

Dec. 19, 2002	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 33-No. 50
Records	Sunday December 15	Sunday December 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	404	424
Worship A.M.	602	559	615
Worship P.M.	404	357	300
Wed. P.M.	272	272	297
Contribution	\$68,261.04	\$21,525.04	\$25,097.50
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 22, (no services Wednesday, Dec. 25), Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Sue Skipper is recovering at home after back surgery last Tuesday. **Jon Sorrells** is at home after back surgery last Friday. **Frances Broome** is at home after surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is at home after recent surgery. **Gloria Thigpen** is recuperating at home. **Merle Lane** is recovering at home after recent surgery. **Lindsey O'Steen** had oral surgery Tuesday. Continue to remember **Margarito Barajas, Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Laura Kelly**, Fern Bench's sister, **Charles & Ann McCoy, Eloise Thompson, Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, who is battling advanced pancreatic cancer, and **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, now in a rehab hospital in Lake Jackson following several surgeries after being run over by a welding truck. **Jay Tutt**, friend of the Andy Fays, is undergoing treatment for throat cancer, also has pneumonia, heart problems and emphysema. **Samuel Johnson**, 18 month old grandson of Cathy Scroggins' cousin, has a malignant tumor.

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Cooper Goodson Mark Frick
Ernie Gordon David Frick
Clint Hale Chuck Gillam
Tom Hale Dan Gillam

GREETERS

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Ember Johnson
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Jamie Jordan
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
& Wally & Laurie Dawkins

Pick up cards Dec. 15: Dalton Harris, Drew Harris, Austin Millican, Parker Hall, Ryan Haws.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, December 22
Preacher: Wade Weathers; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Pam Lott; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's: Wade & Diane Weathers; 4's: Tim & Patti Grounds.

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Seasons Greetings



from the office staff

Jay Lockhart Don Crawford
Danny Snell Frances McBee
Doug Yates Jo Butler

"They First Gave Themselves"
- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sunday, December 22, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Stable"
(Luke 2:1-7)
5:00 P.M. - "The Danger Of His Coming"
(Luke 1:46-56)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kyle Stowers, Kattie Wacaser, Patricia DeMoss, Lindsay O'Steen and Lasci Starnes for making the A/AB Honor Roll. Congratulations to Lindsay O'Steen & Kelsi Wicks for making All-Region Band. Lindsay also made All-City Band. Congratulations to Julie Frick for being inducted into the REL National Honor Society. Way to go gang!

SERVANT RETREAT

Jan. 24-26 are the dates for the High School Servant Retreat. Teens from ninth & east Texas will be a part of this great weekend. The theme this year is SALT. Cost will be \$35.00. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 12. Plan to be a part of this great weekend.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We will begin meetings and practices soon, so watch for more information.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Join us Sunday night after church as we tour the city in search of Christmas Lights. Please bring money for a fast food supper. We will be back to the building at 8:45. It will be a blast!

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 22 Combined Activity
Jan. 24-26 High School Servant Retreat
April 18-20 LTC

Please note these summer dates for 2003

June 3-6 Middle School Madness
June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Last September we added food distribution to our existing clothing program on Thursday mornings. Since then we have helped 241 families (2269 people) with food. Most of the food is purchased through the Food Bank and distributed once a month to a family in need. It's fast pace work and the 2 ½ hours will leave you exhausted but what a joy! Listen to what some of the workers have to say about working there:

Norma Sorrells says, "It's very rewarding and really lots of fun."

Elmer Miles says, "It does me a lot of good to help people."

Cyndie Wagner says this, "Thursday morning is the high point of my week!"

Charles Westerfeld says, "It's great to see the work that is being done through the West Erwin Benevolent Center to contact

those outside the church to possibly influence them to obey the Gospel."

Another great blessing is working with Israel and Martha Sandoval and other brothers and sisters in Christ from the Hispanic church that meets on CR 427. They have had many Bible studies, two baptisms, and numerous visitors to their worship through the benevolent center.

Let me invite you to come see what is being done on Thursday mornings. But, let me warn you, if you come you will want to get involved! God is at work!

The Benevolent Center will be closed Tuesday and Thursday, December 24, 26, 31 and January 2.

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

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

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

As I reflect back over 2002, I have cause to be extremely happy with the progress that we've made within the educational program of the church. Wow! What a fantastic year. At the end of 2001 the elders and I developed a list of aggressive goals that we wanted to see accomplished within our educational program in 2002. I am happy to report that we met and surpassed every one of these goals. The first goal was to provide additional training opportunities for our teachers. Here is a list of those training opportunities that we coordinated through the educational program at West Erwin in 2002. **First**, in February we took a group of our teachers to the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop which was conducted in Longview. **Second**, we completed our Adult Preparation for Educational eXcellence program. This program was carried out in 4 phases in 2001 and 2002. **Third**, we introduced our Student Teacher Educational Program, which was designed to train additional teachers for our educational program. This program was extremely successful.

Twenty additional adult teachers have taught within our adult program within the last year. Couple that with the current number of teachers and we have a list of approximately 35 adult teachers who are raring and ready to go if classroom space can be provided. But I am equally excited that we added 36 new teachers to our preschool through high school classes. Considering the fact that we were only shooting for 12 new teachers, this congregation should be applauded for rallying around this effort. I am in the process of developing a rotation that will aid our preschool through high school educational program. This is a goal that I have for 2003. And **fourth**, once again some of our Bible Hour teachers got together for their annual training program. These teachers are making a tremendous difference with our little ones. We have a solid Bible Hour program. The Tots for Christ (2 yr. Old-5 yr. Old) is coordinated by David Wicks and Dan Baldwin. Our Bible Hour program (K-3rd grade) is coordinated by the Blackstones. And our Kids For Christ program is running at full strength because of the efforts of its coordinators: Nancy Crawford, Ruth Ellis, and Tara Kilgore. **Thanks for your hard work!**

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Sweet and Dear Friends of Dot Hardin,

Please accept our sincere thank you for all the prayers, thoughts, food, cards and expressions of concern and sympathy during this time of our loss. Friends mean so much to us at this time.

James and Ann Hardin

Thank you for the prayers and other acts of Christian kindness shown to me after my recent surgery. It's great to be in the family of God.

Bettye Price

The family of Doris Terrell acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home for Hazel Chapel Fagan, a member at Glenwood and known by many at West Erwin. Services were held Wednesday in Duncanville for Ray Hyatt, Mary Evelyn Grier's brother-in-law. (His wife in the hospital seriously ill). Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

The 6.0 Mixed Doubles team from Hollytree Country Club recently finished second in the USA/League National Tournament in California. Fred Wingate is the captain of this national runner-up team!

FYI

The West Erwin church bulletin, *From the Heart of Tyler*, is available on our church web site. Just go to www.westerwin.org and click on weekly bulletin. Thanks to Danny Snell and Kim DuPree for updating this each week.

TOTS FOR CHRIST

There will be no Tots For Christ class and December 22 or December 29 due to the holidays.

PSALM 23 (for the work place)

The Lord is my real boss and I shall not want. He gives me peace when chaos is all around me. He gently-reminds me to pray before I speak and to do all things without murmuring and complaining. He reminds me that He is my Source and not my job. He restores my sanity every day and guides my decisions that I might honor Him in everything I do. Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mail, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping coworkers, discriminating supervisors, and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning, I will not stop, for He is with me! His presence, His peace, and His power will see me through. He raises me up, even when they fail to promote me. He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go. His faithfulness and love are better than any bonus check. His retirement plan beats every 401k there is! When it's all said and done, I'll be working for Him a whole lot longer and for that, I bless His name.

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

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Lacie Carpenter**, her family, and the angels in heaven in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday afternoon. Lacie is in the 10th grade and has "grown up" at West Erwin. She is the daughter of Sylvia Carpenter and their address is 1910 E Southeast Loop 323, P.M.B. 235, 75701, ph. 597-6346.

50TH ANNIVARSARY

Our love precious as Gold!

Wanda and Londer Wright

Their family cordially invites you

To join them in a

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

January 5, 2003, 2:00 - 4:30

In the Parlor at the West Erwin Family Life Center

No gifts, please!

CONGREGATIONAL SKATING PARTY

Everyone is invited to join in the fun after the evening worship assembly on Sunday, December 29, at the Skate Plex. Bring drinks and snack foods. Cost: \$4.00 per person.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Congratulations to Heather Kilpatrick, daughter of Ed and Sharon Ketchum, on her graduation *Magna Cum Laude* on December 14 from the University of North Alabama with a Bachelors degree in Business Administration.

Benjamin Franklin once pointed out that some of the best things to give others are free of cost:

To an enemy, forgiveness.

To an opponent, tolerance.

To a friend, your ear.

To an employee, a good example.

To yourself, respect.

To all mankind, charity.

NEW ADDRESS:

Jenny Price, Breckenridge Village, House #2, 15062 CR 1145, Tyler, 75704.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday evening meals have been discontinued at this time.

Happy Holidays!

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Thanks to everyone who participated in our special year end contribution for our building fund.

You gave a total of

\$68,261.04

last Sunday!

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PRAYER AND CARE - Sue Skipper is in ETMC after back surgery Tuesday. **Jon Sorrells** is scheduled for back surgery Friday at Mother Frances. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is now in Olympic Plaza rehab after surgery last week due to an infection. **Gloria Thigpen** is at home after being hospitalized for several days. **Merle Lane** is recovering at her daughter's in Houston after surgery last Friday. **Mozelle Brown's** neck is not healing, may require surgery. **Margarito Barajas, Jimmie Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Charles & Ann McCoy and Eloise Thompson** are all recuperating at home. **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers. **Dr. Barbara Rains**, Dub Mathews' daughter, is now in rehab in Las Cruces, NM. **Mary Jackson**, Kathryn Wallace's sister, is ill in Cleveland, Texas. Tina Harris' dad is having heart problems. **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, is battling advanced pancreatic cancer. **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, is hospitalized in Houston following several surgeries after being run over by a welding truck last week. **Laura Kelly**, Fern Bench's sister, will be treated with medication.

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Scripture Shane Millican
Dismiss Bryce Murry

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Don Durham Ken Elzen
Andy Fay Russell Fedell
Jeff Fennell Rick Fedell
Claude Figueroa Cody Fedell

GREETERS

Jeff & Pam Fennell & Patrick Garrett
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Dayne Harris
Michael & Candace Hall & Wesley Hilliard
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& Carroll & Cherrie Magee

Pick up cards Dec. 15: Casey Bellar, Ethan Florence, Cody Frick, Justin Parrish, & Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, December 15
Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman; Toddlers a.m.: Pam Lowry; Toddlers p.m.: Carolyn Welborn; 2's: Rachel Huff & Kristi Harris; 3's: David & Sharon Hammond; 4's: Jeff & Pam Fennell.

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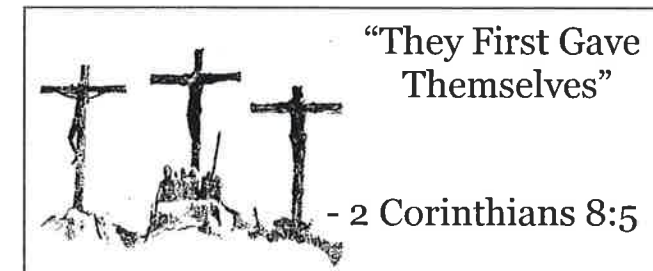


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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

- This Sunday, December 15, will be the day for our annual special contribution. Each year this generous church gives above and beyond its regular contributions for some worthwhile project. In the past we have remodeled our old auditorium, renewed our educational/office wing, and paid for our Family Life Center with special year end contributions. While we are in the people business and not the building business, these construction projects were necessary as we have sought to reach more people, teach more people, and serve more people. Buildings are a bit like numbers -- in the church we are interested in numbers only because each member represents a precious soul for whom Christ died. We are interested in buildings only because they help us meet the needs of people. Recently we purchased property on Bonner Street for the purpose of constructing a new benevolent building, giving us the opportunity to use the present benevolent building for much needed adult classrooms and Playschool rooms. We hope to construct the new 8000 square foot benevolent building soon, so this Sunday be as generous as you can -- the more monies we have on hand the less we must borrow to complete the project. All we give this Sunday above our regular budget will go to the building fund, so make one check for the one contribution that will be taken.
- On Wednesday evening, December 25, there will be no midweek meeting at our building so that our families can spend the holiday together.
- On January 1 there will be no service at our building as the Broadway congregation will be hosting the annual Area-wide year end singing at 7:00 o'clock.
- On Sunday evening, January 12 we will be hosting the Southwestern Christian College Chorus which will present a musical program in our auditorium following our evening service. Dr. Jack Evans, president of SWCC will be preaching at 5:00 p.m.; the chorus will sing at 6:00 p.m.; and we will host the chorus to a sandwich and dessert supper at 7:00 p.m. Be involved!
- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, December 15, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "See You At The Top?"
(Philippians 2:5-11)
5:00 P.M. - "What If Christ Had Not Come?"
(Isaiah 53:1-6)

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THANKS!

Wow! That describes our "Parents Night Out" babysitting project this past Friday night. We had 34 children and over 20 teens who made it possible. A special "Thank you" to Tammy Asbill for heading up this project.

Thanks to Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Jay & Debbie Bynum for helping host the youth group Holiday party at our house this past Saturday night. We had a great time together and some great food too!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Hayley Wilson & Patrick Garrett for making All-Region Band. Patrick made 1st Chair! Congratulations to Samantha Richardson & Hayley Wilson for making the A/AB Honor Roll this 6-weeks. Congratulations also to Julie Frick who competed in the Tyler Academic Decathlon and won honors in the

following areas: Music, Essay, Economics, Language/Literature, Super Quiz, Interview, Speech & Science. WOW! Way to go gang!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed the sign up, see me ASAP. The deadline for signing will be Sunday, Dec. 15. We will begin meetings and practices soon, so watch for more information.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Nancy and I were away this past weekend and visited a congregation a little larger than West Erwin. We walked in about 12 minutes early, seated ourselves, sat through worship (which was before classes) and the only man who spoke to us was the man at the door. He was not a greeter but he and his wife were going in the building at the same time. Afterward, the two ladies who sat behind us spoke that was it for the entire experience. I say this to commend all of you at West Erwin. What a blessing it must be for our visitors who are surrounded with people to speak to them. You make people feel so welcome! Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for being alert and friendly to our visitors. Thank you for showing them that you are happy to be here and that you are happy they are here too. Don't ever change! I love you for it.

Don't forget the All-Church Adult Holiday party this Saturday night at the Family Life Center. For all those who signed up, let me remind you: It starts with a meal at 6:30 p.m. and the Talent Show begins at 7:30. Dress is casual.

There will also be a New Years Eve party at the Family Life Center on Tuesday, December 31st for all who want to come. It's a come and go affair, beginning at 7:00 p.m. and for those still around at midnight, we'll see the new year in with some songs and prayer. Bring games, snacks, drinks, etc. Make your plans to come and enjoy the time together.

"Encouragement is awesome. It has the capacity to actually change the course of another human being's day, week, or life."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We are only two weeks into our new quarter and the response concerning our Bible Knowledge 101 has already been overwhelming. Thanks for all of the positive feedback regarding this material. Our teachers are equally excited to have the opportunity to teach this material so let's give them the chance by making sure that we are present every time the doors here at West Erwin are opened. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching, as well as periodically being a student in our Bible classes. Recently, I decided to teach the 5th graders on Wednesday evening. Their excitement and energy is somewhat overwhelming. They are a great bunch of kids and their parents should be proud of the progress that they continue to make regarding Bible knowledge. Our curriculum in the 2nd through 5th grade is designed to take these kids through the entire Bible. They have lessons, games, reviews, etc. and through these measures they are maturing in Christ. Let's make sure that we have our children here so they can learn these great lessons.

Parents, I need to let you know about two exciting programs that we have coming up for some of our youth. First, beginning in January (on Wednesday evenings) all of our 3rd - 5th graders (who are planning on participating in LTC puppets) will be pulled out of their regular classrooms. *Danny Snell* will supervise them in this area. Those who are not participating in LTC will be in a combined class (3rd - 5th) which will be taught by *Gene Moon*. Gene continues to build a strong relationship with this age group and he should be commended for his efforts. *Second*, beginning in April the 3rd - 5th graders will split into two separate groups on Wednesday evening (boys and girls). We will once again have our training and service class until the end of May. This class went over really well last year and it was requested that it become an annual event. *Jim Russell* has agreed to teach the boys on various leadership traits from the Bible. Jim did a fantastic job last year and I am sure he will do so once again. So far I have not nailed down the ladies that will be involved in the service section of this program but I am very close. Once again, I am excited about this program and I think it will benefit our youth if they participate.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Mildred Folsom Russell acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, and flowers during Mother's illness and passing. West Erwin is a very special church.

The Russells

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Lancaster, Texas for Thelma Bryant, Joan Jordan's sister-in-law and Gail Vannoy's aunt. Services were held last Saturday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Doris Terrell, former West Erwin member who had most recently been living in Beaumont. Virginia Hanley, David Hanley's mother, died in Austin. Services were held Thursday at the Liberty Hill Church of Christ in Georgetown. If desired, donations may be made to the Parkinson Society. Services were held Thursday in Mineral Wells for Martin Brown, Alice Denson's brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amanda Broome! She has been chosen by Disney World as an internist for six months. She will be in charge of the Hydroponic Greenhouse at the EPCOT Center. She is the daughter of Gary and Frances Broome, sister of Allison, and granddaughter of Dub and Opal Mathews. (Please pray that her rheumatoid arthritis will soon be in remission).

Congratulations to Jamie Ellis and Grace Weathers on making the A honor roll at Caldwell Elementary Arts Academy for this six weeks' grading period. Congratulations to Haylee Lowry for making the A/B honor roll at Arp Elementary School for the second six weeks.

Pearls of Wisdom:

- The only time you run out of chances is when you stop taking them.
- Making a living is not the same as making a life.
- Every exit is an entrance to someplace else.
- Your self-worth is more important than your net worth.
- Anger is like the blade of a butcher knife -- very difficult to hold onto for very long without harming yourself.
- You can't smooth out the surf, but you can learn to ride the waves.
- Look at life through the windshield, not the rearview mirror.
- Don't try to change the wind -- change the sails.

CONGREGATIONAL SKATE PARTY

Everyone is invited to join in the fun Sunday, December 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the Skate Plex. Cost: \$4.00.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday evening meals have been discontinued until after the first of the year.

Special contribution, Sunday, December 15

Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m.
Small Groups will meet Sunday, December 15, immediately following the evening worship assembly.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Peggy Monroe** who was baptized into Christ Tuesday morning. After much thought, study and prayer, Peggy came to a better understanding of the purpose of baptism being "for the forgiveness of sins" and asked Don Crawford to baptize her so she could be sure of her salvation. We are pleased that this sweet lady is our sister in Christ. Her address is 804 West Gentry Parkway, 75702, ph. 596-8962.

THE MAXWELL FAMILY

West Erwin has been involved with the Ray Maxwell family since 1990 when we began a 5 year commitment to help them in starting a Church of Christ congregation in West Point, Nebraska. After 12 years, our financial support will end as of December 31, 2002. We will, however, still help pay for their building and our youth will continue to go to West Point to teach a VBS during the summer. In the traditional sense, our venture into Nebraska has not been successful since the congregation has shown only nominal growth and baptisms have been few. But, upon further analysis, there have been many accomplishments over the years. Some of these include:

1. Our youth groups have made the trip to teach VBS every summer since 1990. Each year when the youth discuss their highlights, Nebraska is always close to the top.
2. The people in and around West Point have the highest regard for the Church of Christ and our congregation because of the work done by our youth.
3. A new building was constructed in 1994 and continues to serve the congregation there.
4. The Maxwell family is very highly regarded among all who know them in that area.

The efforts that have been and continue to be made to teach the Word of God in Nebraska will, in time, yield much fruit and we can be thankful for our efforts in helping this work to be firmly established. Although our financial support of the Maxwell family will end at the end of 2002, our prayers and spiritual support of Ray and Linda and their family will be more important now than ever. The Maxwell's e-mail address is rmaxwell@inebraska.com. Their mailing address is 977 11th Road, Beemer, Nebraska 68716. Their telephone number is (402) 372-5603.

RECIPE CORRECTION

The recipe in the December *Women of Westerwin* had a misprint in the amount of the sugar for the frosting. The recipe is as follows: Cake Batter:

2 cups sugar	2 cups sifted self-rising flour
4 eggs	1 tsp. vanilla
1 pint whipping cream (do not whip)	

Mix all ingredients together in a bowl. Beat 3 minutes on cake speed on mixer. Pour into 3 greased and floured 8 inch cake pans; bake at 300 for 35 to 40 minutes. Test with a toothpick starting at 30 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Cool.

Frosting:

3 pkg. Fresh frozen coconut	16 oz. Sour cream
1 large pkg. angel flake coconut	<u>2 cups sugar</u>

Mix all the frosting ingredients except the package of angel flake coconut together real well. Frost between layers and on outside of cake. Sprinkle the angel flake coconut on top and sides of the frosted cake. (May refrigerate for 3 to 4 days, wrapped well in Saran).

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Bible Class	397	427	414
Worship A.M.	593	605	618
Worship P.M.	337	330	383
Wed. P.M.	NC	313	240
Contribution	\$15,755.45	\$18,290.48	\$18,365.78
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 8, and Wednesday, Dec. 11, David Wicks, ph. 534-9558. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Merle Lane is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Friday. **David Frick** had glaucoma surgery on his other eye Tuesday in Nacogdoches. **Joe McBee** is doing better after a fall in which he broke 3 ribs. **Lorene Venable** will be scheduled for surgery. **Mozelle Brown's** neck is not healing, may require surgery. **Margarito Barajas, Jimmie Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Jimmie Harris, Charles & Ann McCoy** and **Eloise Thompson** are all recuperating at home. **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers. **Dr. Barbara Rains**, Dub Mathews' daughter, is now in rehab in Las Cruces, NM. **Mary Jackson**, Kathryn Wallace's sister, is ill in Cleveland, Texas. Tina Harris' dad is having heart problems. **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, is battling advanced pancreatic cancer. **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, is hospitalized in Lake Jackson, Texas following lengthy surgery after being run over by a welding truck Tuesday.

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(Sept through May)	
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Don Durham Ken Elzen
Andy Fay Russell Fedell
Jeff Fennell Rick Fedell
Claude Figueroa Cody Fedell

GREETERS

Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Austin Fisher
Harold & Shirley Denman & Megan Florence
Don & Norma Durham & Lauren Garrett
Visitor Center: Daniel & Carol Morgan
& Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Dec. 8: Casey Bellar, Ethan Florence, Cody Frick, Justin Parrish, & Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, December 8

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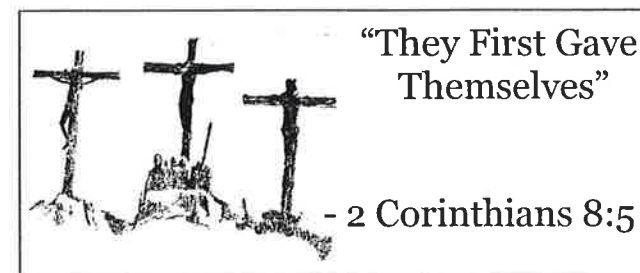
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DOING WHAT WE KNOW

There are few subjects entertained in the minds of religious people in America more than church growth. Books and articles are written, sermons are preached, seminars are offered, and studies conducted on church growth. However, with all of the information on the subject, many churches are holding their own, many more are in decline, and only some are experiencing growth. Why is so much being said and apparently so little being done to accomplish the goal of most churches -- growth? While most churches express a desire to grow (in a survey of West Erwin members 98% wanted the church to grow -- I'm concerned about that other 2%) it seems the train is on the track, but the engines lack the power to get it moving! It can't be that we need more information because we are inundated with words. It must be that while we know what to do, we lack the motivation to do what we already know. Many churches are mission minded and are heavily involved in worldwide missions, but all the while the local church does well to "hold its own." I am convinced we can reverse the stagnate state of many churches when our people decide to do the things, even the little things, that we can to help people want to be where we are. *First*, we must take to heart the fact that Jesus intends for the church to grow. *Second*, we must restore the evangelistic zeal of the first century church. *Third*, we

must find the courage to ask people to attend our classes, our worship, and special events. *Fourth*, when people come to our buildings they must be treated with warmth, courtesy, and kindness. Here's how to do this. A study conducted by George Barna, who conducts religious surveys, revealed the following concerning people who visit local churches: 72% do not want to be singled out by being asked to stand or raise a hand during the service; 65% do not want the preacher coming to their homes; 65% do not want to wear a name tag; 70% do want to receive information about the church; and 78% love being greeted by those sitting around them. Can we learn something from this study? Additionally, we need to follow some simple rules (these rules have been making the rounds in church bulletins lately and they are thought provoking): The 30-second rule (you have 30 seconds after a visitor enters the building to make a person feel welcome); The front door rule (help people find their class or a seat); The ten-foot rule (greet, make eye contact, and be friendly to every visitor who comes within ten feet of you); The five minute rule (after services spend the first five minutes seeking out visitors and invite them to return). The real secret to growth is doing what we already know to do.

- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave
Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sunday, December 8, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Crisis Of Faith"
(John 5:17, 19-23)
5:00 P.M. - "The Gift"
(2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 15)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed the sign up, see me ASAP. We will begin meetings and practices soon, so watch for more information. All of those in the Video Bible Drama need to meet Sunday at 4:15.

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Teens, we need you to be here at the building by 5:15 Friday night for the Parents night out. We will be finished cleaning up at 10:30 and your parents can pick you up then. Please bring a sack supper.

YOUTH GROUP HOLIDAY PARTY

All middle and high school teens are invited to our home on Saturday, Dec. 7 for our annual Holiday Party. We'll start at 6:00 and wrap it up around 10:30. Invite a friend to enjoy this time with us. Please bring a wrapped \$4-6 "Fun" Gift. Don't miss this great time together.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

How can you live without knowing these things?

- Coca-Cola was originally green.
- The state with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska.
- The average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000.
- $111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$.
- If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air, the person on the horse died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.
- Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of their birthplace.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

One of the greatest dreamers of the 20th century was Walt Disney. Any person who could create the first sound cartoon, first all-color cartoon, and first animated feature length motion picture is definitely a person with a vision. But Walt Disney's greatest masterpieces of vision were Disneyland and Disney World. And the spark for that vision came from an unexpected place. Back when Walt's two daughters were young, he used to take them to an amusement park. His girls loved it, and he did too. The carousel especially captivated Walt. As he approached it, he saw a blur of bright images racing around to the tune of energetic calliope music. But when he investigated the carousel closer he could see that he had been fooled. What he observed were shabby horses with cracked and chipped paint. He also noticed that only the horses on the outside row moved up and down. The others stood lifeless, bolted to the floor. The cartoonist's disappointment inspired him with a grand vision for an amusement park where the illusion didn't evaporate, where

children and adults could enjoy a great carnival atmosphere without the seedy side that accompanies some circuses and traveling carnivals. His dream became Disneyland. The seed for most people's dreams naturally springs from their everyday experiences. If you have not yet identified your spiritual dream, just keep your eyes and ears open, and listen to the word of God. We should never lose sight of the fact that the Disney empire was started by a vision of a mouse. With the cross as our focal point surely we can do much, much more.

I know several education ministers who also have dynamic visions for the Bible school program of the church. We want to see our numbers increase, we want to see specialized training opportunities for our teachers, we want to see the kingdom promoted through our classrooms. Dreaming big is one way in which we are constantly motivated to reach new heights. One of our founding fathers, Ben Franklin, once said, "Most men die from the neck up at age 25 because they stop dreaming." Let's never lose our ability to dream biblical dreams and then to set out (through our educational program) to implement these dreams.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 6	Parents Night Out
Dec. 7	Youth Group Holiday Party
Dec. 10	High School Bible Study
Dec. 15	Small Groups Meeting
Dec. 22	Combined Activity
Jan. 24-26	High School Servant Retreat
April 18-20	LTC

Please note these summer dates for 2003

June 3-6	Middle School Madness
June 15-21	BackCountry Trek
July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

Parents: Need a night out?
Remember, the West Erwin teens will host a special "night out" for you to have an evening to do your shopping. We'll keep your kids from 5:30-10:00 on Friday, Dec. 6.

- What do bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers, and laser printers all have in common? They were all invented by women.
- What do 40% of all people at a party do? Snoop in your medicine cabinet.
- In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "Good night, sleep tight."
- In Scotland a new game was invented. It was entitled Gentlemen Only, Ladies Forbidden ... and thus the word GOLF entered into the English language.
- ❖ Unless a man is born of water and the spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of GOD.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,

Words cannot express our emotions that we feel in leaving our church family in Tyler. We rejoice in the memories that we have of our years spent with each and every one of you. Our door will always be open to you in Brady. Thanks so much for your love, prayers, and concern as we have made this transition in our lives. May you know that our prayers of love and encouragement will be with you always.

Paul and Signa Stanley
1802 So. College, Brady, TX
76825, ph. (915) 597-1435

Thanks for being so thoughtful - your kindness was appreciated. Thank you for the prayers on my behalf. Also, thank you for the phone calls and beautiful cards.

Margarito Barajas

Thanks so much for the calls, visits, cards, and food during my recent illness. Thanks for your thoughtfulness. May God bless us all.

In Christian love,
Eloise Thompson

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Dot Hardin on Saturday evening. Dot and her husband, the late C.B. Hardin, served the Lord and the West Erwin church faithfully for many years. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Services were held in Utopia, Texas Saturday for Charles Chaney, David Wicks' grandfather.

Services were held Sunday in Colquitt, Georgia for Donna Bedwell, Beverly Hale's sister-in-law.

