, had surgery last week in Sherman for lung cancer. Louise Galaway, Warren Gray's sister, is ill in Corsicana. Lillian Bettinger, Marie Threadgill's aunt, is ill in Waco. Virginia Thedford, Sue Higginbotham's mother, had a back procedure last Friday. Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad, is in hospice. Fred Elzen, Sr., Ken Elzen's dad, is scheduled for surgery Friday in Shreveport. Judy Lesman, Shirley Denman's niece, has advanced cancer. Marge Gordon, Ernie Gordon's mother, needs prayers for pain relief. Virginia Jones, Buck Nowell's sister, has breast cancer. Dorothy Woods and husband Carey need our prayers as he is very ill.

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Dean Brookshire

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Prayer Jonathan Stone  
Scripture Jordan Lyons  
Dismiss Don Long

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### THE GOOD OL' SUMMERTIME

Well, it's here! Summertime! It's a good time. School's out; people will be on vacation; there will be mission trips, VBS, and Camp Friendship; kids will be at summer camps and adults will be working in their yards; we will celebrate the 4th of July and visit lakes, parks, and grandma. Through all of this the work of the local church goes on .... with some adjustments. Last week Mike, Nora and Kaitlin Gravois completed their move to Georgetown. We wish them well in their new work and we move forward in our search for a new family to work with us in Involvement. As you know, we have interviewed some good candidates and we hope to make a final decision soon. In the meantime we have some talented folks in the West Erwin family who are stepping up to perform some tasks that need to be done in Mike's absence. Eddie Rogers has agreed to be the contact person for the Singles Ministry. This ministry is an important

part of West Erwin's work which Mike directed while he was here and we want it to continue to flourish. Ray and Carolyn Womack will be working with our Visitation Program during the summer months and several of our members will be assisting them to make sure that needed visitation will be done. When Monday Night for the Master resumes in the fall, visitation will be done through that ministry. Also, our Pulse Groups will meet through the summer at each group leader's discretion and most of them will be reorganized and fine tuned this fall. As you can see the summer brings changes to our regular schedules, but the work goes on. As you participate in your activities for the summer I want to wish for you that you enjoy your life to the fullest, travel with safety, and remember to put God first in all your plans as you seek to fulfill our theme for the year, "Reaching My Potential In Christ." - Jay Lockhart

All adult Bible classes will meet in the auditorium this Sunday at 9:00 a.m. to hear Ray Maxwell!

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, June 10, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "You Can Live Powerfully"  
(Daniel 1:1-6)

P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (6): Abuse"  
(I Samuel 3:19-21)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great turn out for welcoming the new youth group members. Please pray for our youth group as they enter another new era with these new 6th graders and the graduation of our seniors.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the Combined Devotional this Sunday night after church. We will be welcoming the new 6th graders to the Youth Group. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a working session this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip. Please make every to attend.

"The sum of wisdom is that the time is never lost that is devoted to work." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those signed up to go on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday at 5:30 to finalize details.

"It's what we learn after we think we know it all that counts."

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this Monday night. If you are interested in helping, please come by 5:00 and we will be finished at 7:30. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

"The more we are transformed by the power of Christ, the less we will be conformed to this world."

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## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

Over the years I have heard many explanations concerning the mission of the church. Some have said that the mission of the church is three fold: (1) to evangelize; (2) to edify; and (3) to be benevolent. We certainly have several scriptures in the Bible which indicate to us that the first century church focused on these three areas. However, others suggest that there is only one mission of the church and that is evangelism. All other points of emphasis would fall under the evangelistic efforts of the church. Well, like I said, I have heard both sides of this issue and I still have many questions, but I do know this, we definitely need to be more evangelistic concerning each program of the church. A great model of evangelism should be found within our educational program.

I personally believe that there is no better avenue of growth for the church than through the Bible School program. Teachers, you are the key factor in obtaining an evangelistic Bible School program. Allow me to offer a few characteristics that an evangelistic teacher should have: **First**, an evangelistic teacher must know Jesus as their Savior and Lord. After all, it would be extremely hard to introduce Christ (through various Bible class lessons) to your students if you have not obtained a personal relationship with Him. **Second**, an evangelistic teacher must follow the examples of Christ. You all know that your students can see right through you. If you are living a worthy life, they will notice. If you are living an unworthy life, they will also notice. Remember, personal integrity is a vital factor in personal

evangelism. **Third**, and evangelistic teacher must know and understand the people they are teaching. When a teacher develops this characteristic they will be able to communicate God's Word effectively to their students. The students will be able to draw the necessary applications from the Word of God and through this ability they will be drawn closer to God. **Fourth**, the evangelistic teacher must know the biblical plan of salvation and be willing to share it. We should be sharing God's plan of salvation with our students on a regular basis. Most of our classes (no matter what the topic) should tie into the plan of salvation. It is alright to talk about peer pressure, drugs, etc., but before you end the class bring it all together by reminding your students of God's great plan of salvation. After all, someone took the time to share this great plan with you and it changed your life. Please take the time to share this message with someone else and watch it change their life eternally.

*\* If you will be all that God wants you to be, then you can do all God wants you to do. \**

### CAMP FRIENDSHIP

Remember Camp Friendship June 11-15 from 9:00 - 11:15 for students who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are in need of 3 lb. coffee cans or 1 gallon vegetable cans for VBS. Please bring them to Doug Yates at the church office as soon as possible.

### IN APPRECIATION

We appreciate the many acts of kindness and love shown to us during this difficult time. The delicious meals, the beautiful flowers, the singing and the words of comfort from Dr. Lockhart helped to ease our sorrow. The beautiful cards, calls, and prayers were appreciated.

The C.B. Hardin family

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Thanks for all of the many acts of kindness shown to me and our family during the loss of Jack Garner. We thank you for the delicious food brought to our home and the nice lunch which was served to our family the day of the funeral. All of the calls, visits and cards have helped all the family in this time of sadness. Jack truly loved the Lord, His church, and his church family. Please keep us in your prayers.

In Christian Love,

Peggy, Pat & Mike & Gail Garner Causey

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Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for the NIV study Bible you gave me for graduation. It meant a lot to me and will be very useful in the upcoming years. Thanks again for all you do.

Love,

Chris Ables

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Dear West Erwin Church,

Thank you for the study Bible. I'm sure I will enjoy going through it.

Cody Ables

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I would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and concern shown to my family and me at the death of my brother, David Grayson. The delicious food served to my family the day of the funeral, the beautiful plant sent from the church, the prayers, the many lovely cards, and the hugs and kind words have helped us through a difficult time and we are very grateful.

Jo Butler & family

The Grayson families

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We appreciate the beautiful plant and many expressions of sympathy.

In Christian Love,

Ira and Esther Wilson

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To my West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for your love and support during the recent loss of my sister. Your prayers and words of encouragement have been such a blessing. The flower arrangement was very beautiful and appreciated more than I can say. God's love and tender mercy was truly seen through our sorrow and grief by many kind words and deeds from my brothers and sisters at West Erwin. Thank you for being there for me and my family.

In Christian Love,

Rita Sitton & family of Jacquie Steel

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### RESPONSES

**Bill Smith** came Sunday to request the prayers of the church for his family and for his health as he prepares for a heart cath and probable surgery on June 15.

**Dan Gillam** came Sunday to thank everyone for their support while he has been away and to ask for prayers as he begins his life anew. His address now is 280 VZ CR 4821, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-4022 We are very happy to welcome Dan home!

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Lori Blaylock** upon the completion of her Master's Degree and her new position as Assistant Superintendent with Canton ISD!

Congratulations to **Chris Ketchum** on his recent graduation Magna Cum Laude from Tyler Junior College with an Associates Degree in Applied Sciences in Graphic Arts/Photography and Commercial Art.

Congratulations to **Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes** on the recent celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to **Cody Frick**, son of Mark and Melissa Frick, on receiving a perfect 10 on his floor routine at Texas East Gymnastics. Cody also received the Good Citizenship award from Chandler Elementary School on May 31. Way to go, Cody!

Congratulations to **Jerry Huff** on being selected to lead the National Anthem at the Roughnecks game Friday, June 8 at 7:05.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Murry Owaski Funeral Home in Sulphur Springs for Oscar Owens, Agnes Ables' brother and Gary Ables' uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### ADDRESSES CHANGES:

Mike, Nora & Kaitlin Gravois, P.O. Box 1584, Georgetown, TX 78627

**Correction:** Bob & Mary Dean Paul, 19549 Oak Meadow Circle, Tyler, 75703, ph. 839-7898

Kyle Stowers, 1219 West Third, 75701, ph. 597-6442

### SINGLES ACTIVITY

The singles will meet on Saturday, June 9, at Braum's on Troup Hwy and South Loop at 6:30 p.m. for dinner, then leave from there to play miniature golf. Call Eddie Rogers at 530-9434 for more information.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 10

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Mary Scarborough; Nursery p.m.: Gail Vannoy; Toddler nursery: Freida Starr; 2's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 3's & 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart.

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Records	Sunday May 27	Sunday May 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	373	405	389
Worship A.M.	598	575	565
Worship P.M.	345	296	371
Wed. P.M.	269	282	
Contribution	\$15,985.36	\$17,825.36	\$15,461.84
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 3, and Wednesday, June 6, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Gaynelle Gray is scheduled for surgery June 6 at ETMC. Mary Adams, Freeman Morgan, Art Rowland, and Robert Stokes are all recuperating at home after surgeries last week. Carolyn McCune is in Health South, room 108, after recent hip replacement surgery. Ann McCoy is at home after being hospitalized several days last week. Brett Hone will have surgery on his wrist next Thursday. Thelma Davis, Linda Hone's mother, had knee replacement surgery in Oklahoma City. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, is ill in Nevada. Janet Williams, Laurie Florence's mother, is having health problems. Erna Rachui, Charles Rachui's stepmother, is very ill in Austin. Louise Galaway, Warren Gray's sister, is very ill in Corsicana. Lillian Bettinger, Marie Threadgill's aunt, is terminally ill in Waco. Virginia Thedford, Sue Higginbotham's mother, is scheduled for a back procedure Friday. Jr. Neal, Kathy Hallman's dad, is in hospice. 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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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
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Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	
		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
			11:30 A.M.
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Stan Clark  
Prayer Jon Murry  
Scripture Don Peek  
Dismiss Hillard Hughes

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

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Doug Scroggins  
Scripture Casey Sitton  
Dismiss Paul Stanley

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Jim Carty John Cliver  
Brody Clark Adam Bryant  
Clay Clemons Will Christian  
Bob Clemmons Bill Hawkins

**GREETERS**

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Kate Sweeney  
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Carson Tate  
Charles & Freida Starr & Monica Starr

**Picking up cards:** Chris Scroggins, Jeffrey Scarborough, Denton Smith, Cody Frick, George Richardson.

**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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### ON BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT

Recently syndicated columnist Cal Thomas stated that "political correctness is about holding a view in spite of the facts." He went on to say that "political correctness demands that new 'facts' be created on order to serve the ideological and social ends of certain groups." These observations were made in light of the blockbuster announcement made by Dr. Robert L. Spitzer, a professor of psychiatry at Columbia University, before the American Psychiatry Association: "Contrary to conventional wisdom, some highly motivated individuals, using a variety of change efforts, can make substantial change in multiple indicators of sexual orientation." In other words, once homosexual does not necessarily mean always homosexual, which is opposite to the view formerly held by Dr. Spitzer when he was lauded by the gay rights advocates as an unassailable expert. Now efforts are being made by the same advocates to discredit and undermine Dr. Spitzer's studies which led to his change in positions. Their view seems to be, "make up the 'facts' that fit the views we already hold." Interesting, isn't it? People want new models in science and politics because the old models do not agree with the "politically correct" point of view. Should politicians and scientists make up their minds and then

seek "facts" which agree with their points of view or should they seek facts and conform their points of view to them? The same is true of religion. The standard for what we believe, teach, and practice must be the Scriptures. Any standard newer than Scripture must be rejected. The method generally used in the past to interpret Scripture honored the Bible as the final voice of authority in religion. Core issues have been decided on the basis of what Scripture taught. If in religion one seeks to do what is not authorized by Scripture, he must either change his view to harmonize with Scripture or seek to change Scripture to agree with his view. Some would say that political correctness means we not concern ourselves with these matters. Thus, in churches of Christ: enter the New Hermeneutic. I'm not defending here bad attitudes or poor exegesis or misguided zeal from the past, but I am holding to the authority of Scripture in what we do. Let's seek better ways to do what the Word of God authorizes. Let's do better what we are presently doing. Let's change our views to conform to Scripture. As the pioneers put it, "Let us speak where the Scripts speak and remain silent where the Scriptures are silent." Then we won't have to be concerned about being politically correct. - Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, June 3, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "What Are You Doing Here?"**  
(I Kings 19:1-10)

**P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (5): Failure"**  
(I Kings 19:11-16)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Jean Duvall for teaching the girls class over the past weeks. Great job, Jean! Thanks to Pam Lott for assisting.

Thanks to all who helped with the activity this past Sunday night at Putt Putt.

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the Combined Devotional this Sunday night after church. We will be welcoming the new 6th graders to the Youth Group. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those going to Middle School Madness need to meet Sunday night after church for a very short meeting. We will meet in the Heritage Room. Please plan to attend.

## NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will have a working session this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip. This will be a time when the Maxwells will be meeting with us to discuss the crafts and other topics of the mission trip.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those signed up to go on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday at 5:30 to discuss details.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>June 3</b>	<b>Youth Group Promotion</b>
<b>June 3</b>	<b>Combined Devotional</b>
<b>June 5-8</b>	<b>Middle School Madness</b>
<b>June 10</b>	<b>High School Devotional</b>
<b>June 17-23</b>	<b>BackCountry Trek</b>
<b>July 5-14</b>	<b>Nebraska Mission Trip</b>
<b>July 27-31</b>	<b>Mexico Mission Trip</b>

## "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

As often as possible I try to remind the teachers at West Erwin not to forget the purpose of our Bible school classes. The reason that we come together for our classes is to study God's Word. Our students know that when they enter the classroom it is time for an in-depth study. In like manner, they understand play time is over. I am very thankful that our teachers have created a serious (but relaxed) atmosphere in their rooms as we look into the pages of the Bible.

Over the past 6 months, I have been impressed to hear this congregation express an attitude of wanting to study God's Word. It is evident to me that you all want to come to know exactly what God has to say concerning various issues. Many people (i.e. our elders) are to be thanked for placing a lot of emphasis on the educational program of the church. Such an emphasis will not only benefit us, but it also benefits the younger generation who will take on the leadership role of the church for years to come.

Recently, I read a comic strip concerning a church worker and his attempt to get a lady to attend the Bible School program. Her comment to the frustrated church worker was: "Now let me get this straight, you're asking me to bring my kids to Sunday School and you don't have a game room, gymnasium, or aerobics class at your facility?" Unfortunately, many churches face such an attitude concerning both prospective students as well as current students to the Bible School program. It is true that some demand entertainment first and a Bible study second. Christ dealt with a similar issue in his day when the sellers and the buyers decided to turn the temple into a flea market. In order to get their attention and to make a point with those who perverted the temple Christ decided to turn over a few tables. The church today may or may not be at such a point, but we certainly are blessed at West Erwin to have such dedicated teachers who are willing to focus on God's Word. As students, let's make sure that we attend these classes and let's invite others to attend with us. We are looking forward to seeing you on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings.

### FAITH COMES BY HEARING

15. Paul caused a riot in the Sanhedrin because of the charge he said was made against him. What does he say the charge was? (Acts 23:6)

16. What does Paul say is the only debt that should remain outstanding? (Romans 13:8)

17. What corrupts good character, according to Paul in I Corinthians? (I Corinthians 15:33)

18. According to 2 Corinthians, what does Godly sorrow lead to? (2 Corinthians 7:10).

19. What was Paul's prayer for the the Philippians? (Philippians 1:9)

20. What did Paul tell the Philippians to think about constantly? (Philippians 4:8)

21. Why did Paul tell Timothy not to let anyone look down on him? (I Timothy 4:12)

22. According to Paul's second letter to Timothy, how should we present ourselves? (2 Timothy 2:15)

23. Why is it impossible to please God without faith? (Hebrews 11:6)

24. According to Peter, why should we rejoice in suffering? (I Peter 4:13)

25. According to I John, what was the message we heard from the beginning? (I John 3:11)

26. What did the voice from heaven tell John to seal up and not write down? (Revelation 10:4)

27. What is the rider of the white horse called? (Revelation 19:11)

### IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Mary and I, along with my sister's family, Leona Stuart, are grateful to you for all your expressions of concern and kindness. Your prayers helped during the ordeal of her passing. Your cards and flowers made a difference. Leona would have loved them. Thank you so much.

Love,

Forest & Mary McFadden

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West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for your calls, cards, flowers, food and visits. And, especially thank you for your support of Billie during my surgeries; and for your prayers. I am reminded of the Indian proverb that states: "When the rapids are sweeping your canoe to the waterfall, call on God for help and paddle as fast as you can." You helped us paddle. You are very, very special people.

Love,

Freeman Morgan

### SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to several in our family who have lost loved ones this past week. Services were held at Memorial Funeral home Friday for **Jacquie Steel**, Rita Sitton and Nita Kennedy's sister and aunt of Carolyn Blackstone. **David Grayson**, Jo Butler's brother, passed away Friday in Dallas. Services were held Tuesday Morning at Memorial Cemetery in Tyler. Services for **Malcom Wilson**, father of Ira Wilson, were held in Bossier City, Louisiana on Tuesday. Services for **Allan Christianson**, Gaynelle Gray's brother-in-law, were held in Port Orchard, Washington on Tuesday.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall semester. School hours are 8:15 - 2:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children from infant through pre-k. Contact Terry Shaw or the church office for more information

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Change For Children for Christian Services of East Texas cans need to be turned in by the first Sunday in June.

### FAITH COMES BY HEARING

Don't forget the *Faith Comes By Hearing* Bible reading program we began on Sunday, May 6th and will conclude by reading through the New Testament on Friday, June 15th.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is accepting applications for the following positions starting this August: 1st grade teacher (full time); Middle School English (part Time), High School English (part Time), Band Instructor (full or part time) High School Math (part Time). Call 561-8642 for an application.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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### RESPONSES

Tammy Asbill responded Sunday morning asking for the prayers of the church as they continue to face difficult times. Please pray for Tammy and the Asbill family.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome Bob & Mary Dean Paul to the West Erwin family. They live at 19549 Oak Meadow Circle, Whitehouse, 75791, Phone: 839-7898.

### GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 4-8. West Erwin has been asked to collect Velveeta cheese. They are grateful for any other donations you would like make.

### VIDEO BIBLE OUTREACH

We recently received a letter from Del & Clara Masters from Caldwell, Idaho after they received video tapes of The Search, that says in part ... "We join with the Montana brother who said 'just when I think Jay has done his best he outdoes himself again!' What a series to prepare us for the wonder of a 'transformed life.' I am confident that VBO users will not only use the lessons for their personal growth but will share with others. Our library users are few in number but we are all so grateful for God sending you our way in the Northwest. I'm reminded of a remark that was made about VBO by a good brother in Christ. This remark could be more accurately made about Jay. '...concerned that the few are not overlooked wherever they are ... for following in the footsteps of the Man of Galilee who regularly spoke only to a dozen disciples ....' We in the Northwest see you (Jay) as a shadow of this Man."

### FOUR STATES SINGING SCHOOL - June 10-15

For Girls, Boys, Men and Women, directed by Tom Chapin and staff and stressing song leading & music theory at Camp Bee, in Marshall, Texas. Address all mail to Four States Singing School, P.O. Box 104, Mineola, TX 75773.

### HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

You're invited the the 36th annual singing school conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 8-13, 2001. Cost \$162 includes tuition, room and board, and class materials. For more information, please call (940) 864-3101.

### TEXAS NORMAL SINGING SCHOOL

The 55th Annual Singing School at ACU, Abilene, Texas, July 15-20 - includes Song Leading School, Public Worship Development Workshop, Song Writing School, and Christian Singer's Workshop. For more information, contact Joe Furr, 800 Baker Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75092 or e-mail joefurr@aol.com.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 27

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Records	Sunday May 13	Sunday May 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	362	361	326
Worship A.M.	622	551	590
Worship P.M.	343	386	351
Wed. P.M.	267	267	
Contribution	\$17,011.00	\$19,466.26	\$18,332.00
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 20, and Wednesday, May 23, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Jack Garner is in Mother Frances, room 319. Carolyn McCune had hip replacement surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Wanda Frick had an outpatient procedure on her back Monday. Cyndie Wagner had surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome Tuesday. Freeman Morgan is scheduled for surgery May 23. Ponder Wright, Sr. is scheduled for tests. Continue to remember Guy Potts, Clyde and Merle Lane, Bill Smith, Alla Minnis, Pat Stokes, Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, and Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson. Doyle Manley, Nora Gravois' dad, is improved in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. Jacquie Steel, Rita Sitton's sister, is now in hospice. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, is ill in Nevada. Janet Williams, Laurie Florence's mother, is having health problems. Erna Rachui, Charles Rachui's stepmother, is very ill in Austin. Louise Galaway, Warren Gray's sister, is very ill in Corsicana. Elmer Miles mother is in Mother Frances. Marci Wright, Cyndie Wagner's mother, had surgery Tuesday. Ira Wilson's dad is critically ill.

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Prayer Kevin Dorsey  
Scripture Wayne Golden  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
David Blaylock

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Chuck Gillam  
Scripture Alan Fisher  
Dismiss Scott Hobson

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Bill Bratcher Gary Cain  
Gary Broome Caleb Bynum  
David Cannefax Jay Bynum  
David Blaylock Dean Brookshire

**GREETERS**

Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Sara Scarborough  
Eddie & Mary Rogers & Casey Sitton  
Doug & Cathy Scroggins & Shannon Snell  
**Picking up cards:** Cameron Ables, Aaron Clemons,  
Derek Clemons, Drew Harris, Michael Ragsdale.

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### IN APPRECIATION

There are those who open their hearts to others, who never think twice about giving of themselves. They are the wonderful, warmhearted people who make all the difference in our lives. Thank you to all our brothers and sisters in Christ for all the prayers and support and for sharing our loss. May God bless you all.

Charles Garrett & family  
The Smith family

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, calls and food during my latest illness. It is so good to have such a God-like family. You are appreciated.

Love,  
Guy and Nettie Potts

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We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concern for Gerald's sister, Novalene Stark. Those prayers were answered and she is doing better now.

Gerald & Martha Boykin

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet May 23 in the Family Life Center for brunch and class. They will then dismiss for the summer.

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### Sermons for Sunday, May 20, 2001 By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Grace Of God"  
(Titus 2:11-15)  
P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (3): Betrayed"  
(Genesis 50:15-21)

### Reaching My Potential In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

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# Congratulation Graduates 2001

**Chris Ables**, son of Gary and Julie Ables, was on the Robert E. Lee Junior Varsity Tennis Team, was cheerleader guard his senior year and served as Little League Umpire for 5 years. In the West Erwin Youth Group he participated in LTC, Nebraska Mission trip, and the Thursday Youth projects. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College this fall with plans to pursue a degree in Business. Arnold and Agnes Ables are grandparents.



**Chris Ables**

**Cody Ables** played freshman and JV Baseball and Basketball and Varsity Baseball and Track and was selected to the All District Baseball 1st Team and All State Honorable Mention. In his senior year he was cheerleader guard, Track State Finalist, Baseball State Finalist, and All District 1st Team in Baseball. He was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. In church activities he participated in in LTC, Nebraska Mission trip, and Thursday youth project. He plans to attend U.T. Arlington this fall and is considering a major in Business Management and/or Education. Cody is the son of Gary and Julie and the grandson of Arnold and Agnes Ables.



**Cody Ables**

**Allison Broome** was a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Art Club (was in advanced art and helped paint the wall on Loop 323 in freshman and senior years); was on R.E. Lee Tennis Team 4 years, 2 on the Varsity Team. She has traveled many miles on various mission trips, camps, and LTC for the past 9 years; went on BackCountry Treks the last 3 years and plans to go again this year; helps every year in VBS, Camp Friendship, and Bible classes. Allison is the daughter of Gary and Frances Broome and granddaughter of Dub and Opal Mathews. She plans to attend TJC in the fall, then Texas Tech the next year.



**Allison Broome**

**Caleb Bynum** played Varsity Football for Whitehouse High School and was chosen as All-District and All East Texas linebacker and running back 2 years. He won District 1st place in pole vaulting and was Regional Qualifier 4 years in power lifting. He served on the Crimestoppers Board 4 years and was in the top 93 out of 8400 applicants nationwide on the First team of All American Christian Athletes. He participated in numerous Mission trips to New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and Nebraska; helped with Habitat for Humanity house, and helped with various youth group service projects. He will attend Austin College in Sherman, playing football and majoring in Engineering.



**Caleb Bynum**



**Elizabeth Davis**

**Elizabeth Davis**, daughter of Debbe Davis, was a finalist for Homecoming Queen and Miss Robert E. Lee, was class beauty in 10th, 11th, and 12th grades and was chosen Class Favorite 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. She served as Senate Vice-president and was class vice-president in 9th, 11th, & 12th grades, while also serving as Captain of the Southern Belle Drill Team. Elizabeth was a part of the LTC and attended church camp at ACU. She plans to attend TJC for a year, then perhaps transfer to TCU or SMU.