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

NEW ARRIVAL

Glynn and Fran Starnes have a new grandson! McCoy Chambers Mabry was born November 25 in Houston to Craig and Shannon Mabry. He weighed 8 lb. 12 oz. and is 21 inches long. Sue Starnes is the great grandmother.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery van will be in our area the week of **December 9-13**. Listed below are items needed: HAIR BRUSHES & COMBS, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, & HONEY. Other items are also greatly appreciated.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
Sunday, December 15, 2002

More details coming

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Randi Nicole
would like to tell you her mother,
Robin Stafford
was married to
Bryan Wixom

On Sunday, November 10, 2002

At the home of Ron & Christy Stafford

Their new family will reside at 1015 Dickard (mailing address: P.O. Box 1484) Hawkins, Texas 75765, ph. 769-3070.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Buck and Kathleen Nowell on the celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on December 2! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

ATTENTION LADIES:

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet on December 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for a brunch and for their final class in 2002. All ladies are invited to come and be a part of this study and time of fellowship.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Position: Relief House Parents, full-time position with benefits. CSET is seeking a mature Christian couple or individual with experience to work in a group home one or two weekends per month and one or two evenings per week to provide care for 6-8 children. Duties include supervision and interactions with the children in care; meal preparation; transporting children for activities/appointments; and maintaining a safe, secure environment. CSET is a ministry and outreach of the churches of Christ. Contact David Asbill (903) 509-0558 or e-mail dasbill@christianhomes.com.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is participating in the "Box tops for Education" program. Please drop your box tops from the following brands in the red collection box in the foyer: General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant frozen vegetables, Totinos, Progresso, Old El Paso, & Gold Medal. They are also collecting labels from Campbells soups and Franco American products.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday at the table in the foyer. Next Wednesday: chicken (fried or baked), macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn, cobbler. Cost is \$4.00.

This Christmas ...

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.

- author unknown

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Worship A.M.	605	583	616
Worship P.M.	330	397	359
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Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 1 and Wednesday, Dec. 4, David Wicks, ph. 534-9558. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - David Frick had glaucoma surgery Tuesday in Nacogdoches. Charles McCoy had a car wreck Sunday, was not seriously injured. Merle Lane is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Dec. 6. Valerie Figueroa is ill at home with pneumonia. The Pattillo family, Chelsea, Jim (Pat's dad), and Lauren and Megan Florence, are all ill with the flu, strep throat, etc. Lorene Venable is in Dallas, will be scheduled for surgery. Pat Stokes is doing better after a recent heart attack. Margarito Barajas, Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Jimmie Harris, Ann McCoy and Eloise Thompson are all recuperating at home. Carl Stowers will be scheduled for hip replacement surgery. Charles Chaney, David Wicks' grandfather, had a massive stroke. Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, is now in a nursing center in Denton. Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers. Dr. Barbara Rains, Dub Mathews' daughter, is improved in Las Cruces, NM. Mary Jackson, Kathryn Wallace's sister, is ill in Cleveland, Texas. Tina Harris' dad is having heart problems.

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Prayer David Hammond
Scripture Jerry Huff
Dismiss Nathan Linseisen

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

George Daugherty Rodney Dalton
Daniel DuPree Harold Denman
Wally Dawkins Steve Denman
David Demic Jimmy Denio

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Bill & Pat Bratcher & Cayti Bynum
Milburn & Jan Cook & Tyler DuVall
Melvin & Nina Crow & Jennifer Elzen
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
& Ron & Sharri Brock

Pick up cards Dec. 1: Jared Jordan, Jeffrey Scarborough, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher & George Richardson.

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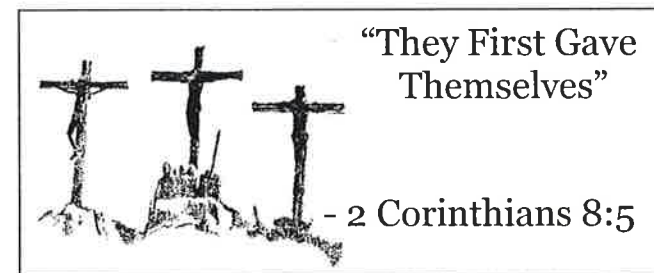
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IT'S SUCH A SUBTLE THING

It is one of the most prevalent things in the world. It is something we rarely see in ourselves. It is as old as the human family. It may have led to the downfall of Satan. It is something God hates (Proverbs 6:16-19). It is PRIDE. No doubt pride is present to some degree in all of our lives but we hardly recognize that it's there. Pride is so subtle. It is the twitch inside when someone gets an honor we think we deserved. It is the notion we are better than someone who isn't on our educational, economic, or social level. It is the idea that we are not so bad. It is the feeling that we deserve more than we get. Pride goes before destruction (Proverbs 16:18). Pride keeps one out of the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:3). Pride causes us to think more highly of ourselves than we should (Romans 12:3). Pride leads us to self-deception (Galatians 6:7). In years gone by some in the church judged everyone who disagreed with them to hell. It wasn't really a stand for truth ... it was pride (remember that God reserves judgment for Himself). Today intellectuals in the church think they alone have

discovered the grace of God, the cross of Christ, and the correct way to interpret Scripture. It may not have been truth they discovered so much as pride. We may sit in a worship service and look upon those around us with disdain because they are not as good as we are, or do not look as good as we do, or are not as much with it as we are. It is pride. We behave rudely while those who lead in worship speak because we think they are saying nothing worth our attention. It is pride, pure and simple. We may refuse to forgive a brother, forgetting that we must forgive in order to be forgiven, and it is pride. The antidote for pride is a humble spirit, something God admires (Psalm 51:17). It's a bit easier to be humble when we, instead of comparing ourselves with others, see ourselves in light of the majesty and holiness of God. The Bible says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:5-6).

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, December 1, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Investing In Something That Lasts"
(Matthew 4:18-22)
5:00 P.M. - "How To Handle Trials"
(James 1:2-8)

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THANKS!

Thanks to Tim Grounds, Kim Jordan, David Asbill and Lisa Snell for hosting the high school devotional last Sunday night.

Thanks to Patti Grounds, David Cannefax, Julie Frick, Jamie Jordan, Bryce Murry & Jordan Lyons for going on the Middle School Retreat this past weekend. We had a great weekend and learned a lot about belonging.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for making the A & A/B honor roll: Jennifer Elzen, Kara Murry, Ross Weathers, Kristen Yates & Jordan Lyons. Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks who was selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship & Recognition Program in Houston this past weekend. She tied for third runner up and will compete again in July. Way to go!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Recently I read of a congregation that uses a membership covenant. This is the first I have heard of, but perhaps it has some validity. There were three commitment areas, each supported by Scripture.

1. I will protect the unity of the church.

- By acting in love toward other members (1 Peter 1:22)
- By refusing to gossip (Ephesians 4:29)
- By following the leaders of the church (Hebrews 13:17)

2. I will share the responsibility of the church.

- By inviting friends and relatives to attend (Matthew 22:9)
- By warmly welcoming those who visit (James 2:1-4)

3. I will serve the ministry of the church.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A "porter" in a mountain climbing expedition is more than just a guide, he is also the organizer of the expedition. Perhaps the best known porter in the Himalayan Mountains was *Tenzig Norgay*. He made many trips up the side of Mount Everest before his most fateful trip, which was conducted in 1953. Many other climbers began that trip in 1953 but only two stood atop the majestic Everest at the end of their journey. Those two men were *Sir Edmund Hillary* and *Tenzig Norgay*. We have all heard of *Edmund Hillary* but not many of us have ever heard of *Tenzig Norgay*. Yet there he was with Hillary at the end of the journey. But the question that I would like to propose is how did *Tenzig* and *Edmund* complete this journey? The answer is **teamwork**. You see, there were many others on this expedition. The day before *Tenzig* and *Edmund* reached the summit, two other climbers attempted it. They failed in their quest but instead of retrieving their ropes and anchors they left them. The next morning *Tenzig* and *Hillary* saved a lot of time and energy by

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Teens, we need your help with the Parents night out on Friday, Dec. 6. Please sign up in class this Sunday. You need to be here by 5:15 Friday, Dec. 6.

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- By discovering my gifts and talents (1 Peter 4:10)
- By attending faithfully (Hebrews 10:25)
- By developing a servant's heart (Philippians 2:4-7)
- By living a godly life (Philippians 1:27)
- By giving regularly (1 Corinthians 16:2)

Some might say that it would not be right to present such a covenant, that the Word is all we need and any other agreements or documents would be unscriptural. Yet there is a great example in the Old Testament in the book of Nehemiah, chapter 9 and particularly verse 38, about not only writing an agreement, but signing it as well.

However, we really cannot force anyone to be active in a ministry or give financially to the church, but should we not be interested in raising the bar of expectation for all members? We are not volunteers! We are called to active discipleship in the Lord's army.

What would you be willing to write out as a promise, a covenant, regarding your recommitment to serving God?

using the equipment that was left behind by the two men the previous day. They still had a lot of strength and energy by the time they passed that mark and the summit was now obtainable.

Teamwork was the key to this successful climb.

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Helen Keller

One of my goals is to develop the most productive Bible school program possible. I hope this is the goal of every teacher. In order to pull this off, it will take **teamwork**. It will take commitment, contribution, competency, communication, cooperation, chemistry, creativity, cohesiveness, and conflict management. We should remember that **teamwork** gives us the best opportunity to turn our vision (of having the best educational program possible) into reality. Let me close by quoting *Noah Ben Shea* who said, "The difference between a *Tower of Babel* and a *tower of strength* is the difference between those who live to make themselves more and those who know the way to heaven is in making others more." Within this quote is found the concept of **teamwork**.

IN APPRECIATION

My loving family in Christ,

Who would've ever thought that someone could make me smile as much as you have? Thank you for all that you've done and all that you are. Thank you so much for the cards, visits, phone calls, food, and especially your prayers. I wish I could thank each one personally. Hope to be back soon. I still covet your prayers.

In Christian Love,
Irene Whaley

Thank you, West Erwin church friends, for the green plant sent to Leon DeFratus services. I am so appreciative of your thoughtfulness during these difficult times. A special thank you for allowing us to use your life center for the occasion. Everything was great.

Sammie DeFratus

To My Church Family,

Since my automobile accident you have met all my needs. My voice messages, my beautiful cards, your prayers and concern have meant so much to me. I'm under doctor's care at Baylor in Dallas and at this time there is more time to study my x-rays and MRI's. Surgery is pending. I'll love you always.

Lorene Venable

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Alba, Texas on Friday for Mildred Russell, Jim Russell's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

NEW ADDRESS: Charles & Linda Westerfeld, 16441 Fox Run, Lindale, 75771, pg. 88109222.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Position: Relief House Parents, full-time position with benefits. CSET is seeking a mature Christian couple or individual with experience to work in a group home one or two weekends per month and one or two evenings per week to provide care for 6-8 children. Duties include supervision and interactions with the children in care; meal preparation; transporting children for activities/appointments; and maintaining a safe, secure environment. CSET is a ministry and outreach of the churches of Christ. Contact David Asbill (903) 509-0558 or e-mail dasbill@christianhomes.com.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN...

Is looking for Christian couples that want to minister. You can have that opportunity in Christian Child Care. Located in the heart of Texas on 25 acres are 34 boys and girls that need your love, attention, and personal support. Good beginning salary and benefits. For more information contact Danny Duggan at (915) 622-4201 or e-mail - chc@centex.net.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery van will be in our area the week of December 9-13. Listed below are items needed: HAIR BRUSHES & COMBS, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, & HONEY. Other items are also greatly appreciated.



ALL-CHURCH ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

Family Life Center, Saturday, December 14, 2002
Please sign up at the Visitor Center. Cost is \$10.00.

MEANINGS

Standing for what you believe in, regardless of the odds against you, and the pressure that tears at your resistance, ... means courage.

Keeping a smile on your face, when inside you feel like dying, for the sake of supporting others, ... means strength.

Stopping at nothing, and doing what's in your heart, you know is right, ... means determination.

Doing more than is expected, to make another's life a little more bearable, without uttering a single complaint, means compassion.

Helping a friend in need, no matter the time or effort, to the best of your ability, ... means loyalty.

Giving more than you have, and expecting nothing in return, ... means selflessness.

Holding your head high, and being the best you know you can be when life seems to fall apart at your feet. Facing each difficulty with the confidence that time will bring you better tomorrows, and never giving up, ... means confidence.

- author unknown

ATTENTION LADIES:

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet on December 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for a brunch and for their final class in 2002. All ladies are invited to come and be a part of this study and fellowship.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday at the table in the foyer. Next Wednesday: Cost is \$4.00.

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.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is participating in the "Box tops for Education" program. Please drop your box tops from the following brands in the red collection box in the foyer: General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant frozen vegetables, Totinos, Progresso, Old El Paso, & Gold Medal. They are also collecting labels from Campbells soups and Franco American products.

Well Said ...

To understand a parent's love, you must raise children yourself. - Chinese proverb

Children spell "love" - "time."

The best security blanket that a child can have is parents who respect each other.

Marriage is when you agree to spend the rest of your life sleeping in a room that is too warm, beside someone who is sleeping in a room that's too cold.

We must teach our children to dream with their eyes open.

Jan. 3, 2002	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 33-No. 1
Records	Sunday December 30	Sunday December 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	386	430	368
Worship A.M.	602	705	574
Worship P.M.	330	270	359
Wed. P.M.	Area-wide	267	
Contribution	\$21,840.11	\$20,613.54	\$17,350.52
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 6, and Wednesday, Jan. 9, Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE- Jimmie Brown was admitted to ETMC, room 4470, last Sunday. Don Weathers is at home after back surgery Dec. 28. John Steffee and his son-in-law, Charles Bellomy, are both recovering after injuries received in a car accident. Cassie Pace, young daughter of John and Cindy, has been ill with pneumonia. Ann McCoy will begin treatment for breast cancer. Cathy Hallman and Brittany Haws are both recovering after knee surgery. Aubrey Denman is back in Park Place after recent surgery. Judith Harshbarger is recovering at home after back surgery. Mabel Holbert is at home. Carey Woods, Dorothy Woods' husband, is in Mother Frances. Dorothy is scheduled for cataract surgery Jan. 14. A.Z. And Pauline Aven, Gary Aven's parents, are both in Health South, room 106. A.Z. will have anuerysm surgery as soon as he is recovered from recent surgery. James Pattillo, Pat Pattillo's dad, is having lung problems. Continue to remember in prayer and care these and others of our family and loved ones of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

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Paul & Signa Stanley & Anthony Aven
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Frank Aven

Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
& Melvin & Nina Crow

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A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR


Dear Father,

We thank You for the past year which You have given us. We are grateful for the way you have blessed our personal lives and the life of the church. We had our lives forever changed on September 11, but even out of tragedy You have brought good. We thank You for a national consciousness of You -- people in government have spoken openly of You and posters are seen everywhere that say "In God we trust" and "God bless America." We are grateful for an increased awareness of national pride, and in our national trials more people have soberly reflected upon what is really important. We ask You to bless today the families of those whose lives were lost on September 11, and bless our nation which needs You so much right now. Bless our president, his advisors, and the congress as decisions are made which affect us

all. We pray that You will be with our military men and women who are in harm's way and may good triumph over evil in this present conflict. May our nation continue its quest to return to truth and right. As a congregation, You have blessed us in so many ways. We thank You for bringing good people to us during the past year and for blessing us with unity, prosperity, generosity, and mercy. As we face the new year, may we as a church give diligence to getting our priorities right. Bless us with greater commitment to the cause of Christ. May we be dedicated to greater outreach in the months ahead and may we seek Your will above our own. Help us to be faithful, to be united, to be open to opportunities for service, and to be waiting for the coming of our Savior.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

- Jay Lockhart



Reaching My Potential
In Christ

- Philippians 2:12-13

Sermons for Sunday, January 6, 2001
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "They First Gave Themselves"
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

P.M. "Asking The Right Question"
(Galatians 3:26-29)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

ETC...

Thanks to Nick Blaylock and Garrett Sublette for teaching my classes these past weeks.

Thanks to David Asbill for teaching this past quarter.

FAMILY SKI TRIP

As you read this, 32 of us are on our way home from Breckenridge, Colorado. Please pray for our safe return!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

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

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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Video Bible Drama will meet this Sunday at 5:00 and Wednesday night, Jan. 9. Watch for more team meetings.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Family Ski Trip
Jan. 6	Combined Activity
Jan. 6 & 9	Video Bible Drama Meeting
Jan. 18-20	Servant Retreat
Jan. 28	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

COMMUNITY

Things I Have Learned in 2001 by Don Crawford

I learned that wherever I go, the world's worst drivers have followed me there.

I learned that grandsons and paw-paw's are natural allies.

I learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back.

I learned that even if I have pains, I don't have to be one.

I learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, work to improve your marriage.

I learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die.

I learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles tangled Christmas tree lights.

I learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance.

I learned that everyone can use a prayer.

I learned that singing "Amazing Grace" can lift my spirits for hours.

I learned that I still have a lot to learn.

ATTENTION ALL SINGLES

A NEW Sunday morning Singles Bible Class will start January 6th. If you are single, you are invited. Don Crawford will be directing the class in room 111. Let this serve as a new beginning for you if you are not accustomed to attending a Sunday morning class.

The Singles Tuesday evening meal and Bible study will be meeting January 8 at the home of Jamon and Clay Kirby, 813 Dolores. They welcome each of you. Call them at 561-9442 for directions.

On Sunday, January 13th a large group of singles from the Shiloh Road congregation will be visiting our singles class and they have asked that we all join together to eat afterward. Please make your plans now to be a part of this special day.

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

In my last bulletin article, I wrote about one of my goals for the educational program in 2002. The goal was that we retain a high number of our current teachers and enlist 6-12 new teachers.

During 2002 the educational program will also attempt to aid our worship services through the creation of specialized classes. Several of us are already in the process of creating these specialized classes. For example, *Danny Snell* has agreed to give one of his devotional periods each month to a singing class. Our youth will be instructed on various techniques and methods regarding singing and hopefully this will enhance our singing during the worship period. We already have such a class on Wednesday evenings for our adults to participate in. During the spring quarter we will divide our boys and girls (fourth and fifth graders) into two classes. The boys will be taught concerning various acts of worship by *Jim Russell* and the girls will be taught other important issues by *Shara Hobson*. It is possible that

we may have some additional classes for our junior High and High School students. I feel that if we can instruct our youth regarding the importance of worship that it certainly will enhance our services in 2002. Please pray for this great effort. It also is my intent to develop a Crisis Care Class which will be very similar to the 911 class that was offered two years ago. This class will more than likely be offered in the fall. The intent of these classes will be to strengthen all of us who have various concerns and needs, and to build us up as a family. If we succeed in this task, we will enhance our services. And during the quarter, I will coordinate with *Jay Lockhart* a themed study that will be presented in our classrooms for 13 weeks. Jay will reinforce these classroom lessons by presenting 13 lessons from the pulpit. Hopefully, by the end of that 13 week period, we will have a greater meaning of that particular subject that we have selected to study.

Giving God the glory, I am so proud of the accomplishments that were made in 2001 through our educational program. Let's continue to pray for our Bible classes and be involved and I am sure that 2002 will place us at an even higher level.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How can we ever express our gratitude and thanks for all of you at West Erwin? God has richly blessed us through you. We thank you for your generous Christmas gift, and we also want you to know how much we are uplifted by your notes and your prayers. May God bless you all this holiday season and in the New Year.

Love,

Jeff, Brenda & Josiah Holland

Dear West Erwin,

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, food and especially for your prayers during my recent surgery and for your continued prayers when I go for treatment. Thank you for the beautiful poinsettias.

In Christian love,

Charles & Ann McCoy

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

I greatly appreciate the many cards, hugs, prayers and kind words that I received. Thank you for sending the flowers from the church. Your thoughtfulness has made the tragedy of my sister, Kay's, death easier to bear.

In Christian love,

Judy Smith and family

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful ivy pot plant, calls, visits and prayers during my Dad's illness. The love from Christian friends makes this time easier to go through. We love everyone deeply. Thank you again.

The Clark, Clyde & Brock families

Many notes, calls and cards of thanks have come in expressing appreciation for the holiday brunch hosted each year by the wives of the preachers, elders, and deacons honoring the widows of the congregation.

Telephone # correction: The Gene Moon family - 534-8592

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held in Marshall December 26 for Raymond L. Brock, Judy Clark's dad. Graveside services will be held Friday in Arp for Fred Suggs, Stuart Suggs' grandfather. Bonnie Blackstone, Dale Blackstone's mother, died Tuesday night in Lubbock. Memorials for Mrs. Blackstone, if desired, may be made to West Erwin Playschool or Bible Hour. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will meet Thursday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center for a covered dish supper. If you are 55+, make your plans to come and enjoy this time of food, fun, and fellowship.

Our Mission Statement

TO GLORIFY GOD

Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ

*Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging*

West Erwin Church of Christ

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Wesley Hilliard** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Wesley is the son of Robert and Cathy Hilliard and the grandson of Winnie Bell and Rob and Carmen Hilliard. Their address is 303 Linda Lane, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-4536.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Ron and Sharri Brock** and their children, **Devin and Rachel**, into our West Erwin family. Ron is manager of Factory 2-U and Sharri is a teacher in the West Erwin Playschool. Their address is 1804 South Sneed, 75701, ph. 595-2338.

RESPONSE

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone came to request the prayers of their church family.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

honoring Christy Hill

bride-elect of Jimmy Carty

(son of Jim & Sue Carty)

Sunday, January 6, 2002 from 2:00 - 4:00

at the home of Sandra Steele

8218 Baylor Drive, ph. 561-8314

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

WEDDING INVITATION

In the celebration of love . . .

Captain and Mrs. Keith Hill

request the honor of your presence

at the marriage of their daughter

Christina Michelle

to

Deputy Jimmy Ray Carty, Jr.

son of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carty

on Saturday, the twelfth of January

at six o'clock in the evening

Roseland Plantation

2601 State Highway 62, Ben Wheeler, Texas

Reception immediately following the ceremony

Roseland Plantation (RSVP)

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class will begin the new year Wednesday, January 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Pat Bratcher will be leading a study entitled "Seasoning Your Words."

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 6

Preacher: Jeff; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Becky McRuiz; Toddler a.m.: Lauren Florence; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Debra Elzen; 2 year olds: David & Sharon Hammond; 3 year olds: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 4 year olds: Jeff & Pam Fennell.

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 January 6	Sunday December 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	380	386	382
Worship A.M.	606	602	559
Worship P.M.	390	330	383
Wed. P.M.		area-wide	250
Contribution	\$23,117.66	\$21,840.11	\$18,835.17
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE- Jimmie Brown has been dismissed from ETMC. Ann McCoy will begin 6 weeks of radiation treatment January 14. Dorothy Woods is scheduled for cataract surgery Monday. Bill Mezell's ear surgery is scheduled for January 16. Zona Crone will have tests Thursday. Pattie Tate has been ill with pneumonia. Ponder Wright, Sr. has been ill with bronchial pneumonia. Warren Gray is at home after being hospitalized due to a reaction to medication following skin cancer surgery. Don Weathers is recuperating at home after recent back surgery. John Steffee and his son-in-law, Charles Bellomy, are both recovering from injuries received in a car accident. Judith Harshbarger is at home. A.Z. & Pauline Aven, Gary Aven's parents, are both ill. Pauline is in Health South, room 106. A.Z. is now in Mother Frances, room 402. Ruth Jones, Mary Haws' aunt, is recovering in Mesquite after a stroke. Alan Evans, Carla Lemons' boyfriend's dad, is ill with pneumonia and heart problems. Mike Rutherford, Matt Haws' secretary's son, is very ill with cancer. Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, had surgery Wednesday in Amarillo. Leonard Beard, David Beard's dad, is being treated for cancer.

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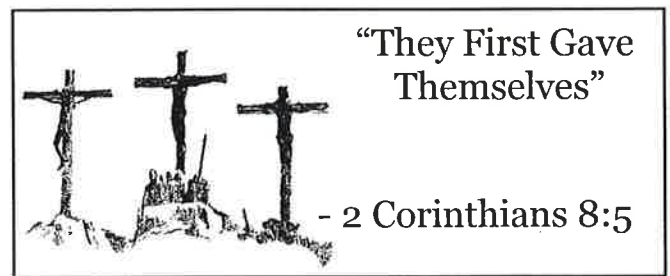
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THEME FOR 2002: "THEY FIRST GAVE THEMSELVES"

For several years the West Erwin church has had a theme for the year. In the past we have had "Reaching My Potential In Christ" and "In Pursuit Of Excellence." For 2002 our theme is "They First Gave Themselves" based upon 2 Corinthians 8:5. The background of this statement is most interesting. When a famine hit the land of Judea in the first century, Paul traveled among the Gentile churches raising funds for the suffering Jewish brethren. The church at Corinth, seemingly a wealthy church, promised to make a contribution. However, a year passed and Corinth had failed to carry through on her promise. So Paul wrote 2 Corinthians, in part at least, to encourage the Corinthians to fulfill their promise. One of the ways he encouraged them was by referring to the churches of Macedonia. Macedonia was next door to Achaiah (much like Texas is next door to Oklahoma) and Paul's "psychology" was to stir up the Corinthians by reminding them of what the Macedonians has already done. Paul told the Corinthians, who were well-to-do and reluctant, that the Macedonians, though in deep poverty and

great distress, had made a generous contribution for the poor saints in Judea and encouraged them to follow through on the promise they had made a year before to make a similar contribution. Then the apostle capped off his effort to motivate the Corinthians by disclosing the secret of the Macedonians' generosity: "they first gave themselves unto the Lord." If one first gives himself to the Lord, then the Lord has all that one possesses. Without giving one's self first, the Lord will get only the leftovers. As James Russell Lowell said, "Not only what we give, but what we share; For the gift without the giver is bare." So, what a great theme for 2002! If we will but first give ourselves unto the Lord, everything else -- personal lives, relationships, church life -- will fall into place. And, until we give ourselves, nothing quite fits together and we miss a tremendous blessing. So join us as we receive inspiration from the Macedonian Christians and may it be said of us: "They first gave themselves unto the Lord." - Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, January 13, 2001
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Three Anchors"
(Romans 8:1-4)

P.M. Jerry Sizemore and others
will give a presentation concerning
the work in Russia and our involvement in it.

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

ETC...

Thanks to David Asbill and Todd Hancock for filling in teaching recently.

Thanks to all who helped with the ski trip. We had a great time and it was really pretty in the mountains!

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 13	High School Activity
Jan. 13 & 16	Video Bible Drama Meeting
Jan. 18-20	Servant Retreat
Jan. 20	Small Group Meeting
Jan. 27	Middle School Activity
Jan. 28	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 28 - Mar. 6	Every Kid's A Winner!
Mar. 29-31	LTC

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

God created us with a "community gene" - an innate passion for connection. Our hearts were made for community. We hunger for the deep, authentic relationships Jesus had in mind when he prayed that his followers would be one. Yet, in many churches, the connection we crave is lacking. How can church become a place where nobody stands alone?

Through small groups. Like nothing else, they provide the kind of life-giving community that builds and empowers the body of Christ, which in turn impacts the world. At West Erwin small groups are becoming more and more important and may one day actually define the church's core growth strategy.

If you feel that passion for connection is not being fulfilled, do something about it. Call me (592-0809) or

e-mail me (dcrawford@westerwin.org) and I will help you get into a small group.

Our small groups currently meet monthly. January 20 is our designated evening this month. (Matthew 7:7-8)

Wednesday night meals will resume on January 16th. Be sure to sign your cards on Sunday.

Monday Night for the Master will start back at 6:00 p.m. On January 21. What a GREAT place to serve others! If you know someone who needs a visit, a card, a phone call, or some other special need, please notify me at the office.

The Singles from the Shiloh Road congregation will be our special guests next Sunday morning, January 13. If you are single and looking for a "connection" this will be a great opportunity for you. Class will begin at 9:00 a.m. in room #111.

net increase of 16 on Sunday morning and 26 on Wednesday evening. These figures were even better than the projections.

We also developed some new classes along the way. I started a class. *Spiritual Emphasis Class* that meets on Wednesday evenings and that has been well attended. We revitalized our *Ladies Class* and it is extremely well attended. We have completely restructured our *Singles Class* and it is under the leadership of *Don Crawford* who will be organizing and implementing the various topics of study. All singles should make every effort to be present for these classes. The *College Class* was emphasized heavily in 2001 and it is in the process of becoming a vital part of our educational program.

To all the teachers, coordinators, etc., let me say "Thank You" for all the work that you put into our programs (i.e. Camp Friendship, Vacation Bible School, Apples of Gold Teachers Banquet, etc.) All the hard work paid off.

Goals for 2002:	Sunday morning class	422
	Wednesday evening class	288

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Thanks for a wonderful year! Wow! It's hard to believe but 2001 has passed and we are already in full swing for 2002. I was extremely pleased with the results of 2001, so allow me the opportunity of sharing some of the highlights with you.

In January of 2001 I submitted a "growth spiral" to the elders of this congregation. A "growth spiral" is a progressive estimation of numerical growth, which hinges on certain criteria being met in order to obtain that numerical growth. Believe me when I tell you that it is not as complicated as it might seem. I projected that by the end of 2001, our Sunday morning class average would be 405 and our Wednesday evening class average would be 270. At the end of 2000, we were averaging 390 in our Bible classes on Sunday morning and 250 on Wednesday evenings. At the end of 2001 our Sunday morning class average jumped to 406 and our Wednesday evening class soared to 276. This was a

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the comforting cards and calls, delicious food, beautiful flowers, and especially your prayers. Our West Erwin family is very dear to each of us.

Sincerely,
The Dale Blackstone Family

Thank you for your thoughtfulness at the death of Fred Suggs, Stuart's grandfather. The cards, words of comfort, and the beautiful flowers were very much appreciated.

Stuart & Marisa Suggs & family

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Margaret Talley, long time West Erwin member who had recently been living in a nursing facility in Fort Worth. Laura Cauthen, Faber Cauthen's sister-in-law, died January 7 in Montgomery, Alabama. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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WORDS

The famous publisher of dictionaries, Dr. Wilfred Funk, was once asked to select the ten most expressive words in the English language. Here is his list:

The most bitter word - alone
The most tragic - death
The most revered - mother
The most beautiful - love
The most cruel - revenge
The most peaceful - tranquil
The saddest - forgotten
The warmest - friendship
The coldest - no
The most comforting - faith

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Roger & Glenda Howell, 206 Bayhills, Hideaway, 75771
ph. 881-0366
Dana Pierce, 6115 S Cape Dr., Chandler, 75758
Doug & Judy Yates, 700 Quail Lane, Whitehouse, 75791
Telephone # correction: The Gene Moon family - 534-8592

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.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Dustin Yates** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Dustin is the son of Jonathan and Raylene Yates and the grandson of Chris and Kathy Waggener. He is in the 7th grade at Hogg Middle School. Their address is 16164 Knobhill Drive, Flint, 75762, ph. 534-3922.