Not  
Pictured

**Erin Aven  
Courtney Russell**



**Melanie Goodson**



**Jennifer Knight**



**Brandy Starnes**



**Russell Fedell**



**Brett Hone**



**Blake Stansbury**

**Russell Fedell** is graduating with honors from Whitehouse High School where he was in the National Honor Society and Varsity Basketball for 2 years, serving as co-captain on All-District team his senior year. He participated in the Nebraska Mission trip 2 years and LTC 3 years. Russell is the son of Rick and Karen Fedell and plans to attend college in Louisiana where he will continue to play basketball.

**Melanie Goodson** is the daughter of Cooper and Mary June Goodson and the granddaughter of Mary Evelyn Grier. Melanie was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 3 years, was in National Honor Society 2 years and served as an officer 1 year. She played Varsity Soccer 4 years. She went on the Youth Group BackCountry Trek 2 years and participated in the Mexico Mission trip 2 years. She plans to attend Harding University and major in Premed or Kinesiology.

**Brett Hone** is graduating from Robert E. Lee High School in the top 10% of his class. He was Varsity Football Captain in his senior year and was a 2 year Varsity Football Letterman. Through the youth group he worked on the Habitat for Humanity house, participated in Nebraska Mission trips and Mexico Mission trip. He plans to attend U.T. Austin and major in International Business. He is the son of Jeff and Linda Hone.

**Jennifer Knight** is the daughter of Grant and Leanne Knight and granddaughter of Roger and Jan Knight. While at Robert E. Lee she was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, played freshman soccer, was in Student Senate in her freshman, junior and senior years, served as sophomore and senior varsity cheerleader. She participated in Z Club, Junior Symphony League and was recipient of the Gertrude Windsor Service Award. She will attend Abilene Christian University in the fall.

**Brandy Starnes** is a John Tyler High School graduate. Due to finishing most of her high school studies last year, she only had to take 2 courses her senior year - art and computer science. As a part of the West Erwin Youth Group she participated in LTC and taught VBS and Camp Friendship several years. She plans to attend Beauty School. She is the great granddaughter of Sue Starnes.

**Blake Stansbury** is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and is the son of Dennis and Karen Stansbury. He was in the Football program and Fellowship of Christian Athletes his senior year and served as a Lee Gentleman his junior year. Blake participated in the *Battle of the Bands* this spring, takes drum lessons, plays the guitar and sings. He also enjoys weight lifting. He is currently working part time at Southside Bank and in lawn maintenance. He will attend TJC in the fall, then will go to Texas A&M University. Dorothy Babb is his grandmother.



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Records	Sunday May 6	Sunday April 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	361	423	326
Worship A.M.	551	609	590
Worship P.M.	386	333	351
Wed. P.M.	267	264	
Contribution	\$19,466.26	\$20,886.88	\$18,332.00
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 13, and Wednesday, May 16, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Carolyn McCune is scheduled for hip replacement surgery May 16 at Mother Frances. Continue to remember Guy Potts, Clyde and Merle Lane, Bill Smith, Alla Minnis, Pat Stokes, Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, and Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson. Doyle Manley, Nora Gravois' dad, is in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview with pancreatitis. Addie Wood, from Athens (mother of Barbara Fay) is in ETMC room 2502. Olyn Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and his wife are having health problems in Houston. Pat Davis, Sandie Martin's cousin, had heart surgery in Ft. Worth last week. Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, is now in a nursing center in Longview. Jacquie Steel, Rita Sitton's sister, is back in the hospital due to cancer. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, had tests in Nevada last week. Janet Williams, Laurie Florence's mother, is having health problems. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursinghomes.

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<b>MINISTERS</b>				<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>			
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Mike Gravois - Involvement		Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.		Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.	
<b>MISSIONS</b>				Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.			
Rafael Falcon		Jeff Holland		Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.		Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
<b>ELDERS</b>				<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>			
Hillard Hughes		Phil Marts		Joe McBee		Dannie Skipper	
James Sublette		Ray Vannoy		Leon Welborn		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
						11:30 A.M.	
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Prayer Don Crowder  
Scripture Todd Kempton  
Dismiss James Sublette

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Ernie Gordon

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer David Hammond  
Scripture Todd Hancock  
Dismiss Mike Harris

#### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Bill Bratcher Gary Cain  
Gary Broome Caleb Bynum  
David Cannefax Jay Bynum  
David Blaylock Dean Brookshire

#### GREETERS

Freeman & Billie Morgan & Derek Russell  
Fred & Sara Powell & Krista Russell  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Courtney Russell  
**Picking up cards:** Cameron Ables, Aaron Clemons,  
Derek Clemons, Drew Harris, Michael Ragsdale.

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### THE NEW HERESY


The dictionary says that "heresy" is "an opinion, doctrine, or practice contrary to the truth." "Heresy" is from the Greek word (found in the New Testament) which means "a choosing, ... especially a self-willed opinion, which is substituted for submission to the power of truth, ..." (W.E. Vine, Dictionary of New Testament Words). It's not a very pretty sounding word and is not a word people would generally want to use or even talk about, but here goes anyway. There is a lot of stuff floating around in the church today that is heresy (see definition above). This kind of heresy has been around in religious circles for a long time, and so it is old. But, some in the church seem to think they just recently thought it up, so we'll call it the new heresy. Here are some examples.

1. "Worship is primarily for us." Worship in the Old Testament means "to bow down" and in the New Testament it means "to kiss the hand or ground toward." Our English world comes from the Anglo-Saxon "worth-ship." Worship is primarily about God rather than about us. The living creatures, the 24 elders, and the thousands of angels in Revelation 4 and 5 did not focus on themselves but the Throne and the Lamb. The heresy that worship is primarily for us must be an outgrowth of the "touchy," "feely," "feel good," self-centered spirit of our age -- it certainly didn't come from the New Testament.
2. "Everyone who believes in Jesus is my brother." In the final analysis, God decides who my brothers are -- I simply

acknowledge what God decides. God says we are born into His family of "water and the Spirit" (John 3:5). That birth includes, but is more than, belief. The demons believe (James 2:19), but they are not my brothers. The new birth includes belief and obedience. A birth involves a conception and a delivery -- I believe those things take place when we believe and are baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). When the Word of God, the seed of the kingdom (Luke 8:11) is planted in the human heart and believed, a conception occurs. When we are brought forth from the water of baptism to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4), a delivery takes place. "Who is my brother?" must be answered by Scripture rather than feeling, with the understanding that God ultimately will decide every issue.

3. "The Bible doesn't say no to." This heresy is an effort to justify a practice not authorized by Scripture. This reasoning is never used in any setting except religion. We know in every area of life that silence does not mean we have permission to do anything we want. The better question to ask is, "Does the Scripture authorize the practice?" These and other "new" heresies are really not new -- they have been around for a long time but some apparently think they invented them. Someone said, "He who does not learn from history is sure to repeat the mistakes of history."

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, May 13, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "I Remember Mama"**  
(2 Timothy 1:3-7)

**P.M. "When Life Disappoints You (2): Stress"**  
(Exodus 3:1-6)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of the guys who helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last Thursday morning. Most of these guys met at 3:00A.M. to begin cooking for over 1000 people. Thanks to these dedicated men: Chris Waggener, Phil Marts, Bobby Snyder, Jay Lockhart, Barry Scarborough, David Wicks, Jim Russell, Hillard Hughes, Brody Clark, Chuck Gillam, Brett Hone, Jeff Hone, Scott Hobson, Mike Gravois and Doug Yates.

### JR.-SR. DAY

All of our juniors and seniors are invited to go with us to the Ranger game and dinner on Friday, May 18. You are invited to bring a date. Please let me know ASAP, because there are a limited number of tickets available.

Each year the West Erwin family sponsors this event for our juniors and seniors. If you can help by making a donation, please make your check to the West Erwin Youth Fund and give it to one of the staff or Elders by Sunday, May 20. Thank you!

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, take note of the dates for the summer trips listed below. Middle School Madness is for all of those currently in grades 5-8. The BackCountry Trek, Nebraska and Mexico Mission Trips are for those going into 9th grade and above. Please sign up ASAP!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Derek Russell who won 1st Place in the 2A **State** UIL Biology Competition. Wow! Way to go "Dr." Derek!

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will be on May 17. All high school students are invited to attend. We will be meeting at our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each Thursday.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 17	Thursday Night Bible Study
May 18	Jr-Sr Day - Rangers Game & Dinner
May 20	Baccalaureate @ University
June 5-8	Middle School Madness
June 17-23	BackCountry Trek
July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 27-31	Mexico Mission Trip

### "Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Each year several of our teachers take a trip to Abilene Christian University for their teachers' workshop. The date for this year's workshop is July 22nd-25th. However, in order for us to secure our rooms we will have to send the registration form in by the first of June. I have placed a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. If you are planning to go to the workshop, please sign up before May 28th.

To those who will be in the 8th-12th grades next year, please consider working with Camp Friendship this summer. Camp Friendship is an excellent way to be involved with the Lord's work here at West Erwin. The camp will start on June 11th and conclude on June 15th. Each session will begin at 9:00 and end by 11:30. If you are interested, please see me as soon as possible. Also, to all of our youth who will be participating as campers, please get your applications back to me before June 1st.

Let's all remember to sign up to help out with Vacation Bible School which will be on August 4th. So far, approximately 40 people have signed up to help. Let's double that figure in the next few days if at all possible.

As you can tell, it takes a lot of time and a lot of help in order to make our programs at West Erwin a success. Involvement is the key to the success of our programs. Please find the area that you can contribute to and then make a difference for the Lord. Recently, I read an article entitled, I Jumped On The Pile Twice. Here's how it went. "The clock was winding down and so the coach decided to clear his bench. He placed an extremely small boy into the game at right tackle. After a few plays had been run, the horn sounded and the game was over. The young boy hustled back over to the sideline, beaming with joy as he exclaimed, 'I didn't make any tackles, but I jumped on the pile twice!'" This story helps us to understand that we should be excited with the role we have to play here at West Erwin. We may not carry the ball or even make the tackles, but we can be involved in the game. Surely we realize that if we are involved, (giving God the glory) everyone wins.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### FAITH COMES BY HEARING

1. What was the reason the angel gave Joseph for naming the child Jesus? (Matthew 1:21)
2. Who appeared with Jesus when he was transfigured? (Matthew 17:3)
3. What happened at the moment that Jesus died? (Matthew 27:51-52).
4. Who attended Jesus during his 40 days in the desert? (Mark 1:13).
5. Why did the woman pour perfume on Jesus? (Mark 14:8)
6. Who did Jesus say his mother and brothers were? (Luke 8:21)
7. Did Jesus come to bring peace or division to the earth? (Luke 12:51)
8. When Jesus appeared to 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus, when did they recognize him? (Luke 24:30-31)
9. What right did Jesus give to all who received him and believed in his name? (John 1:12)

10. What did the master of the banquet find odd about the wine Jesus made from water? (John 2:10)

11. Why did Gamaliel (a Pharisee and teacher of the law) advise the Sanhedrin to leave the apostles alone? (Acts 5:38-39)

12. What book was the Ethiopian eunuch reading when Phillip met him on the road to Gaza? (Acts 8:30)

13. In what city were the disciples first called Christians? (Acts 11:26).

14. Why did Paul stay with Aquila and Priscilla in Corinth? (Acts 18:3).

#### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

- \* Only one more working sessions scheduled May 14.
- \* The Spring Celebration Dinner will be May 21 at 6 p.m.

#### CHEROKEE FOOD DRIVE

Please help us by providing the canned food items listed: Green Beans, Corn, Ranch Style Beans, Baked Beans, Sliced Carrots, Refried Beans, Peas, Rotel Tomatoes, Sliced Potatoes, Diced Tomatoes, Spaghetti Sauce, and Tomato Sauce. We will box up the items and deliver them on Saturday, May 26th.

### IN APPRECIATION

The flowers you sent for Mother were beautiful. We are always amazed at the kindness of the west Erwin family. The wonderful meals provided for us, the calls, the cards, visits, and prayers were greatly appreciated. Love,

Jeanine & Hillard Hughes  
Kim Lemons, Laurie Dawkins  
Shannon & Trey Hughes

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Dear West Erwin Members,

The beautiful bouquet of spring flowers, your cards, and calls meant so much to us at this very sad time. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for remembering our family in such a special way.

Earl & Melinda O'Quinn  
Jason O'Quinn, Traci Brown  
& Amy Mullins

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Thank you for thinking of us. We appreciate the flowers and compassion shown by so many of Aunt Jean's friends.

Murrell Sloan  
Patricia Williams

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Thank you for the cards, concern and caring at the death of my sister, Eula Belle Sloan.

Thelma Henley

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It is time like this that we feel so blessed and thankful to be a part of God's family here. Not only now but many times in the past you have shown us your love and concern.

With love and grateful appreciation,  
Dan & Wini Cullinan

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Dear members of the West Erwin Church,

Thank you for your generous support shown in the special contribution last Sunday. It was an answer to many prayers. The mission team has been concerned about the means by which this project could be accomplished financially. Early in our meetings we turned this woory over to God in prayer. The Lord must surely be pleased with the "cheerful givers" here at West Erwin. This task is one which we take seriously and with a sincere desire to further the kingdom of Christ.

In Him and for Him,  
The Russia Mission Team

### WITH SYMPATHY

C.B. Hardin, much loved former elder and long time faithful worker for the Lord at West Erwin, died in his sleep sometime Monday morning. Services were held at our building Wednesday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Dot, his children, grandchildren, sister and brother and all the family and friends.

NEW PHONE NUMBER: Rose Teel, ph. 534-183

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ  
*Evangelizing \* Edifying \* Encouraging*  
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### BAPTISM

**Jordan Rousseau** was baptized into Christ on Sunday by his dad, Trey Rousseau. We rejoice with Jordan, his family and our Lord in heaven over this most important decision. Jordan is the son of Trey and Joy Rousseau, 17966 West Lakeview Dr., Troup, 75789.

### RESPONSES

We are happy to welcome **Jason & Stacey Randall** back home to West Erwin! Jason graduated from U.T. Tyler last week with a B.S. in Engineering. He is employed at Tyler Pipe. They have been living and worshipping in Arp but have recently moved back to Tyler and wish to be recognized as a part of this family again. Their address is 2938 Shenandoah Dr., 75701, ph. 566-0885.

**Kyle Stowers** came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that his faith might remain strong as he goes through yet another transition in his life, and for his dad that he might get his life together.

**Debbie Baldwin** came Sunday to ask for prayers that she might live the Christian life that she wants to live.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower Brunch honoring Heather Ketchum Saturday, May 19, 10:30 - 12:00

at the home of Carolyn Stitt  
7106 Walden Drive (Winsford in Hollytree)

Selections: Dillard's & Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cheryl Murphy, daughter of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, on her graduation last Saturday from U.T. Tyler with a B.S. in Nursing. She is employed at ETMC.

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Congratulations to Claude and Odell Sessions who recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary! We rejoice with them in reaching this happy milestone in their lives.

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Congratulations to the Peach Tree/Oak Hurst Club team who captured low net honors at the 18th annual East Texas Crisis Center Benefit Golf tournament at Briarwood Golf Club. Our own Betty Bray is a part of this group!

### PLAY DAY

Play Day for Moms and Preschool Children will meet at Brookshires Park from 10 am - noon on Friday, May 18.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 13

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Arlene Lockhart; Toddler nursery: Kim Lemons; 2's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 3's & 4's: Kimberly Clark & Laura McClenny.

The Search



Each Sunday  
KETK - Channel 56 - 8:00 A.M.  
KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
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Scripture Jeff Parrish  
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Prayer Eddie Rogers  
Scripture Bill Smith  
Dismiss Glynn Starnes

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Roy Bench Thomas Blakemore  
Jim Bell Stevie Blakemore  
Dan Baldwin Dale Blackstone  
Margarito Barajas Luke Blackwell

**GREETERS**

Bob & May Helen May & Bryce Murry  
Forest & Mary McFadden & Kara Murry  
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Jordan Rousseau

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### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION THIS SUNDAY

Please remember that this Sunday we will be taking a special contribution for the upcoming Russian Campaign which is scheduled for July 1 through 19. On July 1 about 12 of our members will leave for St. Petersburg, Russia to work for 10 days in a Leadership Training Camp for young people, ages 8-15. The curriculum is designed to strengthen the students in their faith and to build their character. The young people who will be attending the camp (about 45 in all) are recommend to become campers by five congregations in St. Petersburg. We are asked to cover the cost of our workers' travel, the cost for each camper to attend (\$10 a day per camper), and supplies. The total amount needed is \$36,000, of which the group going from West Erwin has already raised \$14,000. This Sunday, we need to give \$22,000 to fully cover the costs. Here's how you can participate: since we need to give about twice the amount of our weekly budget, consider doubling your contribution this week; since we will take only one contribution, please make two checks and earmark one for Russia; and since everyone cannot double their giving, just do what you can.

### READING THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

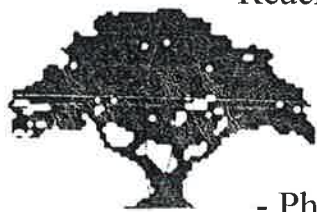
From May 6 through June 15, many of us will be reading through the New Testament. Over 200 of us have already committed ourselves to this 40 days of reading. We will read or listen to tapes of the text for about 28 minutes a day and will cover the entire New Testament in just over a month. Reading schedules may be picked up at the Visitor's Center in the foyer. Join us!

### TEAMWORK

I came across this definition recently and wanted to pass it along to you:

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishment toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, May 6, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Seeing The Majesty"  
(Psalm 145:1-13)

P.M. "When Life Disappoints you (1): Forgotten"  
(1 Samuel 16:9-13)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny JR.-SR. DAY

All of juniors and seniors are invited to go with us to the Ranger game and dinner on Friday, May 18. You are invited to bring a date. Please let me know ASAP, because there are a limited number of tickets available.

Each year the West Erwin family sponsors this event for our juniors and seniors. If you can help by making a donation, please make your check to the West Erwin Youth Fund and give it to one of the staff or Elders by Sunday, May 20. Thank you!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Cody Ables who placed 2nd in District in the 440 Relay and is going to the State Tournament on May 12. His baseball team also went undefeated in District play and is going to the playoffs.

Congratulations to Lindsey Lott who was named by the United States Achievement Academy as a National Award Winner in Honor Roll.

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks for receiving the Eagle Pride Scholarship at Owens Elementary. She was nominated by students and faculty for exhibiting outstanding citizenship and good character and will receive a U.S. Savings Bond.

Congratulations to Payton Fedell, Brittany Asbill and Shannon Snell whose Higgins Int. Band received a 1st Division rating last week at the Song Fest Contest at Sandy Lake Park in Carrollton.

Way to go gang!!!

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study will be on May 3. All high school students are invited to attend. We will be meeting at our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each Thursday.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 10	Thursday Night Bible Study
May 18	Jr-Sr Day - Rangers Game & Dinner
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### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Apples of Gold dinner we had last Saturday night for our teachers as much as I did. It really was a delightful evening. We had several people involved in the evening that I would like to thank at this time. **Wayne and Stacy Golden** did an outstanding job organizing the food for the evening. The meal from *Steak Out* was very good and I deeply appreciate the way in which *Steak Out* worked with us in putting all of this together.

Many of you had a lot of great compliments regarding our theme: Hats Off To Our Teachers, and the way in which we decorated the Family Life Center. Those responsible for the decorations were: (1) **Jane Jones**, (2) **Ann Hardin**, (3) **Billie Morgan**, (4) **Donna Maples**, (5) **Sue Higginbotham**, and (6) **Jan Cook**. You all did a fantastic job.

I also appreciated **Jim Bell** and the easy listening music which he played during the meal. Thanks for sharing your talent with all of us during the dinner.

Our teachers are extremely important to the work which we do here at West Erwin. We really depend on their time, talent, and energy to help us fulfill the Great Commission. With that in mind, let me introduce a program that we will be starting this summer called A.P.E.X. The letters stand for **Adult Preparation for Educational eXcellence**. This program has been designed to last no more than 4 to 5 weeks. The purpose for the program is to allow our teachers to receive some basic training regarding various methods, goals, and objectives that we wish to implement here at West Erwin within our educational program. These classes will be conducted on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes a session. I am encouraging all of our present teachers, aides, and potential teachers to attend these classes. One of my goals, as the educational minister, is to provide for our teachers in such a way that they have an opportunity to: (1) reach, (2) teach, (3) win, and (4) mature students in the way of the Lord. So, please make every effort possible to attend these meetings and let us continue to grow as God would have us to grow.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### "Lord, Help Me To Build A Healthy Child"

*For it is easier to build a child than to repair an adult. Help me to praise more than criticize, encourage more than nag, discipline, not punish, and model good behavior rather than simply demand it.*

*Help me to break the habit of automatically saying "no," when I could very easily say "yes," and to remember a hug given before it's asked for is ten times more valuable!*

*Help me to ask myself "Will this matter in 20 years?" Then enable me to let go of those things that won't, so I can have the energy for those that will.*

*Help me to earn their respect as I lead a life consistent with the principles I value. Lord, give me the courage to teach them right from wrong and help them discover their own special destinies.*

*Help me to freely join their silliness, share in their laughter; delight in their joys and keep their confidences. Remind me*

*daily to draw upon your strength to heal their wounds and comfort their sorrows.*

*Most of all, Lord, help me really listen for the hidden thoughts and needs that often lie behind their requests and give me the key to their heart that it may be opened wide to all life's wonders and possibilities.* - Audrey Jeanne Roberts

*Please join us as we endeavor to build the church of tomorrow. Invest in the life of a child today.*

### FAITH COMES BY HEARING

Our program to read through the New Testament in 40 days begins on Sunday, May 6th. If you find it hard to set aside time to read but spend a great deal of time in your car, you may be interested in ordering a set of cassettes with the New Testament on them. Then you can listen to Scripture as you travel. This is a great way to involve the whole family in this project! If you need a copy of the reading schedule or would like more information about ordering tapes, please get in touch with Mike at the church office. Join us as we commit our families to a time of Scripture reading between Mother's Day and Father's Day.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family and friends,

We cannot begin to tell you how overwhelmed we were to receive such a generous gift from all of you. You have truly touched our hearts and because of your gift, I have been able to take the necessary leave of absence from my work at ETCA to care for Christopher during his chemo treatments in Dallas, and also continue to care for Allen when I am home. We feel Christopher has four of the best doctors in this area and with an 80% success rate for Ewing's Sarcoma, our prayer is that he will be cured and be able to return to ACU by January 2002. He is receiving some very intense and aggressive chemotherapy, and doesn't always feel good; however, he does have a positive attitude about recovering from Ewing's.

We very much appreciate the many acts of kindness shown toward us during this difficult time - the Tuesday lunches, goodies from Monday Night for the Master, cards, calls, and especially your prayers. There are so many people praying for our family and we know God answers prayers. Our faith and trust in Him will sustain us through these storms and hopefully, soon we will be back on smoother ground. Thank you again for your support and encouragement and for the special gift. It will be put to good use for our family's needs. We love you all,

Sherry, Allen, Christopher  
and Whitney Bobbitt

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I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and encouragement. In answer to your prayers, my pregnancy is going well. The baby (it's a girl!) is due in early August I will be needing a caregiver for her while I am at work. Keep me in mind if you know of anyone who would be interested. Thanks again for your love and care.

Ranae Ritchie  
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Thanks for the calls, cards, and concern during my recent eye surgery. It is comforting to know that you have a kind, caring church family.

Love,  
Eloise Thompson

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To the church at West Erwin Church of Christ,

The spray of flowers was beautiful. It's a comfort to know others care enough to share in our sorrow. God bless you.

The family of Leona Stuart  
(Forest McFadden's sister)

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Thanks first of all to God for helping me through surgery and healing and thanks to everyone at West Erwin for the calls, cards, visits, and prayers. I am so proud to be a part of this wonderful family.

Opal Cooper

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I don't know how to say thank you for so many cards, contributions, funeral visits and hugs for me. I am surely blessed.

Jean Oliver

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Lauren Garrett**, her family and the angels in heaven as she made the most important decision of her life as she was baptized into Christ by her grandfather, David Miller. Lauren is the daughter of Jeff and Pam Fennell. Their address is 1814 South Fleishel, 75701, ph. 597-2967.

### RESPONSE

**Nancy Sweeney** came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family that she might be the kind of Christian wife and mother that God would have her be.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Russell Fedell** who recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball with Louisiana College in Pineville, LA. Russell was co-captain of the Whitehouse Wildcat squad and was named to the All District team. He is the son of Rick and Karen Fedell.

Congratulations to **Mary June Goodson** on her upcoming graduation on May 5 from U.T. Tyler with a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences with emphasis in business. And she has already begun work on her Masters degree!

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### BENEVOLENT CENTER

Would you like be involved personally in the work of helping people? Could you give about two hours of your time on Tuesday and/or Thursday mornings? We need people to help as we minister to the needy of our community by distributing clothing, sewing, quilting, etc. "Your example is powerful beyond measure."

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

\* Only two more working sessions scheduled May 7 and 14.  
\* The Spring Celebration Dinner will be May 21 at 6 p.m.

### NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH HOMECOMING

Sunday, May 6, 10:15 am & 2:30 pm, then Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Darrell Holt of Flint, Michigan will be guest speaker. May 4-5, the male chorus will be hosting its annual musical. Come and be revived with us!

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 6

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Arlene Lockhart; Nursery p.m.: Nerene Ingram; Toddler nursery: Jennifer Hale; 2's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3's & 4's: Rachel Huff & Terry Shaw.

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Records	Sunday April 22	Sunday April 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	307	332
Worship A.M.	562	644	666
Worship P.M.	300	327	240
Wed. P.M.	279	271	
Contribution	\$17,571.65	\$18,234.34	\$15,758.50
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 29, and Wednesday, May 2, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Gary Aven is scheduled for surgery Thursday at UTHC. Clyde and Merle Lane are having health problems. Clyde has lost sight in his "good" eye and needs to lower blood pressure before possibility of help is available. Merle has been sick also, is on her second round of antibiotics and is some better. Kate Sweeney, daughter of Mark and Nancy, was injured at a soccer game Tuesday night. Jack Garner was hospitalized but is now at home. Jean Dees suffered a fall in which she broke her hand. Gussie Beaty broke her wrist. Wini Cullinan is now at home. Opal Cooper is at home. Blake Warren suffered a broken jaw. Pat Stokes is in The Clairmont. Alla Minnis is in The Clairmont, room 104-A. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. Addie Wood, a member of the Eastern Hills church in Athens and mother of Barbara Fay (known by many at West Erwin), is in ETMC, room 2502. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer James Hardin  
Scripture Dick Higginbotham  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Ron Lott

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Faber Cauthen  
Scripture Derek Russell  
Dismiss John Steffee

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Roy Bench Thomas Blakemore  
Jim Bell Stevie Blakemore  
Dan Baldwin Dale Blackstone  
Margarito Barajas Luke Blackwell

**GREETERS**

Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Taylor Lemons  
Phil & Linda Marts & Josh Lowry  
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Jordan Lyons

**Picking up cards:** Austin Fisher, Chase Fisher, Steven Figueroa, Denton Smith, and Ethan Florence.

**NEW ARRIVAL!**  
Congratulations to Gerald and Martha Boykin on the birth of a grandson! Cade Olen Rogers was born Sunday, May 22, to Guy and Kathy Rogers. He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 21 inches long.

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

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- ◆ Christ-centered
- ◆ People-oriented
- ◆ Heart-filled
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### WHAT HAVE YOU BUILT LATELY?

It sure is easy to be critical of our country -- taxes, trade issues, global warming, violence, foreign affairs, welfare, and children in day care are all being debated on a daily basis. And, of course, there are issues that need to be debated. There are times when government leaders need to be criticized and when countries need to be called back to the right way. However, I am not thinking here of those folks who genuinely love our country and want her to follow the right course so much as I have in mind the thoughtless people who seek to tear down what they had nothing to do with building. Some of the founding fathers of this country lost their fortunes, their families, and even their lives while seeking to build "the land of the free and the home of the brave." Across the years thousands have given their lives on foreign soil in an effort to preserve the freedom of the greatest country in the world. I would ask of those who would criticize and destroy, what have you done to build?

The same is true of the church. It seems everyone has a dream of what the church should be. Some dream the church will be all that Jesus had in mind when he said, "I will build my church." Others have a dream for the church that has abandoned the New Testament model and which has promoted a personal agenda. There is no doubt that the church is made

up of imperfect people (those who look for a perfect church would not be allowed membership even if they found one because of their personal imperfections), and all need to improve and do a better job. However, the question I would ask of those who want the church to conform to their personal preferences rather than to biblical standards is, what have you done to build up the church lately? You are in a congregation you did not establish; you worship in buildings you did not build; you meet with people you did not convert; you benefit from the battles others have fought, prices others have paid, and work others have done. Yet while you have little experience in building, have made little sacrifice to build, you are sure you know how to build even though your methods are untested, unproven, untried, and sometimes unbiblical. It seems to me that we all would be better advised to move closer to the Word of God and further from our personal agendas, to seek to build up rather than to tear down, and to encourage rather than to criticize. Let us build upon the good from the past; let us use newer means and methods to do a better job; and let us honor God's Word in all that we do. It's a good question ... a lingering question -- what have you built lately?

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, April 29, 2001**  
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Dream Of Jesus"  
(Luke 24:44-53)

P.M. "Why Seek The Living Among The Dead?"  
(Luke 24:1-5)

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**Youth With Heart...** by Danny  
**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

A special "Thanks" to all who participated in the LTC Celebration this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout with many visitors. Thanks to our worship leaders: Michael Ragsdale, Kyle Stowers, Derek Russell, Caleb Bynum, Ken Culpepper and Barry Scarborough.

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**JR.-SR. DAY**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Apr. 29</b>	<b>Town Hall Meeting &amp; Meal</b>
<b>Apr. 30</b>	<b>West Erwin To Host Karing Kitchen</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b>
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**"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates**

I Peter 3:7

We have a new class that is being taught on Wednesday evenings in room 105. I am extremely excited about this class because it is sponsored by members of the church of Christ who are also involved in the Scouts (Cub, Brownie, Junior Scouts and Camp Fire Scouts). **Joe McBee** is teaching this class. It focuses on the topic of *Joyful Servants*. If you are involved in the scouting program, please make every effort to attend these classes.

We have a wonderful situation here at West Erwin regarding our Kindergarten class. We have 20 students on the roll sheet and that's a lot of students at that age level for our teachers to handle. I am in the process of looking at several options concerning this class and I need your input (teachers and parents). Let's meet in room 112 at 5:00 p.m. on May 6th to discuss this matter.

Our VBS meeting on April 8th went really well. We had several individuals to sign up to coordinate various events. We still need

a lot more of our members signing up for VBS 2001 if we are going to have a successful school this year. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer (at the Welcome Center) for your convenience. Please look this list over and sign up as soon as possible. Remember, VBS will be on Saturday, August 4th.

**Jim Bell** recently reported to me that the "*Growing Kids God's Way*" class is going great. This class has been meeting since the first of the year on Sunday evenings and it should conclude sometime in May. I'd like to thank all of our teachers who have participated in this class and all the parents who have attended this class. A great big "Thank you" goes out to all of them. Let's remember all of our parents at West Erwin as they raise their children in a godly way.

Everything is ready for our "Apples of Gold" teacher's appreciation dinner this Saturday evening. Monty Pettyjohn will be our speaker for the evening. We will start serving the food at 6:30 p.m.

**FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT** by Mike Gravois

**"When you thought I wasn't looking ..."**

"When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me and I learned that little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew there is a God I could always talk to and I learned to trust in God.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you cook a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved and safe.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it and I learned that we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt, But it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, 'thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'  
- by a child



**IN APPRECIATION**

Our family wants to thank you for the phone calls, cards, and love shown to

Lorene Venable  
Judy and Joyce

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How wonderful it is to sit among my West Erwin family in worship again. Your love for us during my surgery and recovery has been overwhelming. We have had food, gifts, cards, visits, phone calls, and most of all many prayers. We thank you all for your love.

Ruby & John Cliver

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Thank you for the cards, flowers and many prayers and visits. It was deeply appreciated.

In Christian Love,

The Family of Henry Golightly

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Brothers and Sisters,

Mom spoke quite often of the attitude of service at West Erwin. We have now seen for ourselves the evidence of what she spoke. We are so grateful for the wonderful meal you served prior to the funeral service. Thanks for Christ-like servants like Carolyn Philpot - for Jay Lockhart - and for so many who visited, telephoned, sent cards and flowers. Thank you for your part in helping Mom realize her victory in Jesus. Never forget that each word of encouragement, each call, each card, each hug, just leads someone closer to his reward. Mom was blessed to have such a caring church family. You have been a blessing to us too.

Randy & Rebecca Smith

Bo & Michelle Smith

Grady & Suzanne Hyde

Charlie Garrett

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Eula Belle Sloan, sister of Thelma Henley and Jean Oliver. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Louise Pugh, Jeanine Hughes' mother. Burial was in Abilene. Services were held Wednesday at the West Erwin building for Bill Denson. Graveside services were held this week in Lytle, TX for Ruby O'Quinn, Earl O'Quinn's mother. Services were held April 11 in Augsburg, Germany for Christel Rischer. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families and friends.

Rudy wrote "Never before in the history of the Augsburg church has there been such a large crowd as for this funeral. From all over Germany brethren came to attend, showing how well Christel was loved and respected .... Thank you so much for all the prayers which you have offered in behalf of Christel for so many years and thank you for all your love which you have shown to her during her illness. Eleven years of suffering have now come to an end. Christel was 62 years old. Even though I know that Christel is doing well now, I still will miss her very much. We have been married for 41 years."

With love, Rudolf

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBER**

We rejoice with **Nicole Mosher** who put on her Lord in baptism last Wednesday afternoon. She is a friend of Valerie Figueroa and has been studying and attending with her. She is a high school student at Whitehouse. Her address is 18711 CR 2294, Whitehouse, TX 75791, ph. 839-0585.

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**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

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*"Never miss an opportunity to make someone happy."*

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**

On Sunday evening, April 29, after the worship service there will be an all-church sandwich supper and Town Hall Meeting in the Family Life Center. We need your help in setting up for this immediately after the morning worship assembly. If several people will help, it won't take much of your time.

**WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL**

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall semester. School hours are 8:15 - 2:15 on Tuesdays and Thursdays for children from infant through pre-k. Contact Terry Shaw or the church office for more information

**5th SUNDAY SINGING**

Broad Street Church of Christ  
Mineola, Texas  
April 29 at 1:30 p.m.

**SING INTO SPRING**


The Franklin Church of Christ, 517 Bremond, Franklin, TX  
Cordially invites you to the 20th Annual Gospel Singing  
April 27, 7:00 p.m. - ?

Special groups attending: *The Lamplighters* from Franklin, TX; *Revival* from Arkansas City, KS; *The Sounds of Glory* from Madisonville, TX, along with plenty of congregational singing, of course. Refreshments will be provided. Ph. (979) 828-4205.

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Worship A.M.	644	569	619
Worship P.M.	327	389	379
Wed. P.M.	271	250	
Contribution	\$18,234.34	\$18,441.53	\$17,184.75
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Jean Dees** suffered a fall in which she broke her hand. **Gussie Beaty** fell last week and broke her wrist. **Eloise Thompson** had cataract surgery Monday. **Kristi Harris** is at home after being admitted to Mother Frances Monday for tests due to a viral infection. **Wini Cullinan** is in Health South Rehab. **Opal Cooper** is in Health South Rehab. (She expected to go home Thursday). **Blake Warren** suffered a broken jaw. **Pat Stokes** is now in The Clairmont. **Alla Minnis** is in The Clairmont, room 104-A. **Joe Tolbert**, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. **Carl & Tressie Carty**, Jim Carty's parents, are having health problems. **Louise Pugh**, Jeanine Hughes' mother, had surgery on a broken hip Monday in Palestine. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	
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			11:30 A.M.

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Mike McClenny

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Louis & Jane Jones & Brandon Lott  
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Lindsey Lott  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Tyler Lott

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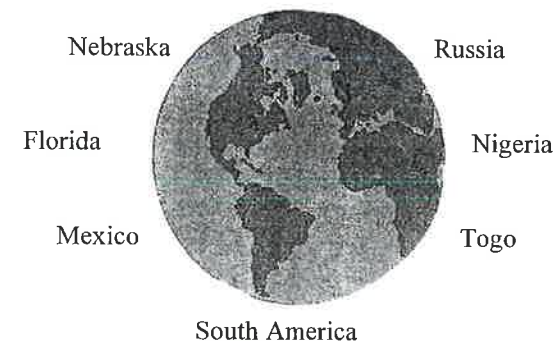


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### REACHING OUT TO FOUR CONTINENTS

#### THE MISSIONS OF WEST ERWIN



- ◆ **West Point, Nebraska** - Full time support of Ray Maxwell. Our youth participate in a Vacation Bible School there each summer.
- ◆ **Florida** - Our latest missionary outreach. Through the Angleton, Texas Church of Christ we provide \$7,800 support to Amando Alaniz. Working through the Atlantic International Bible Institute, Amando works with 3 primarily Hispanic churches in the Miami area.

- ◆ **Brazil** - We have provided funds to Daniel Morgan to update the facilities in Cuiaba Brazil.
- ◆ **Mexico** - We provide support to Rafael Falcon in Nueva Rosita. Our young people have made mission trips to serve in the work there.
- ◆ **Togo** - Jeff and Brenda Holland work under the oversight of the West Erwin congregation. Through the power of God, Jeff and Brenda have made this one of our most successful mission efforts. Jeff and Brenda have become great leaders of men and servants of Christ in converting many souls.
- ◆ **Nigeria** - Through the oversight of the Dewey, Oklahoma Church of Christ we provide \$1,200 a year in support of the Ebonyi School of Preaching.
- ◆ **Russia** - We provide support to the Barnaul School of Preaching and to Joel Petty in St. Petersburg. We also contribute to Eastern European Mission, which provides Bibles and gospel lessons to the people of Russia. This summer over a dozen of our members will be traveling to Russia to help conduct a Christian camp. The mission committee believes that Russia is a fertile field for the Word and is investigating ways to do more in that area.



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, April 22 2001**

**A.M. "Coming To Christ"**  
(John 6:44-45)  
D.L. Thompson, guest speaker

**P.M. LTC young people will be conducting the evening service**

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**Youth With Heart...** by Danny  
**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

It is hard to believe that it is finally over, for now. Where to begin... "Thanks"... to all who coached teams, Jon Murry for writing *all* the puppet and drama scripts, the food crew, vehicle drivers, countless adults that worked hard, Ken Culpepper, Lisa Snell, and all the young people who showed the world that "He will reign for ever and ever!"

Sunday evening will be our LTC Celebration and presentations. Participants and sponsors need to wear your LTC shirts and be here by 5:30. Please bring your Art Projects for display by 5:00 Sunday.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Our next Bible Study will be on April 26. All high school students are invited to attend. We will be

meeting at our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each Thursday.

**COMBINED DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the 6-12 grade are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend!

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- Apr. 22 **LTC Celebration and Presentation**
- Apr. 22 **Combined Devotional**
- Apr. 26 **Thursday Night Bible Study**
- Apr. 29 **Town Hall Meeting & Meal**
- Apr. 30 **West Erwin To Host Karing Kitchen**
- May 18 **Jr-Sr Day - Rangers Game & Dinner**
- May 20 **Baccalaureate @ University**
- June 5-8 **Middle School Madness**
- June 17-23 **BackCountry Trek**
- July 5-14 **Nebraska Mission Trip**
- July 27-31 **Mexico Mission Trip**

**"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates**  
I Peter 3:7

David and Virginia Demic have put a lot of time and effort into the Children's Library. If you haven't seen the children's library in a while, go upstairs the first opportunity that you have and take a look at it. You'll be impressed. In the children's library you'll find books dealing with (1) religious topics, (2) character counts topics, (3) secular topics, as well as (4) reference materials. Teachers, parents, youth, let's all be aware of this great resource tool and let's take advantage of it. David and Virginia, thanks for your labor of love.

Ladies, we have some wonderful classes being presented on a weekly basis here at West Erwin for you all. Sue Starnes and Dr. Anita Peek are teaching a class entitled *Romans* and *Galatians* each Sunday morning in room 114. On Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. Several ladies meet in the Heritage Room for a class that is presently studying the topic of *Mind Your P's*

and O's. This class is being taught by Frances Phillips. They would love to have you come and be a part of this effort. Our Wednesday evening ladies class is being taught by Carolyn Womack. She is conducting a study in the chapel. Her study is dealing with the topic *Living The Worthy Life*. All three of these classes deserve your attention and attendance. Please make every effort to be present as these wonderful teachers present timely lessons from God's Word.

Let me also applaud all of our teachers. In December we began a remodeling job that just ended this week (April 11, 2001). At the beginning of this project I asked all of our teachers to be as patient as possible during this work. I encouraged you all to overlook some of the hindrances that you would face during this project and instead to attempt to envision the end project. I am happy to report that during this 4 month project, I did not hear one complaint issued by our teachers. On the other hand, I heard numerous compliments. Thanks for your understanding and for your patience. Our newly remodeled facility was well worth the wait.

"Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before." - author unknown

*cited in Stories for a Man's Heart*

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**FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT** by Mike Gravois  
**THE TROUBLE TREE**

The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farm house had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door, he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier. "Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure. Troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

**IN APPRECIATION**

Words can't express our appreciation for all the kind expressions of love during this time. The flowers were beautiful, and the calls, cards and food were greatly appreciated. It is good to be part of such a loving, caring family.

In Christian love,  
Billy & Lynda Terrell  
Clay & Ronda Clemons  
Clint & Jennifer Hale

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Dear West Erwin church family,

Thank you for the cards, visits, and prayers during my recent hospital stay. It's always a joy to see your smiling faces.

Sincerely,  
Pauline Aven

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On behalf of Christian Services of East Texas let me express our gratitude to each one who participated in the special contribution during the area-wide meeting held at West Erwin on Sunday, April 1. CSET plays a very important role in the lives of many children and without your support we could not exist. May God bless you for your generosity. Great things are occurring in the lives of the children in our care and you can share in this greatness. Thanks again and the children thank you too.

In Christian love,  
Bill Wallis  
Director of Development

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last weekend in Canton for Stephen Shields, Ruth Meazell's nephew who was killed in a car accident. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Judy Clark on her recent promotion to Vice President at Southside Bank in Tyler.

Congratulations to Dr. Robert M. Elliott, Clelia Faye Elliott's son! He recently moved to Mineola from Boca Raton, Florida to reopen his uncle Dr. John Thomas' Medical Clinic.

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No gifts please, other than your presence.

**NEW ADDRESSES**

Jerry & Rachel Huff, 10750 Kiamichi, Tyler, TX 75703  
Rose Teel, P.O. Box 132510, Tyler, TX 75713-2150

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**GOSPEL MEETING**

With Dan Manuel - April 22-25  
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Mon. - Wed. 7:30 p.m.- Ladies class Tues. 10:00 a.m.  
Broad Street Church of Christ  
Mineola, Texas

**5th SUNDAY SINGING**


Broad Street Church of Christ  
Mineola, Texas  
April 29 at 1:30 p.m.

**LADIES PRAYER MINISTRY MEETING**

The Ladies Prayer Ministry will meet Sunday, April 22, at 5:00 p.m. In the Heritage Room. If you are a part of this important ministry or would like to be a part of it, please come and meet with us on Sunday.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 22**

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Louise Seaberry; Toddler nursery: Pam Lowry; 2's: Kristi Harris & Jean DuVall; 3's & 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart.

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Bible Class	391	400	424
Worship A.M.	569	584	627
Worship P.M.	389	740	Area-Wide
Wed. P.M.	250	273	
Contribution	\$18,441.53	\$18,314.91	\$19,513.30
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 15, and Wednesday, April 18, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE - Pat Stokes** is in ETMC Rehab, room 416b. **Wini Cullinan** is in Health South after surgery on a broken hip last week. **Opal Cooper** is in Health South Rehab. No visits at this time, please. **Blake Warren** suffered a broken jaw in a ball game over the weekend. **Molly Harris**, little daughter of Mike and Kristi, had tubes put in her ears Wednesday. **Alla Minnis** is now in The Clairmont, room 104-A. **Leona Hardin** is back in Park Place after being hospitalized last week. **Ruby Cliver** is at home and continuing outpatient therapy. **Elizabeth Hughes, Jack Tarrant, and Irene Taylor** are all recovering at home. **Pauline Aven**, Gary Aven's mother, is now at home. **Joe Tolbert**, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. **Juanita Graf**, Ginny Wicks' mother, got a good report after recent tests. **Carl & Tressie Carty**, Jim Carty's parents, are having health problems. **Jan Salyer**, Robert & Pat Stokes' daughter, is doing well following recent bypass surgery in Longview. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
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Scripture Brady Dawkins  
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#### RENOVATION COMPLETED

The remodeling of our Educational wing is now completed and I know those who use these classrooms and offices, as well as the library and teacher's workroom could not be happier with the end of the work and the results. The whole area has a sense of newness about it and with the new furnishings the entire building is much more suited for our purposes. Thanks for your patience during the nearly four months this work was in progress and for the generous special contribution you gave late last year to cover the cost of this renovation.

#### LTC GROUP TO DALLAS


About 110 of our people will be in Dallas this weekend for the annual Leadership Training for Christ program. Not only will we be represented by a large group of our young people, but an equal number of adults and their children will be there as well. Our young people will be participating in a number of the programs

there and we wish them well in all of their events. A special tip of the hat to **Danny Snell** who not only prepares our adults and teens for the weekend, but who serves in an important capacity as a member of the LTC Board that coordinates the entire event which literally draws thousands of participants from all over the south-west. As our group travels to Dallas our prayers go with them for their success and safe travel to and from this important happening.

#### THE "WE CARE" MEETING AT SHILOH

April 29 through May 5 are the dates for the upcoming "We Care" campaign with Larry West at the Shiloh congregation. Over 100 trained people will be coming to town to knock doors, teach individual Bible studies, and meet other needs of people in the Shiloh area. We anticipate that a large number of people will be reached for Christ during this meeting and we wish the Shiloh brethren much success in this endeavor.

- Jay Lockhart



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**Sermons for Sunday, April 15, 2001  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "There They Crucified Him"**  
(Luke 23:32-38)

**P.M. "The Meaning Of The Cross"**  
(Luke 23:44-49)

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**LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST**

After thousands of hours of work and excitement from over a hundred folks, it all comes together this weekend at the 2001 NTLTC Convention at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas. There will be over 10,000 young people and sponsors together this weekend in the DFW area for LTC. It will be a great weekend! Please pray for our crew and the others this weekend. Thanks to all who have made it possible.

**EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ**

Congratulations to our teams who worked together on Bible Quiz this past year. This Spring, our crew studied the Book of Revelation and did very well on their tests. Congratulations to the following participants: Betsy Asbill, Brittany Asbill, Kara Murry, Kelsi

Wicks, Jennifer Elzen, Amye Scarborough, Sara Beth Scarborough, Kristen Yates, and Shannon Snell. Thanks especially to Barry & Mary Scarborough and Ginny Wicks for helping sponsor Bible Quiz. You guys did a great job!

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Congratulations to Bradley Asbill for being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society this week.

**THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

Our next Bible Study will be on April 19. All high school students are invited to attend. We will be meeting at our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each Thursday.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Apr. 13-15** LTC Convention  
**Apr. 19** Thursday Night Bible Study  
**Apr. 22** LTC Celebration and Presentation

**"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates**

I Peter 3:7

Last week (in my bulletin article) I spoke of the importance of being organized. If you are organized, it will really help you out along the way. This week I'd like to continue the thought of being organized by sharing with you a historical illustration of just how important being organized really is.

One of the darkest hours in English military history provides us with a good illustration of why we should be organized. In 1879, the British sent a large army into Zulu land to protect their interest in South Africa. As the main army moved deeper into Zulu territory, a rear guard contingent of 1,7000 men was left behind at a jagged mountain named Isandhlwana. Within hours after being left by the main army, the attachment was attacked by 20,000 Zulu warriors. Despite the devastating toll they inflicted on the Zulu warriors with their cannons and rifles, the British fighters were simply overwhelmed and decimated within two hours. The primary reason for their defeat was the commander's failure to keep his soldiers in a tight and organized group.

Later that night, just a few miles away from Isandhlwana, 100 British soldiers defended a small missionary called Rorke's Drift against 4,000 Zulu warriors. The British soldiers, even though outnumbered 40 to 1, fought off wave after wave of Zulu charges. Early the next morning, it became clear that the British had defeated the Zulus in what has gone down in history as one of their greatest military stands. Approximately 17 British soldiers died in the great battle. There were more Victorian crosses given to British soldiers at Rorke's Drift than any other single battle in British history. The reason for the defeat of the Zulus at Rorke's Drift was that the British soldiers were organized. There is no telling what we as Christian educators could accomplish if we would all learn the importance of being organized. Think of how our classes would be conducted. Think of how our attendance would rise. Think of the souls that might be saved.

**FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT** by Mike Gravois

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

Still the best thing going for Monday evenings!!!! Imagine, a home cooked meal waiting for you (hot and served on time), someone to watch your children, and a chance to visit with good friends while touching the hearts of others. It doesn't get any easier than this. Please join us this Monday. We meet for 2 hours, that's it. Food, friends, fellowship, outreach, childcare, and a chance to work for our heavenly Master. It's called Monday Night for the Master and we need your help.

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**MNFTM YEAR-TO DATE STATISTICS**

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74	1,431	260	83	654	36	2,464

**SINGLES' CALENDAR:**

4/15 Money for the Broken Bow Camping trip is due by Saturday, April 15. For more information about the camping trip scheduled for May 4th-6th, please contact Mike.

4/17 Dinner/Devotional at the Kirbys'

5/4-6 Beaver's Bend Camping Trip

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**IN APPRECIATION**

Thank you, thank you, thank you for all the prayers in Jack's behalf, for all the cards, calls, and visits. We love and appreciate our West Erwin family so much.

Jack & Ernie Tarrant

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To the West Erwin Congregation,

We would like to express our family's appreciation for all the prayers, thoughts, food and help you extended at the service for June Walker on Tuesday, March 27th. Everyone's efforts made a very difficult time more bearable. Thank you!

Mrs. Mildred Parris  
The Rex Ross Walker family  
Don & Wanda Weathers  
Walker & Rhonda & family  
Wade & Diane & family  
Wynne & Ginger & family

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To My church Family,

Thank you for the prayers, viists, and cards during my illness. Also thanks for the cards for my 85th birthday. I appreciate everything that has been done for me. I love you all.

Thlema Bennett

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Dear Family,

We want to thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, food, and loving words of comfort following the passing of my sister. You have made a hard time easier as you always do. We love you. God bless.