RESPONSE

Danny Estes, former West Erwin member now living in Paris, Texas, came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with his Lord. He has requested our prayers as he tries to live as God would have him live.



WEDDING INVITATION

In the celebration of love . . .
Captain and Mrs. Keith Hill
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Christina Michelle

to

Deputy Jimmy Ray Carty, Jr.
son of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Carty
on Saturday, the twelfth of January
at six o'clock in the evening
Roseland Plantation

2601 State Highway 62, Ben Wheeler, Texas
Reception immediately following the ceremony
Roseland Plantation (RSVP)

THE NEW YEAR

The new year lies before us, white and clean; so many lovely days in which to live, so many hours to spend like silver coins, so many precious moments God will give for us to use in service and in love, in friendliness and sympathy, until our lives may be like fountains, lifting up to sparkle in the sunlight and to spill in radiance and beauty all about, that other lives may catch the gleam and shine of spraying fountains, lifting, filled with light, that will be your life, friend, that will be mine. O help us live so beautifully, God, this year of all the years, that we may be like showers of blessings, falling on mankind - bright fountains, lifting high and clear to Thee.

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Bible Class	463	380	405
Worship A.M.	653	606	595
Worship P.M.	326	390	405
Wed. P.M.	302		
Contribution	\$16,297.81	\$23,117.66	\$17,044.39
Weekly Budget	\$19,700.00		
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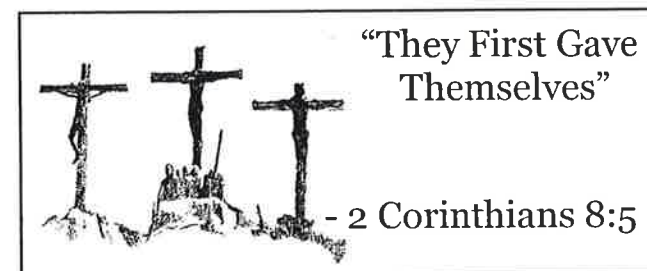
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THE FIRST AND THE BEST

Jesus always responded favorably to those who believed and cared and tried. I think of the centurion (Matthew 8:10), the Canaanite woman (Matthew 15:28), and the poor widow (Luke 21:3). Jesus had brokenhearted sorrow in response to pride, self-righteousness, and half-measures. I think of the Pharisees (Matthew 23), the rich young ruler (Matthew 19), and the Laodiceans (Revelation 3:14-22). It doesn't take a very close look to see that Christ is looking for self-denial, sacrifice, and best efforts in his disciples. No place is this seen more clearly than in the way we share the rich blessings which God so bountifully showers upon us. Think of a family business, begun and nurtured by a husband/father who has seen it grow from meager beginnings to a most prosperous enterprise. He decides he will turn the business over to his children, but discovers after several years that it has become unprofitable because, from the beginning of the management by his children, they have been feathering their own bank accounts with business money. The father is saddened because, first, the business has become unprofitable and, second, because the children have stolen from their father. How do you react to this story? The actions of the children are awful and contemptible -- they robbed their own

father as surely as if they had put a gun to his head and stolen his wallet. Let's apply the story. It was Malachi who asked, "Will a man rob God?" (Malachi 3:8). The answer came, "Yet you have robbed me!" The people responded in utter shock, "In what way have we robbed you?" God answered through the prophet, "In tithes and offerings." I know what you are thinking: "We are not under the tithe." That's right! God has freed us from the law of the tithe so that we might be liberal in giving (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:7). Here's a question: how can we be liberal in giving and do less than the minimum required of the Jews under Moses' law? The West Erwin church has always been generous. However, that does not mean that every member is giving as he or she should. So here's the challenge: this year let's write our first check in every income period to God (his church) and let's make it for at least one-tenth and see if God does not "open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such a blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it" (Malachi 3:10). Remember, Christ looks with favor upon those who believe and care and try.

- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave
Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, January 20, 2001
by **Leon Welborn** and **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
A.M. "West Erwin Work - 2002"
(2 Corinthians 9:6-11)
P.M. "The Same But Not The Same"
(Psalm 146:1-7)

Remember: Tonight we will meet at 5:30 and small groups meet at 6:30! Participate!

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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 theme this year is Solo La Sangre (nothing but the blood). We will leave Friday at 5:30 and return in time for church Sunday morning.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Monday Night For The Master starts back on January 21. We dedicate Monday evenings to works of service. A lite meal is provided for your convenience at 6:00 p.m. After a prayer and words of encouragement, we each move to an area of work. Some make visits, write cards, or help provide child care. Others use their cell phones to make calls, or work on other projects as needed. A number of the ladies spend time in prayer together in the parlor. Our goal is to reach as many people as we can that evening. If you recognize a special need that we might be involved with, please share it with me. Your time and energy are greatly appreciated. See you there!

SINGLES

Our singles class on Sunday morning in room 111 is off to a great start. We still continue to meet every other

Tuesday in homes to provide a closer fellowship and time of Bible study. January 22 we will be meeting at my house, 2575 Pineview Drive. If you are single, you are invited to join us.

SMALL GROUPS

January 20 is our designated Sunday for small groups to meet. Our evening services begin at 5:30 p.m. And end at 6:15 p.m. To allow extra time to meet. If you are not involved in a small group and would like to be call me (592-0809) and we will find just the right place for you.

Looking back Thank Him
 Looking ahead Trust Him
 Looking around Serve Him
 Looking up Expect Him

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Teachers, there are some dates that I would like for you all to mark on your calendars. I am excited to inform the teachers that the Alpine Church of Christ will be hosting the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop on February 9th. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. and the last class for the day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. I would love to see us take a large group to this workshop. One of our goals in the educational program is to retain a high percentage of our current teachers, while enlisting at least 6-12 new teachers. This seminar will rejuvenate our current teachers and motivate potential teachers and I believe it will help us reach the above mentioned goal. If you are interested in going, please pick up a brochure at the visitors center and sign up at the appropriate place.

I also want to make mention of a date that has been selected for our Apples of Gold teacher appreciation banquet. The date is April 27th. We have selected as our theme: *Unsung Heroes*. Our

speaker for the evening will be Glenn Pemberton from Oklahoma Christian University. Glenn has developed a curriculum aid on the internet called *ebiblestudy.org*. It is a fantastic web site and if you have time, take a few minutes to look at it. Some of our teachers here at West Erwin use that material in their classrooms.

Occasionally it is good to go over some of the rules that we want implemented in our classrooms. There is one that I want to stress at this time that applies to our preschool classes. Teachers, please do not allow any of our preschoolers to be dismissed from the classroom unless the child's parent is there to pick them up. Parents, please be as prompt as possible in picking up your children after class. Hopefully, if we all work together on this we will eliminate any mishaps from occurring.

We are off to a great start in 2002. As always, I want to thank all of our teachers for their time, energy, and patience in the work of the church. Let's continue to "give of ourselves first" and working together, let's watch the kingdom of God spread.



IN APPRECIATION

For all the kindness you have shown, we thank you very much, for sympathy in sorrowing days, for friendship's healing touch, with gratitude our hearts are full, though words cannot convey the tender thoughts and thankfulness we hold for you today.

The family of Margaret Talley

We would like to thank everyone for the generous gift of money sent for our family during the holidays. Your remembrance of us is very much appreciated.

The Rafael Falcon family

I feel really bad it's taken me so long to get this off to you, but we truly appreciate the gift of money you sent our family for the holidays. It certainly came in handy this time of year and we thank you for your generosity. I didn't get any cards out this year with the added workload at the newspaper. I couldn't seem to fit it in but we were thinking of you and hope you had a wonderful and safe holiday season. We got to spend time with my folks and Ray's over Christmas and Kristi and Mike went to Kansas for 2 days to see some of their cousins. They enjoyed that time together. The kids are really growing up fast. Where did the time go? Best wishes to all of our West Erwin family.

Love from the Maxwells,
Ray, Linda, Kristi, Mike, Jessica & Courtney

We received a card recently signed by several West Erwin members, and we just wanted to let everyone know how much we appreciate the prayers said for Averi and our family. She is doing very well at this time, and we truly believe this is the result of all the prayers said for her. Please continue to pray for her good health. (Note: Averi now has a baby sister, Emory Regan, born December 27).

Love,
Chuck, Penny (Hulsey) & Averi Moya

REMINDER: Small groups are scheduled to meet Sunday, January 20. Evening services will be at 5:30.

TAKE TIME

*Take time to pray, it helps to bring God near
and washes the dust of earth from your eyes.*
Take time for friends, they are the source of happiness.
Take time for work, it is the price of success.
Take time to think, it is the source of power.
Take time to read, it is the foundation of knowledge.
*Take time to laugh, it is the singing that helps with life's
loads.*
Take time to love, it is the one sacrament of life.
Take time to dream, it hitches the soul to the stars.
Take time to play, it is the secret of youth.
Take time to worship, it is the highway to reverence.
 - author unknown

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Roger Andrews** into our church family. Roger has been attending here for some time and he will be an asset as we work together to serve to the Lord. He moved here from Garland where he worshipped with the Saturn Road church. He has two adult children and one grandson living in the Dallas area. He is employed in the Horticultural business and lives at 504 East Paschal, Troup, 75789, ph. 842-4686.

RESPONSE

Suzanne Linseisen came Sunday night to request prayers for her dad, David Lane, who lives and works in Moscow, Russia, that he will become closer to God.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Bill Smith**, who recently received belated recognition, a medal and letter from the Republic of Korea, expressing thanks to Americans who made sacrifices to help bring "universal values" to their country 51 years ago. Bill served in the U.S. Navy.

WITH SYMPATHY

John Lyons, Jordan Lyons' grandfather, died last Saturday in England. Services were held last Thursday in Taylor for Gerald Canon, Danny Snell's cousin. Services were held Monday for Perry Kerr, gospel preacher at Arp. Jeremy Newman, Chris Elzen's friend, was killed in a car wreck last Thursday night. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to a Monday Night For The Master Soul Winning Workshop with Gary Bodine at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas on Friday and Saturday, January 25 & 26. See bulletin board in office area for details.

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MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

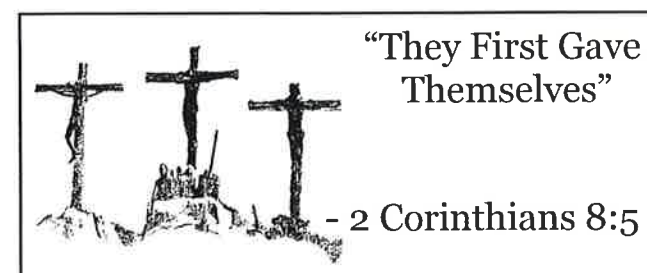
Periodically we have an early morning men's prayer breakfast on Mondays and they always prove to be highlights of those weeks. The last meeting drew about 50 men and a spirit of love, fellowship, and commitment prevailed. It's time for another one of these gatherings. This Monday morning, January 28, we will meet in the fellowship hall at 6:30 for breakfast and prayer, and we will be dismissed by 7:15. As always, Jon Sorrells will prepare the breakfast which will consist of juice, coffee, biscuits, gravy and meat. What the meat will be, no one knows. There are rumors that it is road kill, but no one knows for sure. One thing is certain; the meat will be different than you are used to! Really, though, we are indebted to Jon for a job well done. Give Jon, any member of the staff, or one of the elders your dollar on Sunday so that Jon will know how many to prepare for. Following breakfast we will have a season of prayer and your day and entire week will be better. Join us!

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Our elders are announcing three "Town Hall" meetings during 2002. These meetings will be in conjunction with a sandwich supper in the Family Life Center following Sunday evening services on February 24, May 26, and September 29. Mark your calendars right now! These "Town Hall" meetings are designed to be informational and communicative. Plans for and highlights of church activities will be presented and these meetings will be well worth your time. Make plans to be present for all of the "Town Hall" meetings this year!

*"Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together"*
- Psalm 34:3

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, January 27, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. "Who Are We?"
(Matthew 16:13-16)
P.M. "What Ought We To Be?"
(I Peter 4:10-11)

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Teen Teachers: Please note the information in Doug's column about the upcoming workshop. Plan to participate!

Check Out: www.westerwin.org

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THE GREATER THE BLESSINGS, THE GREATER THE RESPONSIBILITIES

We never learn this any more than as parents. When our children are small we expect little from them because of their limited abilities. But, as they grow we expect more. We expect them to take responsibility for themselves.

Jesus says this principle is true in His Kingdom as well: "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48)

Now, the one who has the written Word of God at his fingertips, the one who has opportunities for regular Bible classes has a greater responsibility than one who has

never accessed these blessings. If you were reared in a Christian home where you experienced regular Bible study, prayer, and Christian fellowship, do you have a greater responsibility? What responsibilities does God expect of you because of your blessings? How faithful are you with what He has given you?

Monday Night for the Master resumed last week. We were able to accomplish a lot during a short period of time because of a good turn out. However, we are in need of couples who are willing to make a visit. Husband and wife, two men, two women, it's just a really good idea (and biblical) to go in pairs. If you are willing, would you find a partner and come Monday night. If you want to make your visit in the daylight hours please let me know in advance and I'll work with you. Thank you for your help.

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I am so excited about the 2002 East Texas Teacher Training Workshop. We already have several people interested in attending this workshop and I want to encourage as many of our members as possible to sign up at the visitors' center to attend this workshop. The elders of the West Erwin church of Christ are very interested in the training of our teachers and this workshop will be a fantastic way of learning new techniques. The workshop will be held on Saturday, February 9th from 9:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m. at the Alpine church of Christ in Longview, Texas. Below, is a list of the speakers and the subjects that they will be addressing.

Katy Koch: *The Master Method: Teaching Jesus' Way.* Dr. Koch is president of Celebrate Kids, Inc. Of Fort Worth, Texas. She has spoken at several national as well as international even ts since 19991. She is a champion at encouraging and equipping parents and educators to celebrate kids every day. She is appreciated for her practical, realistic, helpful, and insightful ideas.

Jim Hinkle & Vann Conwell: *Teaching Youth (7th-12th): Youth Workers University.* Youth workers in East Texas will be equipped to reach the next generation with the message of Jesus with a fresh approach that will transform lives. Jim and Vann will present lessons on : (1) Teaching that transforms, (2) Gamorama (using games in the classroom), and (3) Beyond the walls.

Tom Washburn: *Teaching Adults: Teaching Effectively.* Tom is the pulpit minister for the North Garland church of Christ in Enid, Oklahoma. He is also the chairman of the North Texas Leadership Training for Christ. We experienced the talents of this man recently as he presented "Walk Through The Bible" to us. Tom will present the following lessons: (1) When Am I Teaching?, (2) What Am I Teaching?, and (3) How Can I Teach Effectively?

Scott Strother: *Fight the Battles: Families Standing Their Ground Against Pornography.* Scott is one of the ministers at the Altamesa church of Christ in Fort Worth, Texas. Scott speaks throughout the United States on family matters and will present the following lessons at ETTTW: (1) The facts, and (3) Prevention in Your Familv.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and especially your prayers while I was ill in the hospital and during my recovery at home. Your caring and concern helped me to feel better.

Henry McRuiz

WITH SYMPATHY

Scott Shirley, a member of the University congregation and friend of many at West Erwin, died Friday after a valiant battle with cancer. Services were held Sunday at the University church. Services were held Monday for Bobbie Jean Burch, Sara Powell's cousin. Greg Bonham, Pam Lott's cousin, was killed in a car accident Monday in Colorado. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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URGENT NEED

We are in need of clothing for the Benevolent Center: men's clothing (especially small sizes in men's pants), all sizes in shirts, large sizes for ladies, and all sizes in children's clothing.

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Pat Bratcher is currently leading a study entitled "Seasoning Your Words."

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

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Joel and Yana Petty, from Lomonosov and St. Petersburg, Russia, will be at West Erwin to make a special presentation immediately following the evening worship assembly Sunday, January 27, in the Family Life Center.

SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to a *Monday Night For The Master Soul Winning Workshop* with Gary Bodine at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas on Friday and Saturday, January 25 & 26. See bulletin board in office area for details.

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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." - copied

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Worship A.M.	611	555	650
Worship P.M.	409	322	NS
Wed. P.M.	250	300	275
Contribution	\$17,098.72	\$17,899.07	\$17,175.46
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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Roy & Fren Bench & Payton Fedell
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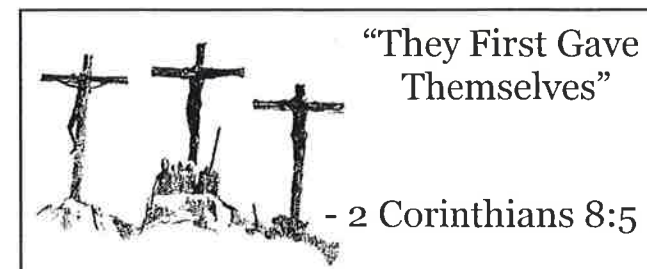
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EVERY KID A WINNER

Mark your calendars for this one! March 3-6, Sunday - Wednesday, is the time for "Every Kid A Winner" with Dale Smith of Tacoma, Washington. Dale has spent a lifetime working with and on behalf of children. He has been a founding director of youth camps in three states and Canada and has edited a three-year curriculum for youth camps. He is the author of four children's books, two of which have won national honors. Dale is a veteran speaker and trainer and has won the *World's Championship of Public Speaking*, conducted annually by Toastmasters International. In addition to conducting "Every Kid A Winner" seminars, Smith speaks to thousands of school children and adults interested in children each year. You can easily see that Dale Smith is well qualified to help us here in Tyler. This seminar will primarily accomplish two things: (1) it will impact the families of the West Erwin church because it is designed to equip adults of all ages to positively influence the lives of children; and (2) it will bring a large number of people

from our community into contact with the church. Dale says, "The seminars are filled with practical, down-to-earth, put-to-work-now concepts and principles. Your people will be enriched immeasurably by sharing this material The program will make a difference. It will enrich the lives of your children and children's children. It will strengthen your families. It will bring visitors through your doors." Dale will arrive in Tyler three days before the seminar begins and will appear on TV, speak to clubs and schools, and will visit book stores to share facts about the seminar. We will distribute 3000 brochures, informing people about this event and many will respond positively -- after all, who is not interested in children? We want to be actively involved in spreading the word about the seminar and in attending each session. The evening sessions will be about two hours in length: 5:00 - 7:00 on Sunday; 7:00 - 9:00 Monday through Wednesday. It will be a great event. Participate fully!

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, February 3, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. "In Remembrance Of Me"
(I Corinthians 11:23-26)
P.M. "Where Does Your Confidence Lie?"
(Ephesians 3:8-13)

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COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Please bring a finger food. We will be finished at 9:00. We plan to watch the remainder of the Super Bowl.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

HELP WANTED

Social Worker for Georgia AGAPE, a licensed Child Placing Agency sponsored by the churches of Christ. They provide care and adoption services for needy children. This is a full-time position. A Masters degree in Human Services is preferred, but a Bachelor's degree with experience will be considered. For information, please contact: Doug Mead, Executive Director at (770) 452-9995.

ADULT CHILD CARE PROVIDER

Monday Night for the Master is looking for someone to care for young children from 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Don Crawford at the church office, 592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

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Approximately 19 times in the New Testament the Greek word *didasko* is found. That word means *to teach*. I was surprised to find that every time that word was found it always referred to the teaching of adults. Of course, the thought behind teaching adults is to do so in order that they might train up their children in the way of the Lord. The adult educational program at the West Erwin church of Christ is being developed to aid our members in the gaining of critical Biblical information. We, as teachers, want to share our knowledge with our students so they will be able to grow spiritually and also be equipped to teach others. The adult Bible school program is a great tool in not only allowing the students to grow in Christ, but it is also an aid in retaining the membership. In fact, *Thomas Rainer*, in his book *High Expectations*, said the #1 way of retaining the current membership is through the Bible school program.

We all realize that there are those who at one time were faithful in their church attendance who no longer attend. One of the

main reasons that some experts give for this falling away is that some of our members are being caught up in secular humanism. Basically, secular humanism claims there are no absolute truths. They believe the Bible is okay to study but it should never be considered as the final authority. What a dangerous philosophy. In fact, if the Bible isn't the final authority, then why study it at all? I'm sure that many of you have noticed that very thing happening in the last few years throughout the brotherhood. Believe it or not, there are churches who have actually scrapped the Bible school program and developed what I would call fellowship gatherings to take their place. One church, who did this several years ago, surveyed their congregation and found to their horror that 54% of their membership could not name the books of the New Testament. They also found that some of their members (10%) thought that Joan of Arc was Noah's wife. By the way, they now have a Bible school program. No wonder that many Christian educators are now trying to focus their congregations toward a systematic study of God's Word. I applaud their efforts and I hope that we all will see the urgent need to once again look to the Word of God as the final authority.

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This Bulletin is now available online!**

COUPLES WANTED

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I wish for you

Confidence for when you doubt
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept the truth,
And love to complete your life.
God Bless You!



IN APPRECIATION

I am so thankful to each of you for your cards, greetings, telephone calls and especially your prayers. It is a blessing to be able to see well again.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Woods

Just a note to thank you for your prayers and concern during A.Z.'s surgeries and our rehab. You give such encouragement. God bless you all.

Pauline & A.Z. Aven

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Weatherford, OK for Lena Penner, Gus Krewall's aunt. Services will be held Friday in Houston, with graveside services in Marshall Saturday, for George Jones, George Jones, III, grandfather, died Jan. 24. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

MINIBUS DRIVERS

We are in desperate need of additional minibus drivers. This involves picking up (usually 2 to 4) people for worship services. If you can help with this ministry, please give your name to Gary Ables or one of the preachers or call the church office. Thanks for your help!

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WELCOME HOME!

We are very pleased to welcome **Julie Frick** back home! She came Sunday to be recognized as a part of the West Erwin family. She is a high school student and is the daughter of Terry and Kim Frick and granddaughter of David and Wanda Frick. Her address is 17220 CR 1204, 75703, ph. 894-9364.



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You are invited! Harding University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Arthur Shearin, will present a program on Friday, February 8, at 7:00 p.m. In the Mesquite Church of Christ auditorium, 400 West David Street, ph. (972) 288-7637.

About the choir: The Harding University Concert Choir completed its fifth choral mission tour to Venezuela in May of 2001. The mixed choir is devoted primarily to the performance of sacred, unaccompanied music at the university and in churches and schools. Occasionally, the group collaborates with the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra in the performance of choral masterwork. This year's activities include weekend tours in Tennessee and Texas and an extended tour of the Midwest in May. Dr. Shearin is a professor of music who hold a doctorate in choral music from the University of Colorado. He is a Harding alumnus and serves as chair of Harding's music department.

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Wed. P.M.	289	250	295
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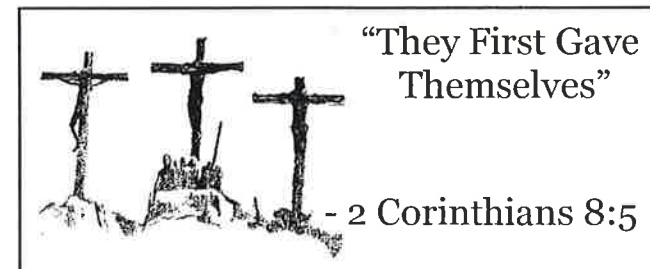
Recently I was reading *Pulpit Helps* for February, 2002, and came across the following article which prompted me to think of many at West Erwin. I pass it along to you as a way of saying thank you to so many who work faithfully behind the scenes.
- Jay Lockhart

An unknown author has written the following observations which describe so well those who serve God without fanfare. As we look at this list, we ask, How could we do without:

1. Individuals who, by telephone call, express concern at the absence of another.
2. Families who provide transportation for those who otherwise could not worship with us.
3. Those who prepare the Lord's Supper each Lord's day.
4. Those who visit the shut-ins and send cards to the sick.
5. Christians who say, "You and I are interested in this particular member who needs to be encouraged. Let's pray for him and see what we can do to prove our interest in him."

6. The secret giver who can always dig a little deeper to help some individual in need, or increase his contribution to see that the Lord's work can go forward.
7. Those who are called in last-minute emergencies and calmly say, "I'll do the best I can."
8. Those who go around giving words of encouragement to their brothers and sisters in Christ who are using the talents God gave to them.

There are so many more categories of nameless people who could be added to this list. They, too, do their service quietly and secretly. We see the benefits, but not the benefactor. Why should we be surprised that we have so many faithful laborers working behind the scenes when Christ said His disciples are leaven (Matthew 13:33; Luke 13:21)? One does not see the leaven. But how powerfully it works! How could we ever do without our "Secret Service?"



Sermons for Sunday, February 10, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "It's Important To Ask Why"
(Romans 15:5-7)
P.M. "Fulfilling Our Objectives"
(Acts 2:41-47)

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Each week we come together twice for an organized Bible study. It is during these two meetings that our teachers attempt to present lessons that will aid their students in (1) coming to a fuller knowledge of God's Word, (2) coming to a fuller understanding of God's Word, (3) coming to a point in their lives where they (the students) must respond positively to what they have learned, and (4) coming to a point where they (the students) see the urgency to share that message with others. Many suggest that if we can accomplish these four criteria then we will have an effective Bible school program. Recently, I had the opportunity of listening to a well known author who is also the educational minister for a church that has over 20,000 members, talk concerning the fact that many churches are failing to accomplish these 4 criteria within their educational programs. In fact, he told us that some churches have actually replaced the Bible school program with a small group fellowship during what normally is considered class time. Then he specifically listed one church that

did this very thing 10 years ago. After surveying the congregation 10 years after they had replaced the Bible school program, they urgently decided to restart the Bible school program because the members of that church could not even recall the simplest of Bible facts. Don't get me wrong. I am glad they decided to restart the Bible school program, but it is sad that it took them 10 years to come to that conclusion.

The Bible school program is not really a program but rather a vibrant living activity which provides for us spiritual food to eat and spiritual water to drink. It should be an essential part of the life of all Christians. By the way, our teachers are doing a fantastic job in presenting biblical materials to their students and they should be thanked for a job well done. As students, let's make every effort possible to attend all of our classes. Let's dedicate ourselves to feeding on the sincere Word of God. Let's see the difference God can make in our lives because we have involved ourselves in a chronological, systematic, organized study of His Word. In doing so, we will be edified in the body and we will bring glory to God's name.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Ones,

My heart is full of gratitude and thanks to God for His healing my body. Also, to my church family for your prayers, cards, and many calls reminding me of your love and concern for me. I am in my home now and Lord willing, will be able to meet with you to worship God next Sunday. God bless each of you.

Pattie Tate

ATTENTION FAMILY BUILDERS CLASS

Don't forget the annual Sweetheart Banquet, Saturday, February 9, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Wade and Diane Weathers. The men treat their wives to a fun night out by cooking and bringing their favorite dish. We hope to see you there! Call Diane at 839-9797 for more information.

MINIBUS DRIVERS

We are in desperate need of additional minibus drivers. This involves picking up (usually 2 to 4) people for worship services. If you can help with this ministry, please give your name to Gary Ables, one of the preachers, or call the church office. Thanks for your help!

YOUNG AT HEART

The Glenwood "Pure Gold" group has invited our Young at Heart group to a "Potato Fixins" on Thursday, February 14. We will meet with them this month instead of our regular meeting at West Erwin. Don't miss out on this time of fun, food, and fellowship with area Christians.

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The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 11-15. West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, HAIR SPRAY (pump non-aerosol), GRAPE JUICE. Any other items are also greatly appreciated.

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY LUNCHEON

February 10, 12:00 noon - Shiloh Road Church of Christ
All Boy Scouts, former Boy Scouts, and their families are cordially invited to participate in the Scout fellowship luncheon immediately following worship in the Shiloh Road Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend and need more information regarding Scout Sunday and the fellowship lunch, please RSVP by contacting Mrs. Anlene Odom at 566-0715

HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

A special salute to Claude Sessions who is hanging up his driving gloves after delivering meals for our Tuesday Cooks ministry for 15 years!

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Donella Jackson and her two children, Tailor (age 8) and Trey (age 5) into the West Erwin family. Their address is 213 Eastgate, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7267.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Chris Elzen, son of Ken and Debra Elzen, on making the Dean's List at Tyler Junior College!

URGENT NEED

We are in need of clothing for the Benevolent Center: men's clothing (especially small sizes in men's pants), all sizes in shirts, large sizes for ladies, and all sizes in children's clothing.

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.

ADORE 2002

The Alpine Church of Christ presents a 2 day retreat Friday, March 8th and Saturday, March 9 for 6th-12th grade girls and their mothers to grow in their adoration for each other as they begin to adore Christ and the things of Christ more than ever. See bulletin board by office for details.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 10

Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Mary Scarborough; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddler a.m.: Kara Murry; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Kim Lemons; 2 year olds: Wade & Diane Weathers; 3 year olds: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 4 year olds: Todd & Jana Hancock

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Records	Sunday February 10	Sunday February 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	374	386	383
Worship A.M.	570	595	584
Worship P.M.	400	314	353
Wed. P.M.	289	289	295
Contribution	\$20,276.14	\$20,537.99	\$20,277.55
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 17, and Wednesday, Feb. 20, Don Ingram. ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE- Elmer Miles had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances, should get report Friday. Pattie Tate is improving in Mother Frances after suffering a stroke. Hoyt Hughes was admitted to ETMC Monday for tests, expected to go home Wednesday. Randi Stafford, little daughter of Robin Stafford, had ear surgery Monday. Zona Crone is at home and got a good report after surgery last week. Nancy McCoy is in Health South Rehab, room 106 (visits after 4:00). Jimmie Brown, Pauline Daughtry, and Don Weathers are all recovering at home. Ann McCoy is undergoing radiation treatment. Mike Rutherford, Matt Haws' secretary's husband, is very ill with cancer. Irene Taylor, Cathy Krewall's sister, is scheduled for knee surgery Feb. 26. Mike Baldwin, Dan Baldwin's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. Ray Pugh, Sheri Figueroa's dad, heart surgery will be rescheduled. Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's mother, is hospitalized in Shreveport following cancer surgery. Del Howard, former West Erwin member, is confined to Gladewater Nursing Center due to illness. James Sides, Bill Smith's cousin, is in critical condition in Mesquite after several heart attacks. Roscoe Sincler, Judy Wilmeth's dad, is in ETMC ICU.