Larry & Winona Shankle

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Thank you for the cards, prayers and visits. I really appreciate them.

Irene Taylor

**WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held last Sunday afternoon for Estelle Garrett. Services were held Monday in Houston for Leona Stewart, Forest McFadden's sister. Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home for Cecil Brownlow, Doris Kennedy's brother-in-law. Gladys Venable Powell, Lorene Venable's sister-in-law, died Monday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families and friends.

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**CONGRATULATIONS**



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**ATTENTION TEACHERS**

Our "Apples of Gold" appreciation dinner will be held April 28th. Please make every effort to attend. Sign the list in the back of the foyer so we will know how many to plan for and you can choose your menu! April 15th is the deadline for sign-up! Thank you.

**SORRY TO LOSE.....**

Earl and Melinda O'Quinn are now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

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KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
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Records	Sunday April 1	Sunday March 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	400	450	395
Worship A.M.	584	661	613
Worship P.M.	740	376	389
Wed. P.M.	273	287	
Contribution	\$18,314.91	\$32,239.62	\$18,604.95
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 8, and Wednesday, April 11, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Estelle Garrett had cancer surgery Wednesday at St. Paul's in Dallas. **Leona Hardin** is in ETMC. **Thelma Bennett** was hospitalized but is now at home. **Pat Stokes** is in ETMC Rehab, room 416b. **Alla Minnis** is in ETMC rehab, room 303b. **Opal Cooper** is now in Health South Rehab. **Pauline Aven**, Gary Aven's mother, is in Health South Rehab. **Ruby Cliver** is at home and continuing outpatient therapy. **Elizabeth Hughes**, **Jack Tarrant**, and **Irene Taylor** are all recovering at home. **Joe Tolbert**, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. **Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes granddaughter, will have surgery as soon as she is able. **Juanita Graf**, Ginny Wicks' mother, is having some health problems. **Cecil Brownlow**, Doris Kennedy's brother-in-law, is very ill in ICU at Mother Frances. **Carl & Tressie Carty**, Jim Carty's parents, are having health problems. **Jan Salyer**, Robert & Pat Stokes' daughter, had bypass surgery Monday in Longview. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth			Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>				Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell		Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn			11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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Prayer Bobby Snyder  
Scripture Todd Hancock  
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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Hillard Hughes  
Prayer Lowell Wiggans  
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Dismiss Ray Womack

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Greg Wagner Walker Weathers  
Greg Walker Don Weathers  
Chris Waggener Terry Warren

**GREETERS**

Alan & Patsy Fisher & Brittany Haws  
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Wesley Hilliard  
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Brett Hone

**Picking up cards:** Aaron Clemons, Derek Clemons, Cameron Ables, Michael Ragsdale, Drew Harris.

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

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### IS IT A SYMPTOM OF SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS?

I read the other day that, according to a national survey by the Barna Research Group, 86 percent of teenagers claim to be Christians. Three of five teenagers say they believe the Bible is totally accurate in all that it teaches. Yet, two-thirds said that Satan is only a symbol of evil; six of ten said that a good person can earn salvation; and 53 percent said Jesus committed sins while he was on earth. The lack of Bible knowledge leads to illiteracy and heresy. There is little doubt that we know less about the Bible than our parents did. We have all kinds of electronic and visual equipment in our classes and auditorium, but we do not have a greater knowledge of Scripture than did our predecessors. How much Bible content is found in our Bible classes and sermons? How much is the Bible read in our assemblies? I have heard some good speeches that were passed off as sermons, but which only had a casual allusion to Scripture. Preaching is to herald "the Word" (2 Timothy 4:1-2) with emphasis upon "an exposition of Scripture" with the goal of "changing people's lives" in order "to nurture them in a proper relationship with God." Preaching is not an

allusion to Scripture or so much a presentation about Scripture or my ideas on Scripture, as it is a proclamation of Scripture. In our time preaching is not regarded very highly by many and we would like to eliminate it or at least shorten it. Now, why is this? Is it a symptom of a graver problem? Could it be that we do not care to hear "thus says the Lord?" Could it be that we no longer hold that God has a command or that there is one way to God or that what one believes matters? Let's be serious now -- how long has it been since you heard a sermon or a Bible class presentation on the church of the New Testament, what one must do to be saved, or how God has designated He should be worshipped? The "feely," "touchy," "I'm OK, you're OK" philosophy of today may be taking us away from God's Word and we may be feeding ourselves on husks. I know this: our ignorance of Scripture (not what we think about Scripture, but what the Bible says) is appalling and we may love to have it so. However, electronics, power points, visuals, and brevity will not take the place of knowing and loving the Word of God.

- Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, April 8, 2001  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Body And Blood"**  
(Luke 22:14-20)

**P.M. "Two Who Failed Him"**  
(Luke 22:1-6; 31-34)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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**If you are on a Puppet or Drama Team, please make every effort to attend the scheduled practices. Your team is counting on you!**

We will be having our final meeting and LTC Devo Sunday, April 8, after the evening worship in the FLC. Please bring \$2.50 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00. **It is very important that all participants and sponsors attend!**

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the City Wide Devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great turnout from the area churches with over 110 present. Thanks to all who helped with the food and clean up.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kristen Yates for being inducted into the Junior National Honor Society this week.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

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### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We will not meet on April 12 due to LTC. Please join us again on April 19.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 8	LTC Devotional
Apr. 9	Bible Quiz
Apr. 13-15	LTC Convention
Apr. 19	Thursday Night Bible Study

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

1 Peter 3:7

It really pays to be organized. Believe it or not, there are people who teach Bible classes, at certain places, that would disagree with that statement. If you were to ask them concerning this matter, they'd respond, "I like to wing it." But I have noticed that even when we are extremely prepared, Murphy's Law (of whatever can go wrong, will go wrong) still applies. For example:

- The film projector always works before class starts
- The probability of the preacher tripping over a microphone cord is greater on "Friends Day" than on any other week
- The largest Bible class will show up when the teacher is least prepared to teach
- No matter how many handouts you run off, you'll always be at least one short
- Members who live 15 miles away will be 15 minutes early to class; members who live two blocks away will be 15 minutes late to class

- When you answer the Bible teacher's question right, nobody remembers; when you answer the Bible teacher's question wrong, nobody forgets.
- The furnace only fails when the outside temperature is below 30 degrees and the air conditioner only fails when the temperature outside reaches 90 degrees
- The only time the class takes notes is when the teacher makes a mistake

Even though Murphy's Law seem to be in effect a lot more than we would like for it to be, just think what would happen if our teachers came to class with the attitude that they would just wing it! It would be total chaos.

The word organize means, "to arrange in a desired or appropriate pattern." This is a trait or characteristic that all of us realize that if we were more organized we could do a lot more for the kingdom of God. We could: (1) be on time, (2) be more active, (3) be a better influence on those that surround us, and believe it or not, (4) we could even save a soul along the way.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Still the best thing going for Monday evenings!!!! Imagine, a home cooked meal waiting for you (hot and served on time), someone to watch your children, and a chance to visit with good friends while touching the hearts of others. It doesn't get any easier than this. Please join us this Monday. We meet for 2 hours, that's it. Food, friends, fellowship, outreach, childcare, and a chance to work for our heavenly Master. It's called Monday Night for the Master and we need your help.

#### SINGLES' CALENDAR:

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April 22nd	Peas, Rotel Tomatoes
April 29th	Sliced Potatoes, diced Tomatoes
May 6	Spaghetti Sauce, Tomato Sauce
May 13th	Last Chance to turn in items

### IN APPRECIATION

To my Church Family:

Thank you so much for all the birthday cards, and so many sympathy cards when my sister, Annibel Steele, passed away. Even though we are miles apart you are always in my heart. Your prayers and concern for me mean so much to me.

Much love to all of you,  
Katie Heath

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday in Van for Gaynelle Null, Lynda Terrell's mother and Ronda Clemons and Clint Hale's grandmother. Services were held Saturday at the Plano Church of Christ for Henry Golightly. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families and friends.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

There will be a VBS planning meeting Sunday, April 8th, at 5:00 in room 112. Anyone interested in participating in this years VBS is encouraged to come.

### PRESCHOOL PLAY DAY

On Friday, April 20, moms and preschool children will meet at Brookshire's Park from 10:00 a.m. 'til 12:00 noon for a "Play Day." Moms, if you have preschool children, mark your calendars and plan to come join in the fun! (In case of rain, we will meet in the Family Life Center).

### GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of June 4-8. West Erwin has been asked to collect Velveeta cheese. They are grateful for any other donations you would like make.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Frances Phillips will begin a series of lesson called "Mind Your P's and Q's" on Wednesday, April 4. The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will resume meeting in the Heritage room this week.

### ATTENTION TEACHERS

Our "Apples of Gold" appreciation dinner will be held April 28th. Please make every effort to attend. Sign the list in the back of the foyer so we will know how many to plan for and you can choose your menu! Thank you.

*"Great mountains of happiness grow out of little hills of kindness."*

**BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS:** small sizes in men's pants and large and extra large men's shirts. Thanks for your help.

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

### YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart Group will meet Thursday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Everyone in the 50+ age group is encouraged to come and bring a covered dish and enjoy this time of food, fun, and fellowship.

*"Over the hill" means the hardest climb is over and the view is terrific!"*

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is currently enrolling in all classes for the fall semester. Please contact Brenda Craig at 561-9582 for more information.

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Change For Children for Christian Services of East Texas drive has begun. Please pick up a can in the foyer and return it when it is full or by the first Sunday in June.

### GOSPEL MEETING

Wentworth Church of Christ  
FM 1215, Wentworth, Texas

April 9-12, 2001, 7:00 p.m. Each night

Speaker: Jay Lockhart

Theme: Living in the Shadow of the Cross

Song Leader: Eddie Rogers

(Directions: from Canton Hwy 64 East to FM 17 over I-20. Take north service road to VZ 1215; go about 1 mile where road takes a sharp bend to the right - church is on the right.)

### FOUR STATES SINGING SCHOOL

June 10-15

For: Girls, Boys, Men and Women

Directed by: Tom Chapin and staff

Stressing: song leading and music theory

At: Camp Bee, Marshall, Texas

Address all mail to: Four States Singing School, P.O. Box 104, Mineola, TX 75773.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Come join us for food, fellowship, card writing, phone contacts, visitation, World Bible School, FriendSpeak, Bible study, outreach, and more each Monday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

*"The city of happiness is located in the state of mind."*

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 8

Preacher: Mike Gravois; Nursery a.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; Nursery p.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Toddler nursery: Debbie Bynum; 2's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 3's & 4's: Nora Gravois & Rachel Huff.

### The Search



Each Sunday

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

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

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 1, and Wednesday, April 4, Melvin Crow, ph. 566-2918. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Opal Cooper is in Mother Frances, room 574 after knee replacement surgery Tuesday. Elizabeth Hughes expected to be dismissed from ETMC Wednesday. Jack Tarrant is improving in Mother Frances, room 470. Pat Stokes is in ETMC, room 416b. Walker Weathers is recovering after surgery last Friday. Ruby Cliver is doing well in rehab after double knee replacement surgery. Alla Minnis is in ETMC rehab, room 303b. Irene Taylor is now at home. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, is scheduled for surgery. Juanita Graf, Ginny Wicks' mother, is having some health problems. Cecil Brownlow, Doris Kennedy's brother-in-law, is very ill in Mother Frances. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Scripture Kyle Stowers  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

D.L. Thompson

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Fred Wingate  
Dismiss Ray Womack

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Greg Wagner Walker Weathers  
Greg Walker Don Weathers  
Chris Waggener Terry Warren

#### GREETERS

Bill & Alice Denson & Melanie Goodson

Don & Norma Durham & Dayne Harris

Jeff & Pam Fennell & Lauren Garrett

**Picking up cards:** Cody Frick, Chase Fisher, Austin Fisher, Steven Figueroa, Ethan Florence.

Daylight Savings Time  
Set your clocks ahead  
1 hour Saturday night.



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#### IT WAS A GOOD DAY

Our Friends Day and Open House went very well with 450 present for Bible Classes and 661 in our morning worship. Many friends and relatives were in attendance and our Ladies Ministry did a great job with the noon meal. A special thanks to all of those who prepared, served, and set up the room for the meal and to those who cleaned up afterwards. Thanks also to the large group that came to the building Saturday morning to clean up the Educational wing after our remodeling project. The building looked great and with some minor things to be done this week, the project will be completed. We all have a right to be proud of the work that has been done. And how about the breakfast that was served to the Saturday workers? Only modesty keeps me from bragging on the cooks! However, I will say that we (whoever that is) did a really good job serving bacon, eggs, biscuits, and the rest. It was a great weekend!

#### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME AGAIN

This Saturday night we must remember to set our clocks forward one hour before we go to bed. We lose that hour we found last fall! Get a good nights rest and let's not allow our Bible Classes to take a hit by oversleeping this Sunday!

#### AREA WIDE MEETING

This Sunday night will be our Spring Area Wide Meeting at the West Erwin building. We look forward to these meetings each year and this time James LeFan of Temple, Texas will be our speaker. The LTC choruses from the various congregations will present a program at 5 o'clock with the worship service at 6:00. Remember that each Spring we take a special contribution at this meeting for five works in our area: Camp Deer Run, East Texas Christian Academy, Campus Christian Center, and Christian Services of East Texas. Make your checks to West Erwin and we will distribute the monies. Plan to be present.

- Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

Sermons for Sunday, April 1, 2001  
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A.M. "When Will These Things Be?"  
(Luke 21:5-7)

P.M. Area Wide Meeting at West Erwin

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### CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

After the Sunday evening assembly, all of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the Devotional. We are expecting a large crowd from the other churches. Bring \$2.00 for supper. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together. We will be finished at 8:45.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. For more info call 839-7551. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Apr. 1** City Wide Church & Youth Devotional  
**Apr. 5** Thursday Night Bible Study  
**Apr. 8** LTC Devotional  
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**Apr. 13-15** LTC Convention

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

I am in the process of handing out invitations to all of our teachers for our annual "Apples of Gold" teachers banquet. This year's theme is "Hats Off To Our Teachers." I am excited about the response I have received from our teachers concerning this banquet. Several have already signed up on the sheet of paper in the main foyer. Please let me encourage all our teachers to sign up as soon as possible. Our meal will be catered by "Steak Out" and during our meal Jim Bell has agreed to play some music on his keyboard. At the appropriate time, Monty Pettyjohn (from Dallas) will deliver a motivational talk to us regarding our role as teachers. So, please sign up as soon as possible for this banquet.

Also I'd like to remind all of our members about the Vacation Bible School meeting which is scheduled for April 8th at 5:00. It is extremely important that all of our adults who want to participate in this evangelistic opportunity be present for this meeting. Last years VBS was a great success because of the involvement

from our adults. If this years VBS is to match last year's performance, then we once again will need your help. Please make plans to be present for this important meeting. Remember, one way in which we can "go into all the world" is through events such as Vacation Bible School.

I am also excited about "Camp Friendship." The staff has been assembled, the registration forms are ready to go out and the date (June 11-15) has been selected. In the next few weeks I will be distributing the applications. Please fill them out and return them to my office as quickly as possible. Camp Friendship is a wonderful opportunity for our youth (those who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade) to come to the building and enjoy a great time of fellowship and devotion to God. Through the foresight of some wonderful people, this program has been around for 11 years and it continues to be a great tool for our youth here at West Erwin. So, get your registration forms filled out and back to me as soon as possible.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### RELATIVES

It was a bitterly cold day in a western city. A small boy stood shivering on a steel grate in the sidewalk. His clothes were thin and tattered. A woman, appropriately dressed for the weather, stopped and engaged the youngster in conversation. He was indeed a child of the street. The compassionate stranger took him to a clothing store and outfitted him from head to foot, including cap, scarf, and gloves. The lad was filled with joy and gratitude. He could not thank her enough. As they said good-bye and walked in opposite directions, the elated boy turned back to ask, "Are you God's mother?" The gentle woman answered, "Oh no! I'm just a child of God." Whereupon the smiling lad remarked, "I knew you were related."

G. Curtis Jones and Paul H. Jones  
 500 Illustrations, Abington Press

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- 3/28 Sandie Martin & Wendy Robbins' birthday
- 3/30 Volleyball Tournament: 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center (bring a snack and a 2-liter drink)
- 3/31 Michael Lowrance's birthday
- 4/3 Dinner/Bible Study
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### IN APPRECIATION

Sometimes the words we want to express are difficult to find. Their journey begins far, far away in the heart. I wish I could find words to express my appreciation for your concern, cards, telephone calls, and most of all your prayers. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

In Christian Love,  
 Jane Clemmons

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Thank you for the visits, cards and prayers while I was in the hospital taking treatments. I'm home now and praying that they will do the "work."

In Christian love,  
 Ethel & Oscar Brown

### WITH SYMPATHY

June Walker, long time and much loved West Erwin member, died Friday afternoon after a lengthy illness. Services were held at our building Tuesday afternoon. Services were held this week in Longview for Ruth Pool, Winona Shankle's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### GOSPEL MEETING

University Church of Christ

April 1-4

with Avon Malone

Sunday - 9:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Mon. -Wed. 7:00 p.m.

### Vocal Freedom Seminar

Eastern Hills Church of Christ

1200 East Corsicana St., Athens, TX

Monday & Tuesday, April 2 & 3, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 each or \$30.00 at the door, \$60.00 family. This seminar is designed for any and all singers (or would be singers) age 10 through senior adults and also anyone needing to improve their speaking voice. Call (903) 675-3975 for more information.

### Hymn Fest 2001

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W, Daingerfield  
 Featuring "His Harmony" quartet, "Family Reunion" quartet and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders.

### ADDRESS CHANGES:

David & Carrie Cannefax	Laura McClenny
Parker & Mason	Casey & Bryson
900 Rhodes, 75701	4901 Kinsey Dr. #613, 75703

**BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS:** small sizes in men's pants and large and extra large men's shirts. Thanks for your help.

*"Faith without works is like an auto without gas."*

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### ATTENTION TEACHERS

Our "Apples of Gold" appreciation dinner will be held April 28th. Please make every effort to attend. Sign the list in the back of the foyer so we will know how many to plan for and you can choose your menu! Thank you.

### EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is currently enrolling in all classes for the fall semester. Please contact Brenda Craig at 561-9582 for more information.

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Change For Children for Christian Services of East Texas drive has begun. Please pick up a can in the foyer and return it when it is full or by the first Sunday in June.

### When you're smiling ...

*A smile costs nothing but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it and none so poor that they can't be enriched by its benefits. It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away. Nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give. - Gene Bluhm*

### SHARE YOUR HEART AND HOME!

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the 2001/2002 academic year. The students will arrive in early August and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families to provide a home. 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. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional office, 1-800-941-3738.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Come join us for food, fellowship, card writing, phone contacts, visitation, World Bible School, FriendSpeak, Bible study, outreach, and more each Monday night at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

### The Search



### Each Sunday

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 KLSB - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.  
 Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



Mar. 22, 2001	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 32-No. 10
Records	Sunday March 18	Sunday March 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	361	395
Worship A.M.	608	530	613
Worship P.M.	390	271	389
Wed. P.M.	163	280	
Contribution	\$18,957.72	\$16,232.25	\$18,604.95
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 25, and Wednesday, Mar. 28, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Elizabeth Hughes is in ETMC ICU. June Walker is very ill in Mother Frances. Jack Tarrant is in intermediate care at Mother Frances. He had a pacemaker implant Monday. Pat Stokes is now in ETMC intermediate care. Ruby Cliver is in Health South Rehab after double knee replacement surgery. She is in room 574. Alla Minnis is in ETMC rehab, room 303b. Thlema Bennett is in Mother Frances. Irene Taylor is in rehab after knee replacement surgery. Opal Cooper is scheduled for knee replacement surgery March 27. Margaret Talley is very ill in Fort Worth. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in rehab in Dallas. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. Mike Rutherford, husband of Haws Roofing Co. secretary, has been diagnosed with metastasized cancer. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, is scheduled for surgery. Juanita Graf, Ginny Wicks' mother, is having some health problems. Alan Pryor, son of Neil Pryor and known by several at West Erwin, 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 nursinghomes.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	
		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
		..... 11:30 A.M.	
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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer David Cannefax  
Scripture Jim Carty  
Dismiss Phil Marts

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Milburn Cook  
Scripture Clinton Culpepper  
Dismiss Rodney Dalton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kyle Stowers Blake Warren  
James Sublette Billy Terrell  
Marc Tate Ray Vannoy  
Kevin Sustaire Mark Sweeney

GREETERS

George & Dorothy Daugherty & Russell Fedell  
Wally & Laurie Dawkins & Cody Fedell  
Harold & Shirley Denman & Payton Fedell

**Picking up cards:** Denton Smith, Chris Scroggins,  
Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson, Jonathan Knight

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**SCHOOL VIOLENCE**

It's happened again! The shooting rampage in a Colorado high school shocked a nation. Add to that the Arkansas incident. Now it's happened in California and Pennsylvania. According to an article in the Tyler paper of March 9, 2001, Texas Land Commissioner, David Dewhurst, will propose legislation authorizing the teaching of character in public schools. How novel that suggestion is! I wonder what it is going to take for us as a nation to return to the faith of our fathers. For decades now we have seen the character and morality of our country undermined by the progressive thinkers of our age. We have listened to the voices of the extremists who have told us the universe began with a "big bang," that there is no God and if there is He is not involved in the affairs of men, that man evolved from a lower form of life, that man is not responsible for his actions because he inherited his misbehavior, that freedom of religion means freedom from religion, that separation of church and state means that the name of God and the Word of God should not be mentioned in government supported places, that a democracy or a republic can survive without morals or

ethics, that the murder of unborn babies is a matter of choice, and that children can be properly raised by absentee parents. How blind we have been! And, while all of this was happening, many of us have wrung our hands and been silent. Yes, silent. And then when a tragedy like Colorado or Arkansas, or California or Pennsylvania occurs we shout, "Someone should do something!" Someone should do something, and that someone is you ... And me. There are two ways things can get better. First, they will get so much worse that there will be a public outcry and demand for change. However, that may be too late for us. Or, second, we can begin now to speak out, to refuse to support institutions which have forgotten the need for character building, and to elect officials to public office who are people of character and ethics and decency. Unless the tide is turned, our generation may be witnesses to the decline and fall of the American republic.

- Jay Lockhart

*"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" - Proverbs 14:34*

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25 - FRIENDS' DAY - OPEN HOUSE**

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, March 25, 2001  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**Bible Class - "From Heaven Or From Men?"**  
(Luke 20:1-8)

**A.M. "The Things That Are Caesar's"**  
(Luke 20:20-26)

**P.M. "Getting More Than Is Wanted"**  
(Luke 20:27-33)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who participated in the service day. We worked in the morning at the East Texas Food Bank and were able to get some 270 pounds of food credit for the Karing Kitchen. Thanks to all who helped, especially Judy Yates and Caysi Bynum for going as sponsors.

Thanks to Shara Hobson and Ginny Wicks for helping with a lot of the LTC registration details.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All of those who signed up for *Puppets* need to meet at 4:30 Sunday. *Chorus* meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium. *Drama* will meet Sunday at 3:00 in the old auditorium. *Bulletin Boards* will meet Sunday, April 1, for lunch till 3:00 in the teacher's workroom. You need to be working on your *Art* projects. If you need help, contact me.

## THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. For more info call 839-7551. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our teams who received a 1st and 2nd at quiz this week. The next Bible Quiz will be April 9. The text is Revelation 18-22.

### DATES

Mar. 25	PULSE Groups
Mar. 29	Thursday Night Bible Study
Apr. 1	City Wide Church & Youth Devotional
Apr. 8	LTC Devotional
Apr. 9	Bible Quiz
Apr. 13-15	LTC Convention

## "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

*Andy Anderson*, a well known author on the educational program of the church, has spent numerous hours developing a growth spiral to aid churches in growing through the Bible school. Shortly after I arrived here I developed a growth spiral for the West Erwin congregation. This growth spiral is an indicator of our potential for growth here at West Erwin. Over the last few weeks, I have noticed a determination, by our members, to grow through our Bible classes. Teachers are giving their time and talent to reach various goals within their classes. Visitors names and addresses are being filled out (on the back of the classroom attendance cards) and turned into me and visits are being made. Rooms are being decorated and ideas are being exchanged from teacher to teacher. Our coordinators (pre-school - Velma Lemons; primary - Ginny Wicks; secondary - Danny Snell; and adult - Doug Yates) are reporting that all classes are progressing along smoothly. We have added one class on Sunday morning and two classes on Wednesday evening since the

beginning of the new year. And already our attendance for class is up by almost 10 on Sunday morning and by 20 on Wednesday evening. So let me say that I am very grateful to all of our teachers and to all of our students who have started 2001 off in such a great way. If you are not taking advantage of our classes (Sunday and Wednesday) please take the time to give these classes a try, I'm sure that you won't regret it. If you'd like to know more about these classes, please pick up a schedule on the tables as you enter the building. Also, I have published a newsletter (Class Action) to help inform our teachers and members regarding various developments within the educational program. Feel free to pick one of these up at your convenience. If we can continue to be faithful in our attendance, invite our friends and family members, and follow up on these special guests by writing, calling or visiting them, then I think we will continue to grow as God would have us grow.

Involvement is the key to success. And we have many ways to be involved through our educational program. On April 8th at 5:00 p.m. we will be having our first VBS meeting. Please make every effort to be present.

## FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

### THE INTERVIEW (Part 2)

God's hands took mine and we were silent for while and then I asked, "as a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

God replied with a smile,

"To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is let themselves be loved.

To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives.

To learn that it is not good to compare yourselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis.

To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is the one who needs the least.

To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them.

To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness.

To learn that there are persons who love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings.

To learn that money can buy everything but happiness.

To learn that two people can look at the same things and see it totally differently.

To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about them and like them anyway.

To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves."

I sat there awhile enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for His time and for all that He has done for me and my family.

He replied, "Any time, I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer."

### SINGLES NOTES

#### Coffee house

(Pine Tree Church of Christ)  
6:30 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Thursdays  
Bring friends and snacks

#### Volleyball Tournament

Friday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Bring friends, snacks, & 2-liter drinks

#### The Christians Cafe" Coffee House

(Shiloh Road Church of Christ)  
6:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays monthly  
Bring friends, drinks, and snacks.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, notes, and prayers. We felt your love and support. You are a blessing to our family. Mom spent her ninety-one years taking care of her family, serving others, and preparing to meet her God. Now her mission is completed.

Love,

Jewell McCoy's Family

Bernice Lewis & family

Lois & Don Kemp & family

Nancy McCoy & family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Private graveside services were held last week in Houston for Frank Harris, Louise Seaberry's nephew. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

## GOSPEL MEETING

University Church of Christ

April 1-4

with Avon Malone

Sunday - 9:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Mon. -Wed. 7:00 p.m.

## Vocal Freedom Seminar

Eastern Hills Church of Christ

1200 East Corsicana St., Athens, TX

Monday & Tuesday, April 2 & 3, 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 each or \$30.00 at the door, \$60.00 family. This seminar is designed for any and all singers (or would be singers) age 10 through senior adults and also anyone needing to improve their speaking voice. Contact the church office (903) 675-3975 for more information.

## Hymn Fest 2001

Saturday, May 5, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W, Daingerfield  
Featuring "His Harmony" quartet, "Family Reunion" quartet and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders.

## TEXAS NORMAL SINGING SCHOOL

The 55th Annual Singing School at ACU, Abilene, Texas, July 15-20 - includes Song Leading School, Public Worship Development Workshop, Song Writing School, and Christian Singer's Workshop. For more information, contact Joe Furr, 800 Baker Park Drive, Sherman, TX 75092 or e-mail joefurr@aol.com.

## HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

You're invited the the 36th annual singing school conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ July 8-13, 2001. Cost \$162 includes tuition, room and board, and class materials. For more information, please call (940) 864-3101.

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Don and Judy Long** into the West Erwin family. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 202 Treetop, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-4867.

## RESPONSE

**Judith Harshbargar** came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with her Lord and to request prayers for her family as they deal with the recent death of her 22 year old nephew.

## FRIENDS DAY - MARCH 25, 2001

Combined Adult Bible classes, Lunch in the Family Life Center following the a.m. worship assembly, Open House, Pulse Groups after the p.m. worship service. A workday has been scheduled (to clean up the building) for March 24th. Please bring supplies. We will begin the day with breakfast, cooked by the staff and served at 8:00, then work from 9:00 until noon.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Doug Yates** on his recent selection to the Board of Trustees Advisory Board at Freed-Hardeman University. Doug received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Freed-Hardeman. He was honored in Outstanding Young Men of America in 1986. We are proud to have Doug and his family at West Erwin

Congratulations to **Heather Ketchum** on being named to the Dean's Honor List at the University of North Alabama!

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## CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

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## Monday Night For The Master

6:00 p.m. - Family Life Center

	CARDS	CALLS	VISITS	WBS	FS	TOTALS
YTD	1,034	184	45	501	36	1,800

Average Participants Per Week: 80

(Figures through 3-/5/01)

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 25

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Pam Lott; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman; Toddler nursery p.m.- Carolyn Blackstone; 2's: Jean DuVall & Kristi Harris; 3's & 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; Overseeing couple: Jeff & Melissa Parrish

## The Search



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Records	Sunday March 11	Sunday March 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	361	425	383
Worship A.M.	530	630	598
Worship P.M.	271	420	330
Wed. P.M.	280	275	
Contribution	\$16,232.25	\$22,651.77	\$16,294.26
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**PRAYER AND CARE** - Jack Tarrant had heart valve replacement and bypass surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Ruby Cliver had double knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. She is in room 574. Pat Stokes remains in ETMC ICU after surgery on a broken hip and heart attacks. Alla Minnis expects to go to ETMC rehab this week. Henry Golightly is hospitalized in Plano due to a lung collapse. Irene Taylor is in rehab after knee replacement surgery. Jane Clemmons got a good report after recent tests at Scott & White. Opal Cooper is scheduled for knee replacement surgery March 27. Margaret Talley is very ill in Fort Worth. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in ETMC rehab. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. Mike Rutherford, husband of Haws Roofing Co. secretary, has been diagnosed with metastasized cancer. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, is scheduled for surgery. Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, had a pacemaker implant last Sunday in Denton. 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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Rafael Falcon		Jeff Holland		Evening Worship .....			
<b>ELDERS</b>				6:00 P.M.			
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		Dannie Skipper		11:30 A.M.			
		Leon Welborn		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST			
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**SERVING SUNDAY**  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer George Daugherty  
Scripture Jimmy Denio  
Dismiss Hillard Hughes

#### PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Aaron DuVall

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Louis Jones  
Scripture Greg Jones  
Dismiss Brett Hone

#### SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kyle Stowers Blake Warren  
James Sublette Billy Terrell  
Marc Tate Ray Vannoy  
Kevin Sustaire Mark Sweeney

#### GREETERS

Milburn & Jan Cook & Tyler DuVall  
Melvin & Nina Crow & Jennifer Elzen  
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Valerie Figueroa

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#### A LOOK AT NUMBERS

As of March 1, 2001, the West Erwin church has 416 families, 727 members, and 935 adherents. Let's put all of this in perspective. The 416 family units represent some households consisting of just one person, some with one person a member and others not members, some with more than one member and others not members, some with the entire family who are accountable being members. These families represent all age categories from age twenty to age ninety. This makes for a healthy church. Having young families with kids everywhere makes for a promising future and having the wisdom that comes from age gives us a secure present. I remember that a few years ago we conducted a study which revealed that we had an almost equal number of people in every decade from the 20's through the 80's -- it must be close to that still. In thinking of our family units, we are sorry that we lose some from time to time by moves or to death, but we are happy that we keep gaining new families by conversion and membership. These 416 families represent 727 members. Recently we have dropped a few from the membership list because they have moved on or shown no interest in being a part

of this church. Others of these 727 are involved in little or no ways with the church. We struggle to know what to do about these; we pray for wisdom to know how to interest them in what we are seeking to accomplish for Christ; we encourage them to find and use their gifts and to become actively involved with us. We also thank God for the vast majority of the 727 who are "plugged into" the Lord's work at this place. You are the heart and soul of this church and, with the blessing of God, you "make it go." As you can see, in addition to the 727 members, we have 208 additional adherents (non-member mates of members, non-members who attend regularly, and children of members). These we hope will all become Christians. Each Sunday we have about 200 members who are absent from worship (those who are sick, shut-in, away or just not in attendance). Just think what an attendance we would have if all of our members, all of our adherents, and our usual visitors were all present at once! Of course, that's not practical or possible, but ... we could probably do better than we do if we thought about it and wanted to, don't you think? See you Sunday!

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, March 18, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Day The King Wept"  
(Luke 19:41-44)

P.M. "The Cleansing Of The Temple"  
(Luke 19:45-48)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

We are planning a Service Day for Friday, Mar. 16. In the morning, we will work at the East Texas Food Bank and after lunch we will do yard work for some needy folks. Lunch will be provided. We must leave the church by 8:45! We will be finished at 4:30. Join us as we serve God by serving others.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be March 19. The text is Revelation 12-17. Be prepared to stay for lunch Sunday and for a practice session until about 2:30.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. We will not meet on Mar. 15 because of Spring Break. For more info call 839-7551. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All of those who signed up for *Puppets* need to meet at 4:30 Sunday. *Chorus* meets on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium. *Drama* will meet Sunday at 3:00 in the old auditorium. *Bulletin Boards* will meet Sunday at 5:30 in the teachers's workroom.

### COMBINED DEVO

All high school and middle school students are encouraged to come and bring a friend for a meal and devo following the evening worship assembly. Bring \$3:00 for supper. Be sure to come and enjoy this time of fellowship together!

### THANKS

A big THANK YOU to all who have been teaching in youth classes - Brody Clark, Jim Russell, & Ron Lott.

### DATES

**Mar. 18**  
**Mar. 19**  
**Mar. 22**  
**Apr. 13-15**

**Combined Devotional Bible Quiz**  
**Thursday Night Bible Study**  
**LTC Convention**

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

I am so excited concerning the results of our remodeling project. Everything looks so bright and cheerful. I've even had people ask me if we widened the hallways. Let me assure you that we did not, but they sure look bigger since we finished the painting. So many people have been involved in this project that it would be impossible to list them all. I'd like to personally thank Bill Denson, Mike Gravois, Jane Jones, Carolyn Welborn, and Wanda Weathers for all of their involvement in this project. They did an outstanding job and they should be thanked for all of their time, effort and energy. All of our teachers deserve a lot of praise also. I am sure that the last few months have tried their patience. Not only did they persevere but, believe it or not, we actually grew in number during this time period. Now, having said all of that, let me announce that we need all of our members to set aside March 24, 2001, on you calendars. As many of you know, we will be having "Friends Day" on March 25th. This day will be filled with many activities here at West Erwin. One of the

events on this day will be an open house, celebrating our educational wing. As good as everything looks, we need to make sure it looks even better. Therefore, on Saturday, March 24th, we will have a cleaning day here at the building. We will focus on cleaning pews, bathrooms, classrooms, etc. We want the building to look great for our activities the next day. This workday is for all of our members. Please bring as many cleaning supplies (vacuums, dusting supplies, etc.) as possible. The building will be opened at by 9:00 a.m. for cleaning, but let me also encourage you to be at the building by 8:00 a.m. for a breakfast (which the staff will prepare for all of those who are cleaning). So if you trust Jay, Doug, Mike and Danny's cooking skills you won't want to miss breakfast on the 24th. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the back wall of the foyer as soon as possible so that we will know how many to cook for and how many to expect for our workday. Teachers, let's all be sure that our rooms are organized and that we have our displays mounted on the walls. I know that your time is precious to you so you might wish to take a few minutes during our workday to make sure your room is ready for our open house.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### THE INTERVIEW (Part 1)

"Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me."

"If you have the time," I said.

God smiled and said, "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything. What questions do you have in mind to ask me?"

"What surprises you most about mankind?"

God answered: "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again. That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health. That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget their present, such that they live neither for the present not the future. That they live as if they will never die and they die as if they had never lived."

#### SINGLES NOTES

##### Coffee house

(Pine Tree Church of Christ)

6:30 p.m. - 1st & 3rd Thursdays monthly

Bring friends and snacks

#### Hay ride

(Sponsored by the Alpine Church of Christ)

Saturday, March 17th - 2:00 p.m. - 'til

Dennis Dyers' Farm, Carthage

Bring lawn chairs, coats, and blankets.

Call Dennis at (903) 694-2154 for more info or to see what food to bring.

#### The Christians Cafe" Coffee House

(Shiloh Road Church of Christ)

6:30 pm - 2nd & 4th Thursdays monthly

Bring friends, drinks, and snacks.

Dinner/ Devotional at the Kirbys'

Tuesday, March 20th at 6:45 pm

Check with Julia at 597-5252 to see what to bring.

#### FRIENDS DAY - Sunday, March 25th

Combined Adult Bible Classes, Worship, Luncheon, Open House

Evening Worhsip Assembly, PULSE Groups

Bring a friend and join us as we tour the newly renovated Education wing of our building. Wonderful things are happening at West Erwin as we grow in our service to God.

### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the many wonderful acts of kindness shown by you following the loss of my mother. West Erwin is truly the church with a heart.

Love,  
Ray Vannoy

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Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for your many acts of kindness during my dad's surgery and recovery and at the death of my grandmother. Your loving care and concern will always be remembered.

In His Love,  
Rhonda, Matt, Casey  
Brittany & Ryan Haws  
Frank & Martha Moore

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To our West Erwin family,

We have so much to be thankful for, all of the good things you do for others. We appreciate what you have done for us - the food, cards, visits, and especially your prayers. You are such a caring family. We love you and God loves you and He will bless you.

In Christian love,  
Edgar & Delle Bullard

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West Erwin Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls during my last hospital stay. Your concern means so much. Continue to pray for us.

In Christian love,  
Ann McCoy

Graveside services were held Saturday at Memorial Park in Victoria for Jewel McCoy, Nancy McCoy's mother-in-law and former West Erwin member. Services were held last Thursday in Lindale for Dorothy Bailey, mother of Buck and Kathleen Nowell's daughter-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

A **workday** has been scheduled (to clean up the building) for March 24th. There is a clip board in the back of the foyer for you to sign if you can help. We will begin the day with breakfast, cooked by the staff and served at 8:00, then work from 9:00 until noon.

**ATTENTION TEACHERS:** Our "Apples of Gold" appreciation dinner will be held April 28th. Please make every effort to attend. Sign the list in the back of the foyer so we will know how many to plan for and you can choose your menu! Thank you.

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Change For Children for Christian Services of East Texas drive has begun. Cans are in the foyer for your convenience. Please pick one up and return it when it is full or by the first Sunday in June.

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### BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Kara Murry** in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Monday. She is the daughter of Jon and Melanie Murry and is very active in LTC and other youth programs. Their address is 1307 Graham, 75701, ph. 597-0420.

**Michelle Koster** put on her Lord in baptism last Saturday. She and her husband, Jon, have been attending here for awhile and we're very happy to have them as a part of the West Erwin family. They have two young children, Dylan and Lexie, and they live in Whitehouse at 202 Karla, ph. 839-1268.

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Laurie Florence** has 5 articles in the new Power For Today! We're proud of Laurie for using her talents and abilities for the Lord! What an inspiration you are to us and others.

### Monday Night For The Master

6:00 p.m. - Family Life Center

### 17th ANNUAL SONGFEST

Eastern Hills Church of Christ

1200 East Corsicana (Hwy 175 E), Athens, TX

Friday, March 23, 2001 - 6:00-10:00 p.m.

Schedule: 6:00 - Registration & Congregational singing

7:00 - "Free Indeed"

7:45 - "North Tenneha Chorus"

8:30 - "Revival"

9:15 - Congregational singing

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### LIFE IS A HIGHWAY

Life is a highway on which the years go by ..

Sometimes the road is level, sometimes the hills are high ...

But as we travel onward to a future that's unknown

We can make each mile we travel

a heavenly stepping stone! - Helen Steiner Rice

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 18

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Worship A.M.	630	588	623
Worship P.M.	420	339	510
Wed. P.M.	275	284	
Contribution	\$22,651.77	\$19,510.83	\$17,035.30
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 11, and Wednesday, Mar. 14, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Pat Stokes is in ETMC ICU due to a broken hip and heart attack. She had hip surgery Monday. Alla Minnis is in Mother Frances, room 435. Henry Golightly is in ETMC, room 4482, after gall bladder surgery. Jack Tarrant is at home but will have additional tests. Irene Taylor is in rehab after knee replacement surgery. Delle Bullard is continuing outpatient rehab. Jane Clemmons went to Scott & White Sunday for tests. Margaret Talley is very ill in Fort Worth. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in ETMC rehab. Ethel Brown is continuing cancer treatment. Chris Bobbitt, Chloe Clark's grandson, is continuing treatment. Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad, is at home and feeling better after a serious bout with pneumonia. Mike Rutherford, husband of Haws Roofing Co. secretary, has been diagnosed with metastasized cancer. Dorothy Bailey, mother of the Nowell's daughter-in-law, is very ill in Mother Frances. Christine Stanley, friend of the McFaddens, has been diagnosed with a serious illness. 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 David Asbill  
Scripture Tony Adams  
Dismiss Leon Welborn

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Dan Baldwin

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Prayer Jim Bell  
Scripture Anthony Aven  
Dismiss Michael Aven

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

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John Steffee Frank Steed  
Tony Smith Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Bill Smith Blake Stansbury

**GREETERS**

Jim & Sue Carty & Jay Culpepper  
Faber & Kathryn Cauthen & Elizabeth Davis  
Clay & Ronda Clemons & Brady Dawkins

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### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION THIS SUNDAY

Remember the special contribution this Sunday for the Alan Bobbitt family. There will be two contributions taken; first we will take our regular contribution, then the special contribution. Make your checks payable to the West Erwin church marked for the Bobbitts. Thanks for helping!

### DANIEL MORGAN REPORT

A few days ago we received a report from Daniel Morgan in Cuiaba, Brazil for the year 2000. Overall church attendance increased almost 100 percent. A new congregation was started in June and the combined attendance at both locations is about 100. A total of 22 baptisms occurred during the year. A number of memorable events took place during 2000 including retreats, seminars, VBS, prayer campaign (25 hours of prayer), and team planning. Plans for 2001 include retreats, women's conference, city wide campaign, VBS, seminars, and planning sessions. We thank God for the progress of the Brazil work and for Daniel and Carol Morgan. The next furlough to the States for the Morgans will be July 15-August 15.

### BIBLE CLASSES

The new quarter of Bible classes is off to a great start. Attendance is up and the class offerings are good on both Sundays and Wednesdays. If you are not enrolled, the time is now!


### CONGRATULATIONS

The Whitehouse Wildcats basketball team is to be commended for a great year. Congratulations are in order for our own Russell Fedell (all-District), Brady Dawkins (District Most Valuable Player), and Wally Dawkins (Coach of the Year). Great going!

### THIS SUNDAY

Sunday morning Dean Brookshire, former preacher at West Erwin and now a member here in his retirement, will be preaching while I am with the Westside church in Cleburne for a few days. During the Sunday evening service, Scott Fossey, new Director of East Texas Christian Academy will be speaking. I hope you can hear these brothers.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, March 11, 2001**  
by Dean Brookshire  
A.M. "Why We Should Desire Heaven"  
(Rev. 21:1-5, Rev. 22:1-5)  
P.M. Scott Fossey  
East Texas Christian Academy

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins for being selected as the District MVP, Russell Fedell for being chosen to the All-District 2nd Team, and to Coach Wally Dawkins for being selected as the Coach of the Year. Way to go!

### FAMILY SKI TRIP

Friday night, 28 of us from West Erwin will leave for Winter Park, Colorado for our Family Ski Trip. Please pray for our safety and good health.

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

We are planning a Service Day for Friday, Mar. 16. In the morning, we will work at the East Texas Food Bank and after lunch we will do some yard work for some needy folks. Lunch will be provided. We must leave the church by 8:45! We will be finished at 4:30. Join us as we serve God by serving others.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be March 19. The text is Revelation 12-17.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. We will not meet on Mar. 15 because of Spring Break. For more info call 839-7551. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Remember that you need to be working on your Pre-Con Events. The deadline is Mar. 5! All of those who signed up for **Puppets** need to meet at 4:30 Sunday. **Chorus** will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Mar. 9-14</b>	<b>Ski Trip</b>
<b>Mar. 16</b>	<b>Youth Service Project</b>
<b>Mar. 18</b>	<b>Combined Devotional</b>
<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>Bible Quiz</b>
<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b>
<b>Apr. 13-15</b>	<b>LTC Convention</b>

### **"Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates**

I Peter 3:7

Teacher, Teacher, I hear the little ones say:  
That's all right, they'll learn my name some day.  
I think the Lord must have been pleased  
as the little ones sat upon His knees.  
And He too heard this sweet refrain,  
Teacher, Teacher, instead of His name.  
Suffer the little ones, I hear Him say;  
Oh, what a blessing to show them the way.  
The way of God's goodness and wonderful plan  
is shown to them as we hold their hand.

And lead them ever so carefully -  
It's so important for them to see that our Lord and Savior lives in me.

I count it a a privilege to teach children so small,  
to lead them gently to the One who is our All.  
To mold their lives in such a way -  
that one day we may hear Him say,

Well done, you've taught them well,  
so both of you may with Me eternally dwell.  
By: Thelma Sherrill

Teachers, please mark your calendars for our "Apples of Gold" teachers' appreciation dinner which will be held on Saturday, April 28th. Our theme this year is "Hats Off To Our Teachers." This years meal will be catered by Steak Out. **Jim Bell** has agreed to play a few songs on the keyboard during the meal and our guest speaker this year is **Monty Pettyjohn**, who is the educational minister at the Waterview church of Christ just outside Dallas). A sign-up sheet has been placed in the foyer of the main auditorium. Please read it carefully and then sign up in the appropriate place. Teachers, please make every effort possible to be present as the West Erwin church honors you for a year of service to the Lord.

I'd also like to make the congregation aware that Camp Friendship has been scheduled for June 11-15, 2001. Let's make this years camp the best that we've ever had.

### **FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT** by Mike Gravois

#### **RESUME**

Name: God  
Address: Omnipresent (Everywhere)  
Phone: (800) 4U2-PRAY  
Experience: From the beginning of time, before the beginning of time, from everlasting to everlasting, I made time  
Ability: Omnipotent (All powerful)  
Prior Employment: Created the universe, put galaxies in place, formed man, established heaven and earth by my spoken word and am currently holding the world and universe together.  
Education and Training: Omniscient (I AM: all knowledge, truth, light, understanding, life, love, "the Way," "the Good Shepherd").  
Character Reference: Love, light, and life (I John 4:16, I John 1:5, John 14:6)

Availability: Willing and ready to take over your life at a moment's notice. Able to provide you with salvation and everlasting life. Will bring all of who I am into your life. Can start immediately. Available for 24 hour-a-day companionship, counseling, guidance, comfort and consolation; to strengthen you and stand with you against all attacks from the enemy, to renew your mind and spirit, and to transform you into a new creature if you let me. I will become your life and you will become my body.  
Salary Requirement: Payment for all work that has been and will be accomplished in your life has already been paid for through the blood of My Son. Your only responsibility is to believe and commit, to have faith in and trust and obey what Jesus has done and wants to do in your life.

### IN APPRECIATION

Mr. Mike Gravois,

I just wanted to say thanks for the \$25.00 toward my electric bill and the bag of groceries. I appreciate your willingness to help me in my time of need. God bless you, too.

Sincerely,  
Linda George

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Hydro, Oklahoma for Floy Pitt, Kathy Krewall's sister-in-law. Velma Bell, former member at West Erwin who served this church as secretary many years ago, died in January at age 99, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Services will be held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippit for Florence Hale, Clint Hale and Ronda Clemons' grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families.

### PLEASE NOTE!!!!

There will be no Monday Night For The Master on Monday, March 12th. Please use this time to enjoy Spring Break with your families.

There will be NO dinner this Wednesday evening before Bible classes.

### GAMES ANYONE???

**Tuesday Afternoons, 1:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center**

Dean Brookshire will be your host  
for a time of fun, games, and fellowship.

### CHEROKEE DAY - MAY 25, 2001

You are invited to attend this  
annual food and fund raising event!  
Food - Bar-B-Que - Fun - Fellowship  
Sponsored by The Children & Staff of the  
Cherokee Home for Children  
COME RAIN OR SHINE!!!

RV camping facility available - call for information  
Celebrating 43 years of service!

### GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery van from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 12-15. West Erwin is asked to collect NAPKINS, CHILI (no beans), and TOILET PAPER. If there are other items that you wish to collect, they are greatly appreciated.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome **Melanie Dobbs** into the West Erwin family. She is a young single and will be a great addition to our singles group. Her address is 5100 Sweetbriar Lane #114, 75703, ph. 561-8568.

### BON VOYAGE

Casey Culpepper, son of Ken and Cathy Culpepper, has been serving as youth minister for the Frankston Church of Christ for the past year. He left Monday for the military for educational benefits so that he can attend Freed-Hardeman University for his degree in Bible when he gets out. He has been given the job he wants in the army and may also get to be an army chaplain. He is engaged to be married to Melissa Williams, daughter of Vance and Liz Chandler. They request our prayers for Casey's safety and for their future together.

### NEW ADDRESS:

Capt. James & Audrey Ball, 4917 Ravenswood Dr. #1707,  
San Antonio, 78227-4344, ph. (210) 679-1945.

### FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR DAILY LIVING

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind, peace of heart, peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip, squash indifference, squash grumbling,  
squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be patient,  
lettuce really love one another.

No garden without turnips:

Turnip for meetings, turnip for service, turnip to help  
one another.

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:

Thyme for each other, thyme for family, thyme for  
friends.

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

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Jon Sorrells

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

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Scripture Henry McRuiz  
Dismiss Bryce Murry

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John Steffee Frank Steed  
Tony Smith Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Bill Smith Blake Stansbury

**GREETERS**

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Nelda Browning & Mary Dawson & Caleb Bynum  
Jay & Debbie Bynum & Cayti Bynum

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### THE HOLLANDS

It was a blessing to have Jeff and Brenda and Josiah Holland with us for several days during their furlough from their work in Togo, West Africa. It hardly seems possible that over seven years have passed since a young couple, recently graduated from college, came to us with a dream for Togo. We caught their vision and agreed to be their sponsoring church and from then until now the blessings have flowed. West Erwin has been blessed by our association with the Hollands and the Togo team -- remember the Togo Conference we hosted? The Hollands have been blessed by us as we have supported them in their work. And the people of Togo have been blessed with the gospel of Christ. It was good to have Jeff and Brenda spend time with our Bible classes and other groups, and to have Jeff speak to the church on Sunday night. Now, they will be returning to their work in Africa with a commitment to complete a total of ten years in Togo. As a result of this important work,

churches are planted, leaders are trained, and souls are saved. We bid Godspeed to these special friends as they leave us for awhile.

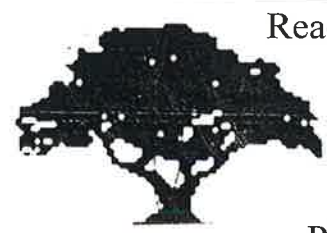
### BIBLE CLASSES

A new quarter of Bible classes begins Sunday with a good lineup of studies. Doug Yates (how fortunate we are to have him and his family!) is doing a really good job as our Educational Minister and has an excellent curriculum. This would be a good Sunday to begin a consistent growth pattern in attendance. With your help we can do it.

### RENOVATION

Our downstairs educational wing is in a real mess, isn't it! However, we see the light at the end of the tunnel. Hang with us -- good things are ahead as this work nears completion. Open House is March 25 -- more later on that.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, March 4, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "A Man Who Acted Like A Child"  
(Luke 19:1-5)  
P.M. "The King Is Coming"  
(Luke 19:11-14)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brady Dawkins, Russell Fedell, Coach Wally Dawkins and the District Champion Whitehouse Wildcats Basketball Team for an incredible season! Way to go!

### CITY WIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NIGHT

Sunday night, Mar. 4 will be a City Wide event at Shiloh Rd. Many of the Christian Colleges will be present along with a Chorus and other presentations. Supper will be provided. Parents can pick you up at Shiloh at 9:00. Don't miss this!

### YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

We are planning a Service Day for Friday, Mar. 16. In the morning, we will work at the East Texas Food Bank and after lunch we will do some yard work for some needy folks. Lunch will be provided. We must leave the church by 8:45! We will be finished at 4:30. Join us as we serve God by serving others.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our teams for a great job this week. The next Quiz will be March 19. The text is Revelation 12-17.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. We will not meet on Mar. 15 because of Spring Break. For more info call 839-7551. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Remember that you need to be working on your Pre-Con Events. The deadline is Mar. 5! All of those who signed up for **Puppets** need to meet at 4:30 Sunday. **Chorus** will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Mar. 4** City Wide @ Shiloh  
**Mar. 5** West Erwin to host Karing Kitchen  
**Mar. 8** Thursday Night Bible Study  
**Mar. 9-14** Ski Trip  
**Mar. 16** Youth Service Project  
**Mar. 19** Bible Quiz  
**Apr. 13-15** LTC Convention

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

Teachers, what a great quarter we just finished! Thank you so very much for all the hard work and dedication that you all put into your teaching assignments. We had to make a lot of adjustments and many of us were uprooted from our regular meeting places but we weathered the storm well and I couldn't be more pleased with the results. Even with all of the turmoil (due to the remodeling) our averages for both our Sunday morning Bible classes, and our Wednesday evening Bible classes were up. To me, that speaks well of the efforts of our teachers. So, let's continue to keep up the good work and always remember to give God the glory in all things we do. Let's also remember to be as involved in the Spring quarter as we were in the Winter quarter. Parents, remember that we have a "children's worship" as well as a "Bible Hour" program provided each week. Parents, volunteer your time to these programs and let's train up our children in the Lord.

Teaching is a privilege which has lots of responsibilities. The rewards far outweigh the periodic struggles along the way. *Ruth Carruth* wrote a poem entitled Privilege. Notice what she says in the poem:

*I'd rather teach a little child to do his duty well, than to have the finest medal known, pinned on my lapel.*

*I'd rather help a little child to overcome his fear than to be a hero in a book, tho' laud both far and near.*

*I'd rather hold a little child, securely by the hand, when he needs confidence and hope, than to possess the entire land.*

*I'd rather cause a little child to wear a happy smile than to wear the finest clothes myself or keep the latest styles.*

*I'd rather help a boy or girl to keep the path that's straight than to hear ten thousand shout my name among the great.*

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE:

The maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, "Subsequent Internal Non-morality," or more commonly known as S-I-N, as it is primarily symptomized.

Some other symptoms:

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| A) Loss of direction           | F) Depression of confusion |
| B) Foul vocal emissions        | in the mental component    |
| C) Amnesia of origin           | G) Fearful                 |
| D) Lack of peace and joy       | H) Idolatry                |
| E) Selfish or violent behavior |                            |

The manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this SIN defect.

The number to call for the recall station in your area is: P-R-A-Y-E-R.

Once connected, please upload your SIN burden by entering: R-E-P-E-N-T-E-N-C-E.

Next, download J-E-S-U-S into the heart. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, the JESUS repair will replace it with: love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

Please see the operating manual, HOLY BIBLE, for further details on the uses of these repairs.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER STATS

	CARDS	CALLS	VISITS	WBS	FS	TOTALS
YTD	785	170	38	353	28	1,374

(Figures through 2/19/01)

### GAMES ANYONE???

Tuesday Afternoons, 1:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center  
 Dean Brookshire will be your host  
 for a time of fun, games, and fellowship.

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the prayers and all the other loving things done for us after Guy's surgery. We love you.

Guy & Nettie Potts

### WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Monday in Denton for Vanita Vannoy, Ray Vannoy's mother. If desired, memorials may be made to the West Erwin Playschool Services were held Sunday at Whitehouse Memorial Chapel for Annie Belle Steele, Katie Heath's sister. Dee E. Mackey, nephew of Modena Jones and cousin of Louis Jones and James Phillips, died Monday in Gladewater. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with Archie and Faye Kennard in the happy milestone in their lives as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, March 3.

### SORRY TO LOSE ....

Captain James and Audrey Ball will be moving next week to a military assisted living complex in San Antonio where they will also be near their daughter and granddaughter. They will miss very much but we wish better health and much happiness for them in their new home. We will share their new address as soon as we have it.

### NEW ADDRESS

Jerry & Sherrie Frick, 21568 Mixon Road, Troup, 75789  
 (Mailing address: P.O. Box 1393, Whitehouse, 75791)

### CHEROKEE DAY - MAY 25, 2001

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 Food - Bar-B-Que - Fun - Fellowship  
 Sponsored by The Children & Staff of the Cherokee Home for Children  
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### Monday Night For The Master

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### If We Could See As God Sees

It was the poet Robert Burns who wished for humanity to see ourselves as others see us. What insights would come to us! But what if we could see our lives as God does? If we could see as God sees, we would know that most of our fears never materialize. The majority of things most of us spend the bulk of our time worrying over are never going to happen. So we waste energy and weaken ourselves for today's task. Foresight and precaution are one thing, but worry is something else again. "Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself," said Jesus. "Each day has enough trouble of its own."

If we could see as God sees, we would realize that no problem that does arise is without resolution. In our gloomier moments of illness, financial stress, or personal problems, we muse over questions that seem to have no answers. But the Bible still promises: "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." If we could see as God sees, we would understand that no problem comes without an attached blessing. The good end of a painful beginning can seldom be known in advance. So, in our anxiety, we tend to doubt that anything good can come from heartache. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds," said Jesus' half-brother, "because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

If we could see as God sees, we would know that pain always signals the possibility for growth. Although we sometimes sigh for a world free of difficulties, we know deep inside that such a world would create cold and unfeeling people. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. Through God's eyes, today may look very different from what you think you see. As my friend put it, "God's peace is greater than your pain, and his promise is greater than your loss." So trust the One with clearer vision.

- The FAX of Life

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### The Search



### Each Sunday

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



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Bible Class	416	383	409
Worship A.M.	582	584	610
Worship P.M.	410	353	342
Wed. P.M.	264	295	
Contribution	\$15,713.50	\$20,277.55	\$18,163.63
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 25, and Wednesday, Feb. 28, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Alla Minnis** is in Mother Frances, room 449. **Margaret Talley** is very ill in Fort Worth. **Guy Potts** is at home after carotid artery surgery last Thursday. **Delle Bullard** is at home and continuing outpatient rehab. **Joe Tolbert**, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is in ETMC rehab. **Ethel Brown** is continuing cancer treatment. **Chris Bobbitt**, Chloe Clark's grandson, is at home after successful surgery on a broken leg last Tuesday in Dallas. **Edith Singletary**, friend of Esther Wilson, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Chad Davis**, friend of Ruth Hearne, is awaiting a kidney transplant. **Mike Rutherford**, husband of Haws Roofing Co. Secretary, has been diagnosed with metastasized 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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<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Hillard Hughes	Phil Martis	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	..... 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Bill Denson  
Scripture Roger Howell  
Dismiss James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Matt Haws

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Dennis Kingsbury  
Scripture Jamon Kirby  
Dismiss Jeff Fennell

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Charlie Scroggins Brad Shotts  
Doug Scroggins Bill Smith  
Dannie Skipper Jon Sorrells  
Barry Scarborough Claude Sessions

**GREETERS**

Bill & Pat Bratcher & Anthony Aven  
Roy & Fern Bench & Frank Aven  
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Isaac Barnett

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

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### THIS AND THAT

It's amazing to consider the activities that go on around the West Erwin church building each week! In addition to our Bible classes and worship on Sundays and Wednesdays, it's a virtual beehive around here all week long. There is the Play School, the Ladies Bible Class, the Tuesday cooks, the Tuesday and Thursday Benevolence workers, the Karing Kitchen, Monday Night For The Master, the young at Heart, and on and on. Additionally, many people work quietly, behind the scenes to help things run smoothly. For example, have you noticed that when you call the building someone answers -- to refer your call, to answer your question, to lend help. In your mailbox each week you find the church bulletin. Our Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class sees that there are cards and pencils in the pews for registering our attendance. When you arrive at the building on Sunday morning, the lights are on, the building is unlocked, the temperature inside is comfortable. You are usually greeted at the main door by Charles Seaberry and Elmer Miles and by countless other people at other doors, in the halls, in the foyer. There are those who serve at the Lord's table and lead in worship. Someone organizes all of this. Then in our worship assemblies someone sees that the sound system is working and someone sees that The Search is

taped each week -- who runs the cameras, the switch board, the production? Add to all of this the late night meetings our elders attend for the welfare of us all. Things don't just happen. A lot of people, many unseen and unnoticed, make them happen. Why not seek out these people and express your appreciation to them for what they do? I'm trying to do that right here! Thanks to everyone who serves!


### WELCOME TO THE HOLLANDS

It's good to have the Hollands -- Jeff, Brenda and Josiah with us for the next several days. The Hollands will be meeting with various classes and other groups while they are on leave from Togo, West Africa.

### BUILDING RENOVATION

Well, the remodeling of the upstairs of our Educational Building is finished!! The downstairs is still underway. In a few weeks all the reconstruction will be completed and you will be very pleased with the outcome. This much needed project has improved this part of our facility in a wonderful way. Thank you for your patience and for the contributions you have made to make it possible.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, February 25, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Up To Jerusalem"  
(Luke 18:31-34)  
P.M. "What A Blind Man Saw"  
(Luke 18:35-43)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who have helped with the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday night. Thanks to David & Tammy Asbill, Barry & Mary Scarborough, Brody & Kim Clark, Lisa Snell, and several others.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night. We meet from 7:00-8:00. For the month of March, we will meet in our home, in Whitehouse. Call 839-7551 for directions. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday February 26. The text is Revelation 6-11. Please be at Shiloh at 6:45 Monday night. We will be finished at 9:00

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed the LTC sign-up, you need to get signed up ASAP! This is the last call for signing up! If you have any questions, please ask!

Remember that you need to be working on your Pre-Con Events. The deadline is Mar. 5!

All of those who signed up for Puppets need to meet at 5:00 Sunday.

All of those who are signed up for Video Bible Drama, plan to stay all day and do the final taping. We will eat in the Family Life Center for lunch.

Chorus will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>Pulse Groups</b>
<b>Feb. 26</b>	<b>Bible Quiz</b>
<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b>
<b>Mar. 9-14</b>	<b>Ski Trip</b>
<b>Apr. 13-15</b>	<b>LTC Convention</b>

## "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

"... That the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them" - John 17:26

Sometime ago there was a teacher who celebrated her eightieth birthday. It proved to be a marvelous occasion, highlighted by the presence of a great number of her former students. It seemed that she taught school in one of the worst sections of Baltimore. Before she started teaching at this school, there had been repeated instances of juvenile crime and delinquency. Shortly after she began working there, things slowly but surely began to change. The change (in time) became more and more noticeable with so many of her students turning out to be productive students and then citizens. Instead of becoming criminals, they became men and women of outstanding character.

Some of them became doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, craftsmen and skilled technicians. It was no accident, therefore, that on important anniversaries (like her 80th birthday) she was remembered with gratitude and love from a great number of her former students.

A newspaper got wind of this celebration and sent a reporter to interview her. He asked her, "What was the secret that made your teaching so rewarding?" She replied, "Oh, I don't know, When I look at the young teachers in our schools today, so well equipped with training and learning, I realize that I was ill prepared to teach. I had nothing to give but love."

Teachers, with all that we have to offer our students (each first day of the week), let's make sure that we do not forget that the key ingredient to our success in the classroom is love.

## FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

### HEART OF THE MATTER

The Center of the Bible

Did you know that:

1. Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the entire Bible?
2. Psalm 117, before Psalm 118, is the shortest chapter of the Bible?
3. Psalm, after Psalm 118, is the longest chapter of the Bible?
4. The Bible has 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 chapters after Psalm 118?
5. If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118, you get a total of 1188 chapters?
6. 1188 or Psalm 118, verse 8, is the middle verse of the entire Bible?

Should the central verse not have a fairly important message?

**"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man."**

**Psalm 118:8**

Is this central verse not also the central theme of the entire Bible? Is this mere coincidence?

### PULSE Group Sunday

February 25th

Following evening worship services

### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday, February 26th

In the Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 6:15 a.m.

Breakfast served at 6:30 a.m.

Jon Sorrells will be our chef!!!!

### VISITORS CENTER

I hope that you have had the opportunity to see the wonderful Visitor's Center in the main foyer designed and built by Earl O'Quinn. What a wonderful talent and gift he has! We are presently gathering the materials we will have available and working on a staff of people to work in the Center. We will have someone in the Center and begin utilizing it on Sunday, March 4th. What a wonderful way to welcome our visitors to West Erwin.

## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls during my recent hospital stay. Your concern means so much to me.

Bettye Price

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Thanks so much for the calls and prayers. I love you all.

Thelma Henley

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home for Willie Belle Moore, Rhonda Haws' grandmother. Services were held Thursday in Memphis, Tennessee for Thomas Barfoot, Dannie Skipper's brother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We share in the joy of the happy milestone in the lives of Edgar and Delle Bullard as they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Quitman & Center Church of Christ, Gladewater, Texas  
with Jimmy Allen, Evangelist  
March 2-4

Services will be at 7:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday evening  
Sunday: 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

## 22nd Annual ETCA Victory Dinner & Auction

East Texas Christian Academy is hosting the 22nd Annual Victory Dinner and Auction on March 3, 2001 at the Tyler Rose Garden Center. Silent auction begins at 5:30 and dinner will be served at 6:15. Live auction begins at 7:15. Advance tickets are \$20.00 each and \$25.00 the day of the auction. For tickets or more information, please call ETCA at 561-8642.

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*"But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If the church of today does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authentic ring, forfeit the loyalty of millions and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. I am meeting young people every day whose disappointment with the church has risen to outright disgust."*  
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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We rejoice with (Mrs. Sam) Marsha Wells in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Friday. She has been attending here for some time and we are so happy to welcome her into the West Erwin family. Her address is 3411 Brookside, 75701, ph. 597-8426.

Julia Traylor Wall came Sunday to ask for our prayers as she is going through a difficult time in her life. She would also like to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin congregation. Her address is 15212 State Hwy 64 W, 75704.

## RESPONSE

Chuck Gillam came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for his physical family, especially for Dan as the time is drawing near when he will be back with us. Our love and our prayers surround this family as they meet the challenges in their lives.

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## THERE'S SUNSHINE IN A SMILE

Life is a mixture of sunshine and rain,  
Laughter and pleasure, teardrops and pain,  
So just keep on smiling whatever betide you,  
Secure in the knowledge God is always beside you,  
For each time you smile you will find it is true  
Somebody somewhere will smile back at you,  
And nothing on earth can make life worthwhile  
Than the sunshine and warmth of a beautiful smile.  
- Helen Steiner Rice

## Monday Night For The Master

Food, fellowship, card writing, phone contacts, visitation, World Bible School, FriendSpeak, Bible study, outreach, and more!!!

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Worship A.M.	584	681	595
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MISSIONS			
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ELDERS			
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Dismiss James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Jay Bynum

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

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Danny Craddock  
Scripture Will Christian  
Dismiss Jay Culpepper

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Charlie Scroggins Brad Shotts  
Doug Scroggins Bill Smith  
Dannie Skipper Jon Sorrells  
Barry Scarborough Claude Sessions

**GREETERS**

Wade & Diane Weathers & Chris Ables  
David & Ginny Wicks & Cody Ables  
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Cameron Ables

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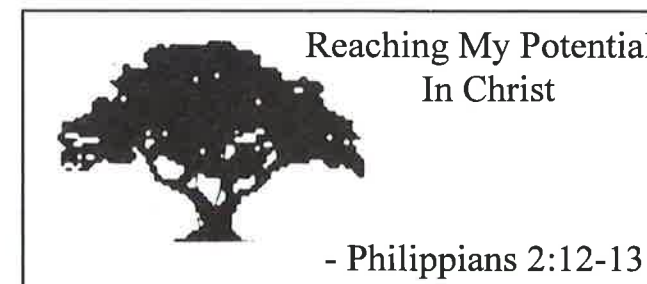
### GROUPS

We have reaped many benefits from the Church Growth Study which we conducted with John Ellas in the spring of last year. Among the suggestions that came from Ellas as a result of the study was the need for additional groups within the West Erwin church to help people find their place for ministry and to aid in making more of our folks feel they are a part of this church family. We already had a large number of ministry groups which were functioning in a good way, but now we have others and, hopefully, both the older and newer groups are working well. We now have at least seventy-four (74) groups, or one group for about every ten (10) people in the church. These groups include our Shepherding Groups (to which all of our members are assigned), our new PULSE Groups (which are voluntary fellowship groups meeting in homes once a month), our Women's Ministry Committees (which number fourteen), our Singles Ministry, the Monday Night For The Master group, our Young at Heart group (which provide fun, fellowship,

and service opportunities for our retired folks), four Benevolent Groups, our Ministry Committees (fourteen groups), and various classes (twenty-two groups). Our goal is to acquaint the whole church with all of these groups, explaining their function in some detail so that everyone who wishes to serve in one of them can make an educated choice. Our theme for the year is "Reaching My Potential In Christ" and our Mission Statement is to Glorify God by Growing into the Image of Christ through Evangelism, Edification, and Benevolence. These groups help us fulfill our theme and to succeed in our mission.

### THANKS TO EARL O'QUINN

The Welcome Center in our foyer is not only a beautiful piece of furniture (well made in the O'Quinn tradition) but exactly what we needed for this added dimension to our church ministry. Thanks, Earl, for a job well done!  
- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, February 18, 2001  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
A.M. "Something Is Missing"  
(Luke 18:18-23)  
P.M. Jeff Holland Preaching

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who have helped with the Karing Kitchen over the last 3 years. In April we will begin the 4th year of serving hungry folks in the heart of Tyler. This ministry could not have happened without the help of so many dedicated people who have served selflessly over the years. We currently have 6 churches involved in this ministry with over 80 folks actively involved in preparing and serving these meals. May God continue to bless this ministry.

### 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!

Remember that you need to be working on your Pre-Con Events.

All of those who signed up for Puppets need to meet at 5:00 Sunday for a planning session and team assignment. Puppet coaches need to meet in my office at 4:45.

All of those who are signed up for Video Bible Drama, please meet at 5:00 Sunday to work on props.

Chorus will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

### THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High school students, remember our Bible study each Thursday night. We meet from 7:00-8:00. For the month of February, we will meet in Allison Broome's home, 1913 Clubview in Tyler. Call 592-2289 for directions. Join us for this special time in the Word.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are reminded of our combined devotional in the Family Life Center after church this coming Sunday night. Please bring \$3.00 for dinner. We will be finished at 9:00. Invite a friend to come and enjoy this great time together.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday February 19. The text is Revelation 6-11. We will have a study session on Sunday, Feb. 11. We will plan to eat lunch together and practice until 2:30. Study sheets are ready to be picked up across from my office.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb. 22** Thursday Night Bible Study  
**Feb. 18** Middle School Devotional  
**Feb. 26** Bible Quiz  
**Mar. 9-14** Ski Trip  
**Apr. 13-15** LTC Convention

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

James Galway is widely known for his craft as a master of classical flute. As he neared his fiftieth birthday, he looked closely at his life and decided that he was not going to fall into the trap that so many of his musician friends had, that is to say, "getting old and famous for playing bad concerts." He thought about how he could avoid this and his solution was to get back to the basics by practicing (for several hours a day) the scales. Much to his shock, he discovered that it had been so long since he had done this, that it was very difficult. He said, "I could play concertos and repertory pieces, but the scales were stiff and inconsistent from key to key."

To many of us (who couldn't play a single note on a musical instrument) that seems strange. How could a master musician find it difficult to play scales. After all, that is the very first thing you learn whenever you begin playing an instrument. Well, James Galway continued practicing and relearning the basics and

he once again performed beautiful pieces of music to the approval of his audience. He learned a valuable lesson that we need to come to understand in the church. He learned just how important the basics were to his goal of being the best.

There are a lot of Christians today who would be well advised to learn the same lesson in their approach to studying God's Word. Many of us are so caught up in hearing about the latest controversy in the church that we have forgotten our main goal, which is to seek and save the lost. We really do need to return to the basics so that we may advance in our Bible knowledge. Perhaps we would be well advised to learn a lesson from Jesus, the master teacher, because (to tell you the truth) he never left the basic teachings of God's Word. When he needed the answer to the question of the day, he didn't consult the leading authorities in Jerusalem for the answer, he went straight to the Word of God. Let's once again become people of the Book. One way you can do this is by attending our classes on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evening. Please make every effort to be present for these classes and let's examine the Word of God together.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

#### THE POWER OF ONE

**"A bright attitude is the right attitude. It is a source of Empowerment that can move everyone in the right direction."**

One is all that God needs. Imagine what tremendous works could be accomplished if each one of you reading this article did something to brighten the world of one individual. Then think of what a wave could be generated if we went just one step further and reached one more. Reach out and touch someone today for Christ. Why not invite a friend to church with you?

**If each one saved one, won one**

**And each one, won one**

**What hosts would be won**

**When every one won, won one.**

**PULSE Group Sunday  
February 25th  
Following evening worship services**

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Monday, February 26th

In the Fellowship Hall

Doors open at 6:15 a.m., Breakfast served at 6:30 a.m.

Jon Sorrells will be our chef!!!!

#### SINGLES NEWS:

**Birthdays: 19th - Will Christian**

**24th - Gina Montgomery**

**Party at Doc & Patsy's - February 16th & 17th**

#### Singles' Dinner/Devotional

Tuesday, February 20th

6:45 p.m. At the Kirbys

Phil Marts will be our guest speaker

We'll see you there!!!

#### Christian Cafe' (Coffee House)

Thursday, February 22nd, 6:30 p.m.

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your get well wishes - and especially for your prayers. Your love and encouragement is greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Stan Perkins, M.D. for being there for me.

In Christian Love,  
Charlene Steed

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To The West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful food, visits, and gifts during the birth of our daughter. We really feel lucky to be a part of a wonderful church family. Thanks again.

Todd and Jana Hancock

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last week at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Kathryn Dahl, cousin of Frances Phillips and Louis Jones and niece of Modena Jones. Services were held in Little Rock, Arkansas for Barbara Stringer, Jack Stringer's sister-in-law, who died last Wednesday. The McCunes have requested our prayers for Mary Ella Tate, their neighbor whose husband, Wade, died last Thursday. The Tates were members of the Lakeside Church of Christ. Services were held Wednesday in Greenville for Willie Norris, Roy Bench's aunt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

### YOUNG AT HEART

The Glenwood Church of Christ Pure Gold Group invites you to enjoy chili and fixins' on Monday, March 5 at 6:30 p.m. in their Family Life Center. Please RSVP at 509-9494 by February 24 to give the number of those planning to attend.

### GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery van from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 12-15. West Erwin is asked to collect NAPKINS, CHILI (no beans), and TOILET PAPER. If there are other items that you wish to collect, they are greatly appreciated.

### OPPORTUNITY AT ETCA

If you would be interested in substitute teaching in the middle school or high school at East Texas Christian Academy, please contact Cathy Howell (middle school) or Greg McAdams (high school). They can be reached at 561-8642.

### ETCA ANNUAL VICTORY DINNER & AUCTION

Mark your calendar! The East Texas Christian Academy Annual Victory Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, March 3, 2001 at the Rose Garden. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, contact Chris or Janie Beckendorf at 839-6506. New items only, please. Deadline for donations is February 23.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Bobby** and **Cassie Snyder** and their children, **Candice** (age 12) and **Callyn** (age 9), into our West Erwin family. Bobby is the brother of Lori Blaylock, Julie Fisher and Dana Pierce. We know this family will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 137 CR 2220, Mineola, 75773, ph. (903) 569-9101.

### RESPONSES

**David Wicks** came Sunday to request the prayers of the church for the success of the team who will be going on a mission trip to Russia this summer.