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Steve Denman Kevin Dorsey
Wally Dawkins Daniel DuPree
Brady Dawkins David Demic

GREETERS
Ron & Sharri Brock & Jamie Jordan
John & Ruby Cliver & Ember Johnson
Milburn & Jan Cook & Jessica Kuechle
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
& Gene & Leah Moon

Picking up cards: Ethan Florence, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cameron Ables, 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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THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A KID

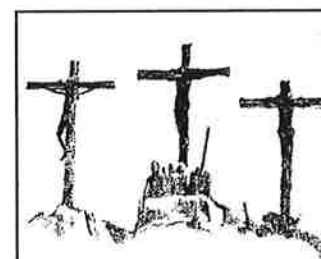
He was about five years old and there he was, looking at me, peering out from behind his mother. He was a little black boy who had gone to the grocery store with his mama and when our eyes met his face broke into a broad smile showing a mouth full of pearly white teeth. My heart warmed as I looked into that little boy's smiling face ... there's something about a little kid that makes the heart sing. It's easy to love a little child and all of us are interested in children. That's why our upcoming seminar, Every Kid A Winner, with Dale Smith is for everyone. It's for kids and everyone who is interested in kids. Dale Smith is well qualified to speak to us about children. He has spent a lifetime working with kids, strengthening families, and helping those who are interested in children to be more effective in helping kids. So make your plans to be present for every session of the seminar, March 3-6, and do something wonderfully important for someone ... bring them with you!

NEW CLASS BEGINS ON REVELATION

The Seeker's class that meets in the Fellowship building on Sunday mornings will begin a study of the Book of Revelation on February 24. This class was started a few years ago to offer a more in-depth study of Scripture with specific home assignments and extensive class participation. The class has studied the book of Romans, the book of Hebrews, the *One Another* statements of the New Testament, and now will examine the book of Revelation. If you are not presently enrolled in a Sunday morning Bible class, you might consider joining this class as it begins on February 24.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" - 2 Timothy 2:15

- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, February 17, 2002
by Don Crawford, Involvement Minister
A.M. "The Sufficiency of Scripture"
(II Timothy 3:16-17)
5:30 P.M. Richard Brown, Medina Children's Home
(James 1:21-27)
Small Group Meetings after P.M. assembly

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who work with the Bible Hour ministry. The Homecoming was great, but what you do for the children is wonderful!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Watch for more team meetings. The deadline for submitting **Pre-Convention** events is Feb. 18. This includes essays, poetry, Web page design, radio message, children's book and song writing. Please turn them in to me no later than Monday.

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HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to the home of Julie Frick this coming Saturday night for a fun evening from 4:00-8:00. Call Julie for more information.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Studies. We meet in our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each week. Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 17 **Small Group Meeting**
Feb. 22-24 **Christ Teens**
Feb. 24 **High School Activity**
Feb. 25 **Bible Quiz**
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Let me begin this week's bulletin article by encouraging our members to attend our Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible classes. I am excited about the various classes that are offered. Our Wednesday evening classes are right at the goal that we set at the beginning of 2002. In fact we are averaging +13 over last year's numbers. This speaks well of the commitment that you have made to those classes. Thank you and let's keep up the good work. Our Sunday morning classes are not doing as well as I had hoped. The first week of January 2002 I announced in my bulletin article that we were going to attempt to have an average for 2002 of 422. Presently we are averaging 403. This is down by a couple over last year's averages. If we are going to meet this goal, it will depend on your attendance. Please make a special effort to be present for our classes each Sunday.

I am excited to announce a class that will be presented on Wednesday evenings in the spring. It is entitled: **The Seven Keys To Success And Happiness** and will be taught by G.W. Cliver in

room 112. Gerald agreed to teach this class several weeks ago and gave me a syllabus of the material that he will present and it looks outstanding. If you would like to know more about: (1) responsibility, (2) philosophy, (3) attitude, (4) goal setting, (5) education, (6) action, and (7) results and growth, then please plan to attend this class. Thanks, G.W., for preparing this class for us.

I am also excited about a class that will begin for our 4th and 5th graders on Wednesday evenings in the spring. We will divide the boys and girls (starting in April) into two classes. The boys will be led by *Jim Russell* and they will be taught regarding various acts of worship. Jim will walk them through these acts and explain the how and why regarding these matters. *Shara Hobson* will direct the girls in a study that will help them in becoming godly women. Both these classes are essential in developing solid Christians of the future. Parents, please make every effort possible to get your children here for these classes.

Let me remind you of our upcoming **Every Kid A Winner** seminar. Parents, and all who are involved with young people, don't miss this seminar. It starts during our Bible class time Sunday morning, March 3rd. Bring a friend with you!

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you all for that lovely note with all those blessed signatures. I love you all. I'm going to get better one of these days. The Lord is a faithful Lord. He will make you strong and able to cleanse you of whatever is troubling you -- in His time. We have to be joyful. Keep on praying no matter what happens for this is God's will for you who belong to Jesus Christ! I love my Lord. Good health to all.

Joan Harlak

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers before, during, and after my surgery. We love you all.

Bill Mezell

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Clelia Elliot on the birth of a great grandson! Brandon Charles Bounds was born January 18, 2002 at 12:34 p.m. to Roger and Laura Bounds. (Interesting note: proud great uncle, Thomas Elliott, was born January 18, 1941 at 12:33 p.m.). Robert and Pat Stokes have a new great grandson! Easton Denver Myrick was born February 4 to Robert and Kelly Myrick. Paul and Isha Myrick are proud grandparents.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday in Palmer, Texas for Frances Wester, Jimmy Wester's mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Jimmy and Sharen and all the family and friends.

Sorry to lose

Luke and Ashley Blackwell are moving to Texarkana.

Yvette Denman placed membership with the Shiloh congregation.

LADIES SPRING RETREAT

Spring is right around the corner. Celebrating this season of new growth, the ladies of Broadway church of Christ invite you to join them for a day filled with fun, fellowship and spiritual fulfillment on April 6, 2002 at the Broadway church building. Pat Scott, guest speaker, wrote *Batten Down the Hatches: Preparing for Life's Storms* in the aftermath of her husband's murder. She recently published *Surviving the Raging Fire* which challenges us to face the raging fires of sin and immorality that threaten to engulf our society. Pat has also contributed to *Accepting Bereavement*, recently published by 21st Century Christian. Frequently interviewed for national television and radio programs, Pat maintains a full schedule of speaking at university lectureships, cruise lectures, women's seminars and retreats across the country inspiring Christians to live what they believe -- lest they eventually believe what they live.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Michael** and **Candance Hall** and their young children, **Parker** and **Kenzi**, into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. They formerly worshipped with the church in Twin City, Missouri. Their address is 215 Gardenview, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-5374.

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ETCA DINNER AND AUCTION

East Texas Christian Academy is hosting the 23rd Annual Victory Dinner and Auction on Saturday, March 2, 2002, 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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Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Tyler Lott
Visitor Center: Bill & Pat Bratcher
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Picking up cards: Ethan Florence, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cameron Ables, Cody Frick, George Richardson.

WITH SYMPATHY - Carl Carty, Jim Carty's dad died Wednesday morning. Services are pending at this time in Whitewright, Texas. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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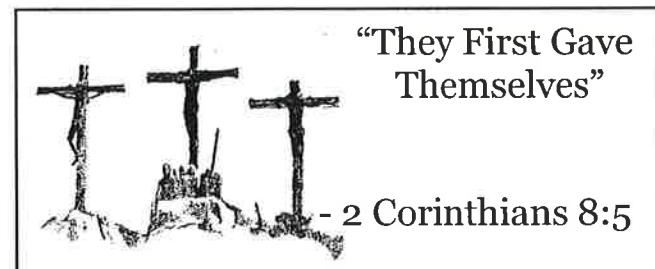
OBSERVATIONS

I have been thinking. I have been reading. I have been listening. I have been observing. I have been doing these things for a long time and I have some observations.

- The church as Jesus gave it is perfect, but the people who make up the church are imperfect. Imperfect people are used by God to accomplish His purposes. Imperfect people do not diminish the perfect plan of God for the church and should not cause us to abandon the New Testament.
- The New Testament does present to us a pattern for the church and life. Those who recoil at the concept of pattern still have a pattern -- they are simply a pattern unto themselves.
- More changes have taken place in the church over the past ten years than in the forty years preceding the last decade. Change is neither good nor bad in itself, but this I know; any change that takes me away from God and His Word is bad and any change that brings me closer to God and His Word is good.
- We must be willing to change to become more what God wants us to be (2 Corinthians 3:18), and to find ways to more effectively do the work God has given us to do.

- The cries for change, in many cases, have focused upon cosmetic changes instead of heart changes and these changes do not make us better or more spiritual people.
- The past decade has not seen an increase of Bible knowledge among us or a deeper commitment to the Word or to spirituality.
- We have had a tendency over the past decade to emphasize ourselves, our wants, our desires, our perceived needs, more than seeking after God.
- Some of our people who are in positions of leadership and influence have abandoned the plea for the restoration of New Testament Christianity and have surrendered to a denominational view of the church.
- Most of our brethren, however, are balanced (avoiding extremes to the left or the right), accept the New Testament as God's pattern for us, seek to be Christian's only and members of Jesus' church only, and carry the torch for primitive New Testament Christianity today. For this reason we are hopeful and the future is bright.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, February 24, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "A Contagious Church"
(1 Thessalonians 2:1-7)
P.M. "Being Effective Is The Goal"
(Ephesians 4:11-16)

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AREA WIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NIGHT

Join us on Sunday night, March 3, for an area wide Christian College Night. We will have representatives from several of the colleges and a great evening is planned. More details to follow.

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In just a little more than a week we will begin our seminar entitled: *Every Kid A Winner*. A lot of time and effort has already gone into this seminar. We really do want this to be a great success and you will play a vital role in this seminar. We need you to make the following commitments. **First**, make sure that you are present at all these gatherings. The first lesson will be given at 9:00 a.m. during our Bible study hour. This first lesson is essential to the overall theme of the week. Please, do not miss this one. **Second**, bring your children with you. Those in the fourth grade and up will have the opportunity of hearing Dale Smith deliver these timely lessons and those below the fourth grade will be involved in a devotional and activity each evening. A place for those who need to do their homework will also be available. *Velma Lemons* will oversee the preschoolers and *Danny Snell* and I will make arrangements for K-3rd graders. We want you and your children present each evening. **Third**, please pick up as many brochures as you need at the Visitor's Center

and pass them out to friends, neighbors, fellow workers, etc. We really want this program to reach out into our community. Dale has already contacted several groups in this area and he will be encouraging them to come to the seminar. Now we need to do our part. **Fourth**, to those who are teachers (public or private) we will provide you with a certificate verifying that you attended. This will help you with any in-service or training hours that your school requires of you. Be sure that your school has given the okay for these lessons to be used in this way. These certificates will be given out at the end of each session. We are very excited about this seminar.

Our spring quarter will begin the first week in March. A letter will be going out to all our families regarding the studies that we will be conducting during the spring. Please look over the list of topics and select a class that will help you in your walk with God. Teachers, thanks for all of the time and effort that you put into your classes. Our educational program is running smoothly and the credit goes to our wonderful teaching staff. Thanks! Those who are teaching during the spring quarter, please pick up your materials in Frances McBee's office as soon as possible.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Once again words cannot express how much we appreciate the love you have shown for us. 2001 challenged our health but thanks to your prayers and thoughtfulness, we are both home and doing well. May God bless each and every one of our West Erwin family.

Pat and Robert Stokes

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

The plant you sent during our time of bereavement was both beautiful and comforting. Your thoughtfulness means more than words can convey. God bless and keep you is our prayer.

The family of George Jones, Sr.

WITH SYMPATHY

Roscoe Sincler, Judy Wilmeth's dad, died last Wednesday evening. Services will be held at the Elias Funeral Home in Streator, Illinois Wednesday. Services will be held Friday on Weatherford, Oklahoma for Joe Koop, Gus Krewall's cousin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

ATTENTION: YOUNG AT HEART

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and

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request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Jamey Lynn
and

Jared Norris

on Saturday, the second of March

Two thousand and two

at two o'clock

Landmark Baptist Church

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Tyler, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Margaret Rhodes** on being named to the Dean's List in the University of North Texas School of Visual Arts. This honor is reserved for students who complete 12 or more hours during a long semester with a GPA of 3.5 or better. Margaret is the daughter of Dennis and Karen Stansbury.

Congratulations to **Wally Dawkins** on his 400th career win last week when his Whitehouse Wildcats defeated Pine Tree. This win, 10-0 for the season, clinched an unbeaten District 16-4A championship. **Brady Dawkins**, a signee for University of Texas at Arlington, finished out the game with 18 points, 8 assists, 6 steals and 3 rebounds. Brady is the son of Wally and Laurie Dawkins, grandson of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and great grandson of Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes.

WEST ERWIN PRESCHOOL PLAYDAY

First Friday of each month, for all preschool kids and moms. March 1 - Whitehouse City Park on 346 east of Hwy 110. Bring a lunch or snack. In case of wet or cold weather we will not meet. For more information, call Diane Weathers at 839-9797.

"TOWN HALL MEETING"

Family Life Center, February 24, 2002, immediately following the evening worship assembly. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips and desserts. Drinks will be furnished. Plans for and highlights of church activities will be presented. Plan to participate!

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 24

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Suzanne Linseisen; Toddler a.m.: Lindsey Lott; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Frances Phillips; 2 year olds: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; 3 year olds: Laura McClenny & Kristi Harris; 4 year olds: Adam & Lisa Bryant.



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KL5B - Channel 19 - 7:30 A.M.

Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Records	Sunday February 24	Sunday February 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	390	401	415
Worship A.M.	574	591	588
Worship P.M.	341	325	339
Wed. P.M.	298	288	284
Contribution	\$17,467.18	\$22,440.49	\$19,510.83
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 3, and Wednesday, Mar. 7, Curtis Pruet ph. 534-5428. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE- Clyde Lane is in ETMC, will go to hospice when space is available. Meeta Clucas is in Mother Frances, expects to go back to Colonial Manor soon. Megan Florence is at home after being hospitalized Sunday evening. Warren Gray is now at home. Elmer Miles is at home, will undergo treatment. Pattie Tate is in Health South Rehab. Nancy McCoy is recuperating at the home of Carolyn Walker. Ann McCoy has completed radiation treatment! Irene Taylor, Cathy Krewall's sister, had knee surgery Tuesday. Mike Baldwin, Dan Baldwin's dad, Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's mother, and Mike Rutherford, Matt Haws' secretary's husband, are all very ill with cancer. Gary Gaines, Wanda Denio's son, is undergoing tests. Del Howard, former West Erwin member, is in Gladewater Nursing Center. James Sides, Bill Smith's cousin, is very ill in Mesquite. Philip Boren, Carol Armstrong's son, had shoulder surgery in Colorado after a ski accident. Hudnall Lawson, Clyde Waggoner's aunt, is very ill at home. Jack Miller, Susan Steffee's dad, had lung surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Sandra Park, former West Erwin member, is improving in ETMC after a brain aneurysm burst and subsequent surgeries.

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Alan & Patsy Fisher & Josh Lowry
Jeff & Pam Fennell & Jordan Lyons
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
& Maggie Craddock

Picking up cards: Chris Scroggins, Ryan Haws, Steven Figueroa, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

WITH SYMPATHY - Our love and sympathy is extended to Melvin and Nina Crow and all the family in the death of Nina's sister, Mary Evelyn Mason. Services were held Tuesday in Denton.

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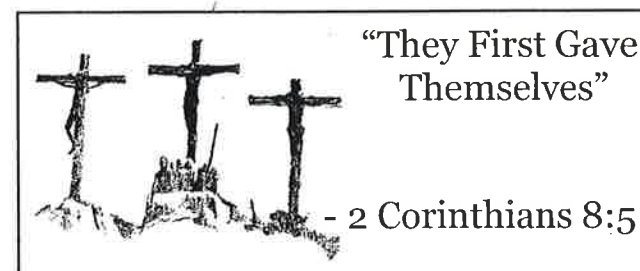
By the time you read these words, Dale Smith will be in town ready to begin the *Every Kid A Winner* series on Sunday morning, God willing. As a matter of fact, Dale will have already been working around town for two or three days promoting this important seminar. On last Wednesday evening I taped an interview with Dale to promote the seminar and this interview will be seen this Sunday morning on The Search. Additionally, Dale has met with several groups around town including Toastmaster International, with whom he was a champion speaker a few years ago, and Barnes and Noble Bookstore for a book signing. Dale was also the speaker for a luncheon hosted by our Young at Heart group on Thursday. The seminar will begin in earnest Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. when all of our classes, 4th grade through adults, will meet with Dale in the auditorium. Dale will then preach at the 10:00 a.m. assembly. The evening sessions on Sunday will be from 5:00 until 7:00 with child care provided up through the 3rd grade. On

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings we meet from 7:00 - 9:00 in the auditorium. The seminar is for kids and everyone interested in kids -- parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends. Please take advantage of these opportunities and pass out some of our brochures to your friends. Let's give our support to every kid being a winner.

TWO DEACONS RESIGN

Recently Don Peek and Alan Fisher announced to our elders their desire to resign their work as deacons after serving this church for over a decade. Both Don and Alan, along with their families, have served the West Erwin church faithfully through the years and will continue as vital members in the body at this place. We thank Don and Alan for their work in the past and we look forward to a continued relationship with them in the future.

- Jay Lockhart



Schedule for Sunday, March 3, 2002

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BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of those who participated in Bible Quiz this year. Our group did an outstanding job and most of all, they learned a lot about the book of Genesis. Way to go gang!

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Remember: Every Kid A Winner!

Note the time change due to the seminar!

AREA WIDE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NIGHT

Join us on Sunday night, March 3, for an area wide Christian College Night. We will have representatives from several of the colleges and a great evening is planned. Dinner will be furnished and we will be finished at 9:00.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Studies. We meet in our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each week. Join us! Thanks to Jim Russell for teaching in my absence.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 3-6

Mar. 3

Mar. 10

Mar. 29-31

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This Bulletin is now available online!

Attend Dale Smith's workshop on

EVERY KID A WINNER!

March 3, 9:00am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

March 4th thru 6th, 7:00 pm

Discover twelve practical, effective, fun-filled strategies "Big People" can use to help develop happy, healthy, secure children. Ones who are ready for life, eager to learn, and a joy to be with!

Child care provided during workshop.



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For several years now, I have known an older lady whose body is riddled with arthritis. She gets up every morning and does her limited exercises. She prepares her meals. She can even manage to straighten up around the house some. Even though she is in tremendous pain, you never hear her complain about her condition. Occasionally, she will groan, but that is usually followed by a comforting smile (just so you do not know how much she hurts). But the most amazing thing to me is, even with all of the pain she endures, she seldom misses a church service. In fact, not only does she come to the worship service but she is also present during class time. Wow! What an amazing woman. She has been a great role model for me. Over the years she has motivated me, encouraged me, and guided me to greater heights. Not through her words, but rather through her actions. Often I see healthy, successful individuals who seem to have everything heading in the right direction. They drive nice cars, live in fine houses, and have jobs that have catapulted them to a high level financially.

They are put in positions of teaching others concerning how to be successful in the financial world. To be honest with you, if that was all there was to it I'd be very impressed. After all, they have set their sights on a goal and they are striving with all their might to achieve that goal. But I have a problem. You see, my problem is that little old lady with arthritis. She was raised on a farm in Alabama. She had to pick cotton growing up and what she picked went to her family to help pay the mortgage. At the age of 80+ years all she had to show for her earthly labor is a small apartment in Decatur, Alabama and a body that over time has become worn down. When I place this lady (who is frail but never misses an opportunity to attend church and serve God) on one end of the scale and the young professional (who has risen to great heights in the business world but can't seem to find time for God) on the other end of the scale, my hero is confirmed. In my eyes, the scale tips in favor of that godly woman. I am motivated to serve God because her life speaks volumes to me about being a humble, submissive, loyal, obedient servant. Let's all strive to live such a worthy life, always putting God first.

IN APPRECIATION

To my Church Family,

Thank you so much for your cards and prayers during and after my surgery. Also thank you for the wonderful spaghetti dinner that was brought to the house after I got out of the hospital. Hope to be back real soon.

Love,
Sherrie Frick

Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent in honor of my mother. We appreciate your encouragement.

Jimmy & Sharen Wester

Dear Brethren,

Eloise and I wish to take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation for every expression of kindness that members of the church have shown to us since her fall, hospitalization and rehabilitation at Health South and here at home in the Villas of Pine Ridge. The Tuesday meals you have regularly served for numerous weeks has been a real blessing as well as the many expressions of your love. The meals have been exceptionally good and we know that many efforts have been put forth by many members of the church. Your benevolence has been overwhelming. We sincerely thank all of you. We shall remember all these labors of love.

Yours in Christ,
D.L. and Eloise Thompson

NEW ARRIVALS

Leon and Carolyn Welborn have a new granddaughter! Grace Ann Wallace was born February 24 in Denton to John and Cheryl Wallace. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Bob and Jane Clemmons have a new great granddaughter! Kendyll Grace Jacobe was born to Mark and Chelsea Jacobe in Dallas. She weighed 7 lb. 9 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Congratulations to Mary Gaiser who has two new great-great grandchildren! Ashton Gail Tarpley was born February 8 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Cameron James Dunlap was born February 15 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Great grandparents are James and Jo Ann Tarpley of Pittsburg, Texas.

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WELCOME HOME!

We are very pleased to welcome Danny and Cassandra Estes back home to West Erwin. They have been living in Paris, Texas and worshipping with the Lamar Avenue church there. They are expecting a baby in a few months and have requested our prayers for that child and for them as they become parents. Their address is 1023 Donnybrook, 75701, ph. 445-9748.

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ADORE 2002

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SONGFEST

Eastern Hills Church of Christ. 1200 East Corsicana, Athens, Texas, Friday, March 15, 6-10 p.m. Featured singing groups will include: Sounds of Glory (Pasadena, TX), North Tenneha Male Chorus (Tyler, TX), and Free Indeed (Bentonville, AR). Come share in the joy and excitement of Christians from all over East Texas coming together to praise the Lord in song!

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Worship P.M.	420	341	420
Wed. P.M.	288	298	275
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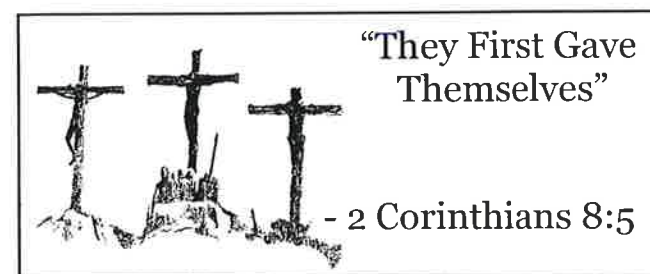
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EVERY KID A WINNER

Here are some words I have heard describing our *Every Kid A Winner* seminar: helpful, insightful, excellent, thought-provoking, challenging, great, practical, and resourceful. I believe you will agree with me when I say it was all of these things ... and more. **Dale Smith** brought to this seminar a rich background of study, experience, and wisdom as he shared so many practical aspects of how to help children become all that they can be. Interest in the seminar ran high as many of our members and a host of guests took advantage of the sessions. In addition to the meetings at our building Dale spoke at schools, was interviewed on radio, had a book signing at Barnes and Noble, conducted a creative writing class for teachers, was interviewed for The Search, and was a part of the local late evening news on channel 56. As you know, Dale is author or co-author of

two novels and four children's books (two of his books have won national awards), and these books are not only well written but the children's books especially have some wonderful art work. Those who have attended the seminar have shown great interest in the books and Dale has graciously stayed late after every session to autograph the many books which have been purchased. I believe we can say that we all are better prepared to help influence the lives of children as a result of the seminar and we are very grateful to Dale Smith for a job well done. Thanks, Dale! And thanks to all who helped make the seminar a success. Thanks to the Ladies Ministry for providing refreshments, and to all who conducted classes for small children, and to those who invited, attended, and prayed.

- Jay Lockhart



Schedule for Sunday, March 10, 2002
A.M. "A Christian"
(Acts 11:20-26)
by Hillard Hughes
P.M. Don Crawford

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Puppets will meet each Wednesday night at 7:00. Puppets will work all day on Mar. 24.

If you have any changes to the events that you are doing, please correct them ASAP.

We will have our final LTC meeting on Sunday, Mar. 24 after the Area-Wide. We will plan to return to West Erwin and eat together and meet until 9:00.

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THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Studies. We meet in our home in Whitehouse from 7:00-8:00 each week. Join us! We will not meet on Mar. 14 due to Spring Break.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 10	High School Devotional
Mar. 17	Small Group Meetings
Mar. 21	Thursday Night Bible Study
Mar. 29-31	LTC



IN APPRECIATION

To our Family at West Erwin,

Again you have touched our hearts and encouraged our family with prayers, cards, and words of kindness during Dad's illness and since his passing. Thank you all for the beautiful spray of flowers. Thanks also to the Playschool and our special small group for the beautiful plant each sent. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving family of God.

In Him,
Jim & Sue Carty & family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home Roy Bohannon, Carl Bohannon's dad. Services were held last Friday in Bowling Green, Kentucky for Barry Steen, Carolyn Carruth's cousin. Services were held February 19 at Hillcrest Church of Christ for Francis M. Churchill, professor of Agriculture at Abilene Christian University for 45 years. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the F.M. Churchill Fund at ACU. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will have their monthly meeting and potluck supper Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. If you are 55+ come and enjoy this time of good food, great fun and fantastic fellowship.

GROCERY TRUCK COMING

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of **March 11-15**. West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, HAIR SPRAY (pump non-aerosol), GRAPE JUICE. Any other items are also greatly appreciated.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting with our new minister, Robert Johnson March 10-13 at the Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Drive, ph. (903) 236-0988. Weeknight services are at 7:00 pm. See bulletin board in office area for details.

You're invited to attend our upcoming Gospel Meeting at the University Church of Christ with Cecil Hutson from Katy, Texas March 17-20 as he preaches the unsearchable riches of Christ. Weekday meeting times will be at 7:00 p.m.

SONGFEST

Eastern Hills Church of Christ. 1200 East Corsicana, Athens, Texas, Friday, March 15, 6-10 p.m. Featured singing groups will include: Sounds of Glory (Pasadena, TX), North Tenneha Male Chorus (Tyler, TX), and Free Indeed (Bentonville, AR). Come share in the joy and excitement of Christians from all over East Texas coming together to praise the Lord in song!

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is in need of someone to work in after school care until the end of the school year in May. This part-time position is open now. Please call Ann Collins at 561-8642 for further information.

CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE

Christian Homes of Abilene is accepting applications for the position of Maternity/Adoption Intake Worker. Responsible for handling all maternity and adoption inquiries/intakes and rotating on-call for the agency's maternity program. Minimum requirement: B.S.W., B.S., or B.A. in social work or related field, child-placing or related social work experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Location: Abilene, Texas. For an application and job description, interested persons should contact Cindy Miller at (915)677-2205 or (800)592-4725.

JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today I will try to live through this day only and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for eight or ten hours that would depress me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln was right, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take things as they come and not protest against them.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do something nice for someone; I will do something I don't want to do; and I will keep my feelings under control.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as nice as I can, dress neatly, act courteously, and try not to improve anyone except myself.

Just for today I will set some goals. These will keep me from stumbling over two common problems: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself. During this quiet time I will try to get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1, 2). - selected

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 10

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome; Toddler a.m.: Tammy & Brittany Asbill; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Pam Lott; 2 year olds: Michael & Candace Hall; 3 year olds: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 4 year olds: Todd & Jana Hancock.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford



The old saying goes - March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. For this year it sure seems

like the lion is roaring here in Tyler. Dale Smith spent most of the week helping us make kids winners. Yet there are hundreds -- literally -- of kids who will never experience the blessings of a Christian family. The kids I work with will remember mom and dad. Their memories include dad's whiskey, or perhaps mom's musk, but certainly not from the dime store. Who will rock these babies? Who will cradle their little bodies? Whose eyes will sparkle when they talk? The drug dealer, he will, and the abuser too. Will you? Help make March go out like a lamb as Jesus leads the little children. Please help minister to a child of God by contacting me at Christian Services, 509-0558, to find out more about being a foster parent.

- David Asbill

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

What a fantastic week we had with Dale Smith as we learned effective ways to raise the self esteem in our students and in our kids. So many positive things were accomplished during this past week and now the fun part really begins as we attempt to make contact with all of those who visited with us. Let me encourage all of us to be extremely active in our Monday Night For The Master program as we begin making these visits. Thanks for your attendance and your willingness to aid us in this great effort.

Now that our seminar is over, it's time to head into our spring quarter and the educational schedules are ready to be picked up at your convenience. I have placed several copies at each of the main entrances in our building. There is a list of all the classes, subjects, teachers and even a map of the building. Once again, let me stress to you that your attendance is essential to the success of our educational program. Our classes are geared to fulfill three

roles here at West Erwin. We use our classes as a time to fellowship, as a time to edify, and as a time to evangelize. If you are regular in your attendance, thank you for your love and care regarding the treatment of God's Word. If you haven't been able to attend our classes on a regular basis, please start now. I really believe that you will be greatly rewarded for your effort.

Don Crawford is having a special study entitled: Finding Your Place In Ministry. This class will meet on Wednesday evenings and you may enroll by signing up for it on the door in room 111. Don and I talked about this class recently and we decided that room 114 would be the best place to meet.

My class (Family Life Center) will be studying the topic of A Tale of Two Churches. This study will be a comparative study of the church at Corinth and the church at Thessalonica. While we are comparing those two churches, we will make application to the church of the 21st century. I hope you can come and join us on Sunday morning for this study.