**Timothy Dallas**, who has been visiting with Stevie and Thomas Blakemore, came Sunday to ask for prayers for his family and that blessings be upon Stevie and his family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We share in the joy of George and Ruth Hearne as they rejoice with their son-in-law and grandson, Ron and Dustin Richard, who were both baptized into Christ last Sunday in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Brenda Holland will speak to the Ladies Bible class on Wednesday, February 21. All ladies are encouraged to come for the class and stay for a luncheon following in the Family Life Center.

### SHARE YOUR HEART AND HOME!

Host families are needed for international exchange students for the 2001/2002 academic year. The students will arrive in early August and will stay with the host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. They are in need of caring American families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. The SHARE High School Exchange program is sponsored by educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT). For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional office, 1-800-941-3738.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** If your child is interested in helping to pick attendance cards on Sunday mornings, please contact Doug Yates at the church office as soon as possible.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 18

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Sharon Gordon; Toddler nursery p.m.- Freida Starr; 2's: Rachel Huff and Laura Bellar; 3's & 4's: Kimberly Clark and Kristi Harris; Overseeing couple: John & Terry Shaw.

### The Search



### Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



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Records	Sunday February 4	Sunday January 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	453	408	405
Worship A.M.	681	650	579
Worship P.M.	350	NS	355
Wed. P.M.	295	275	
Contribution	\$18,295.09	\$17,175.46	\$16,456.65
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 11, and Wednesday, Feb. 14, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Fern Bench got a good report after a heart cath, will be treated with medication. Delle Bullard is in ETMC Rehab, room 402. Carrie Cannefax is ill at home with pneumonia. Buddy Bell, Marjorie Cox, Thelma Henley and Charlene Steed are all recuperating at home. Don and Carolyn McCune and families are all doing better, including Mary Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's mother, and Bobby Williams, Don McCune's brother-in-law. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is some improved in ETMC. Ethel Brown is continuing outpatient treatment. Marty Coker, Donna Wright's uncle, is recovering at home after cancer surgery. Novalene Stark, Gerald Boykin's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. Chad Bailey, Jerry Parker's nephew, is improving in Houston. Chris Bobbitt began chemo in Dallas Wednesday. Ellen Owens, Opal Cooper's daughter-in-law, is hospitalized in DeSoto. Edith Singletary, friend of Esther Wilson, has been diagnosed with cancer in UTHC. Jim Hooter's dad had surgery for glaucoma Tuesday. 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 nursinghomes.

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

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	
		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
			11:30 A.M.
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Prayer Ron Lott  
Scripture Nathan Linseisen  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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Scripture Roger Howell  
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Derek Russell Jordan Rousseau  
Jim Russell Trey Rousseau  
Eddie Rogers Rodney Rhea

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### INTERPRETATION REQUIRES INTEGRITY

Integrity is "uprightness, honesty, sincerity." We are always looking for integrity in people, institutions, and hopefully ourselves. My purpose here is to emphasize integrity in interpretation.

1. The Constitution of the United States. Political partisanship influences people in government to interpret the constitution in ways never intended by the founders of our country. For example, the separation of church and state provided for in the constitution was intended by the founders to prevent the establishment of a state religion by the government. They never intended to eliminate either God or religion from our lives. Yet, we see an attempt to interpret the constitution in such a way as to make it unlawful to, for example, pray at a school function. Integrity in interpretation of the constitution would lay aside biases against religion.

2. Literature. When I was a college student we often were called upon to interpret some of the great literature of the world in order to arrive at what the authors wished to communicate. Integrity required us not to interpret these writings according to our

own thoughts or according to our culture but to seek the author's intended purpose. Seeking the author's intended purpose was integrity in interpretation.

3. Scripture. When we come to Scripture, our job of interpretation is not to read our thoughts into a passage or seek to justify our personal agenda, but to arrive at the intended purpose of the text within its context and to apply that purpose to our lives. Integrity in Biblical interpretation asks: what does the passage say? what does it mean? how does it apply? Biblical interpretation is not designed to prove my point or to justify my practice or to ignore clear teaching of Scripture. The task of interpretation is to arrive at the will of God for my life whether it be a question of salvation, worship, the church, or living the Christian life. Integrity avoids reading Scripture through the colored glasses of preconceived notions and strives for the meaning of Scripture in its historical setting and then to let the chips fall where they will. Integrity is to change my life to agree with Scripture rather than changing Scripture to agree with me. Interpretation requires integrity.

- Jav Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, February 11, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. **"Will the Son Of Man Find Faith?"**  
(Luke 18:1-8)

P.M. **"Going Home Justified"**  
(Luke 18:9-17)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and their crew for the great job they do with Bible Hour. Throughout the years I see evidence of the great ministry they do by the way the teens still remember the facts they learned in Bible Hour. Way to go gang!

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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<b>Feb. 11</b>	<b>Bible Quiz Study Session</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Thursday Night Bible Study</b>
<b>Feb. 18</b>	<b>Middle School Devotional</b>
<b>Feb. 19</b>	<b>Bible Quiz</b>
<b>Apr. 13-15</b>	<b>LTC Convention</b>

### Karing Kitchen Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, February 13, 7:00 - Fellowship Hall  
All of those who have helped in the Karing Kitchen since April 1998 are invited.  
Please RSVP Danny Snell by Sunday

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates I Peter 3:7

Is it too early to start thinking about Vacation Bible School? Believe it or not, we are in the process of developing a theme for this years VBS and if we are going to make this program work to its full potential I am going to need a lot of help from our members. Vacation Bible School is an excellent way to get involved in the educational program of the church here at West Erwin. Not only do you have the opportunity of fellowshiping with your Christian friends, but you also have the opportunity of fulfilling the "Great commission." When Jesus told His followers to "go into all the world," he was telling us to do likewise. Vacation Bible School is one of the ways that we have chosen to fulfill that commission. In the next few weeks, I will be attempting to contact our membership in person, by phone, by letter, and by making announcements in our classes and during the worship hour in order to secure a group of coordinators and workers for

this years VBS. Please consider this great work and let's grow as God would have us to grow in this great effort.

Let me take a minute to thank all of our teachers for the way in which you are letting me know about our visitors to our classes. Many of you are writing me a note on the back of your attendance card, telling me the name and address of those who are visiting your class. I have been pleasantly surprised at the number of visitors that we have each week to our classes. If the information is provided, I guarantee you, a visit is made. Since I have been here, I have had the opportunity of visiting approximately 30 people from our community. All of these visits have been well received. I personally know that some of our teachers have taken the time to communicate with some of our visitors. These visits, phone calls, letters, etc. Have made a difference. We are encouraged at our recent increase in attendance to our Bible School. Teachers, keep up the good work and let's continue to pray that God will send us visitors so that we will have the opportunity to teach them.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

If Earth's population was shrunk into a village of just 100 people -- with all the human ratios existing in the world still remaining -- what would this tiny, diverse village look like? That's exactly what Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, attempted to figure out.

This is what he found: 57 would be Asian, 21 would be European, 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere, 8 would be African, 52 would be female, 48 would be male, 70 would be nonwhite, 30 would be white, 70 would be non-Christian, 30 would be Christian, 89 would be heterosexual, 11 would be homosexual, 6 people would possess 59 percent of the entire world's wealth, and all would be from the United States. 80 would live in substandard housing, 70 would be unable to read, 50 would suffer from malnutrition, 1 would be near death, 1 would be pregnant, 1 would have a college education, 1 would own a computer.

The following is an anonymous interpretation: Think of it this way. If you live in a good home, have plenty to eat and can read, you are a member of a very select group. And if you have a good house, food, can read and have a computer, you are among the very elite. If

you woke up this morning with more health than illness .. You are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation ... you are ahead of 500 million people in the world. If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death ... You are fortunate, more than three billion people in the world can't. If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep ... You are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere ... You are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy. If your parents are still alive and still married --- you are very rare, even in the United States. If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful ... You are blessed because the majority can, but most do not. If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder ... You are blessed because you can offer healing touch.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**  
Join us at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of my sister-in-law. It helps knowing others care. May God bless you.

In Christian love,  
Bob & Marie Threadgill

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and food at the time of the birth of Ryan Drew. Also, thank you very much for Ryan's first Bible.

In Christian Love,  
Drew, Jayne, & Ryan Fitzgerald

### YOUNG AT HEART

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### CONGRATULATIONS

When you see **Louis Jones** ask him to show you his new ring. It came approximately 50 years late, but players on the 1949 and 1951 Tyler Junior College National Championship basketball teams finally received their championship rings on February 3. The presentation came after a day of reunion activities planned for the players, their families and alumni. Congratulations, Louis!

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bob and Marie Threadgill on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on January 31. We rejoice with them on this happy milestone in their lives.

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"Great mountains of happiness grow out of little hills of kindness."

### ATTENTION 2nd -5th GRADE TEACHERS

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### BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Melanie Bridges** is her decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. (She is the daughter of Arvalene Harris). Her address is 13849 Burro Drive, 75707, ph. 566-3976.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Lowrane Canada** into the West Erwin family. She came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the church here. She has recently moved from Houston where her late husband served as an elder in the West University church. Her address is 407 Towne Oaks Drive, 75701, ph. 534-0404.

**Arvalene Harris** came Sunday to be restored and to place membership with the West Erwin church. She asks for prayers that she might be forgiven and have the strength to be a better Christian. Her address is 13849 Burro Drive, 75707, ph. 566-3976.

**Reagan Phillips** is the son of James and Frances Phillips. He came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with his Lord. He requested prayers that any defects that might keep him from living as God would have him live be removed. His address is 1019 Deaton, Jacksonville, 75766, ph. 586-4539.

**Aretta Presley** and her little daughter **Casey** (age 8) came Sunday to be recognized as members of the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome them into our growing family. Their address is 1916 Merrimac, 75701.

### THE HOLLANDS ARE COMING!

Jeff, Brenda and Josiah Holland will be in Tyler from February 14 through February 26. They would enjoy meeting with as many groups as possible to renew the close relationship they have with the West Erwin family. If you or your class would like to arrange a time to be with them, please sign up in the office.

### IN SYMPATHY

Dwayne Weaver, nephew of Clinton and Louise Culpepper, was killed in a car accident last week. Services were held Wednesday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### "WE CARE" SEMINAR

February 9, 10, 11, 2001- Speaker: Larry West  
Shiloh Road Church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler  
Dates & times: Friday, Feb. 9 - 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday a.m. 9:00 - 12:00, Potluck Lunch, Saturday 1:00 - 2:15 & 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.; Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 11

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddler nursery p.m.- Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2's: Jeff & Melissa Parrish; 3's & 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; Overseeing couple: John & Terry Shaw.

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Records	Sunday January 28	Sunday January 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	408	431	401
Worship A.M.	650	633	595
Worship P.M.	NS	400	NS
Wed. P.M.	275		
Contribution	\$17,175.46	\$17,044.39	\$18,640.00
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 4, and Wednesday, Feb. 7, Earl O'Quinn, ph. 561-0671.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Delle Bullard is in ETMC Rehab, room 402. Buddy Bell is in Mother Frances, room 445. Brayden Kempton, baby son of Todd and Kenna, is in Mother Frances, room 301. Norma Durham got a good report after tests this week. Jack Stringer had a heart cath, will be treated with medication. Charlene Steed is recovering after recent knee replacement surgery. Marjorie Cox is ill at home. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is some improved in ETMC. Ethel Brown is continuing outpatient treatment. Mary Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's mother, had a toe amputated Tuesday in San Antonio. Averi Moya, baby daughter of Chuck and Penny (Hulsey) Moya, got a good report this week after a recent bone marrow transplant. Marty Coker, Donna Wright's uncle, had surgery to remove (lung)cancer. Inez Walker, Shara Hobson's grandmother, is in rehab after surgery on a broken hip. Novalene Stark, Gerald Boykin's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. Bobby Williams, Don McCune's brother-in-law, had heart surgery Wednesday in Austin. Chad Bailey, Jerry Parker's nephew, is hospitalized in Houston with meningitis. Chris Bobbitt went to Dallas Tuesday for evaluation of a tumor.

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Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	..... 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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SCOUT SUNDAY  
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Scripture Keith Harris  
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Jon Murry

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

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Scripture Dan Baldwin  
Dismiss Chuck Gillam

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Roger Bailey Bryce Murry  
Howard Galletly John Cowan  
Chad Frick Jonathan Smith  
Garrett Cantrell Josh Gorenflo

**GREETERS**  
Pattie Tate & Roberta Tindall & Chris Ables  
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Cody Ables  
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Cameron Ables

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### IT WAS A GREAT DAY

It was a gloomy Sunday on the outside but the sun was shining on the inside as we celebrated the ninth anniversary of being in our present (we can't really call it new any more) auditorium. As on every Sunday, we had a host of visitors and a good day for our annual homecoming. Following our Bible classes and Worship we enjoyed a meal together in our Family Life Center and a large crowd stayed for lunch and singing. When the church has a meal together, we can always count on John Staff and his crew to have everything in order and Sunday was no exception. Those of us who enjoy these occasions must remember that they don't just happen. On Saturday a crew met to set up the tables and chairs and on Sunday the food was placed on the serving tables, utensils were there, drinks were ready, dessert was provided, and decorations were done by a lot of hard working people. A big thank you to all who helped in any way to make the day a big success.

### PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

One of the most important aspects of worship is praise. The Psalms, many of which were written for worship, emphasize the praise of God. It is appropriate to praise God for who He is, what He has done, what He is doing, and what He yet will

do. The writer of Hebrews said, "Therefore by Him (Jesus Christ -- JPL) let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Hebrews 13:15). In song, in prayer, in giving, in the Supper, and in the message, we praise God in worship. However, let us remember that while it is appropriate to speak to God in praise, it is important that we place emphasis upon allowing God to speak to us through His Word. The Old Testament prophets were proclaimers of God's Word. Jesus came preaching the good news of the Kingdom. The apostles were sent to preach. Bringing the Word of God to His people is worship too. Proclamation does not take the place of praise, but neither does praise take the place of proclamation. It is not either/or, but both/and. The proper balance is praise and proclamation. There is a need for praise -- offering something to God. There is also a need for proclamation -- allowing God to speak to us. Praise that is simply an emotional outburst without respect for what God has said in His Word about praise is not praise at all. Proclamation which is not careful exposition of God's Word is not proclamation. However, biblically guided praise and biblical proclamation go hand in hand and complement each other. It is praise and proclamation -- that's the need of the day.

- Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, February 4, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
**A.M. "The Kingdom Of God"**  
(Luke 17:20-21)  
**P.M. "The Gathering Of Eagles"**  
(Luke 17:31-37)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

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Thanks to all who helped make Homecoming 2001 a great success! We had a great day!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 8	Thursday Night Bible Study
Feb. 11	Combined Devotional
Feb. 11	Bible Quiz Study Session
Feb. 18	Middle School Devotional
Feb. 19	Bible Quiz
Apr. 13-15	LTC Convention

**"I can do all things  
through Him  
who strengthens me."  
Philippians 2:13**

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

I just want to let all of our Bible Hour and Children's Worship staff members know that you all are doing a fantastic job in your classes. I have attended all of these classes and I have been thoroughly impressed. It is evident to me, as well as many others, that you all put a lot into your classes. Each teacher presents a well thought out lesson and during the same class, a meaningful activities is put into practice. If we could bottle your talent and sell it, we'd all be rich. I have (in years past) had the opportunity of teaching and coordinating these types of programs and I know just how much work is put into them. Once, again, thanks for all of your work. I know that it is paying off.

Teachers, it looks like I might have been a little optimistic regarding the exact date that the upstairs remodeling

project would be completed. I told the teachers that I thought we'd be back in our classes (upstairs) no later than January 28th, but that obviously didn't happen. I have head several ask me if we'll be in by February 4th and I have refused to answer. To be quite honest, I'm just not for sure when the upstairs will be completely ready. I do know this, when it is finished it's going to look great! I am extremely happy with the remodeling. You'll be impressed as well once the job is finished. Thanks once again for being so patient during this work.

Our attendance during our Sunday morning Bible study and our Wednesday evening classes has been excellent so far this year. Let's keep up the good work and remember to be present each and every opportunity that we have. We can also increase our attendance by inviting a friend to join us in these classes.

### FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

\*\*\*\*\* GAMES & FUN \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. In the Family Life Center  
Join your host, Dean Brookshire, for a time of fun and fellowship

Dominoes, Cards, Coffee, and Fellowship

(Excerpt from *The Velveteen Rabbit*)

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

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

"Does it hurt?" asked the Rabbit.

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

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

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

This excerpt from *The Velveteen Rabbit* describes a process with which most of us are already familiar. The story goes on to tell us, "LOVE makes you REAL." Join us this year as we strive to "Reach My Potential In Christ."

\*\*\*\*\* Singles Bible Study \*\*\*\*\*

Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby

\*\*\*\*\* Monday Night For The Master \*\*\*\*\*  
6:00 p.m. - Family Life Center

### IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. The songs were beautiful. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of John Mackey.

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Thank you so much for your expression of comfort and flowers and your prayers in the loss of our husband and father. We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy.

In Christian Love,  
Jodie & Carl Weaver  
(Family of Margie Hunt)

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To our West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the spray of flowers, words of encouragement, cards and prayers during the loss of our brother and nephew. Also, thank you for your prayers and concerns as we travel on our sojourns.

Yours In His Service,  
Ed & Margie Hunt

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To our dear West Erwin family,

Again we are overwhelmed by all the love and support shown our family at the loss of Chuck's father. The flowers were beautiful and a great comfort to Chuck who felt alone at the funeral. The wonderful cards and calls have helped us all through a difficult time.

In Christian Love,  
Chuck, Linda, Chandra & Daniel

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To the West Erwin Congregation,

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, and prayers on my behalf. My hospital stay and recuperation was made a lot easier knowing I had the support of so many wonderful people.

Maxine Ray

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Dear Jay and the West Erwin Church,

Thank you for your many acts of love through your visits and cards to Helen and Mitchell Stripling. Last week Helen and Mitchell moved to Retirement and Nursing Center in Austin to be close to Helen's daughter and family. They are adjusting very well and enjoy the visits from Helen's family. Correspondence can be mailed to 3700 Claburn Dr., Austin, TX 78759-8234. God bless each of you. Our thanks to you,

Frances & Ottie Olson  
Karl Olson



### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Caroline Barr was born Jan. 27 in Jonesboro, Arkansas to Phil and Rachel Barr. She weighed 6 lb. 1 oz and was 18 inches long. Chuck and Charlotte Cauthen are the proud grandparents.

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 **D.L. and Eloise Thompson** into the West Erwin family. D.L. has recently retired from the ministry after 60 years of preaching the gospel, most recently at the Brownsboro Church of Christ. They will be a blessing to the work of the church here. Their address is 3110 Towne Park Dr., #3601, 75701, ph. 939-9574.

### RESPONSE

**Stacy Golden** came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might have a stronger faith and trust in God.

### MISSION NEWS

There are a lot of people at West Erwin who are very mission minded. The Mission Committee, headed by John Steffee, has a broad representation of the congregation on it and they do a great job. There is another mission effort in progress that we want you to know about. The congregations of the Church in and around St. Petersburg, Russia have requested that a group of Christians from West Erwin conduct a children's Bible Camp during the summer of 2001. They have asked that we develop curricula and activities to strengthen the eight to fifteen year olds attending the congregations in the St. Petersburg area. These churches include the Neva, Lomonosov, Siverskii, and Gatchina congregations.

Several members at West Erwin have shown an interest in going to do the camp. They include Dan and Debra Baldwin, Wendy Culpepper, Scott and Shara Hobson, Jon Murry, Joy and Danielle Rousseau, David Wicks and Dannie and Sue Skipper. These folks are actively making preparations for the camp. We expect about 45 Russian children will attend the week long session. Because of the economy, we have been asked to cover all the costs involved. This means that we will need to pay about \$10.00 a day for each child, pay for the adults who will attend to be translators, furnish the food and supplies, take recreational equipment, and pay for other incidental costs. The total cost of doing the camp is projected to be about \$5,000 to \$6,000. That does not include the expense of those who will make the trip for their travel, food, lodging, etc. All who are planning to go have started saving for the trip. However, they are likely to need some help. We will be saying more about that later and will give everyone at West Erwin the opportunity to help in this very worthwhile effort. We encourage you to start praying now for the camp and for those who will be going from West Erwin. A secondary purpose of our going to do the camp is to train some of the adult Christians in Russia so they will be able to do camps on their own. We believe that God will be glorified by this effort both in Russia and at West Erwin.

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 4

Preacher: Fred Powell; Nursery a.m.; Nursery p.m. - ; Toddler nursery p.m.; 2's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3's & 4's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; Overseeing couple:.

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Bible Class	431	405	349
Worship A.M.	633	595	568
Worship P.M.	400	405	374
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$23,865.59	\$17,044.39	\$20,755.84
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 28, and Wednesday, Jan. 31, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Delle Bullard** had back surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Charlene Steed** is recovering after recent knee replacement surgery. **Maxine Ray** is at home after recent back surgery. **Jane Clemmons** is at home and doing well. **Marjorie Cox** is ill at home. **Gene Adams**, Tony Adams' brother, got a good report. He will not require treatment. **Joe Tolbert**, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is some improved in ETMC. **Ethel Brown** is in ETMC, room 6612. **Hallie Durkee** and **T.H. Payne**, sister and brother of Kathryn Cauthen, Bettye Sue Harris, and Charles Payne, have both been diagnosed with cancer. **Mary Kuykendall**, Carolyn McCune's mother, will have a toe amputated January 30 in San Antonio. **Averi Moya**, baby daughter of Chuck and Penny (Hulsey) Moya, had a bone marrow transplant last Thursday at Children's Hospital in Dallas. **Marty Cocker**, Donna Wright's uncle, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Inez Walker**, Shara Hobson's grandmother, had surgery due to a broken hip. 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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		Joe McBee		Christian Service Center .....			
		Dannie Skipper		9:00 A.M.			
		Leon Welborn		11:30 A.M.			
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Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Phil Marts

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Jason Randall Chris Reynolds  
Derek Russell Jordan Rousseau  
Jim Russell Trey Rousseau  
Eddie Rogers Rodney Rhea

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James & Connie Sublette & Walker Waggoner  
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### HOMECOMING

Next Sunday we will observe our annual homecoming -- since entering our new auditorium in January of 1992 we have designated the last Sunday of January as our homecoming. It's a great day for us as we celebrate the ways God has blessed this church in its 115 year history. In this decade we have been involved in three major building programs (our auditorium, our Family Life Center, and now a major renovation of our education - office building) which is indicative of the growth this church has experienced over the past several years. These building programs are certainly not ends in themselves, but they are means to the end that we are in a position for our greatest growth. We must always keep in the forefront of our minds the fact that our work involves people -- we are to evangelize the lost, help those in need, and build up the body of Christ. Buildings help us serve people. So this Sunday we celebrate how God has used us to bless people. Here's the schedule for the day: all of our adults and the youth group will meet in the auditorium during the Bible Class hour for a special service; worship will follow at 10:00; a catered

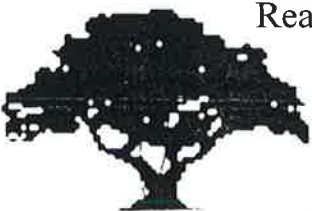
lunch will be served at 11:30 in the Family Life Center (as always **John Steffee** and his crew will have everything in place for a good meal and they will provide great service); and we will remain in the Life Center for a brief service before being dismissed for the day. I do hope you plan to be with us.

### THIS AND THAT

Those involved in Monday Night For The Master are doing a great job! From the meal (**Mary Rogers** heads that up with good help coming from others) to the number of people involved (**Eddie Rogers** and **Mike Gravois** organize a host of workers) to the work being done -- MNFTM is fantastic! Try it!

**Doug Yates** is working hard in our Education Program to put together the best Bible Classes possible. The renovation of our educational building has disrupted our classes for children for awhile but, with Doug's help, the classrooms will be wonderful and the classes will be great. We are very pleased to have Doug and his family working with us!

- Jay Lockhart



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- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, January 28, 2001**  
by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
**Bible Class "Faithful Disciples"**  
(Luke 17:1-4)  
**A.M. "The Grace Of Gratitude"**  
(Luke 17:11-19)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to Leah Russell for going on the Servant Retreat this past weekend. Thanks to all the teens who went and opened their hearts to God. You will see a difference in their lives!

Thanks to Jim Russell for teaching the High School class this past Sunday. We are blessed to have such talented folks willing to work in this church.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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Feb. 1 Thursday Night Bible Study  
Feb. 19 Bible Quiz

### "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

I Peter 3:7

As a Bible School teacher I want to make every effort to teach the Word of God exactly as it is written. Too often today, some of our Christian educators seem to be willing to compromise the message in order to appeal to a broader audience. But we as Christian teachers need to remember that we have been specifically charged to proclaim the Word of God and it alone. On December 1, 1996, I was watching NBC's Today Show. The segment was on the topic of "Biblical Accounts: Myth or Reality." The correspondent, Jodie Applegate, was asking a "religious expert" regarding God's direct intervention in several Bible stories. The "religious expert" refuted virtually every biblical account of God's direct intervention in these stories. A large portion of the interview dealt with the splitting of the Red Sea. This man claimed that it was not the Red Sea which was actually split, but rather the Sea of Reeds (which is a shallow body of water in the same region). He went on to say that at the time that

the Israelites approached the sea, a strong wind began to blow (similar to a tornado) and at that exact same time, an earthquake occurred. Both of these events allowed the Israelites to pass through this sea. Then, just as the Egyptian army began to cross the sea, all of these activities stopped. The end result was that the walls of water collapsed and the army was destroyed. All of this, according to this man was an act of nature and not Divine intervention. I guess my first question to this man would be, "How easy do you think it would be to walk on the floor of the sea with a tornado and an earthquake occurring at the same time?" But perhaps I'd be more prudent to ask, "Why can't you simply accept the biblical account of this incident?"