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Records	Sunday March 10	Sunday March 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	392	457	361
Worship A.M.	580	621	530
Worship P.M.	306	420	271
Wed. P.M.	303	288	280
Contribution	\$20,471.74	\$18,526.80	\$16,232.25
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 17, and Wednesday, Mar. 20, Andy Fay ph. 533-8483. Please call if you need transportation			

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SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.
	11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)	
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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Don & Nerene Ingram & Krista Russell
Louis & Jane Jones & Courtney Russell
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& Louise Seaberry

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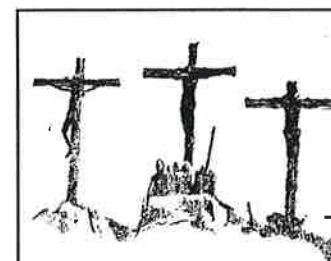
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THEORY AND PRACTICE

Several years ago when we lived in Tulsa a strange phenomena occurred. A new school was being built in our neighborhood and was built without inside walls! That's right! The theory was that the old arrangement of individual classrooms was outdated and the best learning experience would take place if the school building was open ... without walls. Each student, or a small group of students, would move from place to place throughout the open building and, so the theory went, would better learn what was needful. So we had an open school because the educational theorists said children could learn better. A few years later we moved to Houston where open schools, or schools without walls, had been built. And guess what they were doing in Houston! They were going into the open schools and were building walls! Educators had decided the open school theory didn't work too well for educating children! They decided that perhaps individual classrooms were better. Theorists had called for open schools but the teachers in the classes where the teaching was being done said it wouldn't

work. So, they built classrooms. I can imagine something like this happening in the church. Someone comes along and says, "These church buildings have pews in the auditorium. That's too confining. Let's take out the pews and sit on the floor or stand around the walls." So the pews are removed. A few years later someone comes in and says, "What this place needs is some comfortable pews so we won't have to sit on the floor or stand around the walls." Interesting, isn't it? In education nothing beats a log with a student on one end and a teacher on the other. Walls or no walls do not assure education. Do you suppose this fact led private schools in a major city to exclude Ph.D.'s in education from consideration as principals in their schools? Is it too much theory and not enough practical education? In the church it's easy for theorists who have never been really involved in "growing a church" to tell us how to do it, but it is something quite different to be in the trenches where it is actually being done. I'll take the trenches over ivory towers. What about you?
- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave
Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, March 17, 2002

A.M. "He Who Is Spiritual"
(1 Corinthians 2:14 - 3:3)
P.M. "How Do You View Scripture?"
(2 Timothy 3:14-17)

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Be working on your individual events.

Bulletin Boards will meet Monday, March 18th and Monday, March 25th, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Chorus will meet this Sunday at 4:30. The Choruses will sing at the Area-Wide on Sunday, Mar. 24.

Live Drama will work all day Sunday, March 17.

Puppets will meet each Wednesday night at 7:00. Puppets will work all day on Mar. 24.

Fennell & Philpot puppet teams will meet all day Sunday, March 17.

If you have any changes to the events that you are doing, please correct them ASAP.

We will have our final LTC meeting on Sunday, Mar. 24 after the Area-Wide meeting. We will plan to return to West Erwin, eat together and meet until 9:00.

LTC Practice schedule is also posted at www.westerwin.org. Follow the link to the Youth Ministry and click Our LTC link.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Studies. We meet in our home in Whitehouse from 7:30-8:30 each week. Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 17 Small Group Meetings
Mar. 21 Thursday Night Bible Study
Mar. 29-31 LTC

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

BITS 'N PIECES

Most new discoveries are suddenly seeing things that were always there.

You have to be a contortionist to get along in this world we live in. First of all, you've got to keep your back to the wall, your ear to the ground, your shoulder to the wheel, your nose to the grindstone, your feet on the ground, and your head in the clouds so you can see the silver lining.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only love will make him wag his tail.

Failure is not falling down, but is staying down.

It's a sad day when you find out that it's not accident, or time, or fortune but just yourself that kept things from you.

One fifth of the people are against everything all the time.

God's delays are not God's denials.

Why is the phrase "It's none of my business" always followed by the word "but"?

The largest praise you can give your children is to listen to their tiniest ideas.

Relevant and meaningful ministry will eliminate most church membership shifting.

Sunday, March 17, is Small Group Sunday
The evening worship will begin at 5:30 p.m.

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I am so excited about our upcoming Vacation Bible School planning meeting that will take place in room 112 on Sunday evening, March 17th at 5:00. Believe it or not, it is already time to get things moving in that direction. If you have an interest in helping with this year's VBS, please be at this meeting. Last year, after VBS was over, I sent a survey to all of our staff and from that survey, we will be making some adjustments this year. Approximately 90% of the staff suggested that we go to a 3 day VBS. They suggested that we use a "learning center" approach and they thought it would be good to make this year's VBS a family affair. So, after processing all that information this is what we will be doing for our VBS 2002. **First**, the dates of July 22nd - 24th have been selected. The times of these gatherings will be at night (7:00 - 8:30 p.m.). **Second**, various learning centers will be established in two divisions. *Velma Lemons* will coordinate the preschoolers and the rest of us will be working with those in

kindergarten through fifth grade. *Dale Blackstone* has already agreed to conduct one of the learning centers dealing with magic. He will make various biblical applications from different tricks that he performs. *Scott Hobson* is also considering doing a learning center entitled: Science and The Bible. We will have many other opportunities to conduct other learning centers, so please come to the meeting and let's share some of these thoughts. **Third**, we will also have a class in the small auditorium for our adults. All of our members will be encouraged to come and study the Bible with a guest speaker as we take a biblical theme and explore it for 3 nights. I am so excited about this year's VBS and I hope you are too. Let's make a commitment right now to be a part of this great effort. Mark your calendars and shuffle your plans to make sure that these nights are open and that you are committed to attend this family VBS. You will not be disappointed.

Remember all of our classes here at West Erwin. Everything is in good shape for a great quarter. Please continue to be involved in our classes as we study God's Word together.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your kindness and concern during my hospital stay and my recovery at home. Thank you for the beautiful cards, your words of encouragement, visits, and the Tuesday lunches. Especially, I want to thank you for your prayers. May the Lord continue to bless the West Erwin church.

In Christian Love,
Jimmie Brown

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thanks for the many visits, calls, and cards during my hospital stay and rehab. I am now at the Walker's home. I go to outpatient physical therapy to improve my walking and balance. Your prayers have been a wonderful encouragement to me for many years. Thanks for caring and sharing. Please keep me in your prayers.

Love,
Nancy McCoy

Friends In Christ,

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of of mixed purple flowers that you sent for Mother's service. She loved Melvin & Nina as I know you do. (Nina's sister)

The Family Of Mary Evelyn Mason

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home for Clyde Lane, long time member at West Erwin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Merle and to all the family and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Audrey Wright** on winning 1st place Picture Memory in the PSIA academic competition! She will be competing in state finals in April. Audrey is in 4th grade at ETMC and is the daughter of Ponder and Donna Wright and the granddaughter of Ponder and Wanda Wright.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

You're invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the University Church of Christ with Cecil Hutson from Katy, Texas March 17-20. Weekday meeting times will be at 7:00 p.m.

The Church of Christ in Winnsboro is proud to host Dr. Jimmy Allen for a Gospel Meeting March 29-31. Friday & Saturday services are at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday services are at 9:20 a.m. & 4 p.m.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 25, 2002 -West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, MOUTHWASH, DENTAL FLOSS, TOOTHPASTE for Cherokee Day. Come and enjoy the great fellowship and delicious Bar-B-Q and all the trimmings on May 25, 2002.

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BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring Mandy McClenny Bride-elect of Andy Lester Saturday, March 16 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center Selections: Dillard's & Target Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

TABLE SHOWER

There will be Table Shower honoring Jamey Lynn Vickery Metcalf Recent bride of Jared Metcalf Sunday, March 17 & Sunday, March 24 Selections: Wal-Mart & Penney's Ladies, please consider this is your personal invitation.

AREA-WIDE MEETING, MARCH 24, 2002

The bi-annual area-wide meeting will be at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Dwight Roberts, preacher for the Skillman Avenue church in Dallas, will be guest speaker. LTC choruses will sing at 5:00 and the worship will begin at 6:00 p.m. Nursery care for children ages 2 and under is provided.

LADIES SPRING RETREAT

The ladies of the Broadway Church of Christ are looking forward to a day of inspiration, encouragement, and fellowship. We hope you can join us April 6 to welcome guest speaker, Pat Scott, as she brings us a message entitled: "Stability For Unstable Times." Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. Our program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. In order that we may have an estimate of attendance for meal planning, please R.S.V.P. at 592-2110 or 561-7447 by March 24.

"We are not here to prove God answers prayer; we are here to be living monuments of God's grace. . . When a prayer seems to be unanswered, beware of trying to fix the blame on someone else. That is always a snare ... you will find there is a reason which is a deep instruction to you ... not to anyone else." taken from Oswald Chambers, "My Utmost for His Highest"

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 17

Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Judy Clark; Nursery p.m.: Nila Miles; Toddler a.m.: Mary & Sara Scarborough; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Connie Sublette; 2 year olds: Rachel Huff & Carolyn Blackstone; 3 year olds: James & Ruth Ellis; 4 year olds: Shane & Becky Millican.

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Bible Class	390	392	411
Worship A.M.	584	580	608
Worship P.M.	327	306	390
Wed. P.M.	291	303	163
Contribution	\$17,390.37	\$20,471.74	\$18,957.72
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 24, and Wednesday, Mar. 27, Jay Bynum ph. 839-3133. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- **Zona Crone** is at home after surgery Tuesday. **Meeta Clucas** is very ill in The Clairmont. **Chloe Clark** is in ETMC Rehab. **Fleta Butler** had gall bladder surgery Monday. **Elmer Miles** has begun chemo treatment. **Pattie Tate** is now at her daughter's home. **Frances Phillips** is ill at home with pneumonia. **W.A. Monk** is ill at home. **Teri Reynolds**, Faye Kennard's niece, a young married in California, is battling recurring cancer. **Ray Pugh**, Sheri Figueroa's dad, heart surgery was scheduled for March 19. **Patsy Harris**, Charles & Jimmie Harris' sister, is in ETMC after a heart attack. **Jack Miller**, Susan Steffee's dad, is recovering at home. **Sandra Park**, former West Erwin member, is now in ETMC Rehab 313b. **Jenny Price**, daughter of Tommy Price, is now in Breckenridge Village. **Tom Moore**, Tina Harris dad, is having heart problems. **Ray Pugh**, Sheri Figueroa's dad, heart surgery has been rescheduled for March 19. **Doris Hill**, Lowrance Canada's sister-in-law, is very ill. **Preston Bell**, teenage grandson of Buddy & Dorothy Bell, was seriously injured in a ski accident in Colorado. **Blake Gray**, 8 week old great grandson of Warren and Gaynell Gray, was airlifted to Houston last Friday due to kidney failure.

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	Ray Maxwell	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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Area-Wide Meeting
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5:00 p.m. - Area LTC Choruses Singing
6:00 p.m. - Worship Assembly
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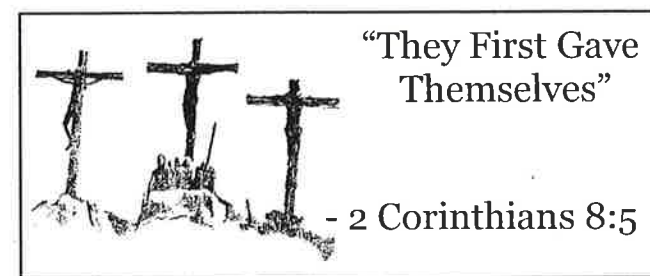
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EASY TO PLEASE, HARD TO SATISFY

It's a principle that we often see demonstrated in our lives. As parents our children please us again and again. However, satisfaction doesn't happen as often. For example, when a child takes its first wobbling steps we are pleased, but we are not satisfied until he has learned to walk ... and run. When he makes his first attempts to write his name we are pleased, but we are not satisfied until he can write (preferably in a legible way). We are pleased when our child can ride a bicycle with training wheels, but we not satisfied until he is riding the bike. On and on it goes -- we are easily pleased but it's harder to satisfy. With many things regarding our kids we may never be fully satisfied, but that is not to say we are not pleased with them. In the church this principle also holds true. We are pleased that so many of our people are involved in a multitude of good things: Bible classes, worship assemblies, Monday Night For The Master, Karing Kitchen, Benevolent days on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Wednesday evening meals, visits to hospitals and nursing homes, serving the various needs of the congregation, prayers,

leadership, acts of kindness, mission work, teaching Bible classes, greeting people who attend our services, and the last goes on. Pleased? Oh, yes! Satisfied? Not yet. We will be satisfied when every member of the body of Christ is doing his part (Ephesians 4:16), when every person we come in contact with is having his needs met, when our acquaintances have had the opportunity to love and obey Christ, when our church members fill our building as joyful worshippers each Sunday, when the great commission is fulfilled, and when Christ is formed in us (Galatians 4:19). It is obvious that we will not be satisfied until we go home to be with the Lord, but let's work hard so that we can be pleased and even satisfied with a job well done. Let's commit ourselves right now to never be satisfied in the work of the Lord with any half-measures, second bests, or shoddy efforts. In our service to God, He will be pleased when we care and try (Hebrew 13:21), and when we fail He will be satisfied by the blood of Christ (Isaiah 53:11). We can rest in those facts until He finally perfects us in the home of the soul.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, March 24, 2002
A.M. "Are You Available?"
(Romans 6:1-6)

P.M. Area-Wide Service at Glenwood
LTC Choruses - 5:00 p.m.
Worship Assembly - 6:00 p.m.

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All Challenge Events, Scripture, Bible Reading, Bulletin Board, Leadership, Service, and Daily Devotional Challenge are due to be turned in Sunday night or at the latest, Wednesday night.

Bulletin Boards will meet Monday, March 25th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Chorus will meet this Sunday at 3:30. The Choruses will sing at the Area-Wide on Sunday, Mar. 24. After practice they will go over to Glenwood for the 5:00 presentation.

Live Drama will work Saturday, March 23. 7&8th grade and 9-12th Drama's will meet from 1:00-3:00. The 3-6th grade Drama will meet at 10:00.

Puppets will meet each Wednesday night at 7:00. Puppets will work all day on Mar. 24. Team leaders please bring a dish for the luncheon.

We will have our final LTC meeting on Sunday, Mar. 24 after the Area-Wide meeting. We will plan to return to West Erwin, eat together and meet until 9:00.

LTC Practice schedule is also posted at www.westerwin.org. Follow the link to the Youth Ministry and click Our LTC link.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, our Thursday night Bible Study will not meet on Mar. 28 due to LTC.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 24 Area Wide Meeting
Mar. 24 LTC Meeting after the Area Wide
Mar. 29-31 LTC

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The Kaiser Corporation had a great motto:
Find A Need and Fill It.

That motto has a biblical origin in I John 3:17-18: "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

The only thing which proves that a person belongs to Christ is the love in his life. But what is love? When John says we are to love our brother he is only echoing the words of Jesus. He also says if you and I say we love, yet do nothing to prove it, then we are only loving with the tongue. When you see your brother in need and you have enough to help him is to follow Christ. To shut your eyes and turn away is to show that the love of God which is in Jesus Christ has no place in you.

Christians are expected to love in action and in truth. Therefore, God gives each of us opportunities daily to prove our love. Fine words will never take the place of kind deeds. Our self-sacrificing involvement in the lives of others makes the principle of the cross operational again. Keep the eyes of your heart open to see those opportunities God swings by you each day and do not let it get away.

Bud Wilkerson was once asked, "What is the contribution of football to America's health?" He said, "Absolutely none! Football is a game where 22 men are on a field badly in need of rest and 70,000 are in the stands badly in need of exercise."

Remember, here at West Erwin it's going to be different. We'll not have a few involved while the many merely observe with frequent criticisms of how something should have been done.

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Beginning in June all of our adult classes on Sunday morning will be engaged in a themed study entitled: Becoming People Of Integrity. I am so excited about this study. This will be a 13 week study that will continue to point us toward living a faithful life for Christ. I have been working on brief outlines for this 13 week study and have now completed them. In the next few weeks I will be presenting all of the teachers of our Sunday morning adult classes with this material. Remember, it is just a just a brief outline so you will need to add to it in order to have enough material for your class time. Also, each Wednesday evening (during the summer quarter) I will be conducting a class with our Sunday morning adult teachers and during this class we will go over this material. All Sunday morning adult teachers will be asked to attend this class. All substitutes should be present for this class if the regular teacher is unable to present his/her material on Sunday morning. The exciting part of this themed

study is that after our classes end, we will continue our thoughts on integrity during the worship hour. Jay has agreed to present 13 lessons dealing with this subject. These lessons will not necessarily be on the exact same lesson presented in class, but they will tie into the theme of integrity. Those who are conducting small group meetings might also want to utilize this theme at those meetings during the summer. Let's get ready to have a fantastic summer as we study the Bible in order to become people of integrity.

Teachers, if you haven't already marked your calendar for our annual "Apples of Gold" banquet on April 27, please do so as soon as possible. This year, Glenn Pemberton (from Oklahoma Christian University) will be speaking to us regarding various ways we can be more productive as teachers. Our meal will be catered by Gary Waxler, who caters an annual meal at Ables-Land. Daniel DuPree has agreed to play some easy-listening music for us during our meal and Jane Jones and her committee will be decorating the Family Life Center for us. The theme for this banquet is *Teachers, Our Unsung Heroes*.

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, visits, cards, food and phone calls during Elmer's surgery and recuperation. We love and appreciate all of you.

Elmer & Nila Miles

Thank you much for the beautiful spray of flowers that you sent to the funeral of Clyde Lane. He loved each and every one of you at West Erwin. He will be truly missed by all of us. God Bless You.

The family of Clyde Lane

To our West Erwin Family,

Thank you very much for the beautiful basket of flowers. It was most kind of you to send them. We are so grateful for all your kind expressions of sympathy, your prayers, your personal cards and loving hugs comforting us in our loss. How wonderful it is to be a part of the West Erwin caring family. We love you.

Bill & Judy Wilmeth

Our deep thanks and appreciation to our church family for your expressions of love and care for us during the past three weeks. It isn't usual when the both of us are ailing at the same time. God's love and the power of prayer has brought us through.

In Christian love,

Paul & Signa Stanley

Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

The Bohannon Family

Excepts from an e-mail from Dale Smith: A warm greeting to one of the finest church teams I've encountered! In spite of being sub-par (Dale was sick while he was here and became much sicker by the time he got home), I thoroughly enjoyed being with you at West Erwin. What a special church. So great to see you "dug in" and serving the Lord in that location. I know we'll continue to hear good things as time goes by. Please express my love and appreciation to the church. And ask those awaiting book orders to be fulfilled to please be patient with me. I hope to be up to getting the books on the way in the next day or two. Thanks to each of you for your encouragement and all you put into *Every Kid A Winner* to make it a success. Love in the Lord, Dale

LADIES SPRING RETREAT

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RESPONSE

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BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be Table Shower honoring

Jamey Lynn Vickery Metcalf

Recent bride of Jared Metcalf

Sunday, March 24

Selections: Wal-Mart & Penney's

Ladies, this is your personal invitation.

ADDRESS CHANGE - Opal Cooper, Dovetree Apartments,
1600 Rice Rd. #112, 75703.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Audrey Wright on winning 1st place Picture Memory in the PSIA academic competition! She will be competing in state finals in April. Audrey is in 4th grade at East Texas Christian Academy and is the daughter of Ponder and Donna Wright and the granddaughter of Ponder and Wanda Wright.

Congratulations to Carl Bohannon and Sherryl Miles who were united in marriage March 16 at our building. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

Sharon Hammond will have a scheduled c-section on Monday, March 25, at Mother Frances Hospital.

"You cannot bring sunshine and happiness into the lives of others without spreading a little of it inside of your own heart."

AREA-WIDE MEETING, MARCH 24, 2002

The biannual area-wide meeting will be at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Dwight Robarts, preacher for the Skillman Avenue church in Dallas, will be guest speaker. LTC choruses will sing at 5:00 and the worship will begin at 6:00 p.m. Nursery care for children ages 2 and under is provided.

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

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Worship A.M.	630	584	661
Worship P.M.	Area-Wide	327	376
Wed. P.M.	310	291	287
Contribution	\$37,690.28	\$17,390.37	\$32,239.62
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 31, and Wednesday, Apr. 3, Ed Hunt, ph 520-6730. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Debra Elzen had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. George Hearne was taken to ER Sunday but is now at home. Warren Gray is recuperating at home after a procedure last week. Zona Crone is recovering at home. Chloe Clark is in ETMC Rehab, room 313. Sandra Park is in ETMC Rehab 313b. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment. Pattie Tate is now at her daughter's home. Teri Reynolds, Faye Kennard's niece, a young married in California, is battling recurring cancer. Ray Pugh, Sheri Figueroa's dad, is doing well after recent heart surgery. Patsy Harris, Charles & Jimmie Harris' sister, is now at home. Jack Miller, Susan Steffee's dad, is recovering at home. Ray Pugh, Sheri Figueroa's dad, is doing well after recent heart surgery. Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's sister-in-law, is very ill. Preston Bell, teenage grandson of Buddy & Dorothy Bell, was seriously injured in a ski accident in Colorado. Blake Gray, 8 week old great grandson of Warren and Gaynell Gray, had kidney surgery in Houston. Anna Swihart, George & Samantha Richardson's grandmother, had hip replacement surgery in Colorado. Chris Hasley, Sharri Brock's cousin, was seriously injured in a motorcycle accident.

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Todd Hancock Bill Hawkins
Chad Harbuck Charles Harris

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Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Walker Waggoner
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Meggie Wagner
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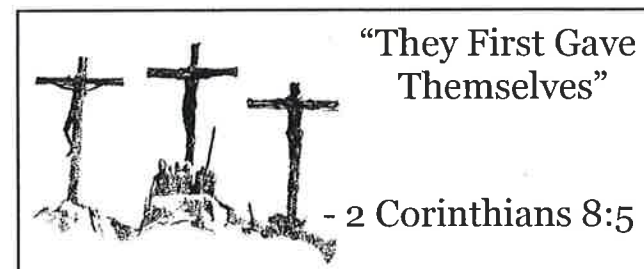
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FIRST LOVE

The Seekers Sunday morning Bible class recently began a study of the Book of Revelation, a book designed to be a "revealing" rather than a mystery and the only book in the Bible that begins with the pronouncement of a blessing upon those who read, hear, and keep the things written in it (1:3). In chapters two and three of this book we have letters from Jesus Christ which John is commissioned to send to the seven (no doubt representing a "complete" or "universal" picture of the church in all ages) churches in Asia Minor. The letters basically contain the same pattern: introduction of Christ, commendation when possible, condemnation when needed, admonition, and promise. The first of these seven letters is addressed to the church at Ephesus, a church planted by Paul on his third missionary journey and a city in which Paul preached for two years. This church also had elders whom Paul gave an impassioned charge in Acts 20 and Paul wrote to them the letter of Ephesians in the New Testament. However, by the time John wrote the book of Revelation, the church in Ephesus had left its "first love." Now notice: Jesus commended the church for its work, its endurance, its testing of teaching to see if it were true, and its hatred for what Christ hated (2:2-3, 6). Quite

commendable, don't you think? Yet Christ threatened to bring the church to an end because it left its "first love" (2:5). What is "first love"? It is "the love of espousal" -- the love of a man for a woman during the engagement period. During this time the man can't be with her enough, do enough for her; she is in his heart and in his mind. The Ephesians had loved Christ with "first love" when they were new converts but with the passing of time their hearts had grown cold, their love had waned, their enthusiasm was lacking. Oh, there was plenty of activity in the church, there was a stance for truth, there was continued motion. But, Christ did not have their hearts and threatened their extinction. Do you love Christ as much as you once did? The question is not about activity, perseverance, or teaching the truth (though all of these things will be true in the lives of those who love Jesus), but the question is, "Do you love Christ as much as you once did?" Should our love not be growing? As time passes should we not love Him more rather than less? If a letter were sent from Christ directly to us today would it read, "I know your works, your labor, your patience ... and you have persevered ... and not become weary. Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." - Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, March 31, 2002
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Faces In The Crowd"
(Matthew 27:31-36)
P.M. "How Should We Read Scripture?"
(James 1:21-25)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As you read this article, 120 young people and adults from West Erwin will be at the Wyndham Anatole Hotel in Dallas for the annual Leadership Training For Christ Convention. This is West Erwin's 12th year to attend. The most exciting part about LTC is not the weekend of the convention, but the countless hours of our young people and adults working together, building relationships and using their talents to glorify God. Thanks to all of those who have helped sponsor this event and to the Elders for supporting it over the years.

Thanks to Tammy Asbill for taking care of supper this past Sunday night for this large group.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's in Whitehouse.

SUMMER DATES

Please note some of the important summer dates listed below. Plan to be a part of these trips.

Mar. 29-31	LTC
April 7	Combined Devotional
May 18	Jr.-Sr. Banquet
May 19	Baccalaureate
June 4-7	Middle School Madness
June 16-22	BackCountry Trek
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

It thrills my soul to see how West Erwin has invested in such a wide range of children's ministries. The LTC programs, Children's Bible Hour, and all the wonderful Bible classes and activities are what sets West Erwin apart from other churches. Such a rich variety of children's programs offer an immeasurable contribution to a child's spiritual development. Plus, it greatly affects church growth.

When young couples start building their families, they begin to sense a need for spiritual training for their children. They are not your typical longtime committed members. They become part of the "church shopper" category and that carries with it a different set of expectations. How they are treated "at church," ministry options for their children, and young adult activities available to them will determine if they stay or if they go.

My hat is off to all those involved in children's ministry. You are a valuable asset to West Erwin and the kingdom of God. My prayer is that you continue on in your work with the same zeal you began and that God will supply you with everything you need to do your best.

If we ever slow down or give up reaching out to children and young couples, we will lose the opportunity to help the next generation and their children to grow in the grace and the knowledge of Jesus Christ.



The books ordered from Dale Smith should be in soon. The audio and video tapes are here, along with one extra set of video tapes that is available for sale. The set sells for \$109 and is available in Don Crawford's office.

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The tomb in which the Lord's body was placed is empty. Three days after his crucifixion, he arose from the dead. He is alive and he wants to come into your life. Jesus himself said: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live." Almost 2,000 years have passed and he still lives today as the most powerful and influential man that the world has ever known. The proud statesman, philosophers, and scientists have all come and gone, but Jesus of Nazareth still lives today. He is the most unique person that has ever existed. His birth was unique -- born of a virgin. His life was unique -- being the holiest man to ever walk the face of the earth. His death was unique -- as he presented his body as the perfect sacrifice for all of mankind. His resurrection was unique -- as he tore the bars of death away and rose victorious. His birth, life, death and resurrection all prove to us

that Jesus is exactly who he claims to be and that is the Savior of the world. This same Savior is alive today and he wants to come into your life, forgive your sins and give you the power to live an abundant life for his cause.

Each first day of the week at 9:00 a.m., as well as at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings, we have a unique opportunity to come together to study God's Word and to come to know the Savior in a very personal way. We have this opportunity through our Bible classes. It is my hope and desire that we keep Christ as the central figure in these studies. Really, if you think about it for a moment, no matter what we are studying, whether from the Old Testament or from the New Testament, it all leads directly to Christ. Please join us during these classes so that we can all glean from God's Word and have a relationship with Christ that he desires we have.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Church Family,

We would like to express our thanks for the prayers and love shown to our family during the illness and death of our loved one, Clyde Lane. The beautiful flowers, food, and cards of sorrow meant so much to us during this difficult time.

In Christian Love,
Merle Lane & Family

GOSPEL MEETINGS

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You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting with Lynn Huff of Magnolia, Texas April 7-10 at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. Schedule of services: Sunday 9:30, 10:20 & 6:00 p.m., Monday - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LADIES

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The ladies of the Swan Church of Christ will be hosting the Third Annual Ladies Day Program on Saturday, April 6, 2002. The program will be conducted at their building, CR 471, Tyler, TX. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will start at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served immediately after the program. The theme is "Sisters Working Together in Love." We are looking forward to having a wonderful fellowship with one another in the Lord. We hope to see you Saturday, April 6, at 8:30 a.m.

LADIES DAY- April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church of Christ, Pittsburg, Texas

"The Wearer of Many Hats"

Guest Speaker: Teresa Demory of Clarksville, Texas

Call (903) 856-5355 for more details

LADIES NIGHT 2002

You're invited to attend Ladies Night at the Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler St., Kilgore, TX on April 19, 7:00 p.m. Please come and join in an evening of fellowship. Refreshments following.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Tim and Patti Ground and their fine family into the West Erwin family. Their children are Nathan, Hannah, Sara, and Caleb. They have been attending here for some time and are already a vital part of our family. Their address is 9556 Tosha Lane, Flint, TX 75762, ph. 894-6208.

RESPONSE

Dana Pierce came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for strength to live as God would have her live.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Meeta Clucas, a member at West Erwin for over 40 years. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to David and Sharon Hammond on the birth of Bailey Anne on Monday, March 25, at Mother Frances Hospital. She weighed 6 lb. 8 oz. and was 19 inches long. Sydney is the proud big sister.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henry and Mozelle Brown on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 19. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

SHARE! YOUR HEART AND HOME

Host families are needed to host international teens from over 30 different countries for the 2002/03 fall semester or academic school year. They are in need of caring families 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, have spending money for their personal expenses, and hope to arrive in August for enrollment in their new high school. The students are between the ages of 15 and 18 and will attend the high school closest to their host's home. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family. The SHARE! High School Exchange Program is sponsored by ERDT, a nonprofit educational foundation. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738.

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WHICH?