I am proud to say that we have sound teachers here at West Erwin. Our teachers have dedicated themselves to proclaiming the Word of God. Our teachers are not going to distort God's Word in an effort to compromise the truth. I have had the opportunity of sitting in on several classes recently and I have been thoroughly impressed. Our teachers are, "... Not ashamed of the gospel of Christ," because they understand that 'it is the power of God unto salvation ... (Romans 1:16).

### Subject: TINY PACKAGES

The man whispered, "God speak to me" and a meadowlark sang, but the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God speak to me!" And the thunder rolled across the sky, but the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you." And a star shined brightly but the man did not notice.

And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle!" And a life was born but the man did not know.

So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here!" Whereupon God reached down and touched the man but the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect. This prayer is powerful and there's nothing attached.

Prayer is one of the best gifts we receive.

This little poem was shared with me by a precious friend. I thought you may be blessed by it as much as was (am).

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Brothers and Sisters,

We greatly appreciate your love and concern and especially your prayers while I was ill. Bill and I love you all. Thank you.

Ruth Meazell

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the many kind expressions of sympathy at the loss of Jay's grandmother. It's times like these that our church family means so much.

In Christian Love,  
Jay, Debbie, Caysi,

Caleb & Cayti

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Dear Members,

Thanks you so much for your cards and prayers at this time with the loss of my grandmother. Also, thank you for your prayers, visits, and food at the time of the birth of Jacob Aaron. Everything is greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,

Marc & Ginger Philpot & family

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Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, and most of all your prayers for our family during my mother's illness and her passing.

In Christian love,

Chris Waggener & family

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at Crowley's Funeral Home in Gladewater for Leola Reynolds, Chris Reynolds' grandmother. Mary Waggener, Chris Waggener's mother, died Wednesday night after a lengthy illness. Services were held Friday at the Woodland Hills Baptist church. Services were held in Little Rock, Arkansas for Elizabeth Byrd, Vicky Dorsey's aunt. Services were held Monday at Restland in Dallas for Blanch Jackson, John Shaw's grandmother. Services were held Monday in Henderson, Nevada for Martha Todd, Marie Threadgill's sister-in-law. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Lavada Little, Carl Bohannon's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

6 p.m. \* Family Life Center

Food, Fellowship, Card Writing, Phone Contacts, Visitation, World Bible School, FriendSpeak, Bible Study, Outreach, and MORE, all rolled into one. Mark your calendars today!!!

*"Preparation through steady practice is the only honest avenue to achieving your potential."* - Bits & Pieces

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### BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Megan Florence in her decision to be baptized into Christ Wednesday evening. She is in the 8th grade and is the daughter of Laurie Florence and lives at 805 East North Street, Lindale, 75771, phone 882-7413.

Congratulations to Aaron Lyons who put on his Lord in baptism last weekend in Daingerfield while on the Youth Retreat.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome John and Cindy Pace and little daughter, Cassie (age 5), into our family at West Erwin. They have been visiting here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. John is employed at Trane and Cindy is a teacher. Their address is 15435 FM 14, Tyler, 75706, ph. 535-2905.

### THE HOLLANDS ARE COMING!

Jeff, Brenda and Josiah Holland will be in Tyler from February 14 through February 26. They would enjoy meeting with as many groups as possible to renew the close relationship they have with the West Erwin family. There are several dates open for classes to have get-togethers, lunches, dinners, or parties with the Hollands. If your class would like to arrange a time to be with them, please sign up in the office.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cindi Galletly on her selection by the Association of Texas Professional Educators as Teacher of the Year at Bullard. Cindi is the daughter of Joe and Frances McBee.

### When you're smiling ...

A smile costs nothing but creates much. It enriches those who receive without impoverishing those who give. It happens in a flash and the memory of it sometimes lasts forever. None are so rich they can get along without it and none so poor that they can't be enriched by its benefits. It creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in a business and is the countersign of friends. It is rest to the weary, daylight to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and nature's best antidote for trouble. Yet it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is no earthly good to anybody until it is given away. Nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none left to give.

- Gene Bluhm

### Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 28

Preacher: Eddie Rogers; Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; 2's: James & Ruth Ellis; 3's & 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; Overseeing couple: Jeff & Pam Fennell.

### The Search



### Each Sunday

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

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

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister



Jan. 18, 2001	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 32-No. 3
Records	Sunday January 14	Sunday January 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	382	349
Worship A.M.	595	559	568
Worship P.M.	405	383	374
Wed. P.M.		250	
Contribution	\$17,044.39	\$18,835.17	\$20,755.84
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 21, and Wednesday, Jan. 24, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Jane Clemmons is at home and doing better after a heart cath and stents implant at Scott & White Hospital in Temple last week. Maxine Ray is at home after recent back surgery. Charlene Steed had knee replacement surgery last week at ETMC. Carolyn Womack is doing well after foot surgery. Richard Gregory had elbow surgery Thursday. Don and Carolyn McCune are both having health problems. Marjorie Cox is ill at home. Gene Adams, Tony Adams' brother, will go to M.D. Anderson to determine cancer treatment. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, remains in serious condition in ETMC. Ethel Brown, former West Erwin member, is continuing outpatient cancer treatment. Mary Waggener, Chris Waggener's mother, is in ETMC ICU on life support. They have requested our special prayers. Hallie Durkee and T.H. Payne, sister and brother of Kathryn Cauthen, Bettye Sue Harris, and Charles Payne, have both 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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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education			<b>SUNDAY</b>			<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Mike Gravois - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth			Bible School .....	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>				Morning Worship .....	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell		Evening Worship .....	6:00 P.M.	Bible Class .....	7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>				<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>			
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper	Christian Service Center .....	9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn			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 David Blaylock  
Scripture Cody Ables  
Dismiss Hillard Hughes

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

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Brody Clark  
Scripture Caleb Bynum  
Dismiss Dan Baldwin

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Dr. Stan Perkins Marc Philpot  
Brant Prestidge Jimmie Philpot  
Doug Ragsdale Charles Rachui  
Fred Powell John Pike

**GREETERS**  
Charles & Freida Starr & Monica Starr  
John & Susan Steffee & Kate Sweeney  
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Carson Tate

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

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

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### GENEROSITY

One of the great things about the West Erwin church is its generosity. That has been a characteristic of this church through the years and it still is today. The membership has changed dramatically through the years -- I would estimate that 50% of the people here today were not here a decade ago (you might check me out on this). Yet with our numerical growth and the passing on of many generous people, the spirit of generosity prevails. When we wanted to build a new auditorium in order to reach more people, you gave (we owe less than \$300,000 on this building). When we wanted to build a Life Center to better serve people, you gave (that \$900,000 structure was paid off less than a year after we entered it). When we wanted to renovate our educational building you gave over \$150,000 to finish this job which will soon be completed. When our elders challenged the church in 2000 to give over \$18,000 a week, you gave and met that budget. When we were challenged Sunday to raise our giving to \$19,700 I was convinced that we

will do that too. The new budget is set at about \$28 per member and that equals generosity. And the great thing about the giving of West Erwin is that whether it is weekly giving or additional special contributions, our giving is not from a few, but from the many -- it is "across the board" giving. Those who have more give more and those who have less give less, but our giving is from our whole membership. That is healthy giving and that is as it should be. So, let me commend you for your giving in the past and let me challenge us all to give periodically (upon the first day of the week -- 1 Corinthians 16:2), personally ("let every one of you"), proportionally ("as he may prosper"), purposefully ("so let each one give as he purposes in his heart" -- 2 Corinthians 9:7), and positively ("God loves a cheerful giver"). By the way, if you are not among the generous givers at West Erwin, why not become one of these this week? It will be a privilege to worship this Sunday with the generous people who make up the West Erwin church. - Jay Lockhart

Reaching My Potential  
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

**Sermons for Sunday, January 21, 2001**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Prosperity And Goodness"  
(Luke 16:14-18)  
P.M. "Misreading The Law"  
(Luke 16:19-26)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the high school devotional this past Sunday night. Remember, we are the "Salt of the earth"!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Brett Hone for being selected as 1st Team All District at Center and as Honorable Mention All State Academic Team. Way to go Brett!

### 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!

All of those who are signed up for Video Bible Drama, please meet at 5:00 Sunday in the small auditorium.

Chorus will be meeting on Wednesday nights at 7:00 in the Auditorium.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Monday January 22. The text is Revelation 1-5. Study sheets are ready to be picked up across from my office. Please be at Shiloh Rd. Monday night by 6:45. We will finish before 8:00.

### SERVANT RETREAT

All of those who signed up for the Servant Retreat need to meet at 5:00 at the church. We will return Sunday morning in time for worship. Your cost is \$25.00.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 19-21	High School Servant Retreat
Jan. 21	LTC Video Bible Drama Meeting
Jan. 21	PULSE
Jan. 22	Bible Quiz
Jan. 28	Homecoming Bash

## "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

1 Peter 3:7

Teachers meetings are not a high priority to most of us. I have known a lot of Bible School teachers over the years who have dreaded these meetings. Yet, many of us who are directly involved in the oversight of the educational program of the church realize just how vitally important these meetings are to the success of a program. These meetings provide us a gauge, not only concerning the present success of the program, but also as a barometer for the future. According to some church growth experts, in order for a teachers meeting to be considered worth while at least 75% of the teachers need to attend. On January 21st those who are teaching within our adult educational program will attempt to reach this goal. All of our adult teachers (Sunday and Wednesday) are encouraged to attend this meeting. It will take place in room 112 at 5:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and make every effort

possible to be present for this meeting. We will be going over a proposed schedule of classes for 2001.

Our "Growing Kids God's Way" program is off and running. Several young adults are participating in this program, which meets on Sunday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00. If you have signed up for this class, please make sure that you attend these sessions. Baby-sitting is provided from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

As far as the remodeling goes, progress is being made in the upstairs classrooms. Hopefully, we should resume classes by January 28th. We will probably need to have a workday prior to moving in the upstairs, to make sure that everything is dusted off and ready to be used. As the work nears completion in these classrooms, let's remember that it will begin in our downstairs classrooms. We will need to be patient with this process and remember that the end product will justify all of our present concerns. Thanks for your cooperation.

## FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

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\*\*\*\*\* 6th ANNUAL \*\*\*\*\*

### NORTH DALLAS SINGLES' CONFERENCE

Saturday, January 27th, 2001

Speaker: "Big Don" Williams, ACU

Sessions include: "Real Life" Tables Discussions

"Hugs From Heaven" and "Free Refills"

Fellowship Opportunities

Hosted by: Waterview Church of Christ - Richardson, TX

For more information check with Mike Gravois

\*\*\*\*\* HOMECOMING \*\*\*\*\*

Sunday, January 28TH

A wondrous time of praise & worship, fellowship and celebration.

## \*\*\*\*\* SINGLES' SUPER BOWL PARTY \*\*\*\*\*

5 pm in the home of Mike & Nora Gravois

5933 Whispering Lane \* 509-2773

Please bring a 2-liter drink & a snack

\*\*\*\*\* PULSE GROUPS??? \*\*\*\*\*

Pulse Groups are the name we have given to our new small group ministry. We will have an abbreviated evening service once a month and then dismiss early so these small groups can meet in members' homes. The purpose of the groups will be relationship and fellowship oriented. They will be built upon the "one another" passages found in Scripture. Please sign up on the clipboard in the foyer and get on board for this exciting new ministry opportunity. Our first meeting in homes will be on Sunday, January 21st. Greet One Another, Encourage One Another, Comfort One Another, Bear One Another's Burdens, Admonish One Another, Pray For One Another, oh, and a time of Fellowship too! It's all rolled up into what we are calling PULSE Groups (a new fellowship ministry at west Erwin).

Pulse Group Meeting Sunday, January 21st

## IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin,

I would like to thank the church for the beautiful spray of pink roses and carnations. I would also like to thank everyone for the prayers and calls. I ask that during this extremely difficult time you pray for our family as we cope with this great loss of our beautiful, beloved mother. God bless you!

The Greg Wood Family

Emily, Josh, Greg, Jody & Joel

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Colonial Funeral Home in Universal City, Texas for R.L. Weaver, Margie Hunt's nephew. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family in the loss of their loved one.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Gary Cain on his graduation magna cum laude on December 16 from LeTourneau University.

## THE LAST SUNDAY OF JANUARY

Since 1992 when we entered our new auditorium we have designated the last Sunday of January as our annual Homecoming. It's a time when we really would like to see former members come home for the day to enjoy Bible classes, worship, and a meal with us. It will be a great day, so if you are a member at West Erwin, plan to stay home on that day, and if you are a former member who reads this bulletin, come home on that day!

## GOD KNOWS

When you are tired and discouraged from fruitless efforts  
... God knows how hard you have tried.

When you've cried so long and your heart is in anguish  
... God has counted your tears.

If you feel that your life is on hold and that time has passed you  
by ... God is waiting with you.

When you're lonely and your friends are too busy even for a  
phone call ... God is by your side.

When you think you've tried everything and you don't know  
where to turn ... God has a solution.

When nothing makes sense and you are confused or frustrated  
... God has the answer.

If suddenly your outlook is brighter and you find traces of hope  
... God has whispered to you.

When things are going well and you have much to be thankful  
for ... God has blessed you.

When something joyful happens and you are filled with awe  
... God has smiled upon you.

When you have a purpose to fulfill and a dream to follow  
... God has opened your eyes and called you by name.

Remember that wherever you are or what ever you are facing  
... GOD KNOWS!!

(author unknown)

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## Paradox of Our Time

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less. We buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more convenience, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge but less judgment, more experts yet more problems, more medicine but less wellness.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom. We have multiplied our possessions but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We've learned how to make a living but not a life. We've added years to life not life to years. We've been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbor. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We've done larger things, but not better things.

We've cleaned up the air but polluted the soul. We've conquered the atom but not our prejudice. We write more but learn less. We plan more but accomplish less. We've learned to rush but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, to produce more copies than ever, but we communicate less and less. These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships. These are the days of two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses but broken homes. These are the days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throw-away morality, one night stands, overweight bodies, and pills that do everything from cheer to quiet, to kill. It is a time when there is much in the showroom window and nothing in the stockroom.

A time when technology can bring this letter to you, and a time when you can choose either to share this insight or just hit delete. Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side. Remember to give a warm hug to the one next to you because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn't cost a cent. Remember to say "I love you" to your partner and your loved ones but most of all mean it. A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt when it comes from deep inside you. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love, give time to speak and give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind. - by George Carlin

## Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 21

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Connie Sublette; Nursery p.m. - Suzanne Linseisen; Toddler's p.m. - Kathy Portwood; 2's: Rachel Huff & Laura Bellar; 3's & 4's: Kevin & Shelly Sustaie; Overseeing couple: Jeff & Pam Fennell.

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Worship P.M.	no service	no service	374
Wed. P.M.			
Contribution	\$17,332.47	\$16,842.78	\$20,755.84
Weekly Budget	\$18,453.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 7, and Wednesday, Jan. 10, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111.			

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Don McCune suffered a broken foot in a fall. Odell Sessions' condition is being evaluated. Frances Broome is at home after recent foot surgery. Marjorie Cox is ill at home. Howard Starr, Charles Starr's dad, and Frank Moore, Rhonda Haws' dad, are both recovering at home after recent serious surgeries. Louise Williams, Laurie Florence's grandmother, is recuperating after recent heart surgery. Pam Tindel, Guy & Nettie Potts' daughter, got a good report after a recent biopsy. Remember her son, Josh Tindel, as he continues medication. Gene Adams, Tony Adams' brother, will go to M.D. Anderson to determine cancer treatment. Joe Tolbert, Jennifer Hale's stepfather, is hospitalized in serious condition following a stroke. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

**WITH SYMPATHY** - Services were held December 28 in Canton for Patricia Wood, Emily Wood's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Emily and to all the family.

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	Ray Vannoy		
	Ray Maxwell		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Stan Mallory  
Scripture Jim Mayer  
Dismiss Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Mike McClenny

Announcements Mike Gravois  
Prayer Henry McRuiz  
Scripture Jim McDonald  
Dismiss Bryce Murry

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Shane Millican Henry McRuiz  
Earl O'Quinn Jerry Parker  
Jon Murry Wade Park  
Bryce Murry Buck Nowell

**GREETERS**

Eddie & Mary Rogers & Casey Sitton  
Doug & Cathy Acroggins & Shannon Snell  
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Brandy Starnes

**Children's Worship Workers for  
Sunday, January 7**

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### REACHING MY POTENTIAL IN CHRIST

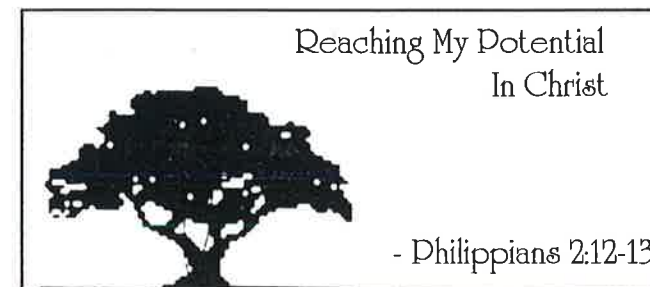
Each year we develop a theme for the new year -- in the year 2000 our theme was *In Pursuit of Excellence* and in the year 2001 our theme will be *Reaching My Potential In Christ*. When we present a theme for each year the words are not designed to just be repeated from time to time, but they are intended to remind us of our supposed spiritual growth as the children of God as we become more what God would have us to be. This year we want to be encouraged to reach our full potential individually and collectively as the family of God at West Erwin. How can this be accomplished?

A. **Reflection.** Let us reflect upon the past. Consider your victories and your defeats over the past year. Think of how God has brought the victories and has seen us through defeats. Reflect upon the way God has blessed you and your family and the church. Remember how God answered the prayers you offered and the prayers we prayed together as the church. Consider the areas of your life that need strengthened, changes you need to make, and the

personal growth you need to realize. There are broken down places in all of our lives which need to be rebuilt. Be courageous enough to see the failures and to determine to turn them into successes with the help of God.

- B. **Resolution.** The second step is resolution. I do not have in mind here the resolutions made on January 1 and forgotten on January 10. I have in mind resolving to make definite progress in our spiritual lives and then persevering through the year as we experience real progress. Resolutions are good. Those who resolve accomplish more than those who do not resolve. As we seek to reach our potential in Christ, let us resolve.
- C. **Response.** Reflection is good (self-examination is necessary (if we are to experience change), but reflection and resolution must lead to active response -- then we can make progress.

The theme for 2001 is *Reaching My Potential In Christ*. To accomplish the good let us reflect, resolve, and then respond. Have a great year!



**Sermons for Sunday, January 7, 2001  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Can You Go Home Again?"**  
(Luke 15:11-20)

**P.M. "Counting The Cost"**  
(Luke 14:25-35)

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## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### COMBINED DEVO

There will be combined devo immediately following the Sunday evening worship assembly this Sunday night. All middle school and high school students are encouraged to bring a friend and enjoy this time together! Please bring \$3.00 to pay for supper.

### SPRING EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The Spring East Texas Bible Quiz will be Monday January 22. The text for Spring is the Book of Revelation. Study sheets are ready to be picked up across from my office. There will be a practice session for Bible Quiz January 14.

### 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!

All of those who are signed up for Video Bible Drama, please meet at 5:00 Sunday afternoon in the small auditorium.

### 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. Your cost will be \$25.00.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 7	Combined Devo
Jan. 7	LTC Video Bible Drama Meeting
Jan. 14	Practice Session for Bible Quiz
Jan. 19-21	High School Servant Retreat
Jan. 22	Bible Quiz

## "Heirs Of The Life Together" Douglas L. Yates

1 Peter 3:7

Our first teacher's meeting was a great success. I appreciated all of the teachers who made it to this meeting. I believe that it is essential to meet together and to discuss various strategies, etc. which we can implement here at West Erwin. If you were unable to attend this meeting, I have placed a prepared outline on the table outside of the office door. Please pick one up at your convenience.

Beginning on January 14, the "Growing Kids God's Way" video series will start. Those interested will meet in the chapel from 5:00 until 7:00 each Sunday evening. The video series will run into the month of June. The teachers for this video series will be (1) Daniel and Kim DuPree, (2) Jim and Kelley Bell, and (3) Jeff and Melissa Parrish. This series is offered on a first come, first serve basis and there is a \$25.00 registration fee. Please see one of the above listed teachers for more details.

The remodeling project on the educational wing continues. Please continue to be patient with the work that is being done. Hopefully, this work will be completed sometime early in January. During this time we will have combined classes for our K-5th graders in the Bible Hour room. So far these classes have been well attended. Let's bring our children to these classes and let's continue praying for the growth of our Bible School program. I am extremely excited concerning the remodeling of these rooms and before you know it we will have a beautiful facility to aid us in educating our students through the teaching of God's Word.

As we enter the new year, let's rededicate ourselves to attending our classes. Our Bible School attendance was very good for the year 2000. Let's make it even better during 2001.

## FELLOWSHIP & INVOLVEMENT by Mike Gravois

### ARE YOU FAITHFUL?

1. If your car starts one out of three times, do you consider it **faithful**?
2. If your paper boy skips the Sunday and Thursday edition, would they be missed? And would you call him **faithful**?
3. If you failed to come to work two or three days a month, would your boss consider you **faithful**?
4. If your refrigerator quirts a day now and then, do you excuse it by saying it works most of the time? Would it be **faithful**?
5. If your water heater greets you with cold water one or two mornings a week, would it be **faithful**?
6. If you miss a couple of house payments a year, would your mortgage holder say that ten out of twelve wasn't bad and consider you **faithful**?
7. If you miss Bible class and worship once or twice a month are you **faithful**?

As the New Year begins, many of us review the past year and consider what changes, commitments, and goals we wish to accomplish in the coming year. I pray that commitment to the body of believers and the work at West Erwin is high on your priority list. As you review the list of questions above, the answer becomes painfully obvious, God wants us to be faithful to Him as He has been to us.

As this body of Christ continues to grow and prosper, we need to do our very best to see that all of the members of the body are active.

**"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).**

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Our first working session in 2001 will be January 15th. We will meet at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please mark this date on your calendars.

## IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Christine Parsons. We appreciate all of your thoughts and prayers.

The Parsons Family

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Dear Christian Friends,

You were most thoughtful and kind to offer your love and sympathy at the loss of our loved one, Christine Parsons. We thank you so very much for the flowers, food, cards and prayers, all of which helped us bear our burden at this sad time in our lives. Dr. Lockhart's words of comfort and the beautiful hymns rendered by the group of singers made the memorial service one to be remembered.

In Christian love,  
The Hardin Family

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To our West Erwin Brethren,

We want to thank you for the extremely generous gift of money you sent for the holidays. We know money is tight for everyone this time of year but you always give so generously to us. We think of you often and know that you remember us daily in your prayers. We've been richly blessed through our service with you. We've also been blessed with snow (and cold) that adds such beauty to everything around. Our God is an awesome God! We wish you all happy holidays.

Yours In Christ,  
Ray & Linda, Mike, Jessica & Courtney

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Dear West Erwin Friends,

Once Again, Allen and I would like to thank you for your cards, concern, and special prayers on his behalf this past year. It has been very encouraging for us to know so many are praying for him. We hope to visit you all as soon as Allen is able to be out more. Please continue to pray for his body to heal. You are still so special to us and we love you.

Allen, Sherry, Chris & Whitney Bobbitt

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Dear Quilters:

Thank you so much for your donation of 12 beautiful quilts! We appreciate you taking time from your busy schedule to make these lovely items for our children. Quilting is becoming a lost art! It was fun having you on our campus recently. We hope you enjoyed your visit as much as we did having you here. We continue to be blessed by loving and caring folks like you. Your concern is truly "the spirit of giving and sharing."

George Rose  
Medina Children's Home

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

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

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Todd and Jana Hancock on the birth of Olivia Louise on December 20. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. Mallory and Carson are the big sister and brother. Congratulations to Drew and Jayne Fitzgerald on the birth of Ryan Drew on December 27. He weighed 9 lb. 1 oz. and was 21 inches long.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last week at the Seagoville Church of Christ for Verna Anders, Lara Reynolds' grandmother. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for John Mackey. He grew up at West Erwin and his father served as an elder here for many years. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Addie Lee Bynum, Jay Bynum's grandmother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families.

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

## MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Monday Night For the Master will be starting back on Monday, January 15. Please come and join us in this wonderful program!

## RECEPTION

The honor of your presence is requested at a celebration of the 80th birthdays of D.L. 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!

## NINE ASPECTS OF LIFE

1. The adventure of life is to learn.
2. The purpose of life is to grow.
3. The nature of life is to change.
4. The challenge of life is to overcome.
5. The essence of life is to care.
6. The opportunity of life is to serve.
7. The secret of life is to dare.
8. The spice of life is to befriend.
9. The beauty of life is to give.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class has resumed meeting at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday in the Heritage room. Pat Bratcher is beginning a series of studies on Grace. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of study and fellowship.

## The Search



Each Sunday

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