Several years ago there was quite a discussion in the religious community about Jesus and the church. Many were saying, "Jesus, yes; church, no." I think I know what was meant. People looked at Jesus as revealed in Scripture, and admired him. They looked at people with all their imperfections and, identifying the church with them, were unimpressed. So, they liked Jesus but did not think much of the church. Their conclusion: "Jesus, yes; church, no." Biblically, however, this option is not available. Jesus is the Savior and the church, warts and all, is the saved -- you can't have one without the other. Now there comes on the scene an idea which says, "You people have emphasized the forms of the New Testament church too much and the function of the church too little. You have asked how the church did things rather than why it did them. The why is more important than the how so stop emphasizing the how." The option seems to be one or the other, that is, either/or. Let me grant that we may have emphasized the how more than we should have.

Does this mean we should now talk only about the why and not at all about the how? Suppose a church is planted in a mission area. How should it be organized? How should it worship? How should it tell people to be saved? Are these not important questions to which the New Testament speaks? Obviously, to further use the church planting illustration, people who are won to Christ must be nurtured in the new-found faith -- they must see the significance of the cross, of the church, of baptism, of the Lord's Supper, the need to develop the character of Jesus, and to worship as God directs. The point is this: both form and function identify the people of God; both how and why are important questions; and both "spirit and truth" are from God. It's not a either/or but both/and that brings the blessings of God. We need balance. We need to avoid extremes. We need to seek to follow God by respecting His Word and by "turning neither to the right hand or the left."

- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, April 7, 2002
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. Life In The Church:
"A Father And His Son"
(I Timothy 1:1-2)

P.M. "Filling The Empty Glass"
(I Samuel 1:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Wow, what a weekend we had at LTC. This was one of the best LTC's we have ever had. A huge thanks to all of those who helped make it a success this year. We are already looking forward to next year. The theme for LTC 2003 is "Go" from the book of Matthew.

Mark your calendars for Sunday night, April 14 for our LTC Celebration and Awards Ceremony.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are reminded of the combined devotional this Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's in Whitehouse.

SUMMER DATES

Please note some of the important summer dates listed below. Plan to be a part of these trips.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 7	Combined Devotional
May 18	Jr.-Sr. Banquet
May 19	Baccalaureate
June 4-7	Middle School Madness
June 16-22	BackCountry Trek
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

I recently read this article about a husband's reaction to his wife's colds during their first seven years of marriage.

1st year cold: The husband said, "Sugar dumpling! I'm really worried about my baby girl! You've got a bad sniffle and there's no telling about these things with all the strep going around. I'm putting you in the hospital this afternoon for a general checkup and a good rest. I know the food is lousy there, so I'll be bringing you food from Tosini's." **2nd year cold:** "Listen darling! I don't like the sound that cough! I've called Dr. Miller to rush over here. Now you go to bed like a good little girl!" **3rd year cold:** "Maybe you'd better lie down, Honey. Nothing like a little rest when you feel lousy. I'll bring you something. Do we have any canned soup?" **4th year cold:** "Now look dear, be sensible! After you've fed the kids, washed the dishes and finished vacuuming, you'd better lie down." **5th year cold:** "Why don't you take a couple of aspirin?" **6th year**

cold: "If you'd just gargle or something instead of sitting around barking like a seal." **7th year cold:** "Would you stop sneezing! Are you trying to give me pneumonia!?"

While we might chuckle, we really know this is a shameful way to treat your wife and mother of your children. Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:25-33 about how a man was to love his wife ... "as he loves himself." In the same context he compared a man's wife and Christ's church. So, I am compelled to ask: "You who have been Christians for a few years, has your love for the church tumbled to the same shameful response as the husband of above?"

As Jesus told the church in Ephesus: "You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first" (Revelation 2:4). Restore that which has been lost ... restore the luster of serving God's people and you will be amazed. Restore your relationship with God and He will restore all your earthly relationships.

"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our first Vacation Bible School meeting went very well. We made several decisions so allow me this time to introduce the congregation to VBS 2002. Our theme this year will be VBS - A Summer Extravaganza. The times for VBS will be between 6:30-8:00 p.m. On Monday through Wednesday July 22nd - 24th. We will have three class sessions for the three nights. They are (1) Magic and the Bible - Dale Blackstone, (2) Science and the Bible - Scott Hobson, and (3) Food and the Bible - Committee. Also each evening we will have at least one craft project for our youth to participate in. Several people signed up to conduct these crafts. Candace Hall, Terry Shaw, Suzanne Perkins, Cassie Snyder and others have agreed to oversee this area. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes will be putting together a committee to oversee the refreshments each evening. I am so pleased to see so many of our members already involved in this work. If you would like to

help, please see one of the committee leaders and volunteer your time to this great cause.

I am equally excited about our adult VBS class. Each evening our adults will have the opportunity to come together in the small auditorium and sit in a class that will be taught by *Murphy Phillips*. Murphy is no stranger to West Erwin. He has held meetings here with us in times past. Be sure you are here and ready to learn more concerning the Word of God.

Now, let me also remind you of our upcoming Fellowship and Christian Togetherness Series (F.A.C.T.S.) for the summer. On Wednesday evenings, we will be having various speakers from West Erwin and the surrounding community to come and present lessons in our small auditorium. These lessons will come from the book of Romans and will be themed: Righteously Living In God. Let's get ready to have a great summer here at West Erwin!



IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank you for the wonderful wedding gifts. We are so overwhelmed at your generosity you showed us. We greatly appreciate your love and kindness in helping us start our new life together. We are sorry we didn't get to send each one of you an individual thank you card. We just didn't have everyone's address. Your greatfulness will not be forgotten!

The Cartys
Jimmy, Christy and Bryce

Thank you for all of the cards, e-mails, prayers, and kind thoughts that everyone has sent, said, and thought. I am still going to doctors and seeing what I can get done, though I am not having much luck. I will be going to the Social Security hearing April 18 to see if I can get on disability. Thanks again.

Gary Gaines

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Paul and Signa Stanley on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to Stan Denman, son of Harold and Shirley Denman and brother of Steve Denman, on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Theater Department at Baylor University.

Congratulations to the father-son Dawkins duo! Brady won the Most Valuable Player for District 16-4A for the second year in a row. Wally Dawkins won Coach of the Year for the fourth straight year. Way to go, guys!

GOSPEL MEETINGS

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting with Lynn Huff of Magnolia, Texas April 7-10 at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. Schedule of services: Sunday 9:30, 10:20 & 6:00 p.m., Monday - Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

You are invited to hear Ed Wharton of Sunset International Bible Institute, May 5th-8th at the Wills Point Church of Christ. Theme: Confidence in a Time of Confusion." Sunday: 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.; Mon.-Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

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NEW CHRISTIAN

We rejoice with **Christen Elmore** who was baptized into Christ Wednesday evening by her brother, Curtis Elmore. She lives in California. They are the children of Kim Tate.

YOUNG AT HEART

If you are 55+, please join the Young at Heart group for an evening of fun, food (pot-luck meal) and fellowship on Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 in the Family Life Center.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

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SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LADIES

The ladies of the Broadway Church of Christ are looking forward to a day of inspiration, encouragement, and fellowship. Please join us April 6 to welcome guest speaker, Pat Scott, as she brings us a message entitled: "Stability For Unstable Times." Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. Our program will begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m.

The ladies of the Swan Church of Christ will be hosting the Third Annual Ladies Day Program on Saturday, April 6, 2002. The program will be conducted at their building, CR 471, Tyler, TX. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be served. The theme is "*Sisters Working Together in Love*." We are looking forward to having a wonderful fellowship with one another in the Lord.

LADIES DAY- April 13, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Church of Christ, Pittsburg, Texas

"The Wearer of Many Hats"

Guest Speaker: Teresa Demory of Clarksville, Texas

Call (903) 856-5355 for more details

LADIES NIGHT 2002

You're invited to attend Ladies Night at the Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler St., Kilgore, TX on April 19, 7:00 p.m. Please come and join in an evening of fellowship. Refreshments following.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 7

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Frances Broome; Nursery p.m.: Linda Marts; Toddler a.m.: Leah & Krista Russell; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Gail Vannoy; 2 year olds: Clint & Jennifer Hale; 3 year olds: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 4 year olds: Kimberly Clark & Tara Kilgore.



The Search

Each Sunday

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

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

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Records	Sunday April 7	Sunday March 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	333	476	391
Worship A.M.	531	791	569
Worship P.M.	370	270	389
Wed. P.M.	276	328	250
Contribution	\$22,626.03	\$17,141.15	\$18,441.53
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 14, and Wednesday, Apr. 17, Curtis Pruet ph. 534-5428. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Larry Shankle had surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Jack Tarrant was hospitalized Monday but expected to go home Wednesday. Velma Lemons is doing well after surgery Monday. Joan Jordan is recuperating in Health South Rehab. Gary Aven had surgery last Wednesday in Sulphur Springs. Nelda Browning, Zona Crone, and Kate Sweeney are all undergoing tests. Chloe Clark is now in Park Place. Zona Crone, Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Gus Krewall, Sandra Park, and Pattie Tate are all recovering at home. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment. Alla Minnis is now at her daughter's home in Longview. Teri Reynolds, Faye Kennard's niece, a young married in California, is battling recurring cancer. Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's sister-in-law, is very ill. Blake Gray, 8 week old great grandson of Warren and Gaynell Gray, had kidney surgery in Houston. Glenda Acord, Carolyn Blackstone's sister, is scheduled for bone marrow tests for cancer in Irving. Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece in Mississippi, 75% of the cancer was surgically removed; prognosis not good, treatment will be decided later. Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is in the VA hospital in Temple for tests.

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

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Rick Fedell
Scripture Todd Roberts
Dismiss Doug Yates

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Daniel DuPree
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Announcements Doug Yates
Special LTC Presentation -

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Jerry Huff Roger Howell
Scott Hobson Dick Higginbotham
Matt Haws Robert Hilliard
Darryl Hendrix Wesley Hilliard

GREETERS
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Cayti Bynum
Eddie & Mary Rogers & Jay Culpepper
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Michael & Maggie
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& D.L. & Eloise Thompson

Picking up cards: Chris Scroggins, Ryan Haws, Cameron Ables, Drew Harris, Dalton 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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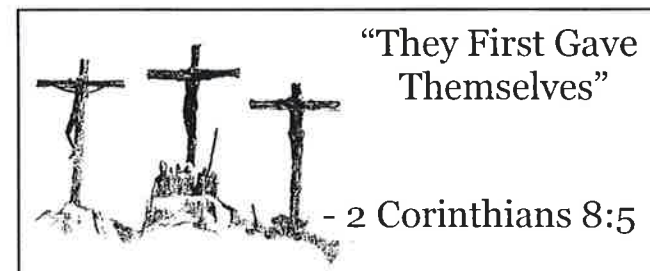
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MY APPOINTMENT AT THE TABLE

Several years ago I heard my good friend, Jim Bill McInteer, preacher extraordinary and faithful minister of Christ, say, "On the Lord's Day you won't have to look for me. I will look for and find you, my brethren, and meet with you around the Table." He was emphasizing the importance of the Lord's Supper and the worship assembly of the church. Have you noticed that when people fall away from Christ, the first indication of trouble is when they begin to miss the assembly and the Supper? When the book of Hebrews was written, its purpose being to prevent apostasy (the Hebrew Christians were about to leave Christ for a return to the Law of Moses), the writer observed that some were already missing the Supper and he admonished them, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). What happens at the Table? First, we remember. Jesus said, "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). The first century church came together on the first day of the week (the day Christ rose from the dead and the day the church began) to break the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of

the broken body and the poured out blood of Christ (Acts 20:7). We remember at the Table. Second, we commune with, we partake of, we have fellowship in the body and the blood of Christ (I Corinthians 10:16). As we commune with Christ, we participate with each other. Third, we reflect upon what we have become in Christ and we examine ourselves in light of what Christ has accomplished for us as we seek to partake in a worthy manner, discerning (seeing clearly) the Lord's body (I Corinthians 11:27-29). Fourth, we observe the Supper as a proclamation of the meaning of Christ's death for sins and the assurance that one day He will come again for us (I Corinthians 11:26). My brother and sister, you have an appointment with the Lord and your brethren at the Table each Sunday. Don't miss that appointment without cause. You also have an appointment to sing and pray and study and give. Don't miss those things either. As the Lord's Day approaches, let's have the attitude of heart, "You won't have to look for me. I will find you and meet with you around the Table."
- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, April 14, 2002

A.M. by Don Crawford

P.M. Special LTC Presentation: "In His Image"
by Danny Snell

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LTC CELEBRATION

This coming Sunday night will be our Awards and Celebration for this years LTC. Some of our young men will conduct the Worship Service and we will have some presentations following. All participants and sponsors need to wear their LTC Shirts and be here by 5:30. This will be an exciting evening for the church, don't miss it!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks for being selected as a National English Merit Award Recipient. Her poem will be published in the book, Letters From The Soul.

LIONS FOR CHRIST RALLY

John Tyler's Lions For Christ Bible Club is having their annual Spring Rally on Saturday, Apr. 13 from 1:00-4:00 at the John Tyler gym. The theme is "Talk About It". Come if you can!

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High School: Remember our devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Plan to come!

IMPORTANT DATES

April 13	Lions For Christ Rally
April 14	High School Devotional
April 21	Small Groups Meeting
April 27	High School: Burgers & Rally @ Shiloh
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Have you ever wondered about the abbreviation ASAP? My first encounter with it was army boot camp. When the drill sergeant said "ASAP" that meant "Drop what you are doing right now!" It wasn't as soon as possible it was NOW!

Since we are in the Lord's army "ASAP" has a different meaning. A meaning so different you will never think of "ASAP" the same way again. This new meaning will no longer add stress to your life as the old meaning did. This new meaning will actually help you to cope with those rough days when they arrive.

There is work to do, deadlines to meet, no time to spare
ASAP - Always Say A Prayer
In the midst of family chaos.....
ASAP - Always Say A Prayer.

It may seem like your worries are more than you can bear. Slow down and take a breather

ASAP - Always Say A Prayer.
God knows how stressful life is.
He will respond to all your needs.
He wants to ease your cares

ASAP - Always Say A Prayer.
If this new meaning of "ASAP" has helped you pass it on ASAP!

Things Learned Along the Way

* If you are not compatible when dating, don't expect transformation when you get married.

* Erotic love will get you married, but Agape love will get you to your 50th wedding anniversary.

"Heirs Of The LifeTogether"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

For the last few days I have been studying my summer calendar in an attempt to get everything scheduled and to still have some time to dedicate to my family. Believe it or not, the summer fills up in a hurry around West Erwin. This congregation is active throughout the year, but extremely active throughout the entire summer. So, with that in mind, please allow me to give you a few dates that you all can go ahead and mark on your calendars so that there will be no conflicts.

April 27th (which I realize isn't really a summer month) will be our annual Apples of Gold teacher's appreciation dinner. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. Gary Waxler will be catering this event which will take place in the Family Life Center. Daniel DuPree will be providing the dinner music for us and Glenn Pemberton from Oklahoma Christian University will be our speaker for the evening. We are expecting a big crowd for this year's banquet. Teachers, please sign up for this event at the Visitor's Center in the foyer.

Camp Deer Run will be starting up before you know it and applications will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Many of our younger ones enjoy attending the day camp that is offered each year. To me, it appears that the only week available for the van to transport these children will be July 15-18. So get your application from me as soon as possible and let's try to get a big group of day campers for that week. Several of our junior high and high school students are talking about going to Camp Deer Run this summer for a week. The cost is \$155.00 and the registration forms can be picked up in my office at your convenience. It would be nice if all those interested campers would get together and select the same week to attend. This would need to be completed as quickly as possible because we have been told that the first 4 sessions are already close to capacity. June 23-28 might be a good date to still get into camp.

West Erwin's Camp Friendship will be June 10th -14th. It will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. We will have the opportunity to participate in a devotional, and then 3 learning centers (1) physical activity; (2) cooking; and (3) craft. We are looking forward to a great response for this camp.



IN APPRECIATION

Meeta's family wishes to express our deep appreciation for your many visits, prayers, and calls of concern during her illness and ultimate death. The flowers from the church were so beautiful and meant so much to us. Thank you so much.

Gail Debenport

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Pleasant Retreat Cemetery for Clyde Adams, Ruth Harris' brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joe and Frances McBee on the celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on April 5! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

There will be no Bible Hour classes, Sunday, April 14

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Frances Phillips will be teaching lessons from the book of James for the Ladies Bible Class that meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage room. All ladies are invited to come and enjoy this time of Bible study and fellowship.

NEW MAILING ADDRESS: Judith Harshbarger, 2431 Pinkerton, 75701.

AREA EVENTS

The Shiloh Road congregation invites you to join them for a seminar April 26th-28th with Willard Tate called "How To Get What You Want And Want What You Get." Friday: 5:30 p.m. - Kickoff dinner (\$2 per person), sessions at 7:00 & 8:10 p.m.; Saturday: 5:00 p.m. - High School Hamburger Supper (no charge) with special presentation at 6:15, regular session at 7:30; Sunday: 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

The North Tenneha congregation invites you to their annual Gospel Meeting and Musical on Saturday through Wednesday, May 4th-8th. On Saturday at 6:00 p.m. the Male chorus will host its annual musical, followed by Homecoming services on Sunday with services at 9:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., & 2:30 p.m. Services each evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. with Richard Barclay of Houston as guest speaker

The Franklin Church of Christ cordially invites you to the 21st Annual "Sing Into Spring" on April 26, from 7:00 p.m. 'til ? Special Groups: The Lamplighters from Franklin, TX and The Sounds of Glory from Madisonville, TX, and more, along with plenty of congregational singing. Refreshments will be provided.

You are invited to the 17th annual Hymn Fest at the Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W in Daingerfield, Saturday, April 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be special groups as well as much good congregational singing.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

Paul Robinson came Sunday to be restored to a right relationship with his Lord and to be identified with the West Erwin family. Paul has a terminal illness and needs our prayers. His address is 421 Woldert, 75701, ph. 593-4790.

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be in our area June 3-7. West Erwin is asked to collect TRASH BAGS. Other items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, coffee (no decaf), lasagna noodles, fabric softener, liquid laundry detergent, spray & wash, glass cleaner, aluminum foil, freezer bags, Kleenex & napkins. Cash donations are also appreciated.

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Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 14

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Bible Class	424	333	307
Worship A.M.	612	531	644
Worship P.M.	318	370	327
Wed. P.M.	288	276	271
Contribution	\$17,646.50	\$22,626.03	\$18,234.34
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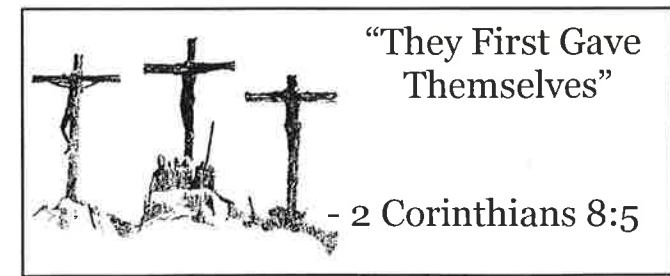
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THE SEARCH - SEVENTEEN YEARS LATER

In January of 1985 The Search was first seen on KLTV, channel 7 in Tyler. In the early years we went to the station each Wednesday and taped for the following Sunday. If I was to be out of town we would tape two or even three programs. During this time we aired our program on Sunday mornings with about three prime time specials each year. After a few years we began to produce our program ourselves with Sam Bailey leading the way in helping us assemble some equipment and in filming our programs. After a time we switched to KETK, channel 56 and Don Drummond became our producer and he has now assembled a state of the art production studio. Over the years several people we met through TV have become Christians and are members of the West Erwin church. What else is going on? Every week we send out over 100 audio tapes and/or manuscripts to addresses in Texas, Arizona, California, West Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, South Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Louisiana, Idaho, and Utah. Additionally tapes go to Central Africa, South Africa, Nigeria, and England, including two preacher training schools. Video tapes are sent regularly to Ray Maxwell and are aired twice weekly in the West Point area. Videos are also sent

to Del and Clara Masters in Caldwell, Idaho who copy them and then loan them to small churches who do not have preachers in the great Northwest, Canada, and other places. Recently we sent video tapes to Seymour, Indiana to be used in a small congregation, and our series on "Survey of the Bible" to the church in Salem, Indiana. One of the most exciting things to happen recently is that a woman in a denomination in an East Texas town saw our program, requested tapes and manuscripts, contacted a member of the church in her town, got a group together to study with this brother, and five have been baptized. I anticipate others becoming New Testament Christians soon. Now, this question: what happens to all the tapes we send out? We do not know for sure, but we do know that some of our tapes went to Michigan and ended up in Saudi Arabia! And what about those who watch our program and request our tapes but never contact us again? We do not know for sure, but we do know that God's Word is living and powerful and does not return unto Him void. So, let's keep putting out the Word and give people an opportunity ... people who otherwise might not have the opportunity. Thank you for your support.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, April 21, 2002

A.M. by Don Crawford
"Ministry"
Luke 15

P.M. by Dean Brookshire
"God's Love and Our Love"
1 John 4:8-16

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the LTC Presentation this past Sunday night. It was an awesome thing to see and experience. Thanks to the Blaylock's Drama Team, Jay Culpepper, Maselyn Walker, Chase Fisher, Michael Ragsdale, Austin Fisher, Derek Russell, Jerry Huff and Brittany Asbill for your part in the evening! A special thanks to Jon Murry for another great job of writing scripts for our LTC Teams. Way to go gang!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Nathan Linseisen who placed 2nd at the 4H Entomology Contest for Smith County. Way to go Nathan!

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Easter Isn't Over

The baskets have all been put away. The candy eggs have been gobbled or hidden so many times they had to be discarded. That new outfit has been worn several times and is no longer new. Easter is over until next year, right?

NEVER! When despair strikes your life or the life of a close friend, a child is injured or killed in an accident, a parent is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, your employer of fifteen years suddenly folds, or your spouse decides to walk out the door never to return, what's the only hope that still remains? What's the real answer to death, disease and despair? Surely you know the answer! It's the resurrection of Jesus. That's the one sure promise of our own victory over death and despair.

Easter offers the world a glimpse of the new world where death doesn't have the last word. We need that perspective all

year round. Revisit the scene every week (Luke 22-24). Walk the stone pavement outside Pilate's judgment hall and walk the short distance to Calvary. Stand and gaze at the cross. Listen carefully to the words He uttered. Revisit the tomb where the body was placed, where Jesus met death, broke its power and proved that He was its Master and be grateful for Easter.

Thank you, God, for not letting death hold Him.



"Heirs Of The Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'd like to take this time to introduce the congregation to a very important training class that is being conducted in our fourth and fifth grade classrooms on Wednesday evenings. Jim Russell is teaching our young men concerning the various acts of worship. He is stressing to them, not just why we do these things, but also how we do these things. Our young men will greatly benefit from these classes. Shara Hobson is teaching our young ladies regarding various aspects of their adolescent life. Parents, let's make sure that we take advantage of these classes by getting our children here on time on Wednesday evenings.

Teachers, are you ready to celebrate another successful year that we've had in our Bible School program. Each April all of our teachers are honored when we have our annual Apples of Gold teacher's appreciation banquet. The date for this banquet is April 27th, and it will begin at 6:30. Glenn Pemberton will be

our speaker. Glenn is a teacher at Oklahoma Christian University, and we feel extremely fortunate to have him with us for the evening. Glenn will also conduct a combined adult class on Sunday morning. Gary Waxler, a local restaurateur, will provide us with a wonderful catfish dinner. During dinner, Daniel DuPree will play some easy listening music for us. It is very important that you sign up immediately for this banquet. Sixty people have already done so but we need a commitment from the rest of our teachers. If you have taught any time during the last year (VBS, Playschool, Bible Hour, Bible School, Special classes, etc.) then this banquet is for you and your spouse. The sign-up deadline is April 21st. The sign-up sheet is located at the Visitor's Center.

Special Note: Cyndie and Meghan Wagner will be attending the toddler nursery on April 21st during our morning worship assembly.



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for every remembrance during and after my surgery. The calls, cards, food, visits and especially the prayers are deeply appreciated.

In His love,
Velma Lemons

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you so much for your phone calls, cards, visits and especially your prayers. I am looking forward to being back really soon.

Love,
Zona Crone

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday in Corsicana for Colena Payne, Jane Jones' sister. Graveside services were held Friday in Overton for Willa Price, Julie Price's mother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

AREA EVENTS

The LaPoynor church of Christ invites you to a Gospel Meeting April 21-24 with Russel Bell of Topeka, Kansas. Week night services are at 7:00 p.m. Details are on the bulletin board in the office area.

The Shiloh Road congregation invites you to join them for a seminar with Willard Tate April 26th-28th called "How To Get What You Want And Want What You Get." Friday: 5:30 p.m. - Kickoff dinner (\$2 per person), sessions at 7:00 & 8:10 p.m.; Saturday: 7:30; Sunday: 9:00 & 10:15 a.m.

The North Tenneha congregation invites you to their annual Gospel Meeting and Musical from Saturday through Wednesday, May 4th-8th. On Saturday at 6:00 p.m. the Male Chorus will host its annual musical, followed by Homecoming services on Sunday with services at 9:00 & 10:15 a.m., & 2:30 p.m. Mon.-Wed.: 7:00 p.m. with Richard Barclay of Houston as guest speaker

You are invited to hear Ed Wharton of Sunset International Bible Institute, May 5th-8th at the Wills Point Church of Christ. Theme: "Confidence in a Time of Confusion." Sunday: 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.; Mon.-Wed.: 7:00 p.m.

The Franklin Church of Christ cordially invites you to the 21st Annual "Sing Into Spring" on April 26, from 7:00 p.m. 'til ? Special Groups: The Lamplighters from Franklin, TX and The Sounds of Glory from Madisonville, TX, and more, along with plenty of congregational singing. Refreshments will be provided.

You are invited to the 17th annual Hymn Fest at the Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W in Daingerfield, Saturday, April 27, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be special groups as well as much good congregational singing.

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RESPONSE

David Asbill came Sunday to ask his church family for prayers that he might be a better Christian example.

NEW CHRISTIAN

We had a report from Rafael Falcon that the church in Nueva Rosita had another baptism last week.

CANS FOR INDIA

India Evangelism of Lufkin, Texas is asking for our help in collecting money for the poor and needy Christians of India. They will soon be ready to begin the Courtney Swann/Matthew McCartney Children's Home of Chipurupalli, which will care for the needs of 40 children. Since India does not have Social Security most widows and orphans are in desperate need all the time. Many widows work all day on a farm for 50 cents, and many of them have small children! Your coins, bills, and checks will be a blessing to some of the poorest people on earth. All of the funds collected will be used for benevolence. **Please return your cans to the Visitor's Center at the church building by Sunday, April 28.** Thanks for helping!

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CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 25, 2002 - West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, MOUTHWASH, DENTAL FLOSS, TOOTHPASTE for Cherokee Day. Come and enjoy the great fellowship and delicious Bar-B-Q and all the trimmings on May 25, 2002.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be in our area June 3-7. West Erwin is asked to collect TRASH BAGS. Other items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, coffee (no decaf), lasagna noodles, fabric softener, liquid laundry detergent, spray & wash, glass cleaner, aluminum foil, freezer bags, Kleenex & napkins. Cash donations are also appreciated.

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The Search



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Dr. Jay Lockhart, Minister

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Bible Class	421	424	385
Worship A.M.	603	612	562
Worship P.M.	276	318	300
Wed. P.M.	300	288	279
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Greg Jones Todd Kempton
Hillard Hughes Curt Jordan
George Jones III Odie Kennedy

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Paul & Signa Stanley & Megan Florence
John & Susan Steffee & Lauren Garrett
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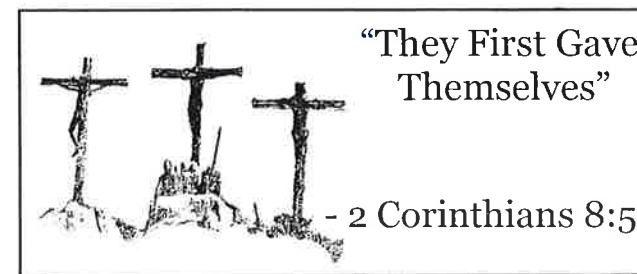
PRaise AND LIFE

A great deal of emphasis is being placed upon worship as praise. A few years ago worship emphasis was upon singing, praying, preaching, giving, and taking the Lord's Supper -- the things we should be doing in worship. But, we didn't hear as much about praise then as we do now. Praise is a good thing. It is appropriate and right to praise God for who He is, what He has done, what He is doing, and what He will do. Here are some questions to ponder.

1. Does our emphasis upon praise lead us to focus more upon God than upon self? A lot is being said about what is meaningful to self; what self gets out of it; what self wants. When praise leads us to long for God, even as the deer pants after the water brook (Psalm 42:1), to reach up to God, and to express the love of our hearts for His grace and mercy and patience extended to us ... that's a very good thing.
2. Does our emphasis upon praise lead us to long for hearing God's voice through His Word? In praise we want God to hear our voice. Are we equally interested in hearing God's voice? If praise promotes a deeper, more thorough, and careful study of Scripture ... that's a very good thing.

3. Does our emphasis upon praise lead us to holy living? We praise God because He is God. Since He is God, our praise should be complemented by lives lived fully aware of His presence. God has said, "One who turns away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer (praise? -- JPL) is an abomination" (Proverbs 28:9).
 4. Does our emphasis upon praise lead us to better communicate with our brethren? Should not our praise of God who loves, forgives, and has fellowship with us enhance our love for, forgiveness of, and fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ? Can we love God without loving our brethren? (I John 4:20). Can we be forgiven by God without forgiving others? (Matthew 6:14-15). Can we have fellowship with God without fellowshiping those who are in fellowship with God? (I John 1:7; 2:9).
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- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, April 21, 2002
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "A Charge To Keep"
I Timothy 1:3-7
P.M. "Parents And Their Sons"
I Samuel 2:12, 18, 22-26

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

KARING KITCHEN

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JR.-SR. BANQUET

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you all for the caring things you did following my surgery. The prayers, visits, food, and cards mean a lot to us.
God bless you,
Larry & Winona Shankle

The acts of kindness you have shown us in the death of my sister, Colena Payne, have been most comforting. The flowers were beautiful. The cards, calls, visits, and food have once again reminded us of the love and care that are so evident in this place. Louis and I feel truly blessed to be a part of such a wonderful church family.
Jane Jones

Thank you ... Your help has meant so much! You're truly a blessing, may God multiply the goodness you have sown. Thank you for the visits, cards, food and especially the prayers after my surgery. Every act of kindness was appreciated. We feel so blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

In His Love,
Debra Elzen & family

Dear Christian family,
We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for your cards, visits, calls and most of all your prayers at this time. Things are going slow but Gus is getting better every day. Jay, you are the best!
Love,
Gus & Cathy Krewall

WITH SYMPATHY

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PLEASE NOTE: All adult Bible classes will meet together in the main auditorium Sunday, April 28, with Glenn Pemberton as guest speaker.

CONGRATULATIONS

Whitehouse senior point guard, Brady Dawkins, was voted first-team all-state basketball player by the Collin Street Bakery/Texas Sports Writers Association. Brady is the son of Wally and Laurie Dawkins, grandson of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, and great grandson of Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes.

NEW ADDRESSES: Alice Denson, 5107 Katie Dr., 75703
Katie Powell, 1224 Dogwood, 75701

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BAPTISM

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NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Dan and Debbie Baldwin on the birth of a granddaughter! Rebecca Sapphire Townsend was born to Robert and Susie Townsend April 18 in DeRidder, La. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 22 inches long.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

April showers bring May flowers. I never cease to be amazed at how God's faithfulness and power always sends the rain. And when He does, it always reminds me of a greater certainty. Hosea said it this way:

"Let us acknowledge the Lord; Let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, Like the spring rains that water the earth."
(Hosea 6:3)

Did you hear that forecast? Unlike our weathermen who sometimes are totally wrong, this one is for certain! The Lord is coming! His "reign" is coming! Now, Hosea said

we need to acknowledge the Lord. That is our goal. As we increase our Bible knowledge of Him, we also come to know Him better. Acknowledging Him means trusting His promises. Acknowledging Him means we never, never, never give up. Acknowledging Him means commitment to serving others. Acknowledging Him means rejoicing as the angels in (Revelation 8:11) who were standing around the throne. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen!"

HIS REIGN IS COMING!

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The Cherokee Children's Home

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Teachers, don't forget our banquet this Saturday night, April 27th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We are expecting a big crowd.

I'd like to meet with all of those who signed up to help with Vacation Bible School 2002. This meeting will take place on Wednesday evening, May 1st, beginning at 7:00 p.m. This meeting is to be conducted in room 111. It is extremely important that everyone be present. After this meeting is completed, hopefully, we will have all assignments finalized. We will not take up the entire class time for this meeting.

Our toddler nursery attendants this Sunday morning will be Pam Lowry and Hayley Wilson. If for any reason you are unable to fulfill this duty, please call Doug Yates as early as possible.


Tri-C Board Meeting

On April 18th I met with the rest of the Tri-C Board to discuss the work. During that meeting we were presented with various challenges regarding the vision of the Tri-C. I would love to have input from this congregation, so please take a few minutes and put down your thoughts regarding the following questions. Please turn these in to me A.S.A.P.

1. What should the mission statement of the Tri-C be?
2. Is the Tri-C program still viable or not?
3. List a few goals that you would like to see accomplished through the Tri-C.
4. How does the Tri-C compare to other similar organizations? If you attended a college that had a similar program, what were some of the things that you all participated in.

Announcement: The Tri-C will host a movie night/lock-in on Friday, April 26, beginning at 7:00 p.m. for all college age students. Check the flyer on the door of room 105.

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Records	Sunday April 28	Sunday April 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	421	423
Worship A.M.	579	603	609
Worship P.M.	382	276	333
Wed. P.M.	324	300	264
Contribution	\$17,882.00	\$19,997.02	\$20,886.88
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE- Eloise Thompson had surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Jack Tarrant is in Mother Frances again due to heart problems. John Cliver is scheduled for surgery Thursday at ETMC. Cooper Goodson had a heart cath, angioplasty and stent implant last Wednesday. Mozelle Brown and Harley Turner are both in ETMC Rehab. Zona Crone has begun radiation treatment. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment. Joan Jordan is at home. Gary Aven is recuperating after recent surgery. Chloe Clark is in Park Place. Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Gus Krewall, and Pattie Tate are all recovering at home. Stephen Taylor, Bill Mezell's nephew in Abilene, needs our prayers due to health problems. Cindy Khoury, Sue Carty's niece, has been diagnosed with Addison's disease. Frank Chambers, Opal Cooper's nephew, is having health problems. Continue to remember Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister, Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's sister-in-law, Blake Gray, Warren & Gaynell Gray's infant great grandson, Anita Potter, cousin of Bob and Jane Clemmons, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, Teri Reynolds, Faye Kennard's niece, and Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad.

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Greg Jones Todd Kempton
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George Jones III Odie Kennedy

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James & Connie Sublette & Cody Fedell
Marc & Dana Tate & Carson Tate
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Payton Fedell
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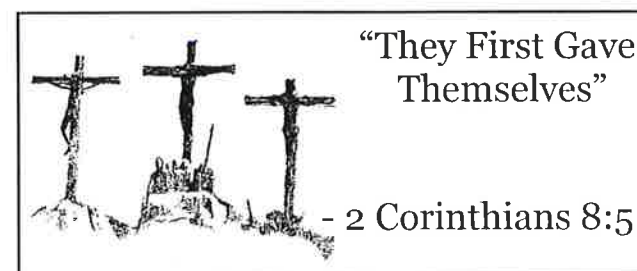
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THE PREACHER AND HIS WORK

Ever since I was a child I have wanted to be a preacher. God has blessed me with forty-one years of full-time preaching with some of the best churches I have ever known. Additionally I have associated with some of the best people in the world as I have traveled to many of our states, to Canada, England, Italy, and Israel. Paul told Timothy, "Do the work of an evangelist" (2 Timothy 4:5).

What is included in this work? The word "evangelist" comes from the same root meaning "gospel, good news, or glad tidings." First and foremost, the evangelist is a proclaimer or bearer of the good news of Jesus Christ. This requires large blocks of time in preparation. Most preachers I know love to study, to prepare, and to deliver Bible messages. However, there is more included in the work of ministry in these times. In almost every church the preacher, in addition to preparing and delivering messages, does a lot of shepherding work -- performs weddings, preaches funerals, ministers to the sick and dying, counsels the troubled, encourages the weak, teaches the lost, seeks to edify the body, advises an eldership, usually coordinates the work of a staff of secretaries and associate ministers, and edits a church bulletin. If he is worth his salt, the

preacher loves the Lord, loves the brotherhood, and loves the congregation with which he works. He may also find time to write articles and books to be published, serve on various boards and committees, and speak for civic and school meetings. He may visit with other congregations for meetings, seminars, and lectures, and may have a radio or television program. Obviously, much that the preacher does may not be specifically under the heading of doing "the work of an evangelist," but these are things the evangelist does. And most of us like what we do! Generally, the local church benefits from what the preacher does at home and away from home. He is employed by a local church, he is subject to his elders, he hears the good and the not so good from his brethren, but he works for the Lord. He seeks to be careful in his exegesis, thorough in his preparation, diligent in prayer, clear in his presentations, and faithful to the Word. He wants to be quiet on Saturday nights, looks forward to Sundays, and anticipates Mondays when he can begin all over again. It's a pretty interesting life. Doing "the work of an evangelist" is not what it used to be, but hopefully it centers in doing what he has been called to do: proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. - Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, April 21, 2002
A.M.
by Danny Snell
P.M. "Lining Up With God"
2 Thessalonians 1:11-12
by Don Crawford

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Meggie Wagner and Jordan Lyons for being named to the National Honor Society this past week. Congratulations to Ashley Laird for being accepted into the International Baccalaureate Program @ TISD. Way to go gang!

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to SIGN UP for the summer trips! Middle School Madness is our 4 day event for those going into the 6-8 including current 8th graders and 5th graders. BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission and Mexico Mission Trip are for those going into the 9-12 grade and includes graduating seniors.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Teens, remember our activity this coming Sunday night. Details will be available in class. Plan to come!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SMALL GROUPS

We are using the month of May to birth some new groups. We have over 100 families and dozens of singles involved and others want to be. A sign-up sheet will be placed at the Visitor's Center or you can contact me at 592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

May is proving to be a difficult month for our groups to meet. The normal third Sunday is Baccalaureate services for all the Tyler churches' graduates at our building. Therefore, there will be no "early out" for groups that night. Each group may make their own arrangements to meet for the month of May. If you have any questions call me at 592-0809. Most groups have elected to continue meeting once a month during the summer months as well. We will plan for the new groups to begin meeting in June.

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The educational program at this congregation has many of the same concerns as other educational programs within the brotherhood. One such concern is how do we increase our attendance within our Bible School classes? Although this is a genuine concern that many of us have, it is not the only concern that we have. We should never lose sight of our main purpose for our Bible School program, and that is to gain greater knowledge/application concerning the Bible. Even though this is true, our Bible School program can offer us a great deal more. **First**, through our Bible School, we should gain the knowledge of how to involve ourselves in the work of the church. There is no better place for our involvement in the work of the church to begin than in our Bible School program. We can be a part of a warm, personal fellowship that comes to us through a consistent, week by week study of God's Word. **Second**, our Bible School program will help us understand just whose responsibility it is to

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. Thanks to all who helped with the devotional this past Sunday night.

JR.-SR. BANQUET

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MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

In the past, MNFTM stopped during the summer months but the many different works that are being done through this program need to keep going. Therefore, MNFTM will continue meeting each Monday evening at 6:00 p.m. However, there will be no meal provided during the summer. The workers who have been involved have elected to bring their own brown bag each Monday for the fellowship time before we separate into our different areas of work at 6:30. The new schedule begins May 13th. Please bring your brown bag early enough to eat and be ready to work at 6:30. Drinks (tea, coffee, water) will be provided.

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study God's Word. Too often we lay this responsibility at the feet of our teachers. While it is true that our teachers do have a responsibility in studying God's Word, it is equally true that each of our students need to become greater students of God's Word. Our growth depends greatly on this goal being reached. **Third**, once we are involved and studying God's Word, we can begin to reach out to others with the good news of Christ. Again, what better avenue do we have to accomplish this goal than by inviting our friends, family members, etc. to come to class with us. Through our classes, we can reach out to the lost of our community and in doing so, get them involved in an inspired study of the Bible. If we could do these three things, then I am confident that the numbers will take care of themselves.

Since I started this article with concerns that many educational ministers have regarding numerical growth, let me end by telling you all that in the last 1 1/2 years we have increased our Sunday morning attendance by 5% and our Wednesday evening Bible study attendance by 15%. Let's keep up the good work and let's continue to grow as God would have us to grow.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your thoughts, cards, and prayers for me and for Mom and Dad. Thanks to the classes, fellowship group, individuals, and especially the elders, and glory to Christ for shepherding us. I've missed being with you in body but am in spirit with you.

In Christian Love,
Gary Aven

Thank you so very much for the lovely basket of spring flowers that was sent to my brother's funeral. Also, thanks for all your cards and especially your prayers. It means a lot to know how much you care.

Love,
Ruth and Jimmie Harris

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls and cards for my dad, Ray Pugh. He is doing much better since his surgery. I appreciate your thoughtfulness more than you know.

Sheri Figueroa

Dear West Erwin members,

What a thoughtful and loving family you are! Thank you all for each prayer, call, card, visit, and meal provided - each meant more than you will ever know.

Fleta Butler

NEW ADDRESS: Dean Brookshire, 3500 South Vine #109, 75701, ph. 561-4434

Sorry to lose Jason and Stacey Randall will be moving to Waxahachie June 1, where Jason is already working. Stacey is finishing out the school year.

Bullard Church of Christ Workshop

"Healthy Churches For A Hurting World" with C. Philip Slate May 4 & 5. Services: Saturday 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:00, 10:00 & 11:45 a.m., lunch, 1:00 p.m.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Cherokee Day Annual Grocery Drive, May 25, 2002 - West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, MOUTHWASH, DENTAL FLOSS, TOOTHPASTE. Come and enjoy the great fellowship and delicious Bar-B-Q.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!!

ETCA will host its annual golf tournament on Tuesday, May 14, at Garden Valley Golf Resort (Dogwood course). Tee time: 8:45 a.m. (shotgun start); Fee: \$100 per person, \$400 per team (includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch). Prizes will be awarded for 1st-3rd place, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Door prizes include 4 tickets to a Texas Ranger baseball game! Call 561-8642 to enter. Proceeds will benefit the athletic program. Entry deadline: May 6.

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Everyone Growing Into The Image of Christ
*Evangelizing * Edifying * Encouraging*
West Erwin Church of Christ



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Joel and Karalea Knox came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. They moved to Tyler from Midland where they worshipped with the Golf Course Rd. congregation. We are very pleased to welcome them into the West Erwin family. Their address is 10951 Deer Creek Dr., 75707, ph. 565-4591.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClenny request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Amanda Lee

to

Mr. Andrew Vaughn Luster
son of Mrs. Vaughn Luster
on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May
two thousand and two
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Reception immediately following

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Phalassa Fuller on her graduation on Saturday, May 11, at Cowan Center with a Bachelor of General Studies Degree with Emphasis in Sociology from University of Texas at Tyler.

Congratulations to Cody Frick, son of Mark and Melissa and grandson of David and Wanda Frick, who was selected at Chandler Elementary for Kid Character of the Month for Caring.

Congratulations to Carl and Sherryl Bohanon on the birth of a new granddaughter! Rylie Eryn Byson was born April 28 to Carl's daughter and son-in-law, Ellis & Jessica Byson. She weighed 9 lb. 10 oz. and was 22 inches long.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-TEACHER-NEEDED

Tabligbo, Togo for eight great missionary kids 4K-2nd grade for the 2002-2003 school year. Majority of funds already provided. ASAP e-mail: Togodud@yahoo.com

"Truth does not change because it is, or is not, believed by a majority of the people."
- Giordano Bruno

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 5

Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Kris Walker; Toddler a.m.: Freida & Monica Starr; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Cindy Carruth; 2 year olds: Todd & Jana Hancock; 3 year olds: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 4 year olds: Kimberly Clark & Tara Kilgore.



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Worship A.M.	568	579	551
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Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 12, and Wednesday, May 15, Ed Hunt, ph 520-6730. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Marie Threadgill is in Mother Frances, room 358. Nelda Browning will have another scan Friday, probably surgery later. Eloise Thompson got a good report after surgery last week. Jack Tarrant is at home. John Cliver is doing well after gall bladder surgery last week. Mozelle Brown is in ETMC Rehab. Zona Crone has begun radiation treatment. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment each week. Joan Jordan is at home. Harley Turner is now in Colonial Manor. Chloe Clark is in Park Place. Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Gus Krewall, and Pattie Tate are all recovering at home. Continue to remember Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister, Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's sister-in-law, Blake Gray, Warren & Gaynell Gray's infant great grandson, Cindy Khoury, Sue Carty's niece, Anita Potter, cousin of Bob and Jane Clemmons, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, Teri Reynolds, Faye Kennard's niece and Stephen Taylor, Bill Meazell's nephew in Abilene.

NEW ARRIVALS: Congratulations to Dennis and Shannon Kingsbury on the adoption of two boys, Dillon Sergey (26 months) and Evan Riley (13 months). They arrived in Tyler last Friday from Siberia, Russia.

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Scripture Bryce Murry
Dismiss Mike Harris

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Jamon Kirby Marc Lemons
Ron Lott Brandon Lott
Jon Koster Gus Krewall

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& Bill & Pat Bratcher

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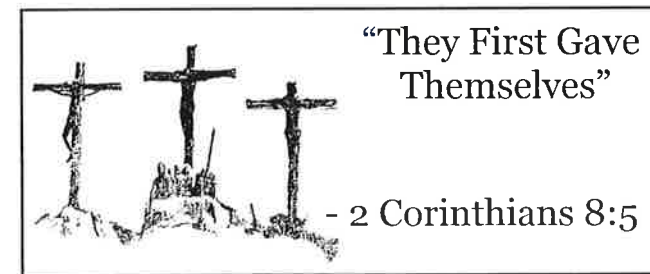
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EVIDENCE OF THE THEME

Our theme for 2002 is "They First Gave Themselves," based upon 2 Corinthians 8:5 where Paul showed the reason for the generosity of the Macedonian Christians. The remarkable thing about the Macedonian's gifts was the fact that they were in "deep poverty" and "a great trial of affliction" (2 Corinthians 8:2), yet "beyond their ability" they "freely" gave for the welfare of others and begged Paul "with much urgency" for the privilege (2 Corinthians 8:3-4). Of course, the reason the Macedonians were so generous is found in the fact that they "first gave themselves to the Lord." In recent weeks we have seen again the generosity of the West Erwin church and the evidence that so many have given themselves to the Lord. How, you ask? When one of our families had some financial setbacks and you were informed of the need, you asked for no details, but simply gave on the spur of the moment to more than meet the need. And you have done that several times before. When you were given the

opportunity to put your change, bills, and/or checks into the cans for the children of India, what did you do? You took nearly 100 of those cans, filled many of them to the brim, and gave several hundred dollars of your "spare money" for the benefit of India. I am reminded that when we built our Family Life Center, you paid for it almost by the time it was completed! When we fall short of our budget through the year, you always make up for the shortage with special contributions (last year we met and exceeded our budget without special contributions). Our budget this year is higher than its ever been and considerably higher than most churches our size, but we will meet this challenge as we always do. There will be other challenges in the future and we will accept those as well. You are a generous people ----"ready for every good work" (Titus 3:1), and I am convinced it is because you have "first given (yourselves) unto the Lord."

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, May 12, 2002

By Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "What Do We Know About Mothers?"
(Luke 1:46-50)
P.M. "The Secret Of Renewal"
(I Samuel 3:19-21)

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Teens: Remember Mom this Sunday!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

What a great church you are! There is never an assembly that you do not bring visitors to hear the gospel. There is not a surgery or sick member in the hospital that you do not go to visit. There is not a visitor that you do not sincerely welcome. There is not a prayer request that you do not honor. There is not a victory that you do not help you brothers and sisters celebrate. There is not a young person you do not care about. There is not an aged saint that you do not love. There is not a day goes by that I am not thankful to have such a wonderful church family to be a part of.

A great church must have great leaders and God has blessed us with humble, capable, and committed elders. Their quiet behind-the-scenes guidance and advice means

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Camp Friendship is just around the corner and I know that all of our campers are anticipating another great year of activities and fun. Camp Friendship is designed to allow each camper the opportunity of participating in spiritual and physical activities as we have a daily devotional, cook a small snack, play a game, and make a craft. Camp Friendship is for all of our youth in Kindergarten through the 5th grade. It is a day camp that begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. on June 10th-14th. Applications can be picked up at the entrances as well as from the table directly outside the office door. Please fill out the information and return them to me as soon as possible.

D.L. Thompson will be teaching Topical Studies of the Bible, on Wednesday evenings beginning June 5th in room 112. This study is designed as an in-depth study of the Bible. We are hoping that this study appeals to a cross section of our members.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Middle School students, remember our devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

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so much to us as individual sheep. We appreciate their courage and love for truth. They have some great plans for the future of West Erwin. Tell them how much you appreciate them every time you see them.

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

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Brown bag Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.

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Our Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series schedule has been completed and I am excited about all of our speakers for the summer quarter. We will study the book of Romans and our theme for that study is entitled: Righteously Living In God. These fellowships will take place each Wednesday evening (excluding July 3). Immediately following these lessons we will all gather in the Family Life Center for various desserts. We are looking forward to having a fantastic time during the summer. Please check the entrances for further information. I also want to remind you that on Sunday mornings all of our adult classes will be studying the subject of integrity. I have put together 12 lessons dealing with this topic and our teachers have been given a brief outline of the material. What makes this so exciting is that after each of our studies, we will gather in the auditorium for worship and Jay will deliver his thoughts around the theme of integrity. By the end of the summer we will all have a better understanding of how to be people of integrity. Your attendance is necessary for these classes to be successful.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the flowers, cards, hugs, words of comfort, every act of love and sympathy at the death of my son, David Owen. Opal Cooper

WITH SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy is extended to Winona Shankle and all the family in the death of Larry Shankle Monday evening. Services were held Thursday at at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home. The Shankles have been active members at West Erwin for over 10 years and he will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS, COLLEGE GRADUATES

Amanda Broome, daughter of Gary and Frances Broome, will graduate from Texas Tech in Lubbock Saturday, May 11, with a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture.

Jonathan Stone will graduate May 11 from University of Texas at Tyler with a degree in Finance.

Brook West, daughter of Louis and Jean West, will graduate Saturday, May 18, from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Learning and Development with a Specialization in English.

SPECIAL NEED: Reba Sorrells would like used Bibles, Bible dictionaries, concordances, etc. to be used by the preaching school in Nigeria. You may bring them to the church office and she will prepare them for mailing.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Cherokee Day Annual Grocery Drive, May 25, 2002 - West Erwin is asked to collect: SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, MOUTHWASH, DENTAL FLOSS, TOOTHPASTE. Come and enjoy the great fellowship and delicious Bar-B-Q.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be in our area June 3-7. West Erwin is asked to collect TRASH BAGS. Other items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, coffee (no decaf), lasagna noodles, fabric softener, liquid laundry detergent, spray & wash, glass cleaner, aluminum foil, freezer bags, Kleenex & napkins. Cash donations are also appreciated.

THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

The Children's Home of Lubbock is in need of couples to serve as live-in house parents in cottages with children of all ages. Please contact Donna Davis or Todd Patten at 1-800-658-9349 or (806) 762-0481.

New e-mail address for Jeff & Brenda Holland: togodude@watchiharvest.com

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Johnny Owen came Sunday to make known his desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. He is the grandson of Opal Cooper and we are very pleased to welcome him into this church family. His address is 3282 FM 2661, 75704, ph. 595-6977.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClenney request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
 Amanda Lee

to

Mr. Andrew Vaughn Luster
 son of Mrs. Vaughn Luster
 on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May
 two thousand and two
 at two o'clock in the afternoon
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 Reception immediately following

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John and Virginia Pike who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 7. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

The following names and addresses were left out of the new directory:

AVEN, Gary
 TX Dept. Protective & Regulatory Services/Social Worker,
 ph. 533-4107 (Sept. 19)
 *Nichole - (July 24)
 Erin - College Student (March 11)
 Anthony - R.E. Lee/Student (Apr. 30)
 *Frank - Moore Middle School/Student (May 8)
 9312 CR 35, 75706-9344 ph. 593-3710

BABB, *Archa and Dorothy
 Kelly Springfield/Operations, ph. 535-1500 (Aug. 18)
 Retired (Aug. 3)
 728 Oxford, 75703 ph. 534-9116

BAILEY, Lamern
 Retired (Jan. 12)
 2111 Parkway, 75701 ph. 592-0983

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 12

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Becky McRuiz; Nursery p.m.: Debbie Bynum; Toddler a.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Donna Maples; 2 year olds: Michael & Candace Hall; 3 year olds: Clint & Jennifer Hale; 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 May 12	Sunday May 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	409	358	362
Worship A.M.	700	568	622
Worship P.M.	298	336	343
Wed. P.M.	296	301	267
Contribution	\$17,297.97	\$22,436.43	\$17,011.00
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 19, and Wednesday, May 22, Mar Wagonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Eric Kiker had exploratory surgery Wednesday at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview. Joan Jordan was admitted to Mother Frances Sunday but is now back home. Aretta Presley had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Bill Hawkins had knee surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Mary Evelyn Grier had knee replacement surgery Thursday at ETMC. Cayti Bynum had knee surgery last Friday. Marie Threadgill is in Mother Frances, room 358. Nelda Browning will probably have surgery later. Jack Tarrant is at home. Mozelle Brown is now at home. Zona Crone is undergoing radiation treatment. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment each week. Harley Turner is in Colonial Manor. Chloe Clark is in Park Place. Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Gus Krewall, and Pattie Tate are all recovering at home. Fletcher Wood, Barbara Fay's dad, had heart surgery last Thursday at ETMC. Elaine Roberson, former West Erwin member, had tests Tuesday in Abline for a lump in her throat area. Amanda Ables, Arnold and Agnes Ables granddaughter-in-law, is in Mother Frances after a horse riding accident in which she broke her back.

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	Joe McBee		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Baccalaureate for area High School Seniors

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dennis Kingsbury Nathan Linseisen
Jamon Kirby Marc Lemons
Ron Lott Brandon Lott
Jon Koster Gus Krewall

GREETERS

Ray & Carolyn Womack & Jamie Jordan
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Taylor Lemons
Roy & Fern Bench & Wesley Hilliard
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard
& Jimmy & Wanda Denio

Picking up cards May 19: Ethan Florence, Casey Bellar, Ryan Haws, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 19

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Kris Walker; Nursery p.m.: Becky McRuiz; Toddler a.m.: Sandra Wingate & Lauren Florence; Toddler p.m.: Frances Phillips; 2's: Wade & Diane Weathers; 3's: James & Ruth Ellis; 4's: Shane & Becky Millican

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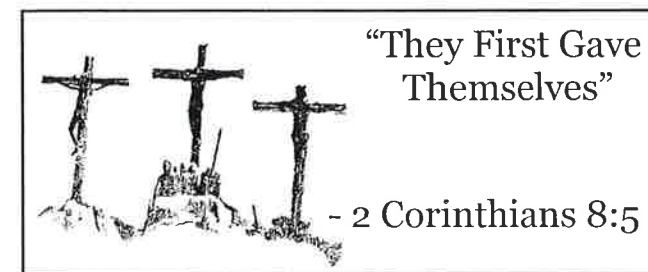
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ADDITIONAL DEACONS TO BE APPRECIATED

Our elders have presented the following men to the congregation as prospective deacons and they will be formally appointed this Sunday during our worship time together.

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|--------------------|------------------------|
| 1. David Asbill | 12. Mike Harris |
| 2. David Blaylock | 13. Jerry Huff |
| 3. Jay Bynum | 14. Don Ingram |
| 4. Steve Denman | 15. Greg Jones |
| 5. Daniel DuPree | 16. Curt Jordan |
| 6. Aaron DuVall | 17. Ron Lott |
| 7. Don Durham | 18. Bill Mullins |
| 8. Claude Figueroa | 19. Jon Murry |
| 9. Mark Frick | 20. Jeff Parrish |
| 10. Tom Hale | 21. Barry Scarborough |
| 11. David Hammond | 22. John Shaw |
| | 23. Wade Weathers |
| | 24. David Wicks |
| | 25. Ponder Wright, Jr. |



Sermons for Sunday, May 19, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Serving Well As Deacons"
(I Timothy 3:8-13)

P.M. Baccalaureate

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Anthony Aven is a Duke Scholar and is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. He participated in mission trips to Mexico and Nebraska, 8 years of Kadesh, M-pulse, and Learning to Lead. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall and major in Business. He is the son of Gary Aven.



Anthony Aven

Jason Bryant, son of Dwayne and Kathy Bryant, was a three year Varsity Letterman with the Whitehouse Wildcat baseball team, with honorable mention as a sophomore, First Team All District as a senior, and was on the All Tournament team 2 years at the Whitehouse Wildcat Classic. He was named to Who's Who Among High School Students 3 years. He was a multi-year participant in Leadership Training For Christ. Jason will attend TJC in the fall.



Jason Bryant

Jay Culpepper has been involved with FFA for 4 years, competed in shop project shows for 3 years and was division winner each year in Houston and San Antonio, and was on the school's Sound Crew 4 years. He has participated in LTC 11 years, Back Country Trek 6 years, Nebraska mission trip 6 years, Mexico mission trip 6 years, has helped with the Karing Kitchen 4 years, and helped with Camp Friendship and VBS 4 years. He also helped build 3 Habitat for Humanity houses and was active in the Thursday Youth Projects. Jay plans to attend Freed-Hardeman University in the fall to major in Bible and minor in Math. He is the son of Ken and Cathy Culpepper and the grandson of Clinton and Louise Culpepper.



Jay Culpepper

Brady Dawkins will graduate with honors from Whitehouse High School where he was a member of the Spanish Club, a 2 year member of the Honor Guard, and was named to Who's Who of American High School Students. He was a 4 year letterman on the Varsity Basketball team, was on First Team All-Region 2 years and First Team All-State. Brady was an active member of the West Erwin youth group 7 years, attended LTC 4 years, attended servant retreat, helped with Habitat House, and participated in the Nebraska Mission trip 2 years. He will attend the University of Texas at Arlington on full basketball scholarship. He is the son of Wally and Laurie Dawkins, grandson of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, and great grandson of Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes.

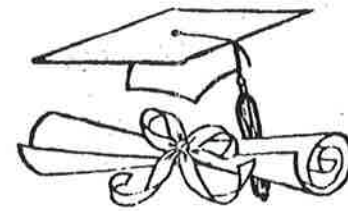


Brady Dawkins



Brittany Haws

Brittany Haws is the daughter of Matt and Rhonda Haws and granddaughter of Max and Mary Haws. She will graduate from Robert E. Lee High School where she was a 2 year member of the National Honor Society, Student Senate, and Spanish Club member, served as Sophomore and Varsity cheerleader, and was named to Who's Who Among American High Schools 3 years. Brittany participated in LTC, attended M Pulse Summer Camp at ACU, helped with Camp Friendship, Bible Hour and helps in the church nursery. She plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Psychology with a pre-med emphasis.



Ryan Pool



Jessica Kuechle

Jessica Kuechle served in the Student Council as representative as a sophomore, student body representative junior year, was Vice-president her senior year, and attended the Student Council Convention in Austin 3 years. She played Varsity volleyball, was in Spanish Club, was selected as Student of the Week, and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 4 years. Jessica was a member of the Austin Bank Board 2 years, and was selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Law in Washington, D.C. last November. She participated in the Nebraska Mission trip 2 years, LTC 9 years, Middle School Retreat 2 years, taught in VBS, and helps with Monday Night For The Master. Jessica is the daughter of Theron and Michelle Kuechle and the granddaughter of Melvin and Nina Crow. She plans to attend TJC 1 year, then the University of North Texas and major in Pre-Law.



Derek Russell

Ryan Pool, son of Billy and Kim Pool, participated in Future Farmer's of America 4 years, was in District and Area competition, and produced the Grand Champion swine of Wood County Livestock Show. He was on the Varsity Golf team and was on the Yearbook staff 4 years. He participated in LTC 7 years and went on mission trips to New Mexico. Ryan plans to attend TJC in the fall.

Derek Russell served as president of Spanish Club, president of Winona NHS and was a National Merit Commended Scholar. He participated in LTC each year, went on the Mexico Mission Trip three times, and the Nebraska Mission Trip twice. He plans to attend Harding University but is undecided on his major at this time. Derek is the son of Jim and Leah Russell.



Carson Tate

Carson Tate is a three year graduate of Robert E. Lee High School, and as such will receive a scholarship from the State of Texas for this accomplishment. Carson also participated in Leadership Training for Christ. He plans to attend either Tyler Junior College or Midland College for 1 year, then attend either Texas Tech or Abilene Christian University. He is the son of Marc and Dana Tate.



Blake Warren

Blake Warren lettered in football, baseball, and basketball, receiving honors in each. He was selected as Senior Class Vice President, is graduating 10th in his class, served as Yearbook Editor and Student Editor for the Superintendent's Newsletter. He helped with VBS 3 years, participated in mission trips to New Mexico and Hart, Texas, and attended 2 summer sessions at Camp Blue Haven. Blake plans to attend TJC and pursue a career in the family business. He is the son of Terry and Vicki Warren.

Congratulations Graduates 2002

Not
Pictured
Jennifer Lemons
Courtney McDonald

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Contribution	\$19,950.59	\$17,297.97	\$17,825.36
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 26, and Wednesday, May 29, Jay Bynum ph. 839-3133. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Ben Young is in ETMC due to blood clots. Mary Evelyn Grier is in ETMC after knee replacement surgery and a slight heart attack. Eric Kiker will be undergoing radiation treatment. Louise Culpepper got a good report after a heart cath Tuesday. She will be treated with medication. Nelda Browning will have surgery to remove a small lung cancer. Jane Jones is scheduled for knee replacement surgery June 5 at ETMC. Zona Crone is undergoing radiation treatment. Elmer Miles is undergoing chemo treatment each week. Harley Turner is in Colonial Manor. Chloe Clark is in Park Place. Mozelle Brown, Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Bill Hawkins, Joan Jordan, Gus Krewall, Aretta Presley, Jack Tarrant and Pattie Tate are all recovering at home. Amanda Ables, Arnold and Agnes Ables granddaughter-in-law, is recovering after a horse riding accident in which she broke her back. Mike Baldwin, Dan Baldwin's dad, cancer has spread to his liver. George Jones has requested prayers for his co-worker Rick Sirls and his mother, Artelia Smith, who is dying. Lisa Parker, Ginny Wicks' niece, is scheduled for a heart procedure June 15. Elaine Roberson will have additional tests next week in Abilene.

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Announcements Danny Snell
Prayer Dan Cullinan
Scripture Michael Bozeman
Dismiss Dan Gillam

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Phil Marts Bob May
Jordan Lyons Joe McBee
Josh Lowry Stan Mallory
Jim Mayer Glen May

GREETERS

Milburn & Jan Cook & Jordan Rousseau
Melvin & Nina Crow & Jessica Kuechle
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Bryce Murry
Visitor Center: Ken & Cathy Culpepper
& Joe & Frances McBee

Picking up cards May 26: Chris Scroggins, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cameron Ables, Drew and Dalton Harris.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 26
Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook; Toddler a.m.: Kenna Kempton & Dayne Harris; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Martha Waggonner; 2 's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 3 's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 4's: Rachel Huff & Laura McClenny

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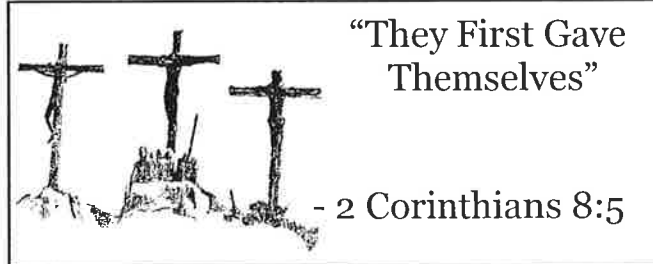
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WORSHIP WARS

I receive several religious magazines and papers by mail -- some published by members of churches of Christ and some by denominational people. I am noticing that there is much being written about "worship wars" or conflicts in various churches, in our fellowship and out, over styles of worship. Why are churches experiencing conflict about worship? Let me share some conclusions based upon what I am reading and hearing. *First*, there is the issue of how we are to worship. Jesus made the classic statement on worship in John 4:24 when he said, "Worship in spirit and truth." This statement reminds us that God has never asked men to simply worship, but has always given instruction about how to worship. This is true from Abel's lamb to Israel's sacrifices to the worship of the church. Jesus' statement must mean we are to worship God from the heart, that is, "in spirit," and we are to honor the Word of God, the "truth," in what we do. We are to do the things God has taught us to do and in the way God has prescribed. Therefore, it seems to me, if we go beyond or fall short of singing, prayer, teaching, giving, and the Supper when we intend to worship God we go beyond or fall short of God's Word. We would take issue with the content of worship which violates John 4:24. *Second*, most everyone agrees that the current conflicts about worship center in the style of worship, that is, over preference as to how we

will carry out God's instructions about worship. The charge is sometimes leveled against the more traditional style of worship that it is boring and against the more contemporary style of worship that it is entertainment. Within the framework of John 4:24 the style conflicts call for consideration of one another's preferences (Philippians 2:3-5) and that we worship with all our hearts "in spirit and truth." *Third*, conflicts sometimes arise when we believe worship is primarily for us and forget it is primarily for God -- the question is not, "Do I like it?" but "Is God pleased?" We are primarily givers in worship and secondarily receivers. The question is, "What am I giving?" more than "What am I receiving?" *Fourth*, conflicts about worship styles would be minimized if we concentrated upon (1) the praise of God, (2) the remembrance of Christ, (3) the Word of God, (4) prayer, (5) confession and repentance, (6) sacrificial giving, and (7) the joy of relationships with God and each other. Within the framework of doing in worship what God has authorized, in the way that God has prescribed, let us place emphasis more upon others than upon ourselves; let us see the majesty of God; and let us humbly and with contrite spirit offer to God "the sacrifice of praise, that is the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:14). There should be no worship wars.

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, May 26, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. "The Right Use Of The Law"
(I Timothy 1:8-11)

P.M. "Fulfilling Our Destiny"
(I Samuel 10:20-24)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS!

Thanks to all who helped financially with the Jr.-Sr. Banquet. This was one of the best ever! Thanks to the following Deacons and their wives who helped with the reception this past Sunday night: Jay & Debbie Bynum, Ken & Cathy Culpepper, Keith & Tina Harris, Curt & Kim Jordan and Barry & Mary Scarborough. Thanks also to Louise Culpepper and Shannon Snell for baking cookies.

Congratulations to Brittany Asbill & Shannon Snell for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society @ Whitehouse Jr. High last week. Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks for receiving academic awards last week at Moore Magnet School. Way to go!

Welcome to Dave Christy! Dave arrived last weekend.

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to SIGN UP for the summer trips (Middle School Madness, BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission and Mexico Mission Trip) by this Sunday!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet at 5:00 Sunday afternoon in the Old Auditorium. We will be dividing classes and talking about the VBS. Please be there!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Teens, remember our devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's.

IMPORTANT DATES

May	26	Combined Devotional
June	2	Middle School Devotional
June	4-7	Middle School Madness
June	9	High School Devotional
June	16-22	BackCountry Trek
July	4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Bible Yellow Pages

When in sorrow see John 14
 When men fail you see Psalm 27
 When you have sinned see Psalm 51
 When you worry see Matthew 6:19-34
 When you are afraid see Psalm 91
 When God seems far away see Psalm 139
 When your faith needs stirring see Hebrews 11
 When you are lonely see Psalm 23
 When you grow bitter and critical see I Corinthians 13
 When you feel down and out see Romans 8:31
 When you want peace and rest see Matthew 11:25-30
 When the world seems bigger than God see Psalm 90

When your prayers grow narrow or selfish .. see Psalm 67
 When you need courage for a task see Joshua 1
 If you are depressed see Psalm 27
 If your pockets are empty see Psalm 37
 If people seem unkind see John 15
 If discouraged about your work see Psalm 126
 Having trouble getting along with others ...see Romans 12
 When you need reassurance see Psalm 145:18
 Lost the key to Christian happiness Colossians 3:12-17

Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death!

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Brown bag Fellowship at 6:00 p.m.
 Work begins at 6:30 p.m.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The crew is all lined up for our *Camp Friendship - 2002*. Now all we need is for our campers to turn their registration forms in no later than June 5, 2002. We need to make the final arrangements by that date. *Camp Friendship* is a great time for all of our kids (K-5th grade) to have a lot of fun as they get to know one another better and learn many valuable lessons from our different learning centers. So remember, get your applications in and let's all get ready to have a fantastic time.

It looks like we will have a van full of kids on July 15th-18th as we make our annual trek to *Camp Deer Run*. Parents, I will place a sign-up sheet at the Visitor's Center for all of our day campers to sign up on so that the van drivers will know how many they will be taking each day. Please sign up as soon as possible. I'd like to thank *Shirley Denman* and *Laurie Pattillo* for agreeing to drive the van. We are still in need of one more

driver so please let me know if you can help out. All van drivers will need to drop by the office and make a copy of your driver's license for our records. Thanks once again for your help in this area.

Velma Lemons, Ginny Wicks and *Danny Snell* are to be commended, once again, for lining up a wonderful group of teachers for the summer quarter. I know this summer will be a great time for all of us to come together and to participate in our Bible School program. Our subjects have been carefully selected so that each of our students gain the maximum amount of knowledge through a systemic study of God's Word. Please make sure that you take advantage of this wonderful program and remember to invite your friends to be a part of our educational program. You won't regret it.

I recently attended the *National Sunday School Conference* which was held in Fort Worth, Texas. The speakers did a fantastic job presenting their materials to the audience. In the next few months, I will be calling special meetings in order to share some of this information with you. Please try your best to make these meetings and let's grow as God would have us grow.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church family,

We can never express how much we appreciate the overwhelming love and concern shown our family at the passing of our loved one. The beautiful flowers, food, visits, cards and prayers touched our hearts. I feel so blessed to be a member of this loving family.

Winona Shankle
 Carol, John & Christie

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Marie Threadgill, a faithful member of the West Erwin family since 1952. Services were held Monday in Livingston for Bea Massey, Ruby Cliver's mother. Clyde Morris, Patsy Young's brother, died Monday in Ft. Worth. Services were held last Wednesday in Kemp, Texas for Melanie Bridges, daughter of Arvalene Harris. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

CONGRATULATIONS

David Blaylock, Jr., son of David and Lori Blaylock, graduated from Texas A&M University May 10.

Laurie Dawkins graduated from the University of Texas at Tyler Magna Cum Laude with a degree in Education.

Nicholas Goodson, son of Cooper and Mary June Goodson, graduated May 11 from Abilene Christian University with a degree in Education. He plans to teach Middle School.

Joanna Vannoy, daughter of Ray and Gail Vannoy, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. She plans to move to Dallas at the end of the year.

NEW ARRIVALS - Henry and Mozelle Brown are proud great grandparents! David Noah was born to Mr. & Mrs. Brian Daughtry on May 9 and weighed 7 lb. 7 oz.

Roger and Jan Knight have a new granddaughter! Harper Lee was born May 14 to Chris and Amy Lowery. She weighed 10 lb. 3 oz.

NEW ADDRESS: Kevin & Shelly Sustaire, 1213 Summitt Heights, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-8950.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center for Bible study and a luncheon Wednesday, May 29. They will then dismiss until fall.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Mrs. Doris Johnson has made known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. She comes to us from the West Davis church in Mesquite. We are very pleased to welcome her into our church family. Her address is 603 Towne Oaks, 75701, ph. 534-4878.

Mrs. Peggy Monroe came to be identified with the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome her into our family. Her address is 804 West Gentry Parkway, 75702, ph. 596-8962.

We rejoice with **Frank Aven** on his decision to be baptized into Christ Wednesday, May 8, in Sulphur Springs. Frank is the son of Gary Aven and Gary and his family are in Sulphur Springs to help care for his parents.

RESPONSE

Dorothy Woods has requested the prayers of her church family that she might be forgiven of sins and be made stronger both physically and spiritually.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Michael McClenny request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Amanda Lee to Mr. Andrew Vaughn Luster son of Mrs. Vaughn Luster on Saturday, the twenty-fifth of May at two o'clock in the afternoon West Erwin Church of Christ Reception immediately following

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

The Children's Home of Lubbock is in need of couples to serve as live-in house parents in cottages with children of all ages. Please contact Donna Davis or Todd Patten at 1-800-658-9349 or (806) 762-0481.



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Bible Class	394	409	373
Worship A.M.	610	639	598
Worship P.M.	345	636	345
Wed. P.M.	312	318	269
Contribution	\$18,980.45	\$19,950.59	\$15,985.36
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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Jordan Lyons Joe McBee
Josh Lowry Stan Mallory
Jim Mayer Glen May

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Don & Norma Durham & Derek Russell
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Krista Russell
Harold & Shirley Denman & Courtney Russell
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
& Maggie Craddock

Picking up cards May 26: Chris Scroggins, Jeffrey Scarborough, Cameron Ables, Drew and Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 2
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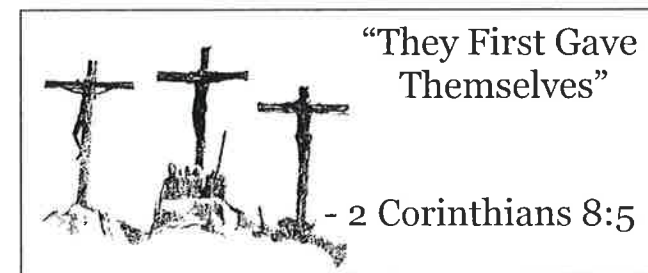
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FOUNDATIONS

A foundation is "the support upon which something rests." The term may be used literally as that upon which a building rests. It may be used metaphorically for Christ the foundation of the church (I Corinthians 3:11) or for the preaching of the New Testament apostles and prophets upon which the house of God rests (Ephesians 2:20). Foundation is also used for the first principles of God's will for man which Christians use as a springboard to going on to maturity in their spiritual lives (Hebrews 6:1). When Jesus came to the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount he said, "Whoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house upon the rock" (Matthew 7:24). Jesus was saying that the foundation of the wise man's life is obedience. Whoever builds his life upon the Word of God builds his life on a solid foundation. What is the foundation of your life? Some build their lives upon wealth or fame or power or indulgence. But what happens when these things pass away? ... And they will pass away. The apostle Paul, speaking of the perils of wealth said: "Change those who are rich in this present

age not to be haughty, not to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold of eternal life" (I Timothy 6:17-19). Hearing, believing, and following the Word of God is the only adequate foundation for our lives. And following the Word is not to view the Bible as a salad bar where we pick and choose what suits us. In the Bible God is not calling us to happiness so much as He is calling us to holiness. He calls us not to self-justification, but to justification by grace through obedient faith. He calls us not to be like the world, but to be the light of the world. He calls us not to make a name for ourselves, but to make a difference for Him. He calls us not to satisfaction, but to sacrifice. He calls us not to be served, but to serve. To answer the call of God is to build our lives on the solid foundation of His Word and to experience life that is life indeed.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, June 2, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Integrity"
(I Kings 9:3-5)
P.M. "Abundant Grace"
(I Timothy 1:12-17)

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Middle School, remember our devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Those who are going into the 6th grade are also invited to attend.

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to SIGN UP for the summer trips: BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission and Mexico Mission Trip by this Sunday! This is the last call!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those signed up for Middle School Madness need to meet at 5:30 Sunday afternoon in the Heritage Room.

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High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's. We will meet again on June 13.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High school: remember our devotional on June 9. More details to follow.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Q Why can't parents get children to obey just by explaining what they want them to do? Why is it so often necessary to punish or raise our voices to get them to cooperate?

A I'm convinced that our children's challenging behavior is motivated in part by the desire for power that lies deep within the human spirit. From an early age, they just don't want anyone telling them what to do. In fact, most boys, and some girls, care about the issue of "who's toughest." That's why kids brag, "My dad can beat up your dad!" When a child moves into a new neighborhood or school, he often has to fight, either verbally or physically, to establish himself. There is usually a bully who bosses everyone else around. And there is also a little defeated pup at the bottom, who takes the brunt of everyone's abuse. Every child in between knows where he or she ranks.

This admiration for power makes children want to know how tough their leaders are. They will occasionally disobey adults for the precise purpose of testing the adult's determination and courage. Thus, whether you are a parent, grandparent, Boy Scout leader, bus driver, or teacher Sooner or later one of the children under your authority will clench his little fist and challenge your leadership. He will convey this message by his disobedient manner: I don't think you are tough enough to make me do what you say.

The way you handle that confrontation is watched closely by every child in the group. Your reaction will determine how soon another occurs.

(adapted from *Focus on Family*)

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When you have the opportunity, please let *Jim Russell, Shara Hobson* and *Laurie Stone* know how much you appreciate their efforts in our training classes that have just concluded for our 4th and 5th graders. These classes were extremely well attended and the information that each of our 4th and 5th graders gained was immeasurable. The teachers reported the progress of these classes to me during the course of the quarter and each time they were so excited. Jim's class just finished with their sermons and he was more than satisfied with the effort of his students. Not only am I proud that we started these classes, but perhaps this should be an annual event here at West Erwin. Keep up the good work!

Well, it's almost time for our Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series (F.A.C.T.S.), and I am confident that this program will also be a great success. This is one of those events that we should make sure that we invite our friends to. In fact,

let's remember that immediately following our Wednesday evening services, we will have desserts prepared in the Family Life Center for a period of fellowship. Our first fellowship will be a cookie/brownie/ice cream fellowship on June 5th.

Of course, we will also have some additional classes on Wednesday evenings: (1) *Don Crawford* will be in room 114 conducting his class on Finding Your Place In Ministry, (2) *Jerry Huff* will be in the Heritage room leading the Singing Emphasis class, (3) *D.L. Thompson* has agreed to teach a class in room 112 entitled Topical Studies of the Bible, and (4) we are in the process of trying to put together a college age class that will meet in room 105. All of these classes should give us a well-rounded curriculum for the summer.

Our first F.A.C.T.S. Lecturer (June 5th) will be *James Wilson* from the North Tenneha Church of Christ. His subject will be God's Good News. The text for this lesson is Romans 1:16-17. So, let's be present for our series of lessons from the book of Romans entitled Righteously Living In God.



IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for your thoughts, prayers, cards and food. I appreciate it all very much. I am getting along just fine and hope to be back to church soon.

In Christian love,
Eloise Thompson

Thank you West Erwin so much for your thoughts and prayers during this time - they have given me much comfort and strength. My surgery went well, and I feel stronger every day. Thank you again for caring and especially for all the prayers that were said on my behalf. God bless.

Eric Kiker

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank the church for the NIV Study Bible I received at Baccalaureate. My journey through college would not be complete without the Word of God. Thanks again for your thoughtfulness.

Love,
Brittany Haws

I appreciate the study Bible given to me for graduation and I appreciate the support that West Erwin has provided for me to get here. Thank you!

In Christ,
Derek Russell

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kristi Maxwell**, daughter of Ray and Linda Maxwell, on her many achievements as a college student! Kristi was honored at the All-State Academic Team Recognition Day ceremonies in Lincoln, Nebraska April 10. Phi Theta Kappa, an international honor society, and the Nebraska Community College Association sponsored the event to honor students for their academic achievement, leadership, accomplishments, and service to the community. After her graduation from Northeast Community College, she plans to be a producer for Media Production Group in Norfolk and possibly enroll in a four year institution in music education. Kristi is Student Senate president, Broadcasting Club treasurer, member of the Swing Choir, Ebony and Crimson Singers, and also participates in other campus activities. In February she was crowned the 2002 Winter Royalty Queen at NECC. She is on the Dean's list, an honors student in music and also serves at the program director for the campus radio/television station.

Michael Maxwell, son of Ray and Linda Maxwell, graduated with honors May 12 from West Point High School.

HOMEcoming - OAKDALE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, June 2, Speakers are: Bible study 10:00 a.m. - L.V. McCary; 11:00 a.m. - Dudley Brookshire; 6:00 p.m. - Dean Brookshire.

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Congratulations to Clifton and Marjorie Cox on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 6. We rejoice with these couples in this happy milestone in their lives.

56th ANNUAL SINGING SCHOOL AT ACU

JULY 14-19, 2002 Texas Normal Singing School - 50 hours of classes and labs, training song leaders, song writers, singers, worship leaders and singing school teachers. For more information contact Joe Furr at 800 Baker Park Dr., Sherman, TX 75092 or call (903) 892-9635, or e-mail at joefurr@aol.com.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home Grocery Truck will be in our area **June 3-7**. West Erwin is asked to collect TRASH BAGS. Other items needed are: cereal, oatmeal, coffee (no decaf), lasagna noodles, fabric softener, liquid laundry detergent, spray & wash, glass cleaner, aluminum foil, freezer bags, Kleenex & napkins. Cash donations are also appreciated.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is now enrolling in all classes for the fall semester. We serve 2 year olds through twelfth grade. For more information, please contact the admissions office at 561-9582.

ETCA has full-time and part-time staff openings for the 2002-2-3 school year. Openings include: High School - English, math and science; Middle School - English, math, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. For more information concerning these positions, contact the school office at 561-8642.

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Worship A.M.	542	610	594
Worship P.M.	366	345	427
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Jim McDonald Larry Moore
Forest McFadden Gene Moon
Henry McRuiz Shane Millican

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Chuck & Linda Gillam & Kyle Stowers
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& Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Picking up cards June 9: Michael Ragsdale, Casey Bellar, Spencer Shaw, Cody Frick, George Richardson

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 9

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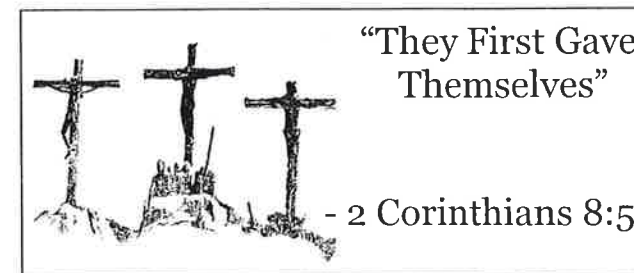
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EXAMPLE

Albert Schweitzer the philosopher, theologian, musician, medical missionary to Africa, and the Nobel Peace Prize winner in 1952, said shortly before his death in 1965, "Example is not the main thing in life -- it is the only thing." How do you respond to his statement? Is it a bit overstated? Is it too strong? Is it on target? Whatever our response, the fact remains that the power of example is incalculable. One of the things Paul stressed to Timothy was, "Be an example" (I Timothy 4:12). The word Paul used for example means "the mark of a blow," or an imprint made by something, such an imprint used to mold something else. Peter says of Jesus, He left "us an example, that you should follow His steps" (I Peter 2:21). Peter uses a word meaning "a writing - copy or pattern." By putting these two words together we see that an example is a mold or pattern to be imitated. Paul said, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (I Corinthians 11:1). We understand the power of example. Do we also understand the responsibility to be an example? Let's make some application.

- Parents** - Children sometimes resemble their parents in the way they look. In all probability they will imitate their parents in words, action, and lifestyle. Parents who show by their example that absolute honesty is not always important, that things are more important than character, and that fun is more important than church should not expect their children to be people of honesty, character, and conviction.
- Leaders** - Leaders in the church have awesome responsibility. One area of responsibility is example. If everyone in the church supported the work financially as you do, attended worship as you do, participated as you do, were as interested as you are, were as much an encourager as you are, were as friendly as you are, welcomed visitors as you do, what would this church be like? As a leader, think back over the past week and ask yourself, "What did others see in me that is worthy of imitation?"
- All** - Let us all ask, "Is my recreation, are my priorities, is my lifestyle setting a proper example of integrity, character, and faithfulness." - Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, June 9, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Costs And Values"
(Matthew 13:44-46)

P.M. "An Irresistible Summons"
(I Timothy 1:18-19)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave **THANKS!**

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Silent Partners

After 30 years a couple decided to get a divorce. Apparently the first 18 years of their marriage had gone very well. They lived together, worked together, and reared children together. However, for the last 12 years they lived together as "silent partners." The wife was through and ready for a divorce.

They had lived their last 12 years in such a way that they would not have to be with each other. When one came home, the other left. When they needed to communicate they did it with notes. For 12 years the couple had not had a conversation. The really sad part of the story is the nature of the squabble. When asked what it was that caused the rift between them, neither could remember what the hassle had been about.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm always excited to see summer arrive. Of course, officially summer doesn't start until June 21st, but most of us consider it to be summer as soon as school is out. The summer months are a great time for our physical family to do things together but it is equally a great time for our spiritual family to once again get acquainted through various programs at church. There will be several opportunities for us to fellowship together through the educational program of the church this summer. Our first activity will begin June 10th through the 14th. It is called **Camp Friendship**. It is designed to allow our kindergartners through 5th graders the opportunity of participating in a variety of learning centers as well as being students during a Bible study. Parents, make sure that you have your child's registration form turned in to me by June 5th. The next activity will be **Camp Deer Run Day Camp**. Several of our younger ones will be attending the day camp at Camp Deer Run the week of July

Those who are going into the 9th grade are also invited to attend. Invite a friend to enjoy this evening together.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's. We will meet again on June 13. Join us!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Meggie Wagner for being selected to Who's Who Among American High School Students. Way to go Meggie!

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Holding a grudge can destroy any relationship, but it is particularly damaging to a marriage. Even after admitting they could not remember what started their problem, there was not hope for them to reconcile. That's the way grudges work. They take on a life of their own. Grudges outlive the offenses. A grudge against a brother, a sister, a preacher, an elder, or for that matter, anyone, has the potential of destroying relationships in the lives of both the grudge-holder and the offender.

"Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The judge is standing at the door!" James 5:9

The apostle Paul said that we are to forgive any man if we have a quarrel against him. Just as Christ forgave us, we are to forgive each other (Colossians 3:13). If God and Christ can extend mercy to you for your sins, surely you can be merciful to those who offend you. Remember "The Judge is standing at the door."

15th-18th. This will be a great time for them to fellowship together and to get reacquainted with their friends from last year. Third, is our annual **Vacation Bible School**. This year we will be meeting at night on July 22nd through 24th. We will be introducing our preschoolers through fifth graders to three learning centers: (1) Magic and the Bible, (2) Food from the Bible, and (3) Science and the Bible. Not only will we participate in these three learning centers but we will also have the opportunity of eating refreshments and of making various craft projects. Please mark these dates and bring a friend with you. Adults, remember you will have a class during VBS that you can attend also. *Murphy Phillips* will present a series of lessons for you in the small auditorium during our Vacation Bible School. And fourth, all during the summer (on Wednesday evenings) we will have the opportunity of hearing several of our men as well as some from the surrounding area, present lessons for our **Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series** (F.A.C.T.S.). These will be held in the small auditorium and will be followed with a dessert fellowship in the Family Life Center. This summer there is something for everyone at West Erwin.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are so fortunate to be a part of the family at West Erwin. You have remembered us in prayer during John's illness and surgery. You brought us food, sent cards, and made phone calls to check on us. Now since Ruby's mother's death you have sent plants and more cards. There is just no way to express the warm feeling that all this gives us. Thank you all.

John & Ruby Cliver

We cannot thank the members of the West Erwin church enough for their loving kindness to Marie during her months of suffering. We consider you our family and without your gracious understanding we would feel lost in this life. The easel of flowers at the funeral was so beautiful. May the Lord bless and keep you.

Bob & R.V. Threadgill

I want to say thanks for the prayers, visits, calls and cards while I was in the hospital and after I came home. It is great to be a part of such a loving and caring church family.

Clinton & Louise Culpepper

To all Christians at West Erwin,

My heartfelt thanks for your prayers on behalf of my brother and sister-in-law, Olyn and Doris Hill of Houston. They will never be well but are greatly improved at this time. Many thanks again for your thoughtfulness and prayers.

Lowrane Canada

WITH SYMPATHY

Memorial services were held Sunday in Colorado for Connie Oberholtzer, Billie Bob Hickman's sister. Services were held Saturday in Carnegie, Oklahoma for Geri Pitt, Cathy Krewall's sister-in-law. Services were held Sunday in Wolf City, Texas for Faye Woodruff, Fern Bench's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

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GOSPEL MEETING

The West Mountain Church of Christ in Gladewater invites you to hear Joseph D. Chase June 9-12, 7:00 p.m. each evening. Sunday services are at 10:00 & 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

RESPONSE

Jim Hooter and his fiancé, Faith McClelland, came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for wisdom as they plan their life together. They plan to be married in September, then will move to Charlotte, North Carolina in December where Jim will enter the Navy's Nuclear Engineering School.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ernie and Sharon Gordon on the birth of a new grandson! Payton Cole Edwards was born June 3 in Edmond, Oklahoma to Jeremy and Kasey Edwards. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 21 inches long.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Gussie Beaty, Park Place, 2450 5th St., 75701

Phalassa Fuller, P.O. Box 7081, 75711, ph. (903) 312-6249

Jon & Michele Koster, 602 Maji, Whitehouse, 75791

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Cody Frick**, son of Mark and Melissa Frick and grandson of David and Wanda Frick, on receiving the Citizenship Award and the Principal's Award for making straight A's all year at Chandler Elementary School.

Congratulations to **Lara Reynolds** on her graduation with high honors from the School of Bridal Consulting at Professional Career Development Institute.

Michael Maxwell, son of Ray and Linda Maxwell, plans to attend Central Community College in Columbus, Nebraska and major in Physical Education. He was a 3 sport letter winner for two years and was the only athlete in West Point High School to qualify for State Meet competition in 2 sports (wrestling and track). He placed 6th in wrestling and was selected to wrestle on the All Nebraska All Star Classic Dual. He was Team Captain of the wrestling team in 2001-02, was given the Sportsmanship Award in wrestling 4 years, and was voted Outstanding Wrestler. Mike was selected to the Nebraska Wrestling Coaches Association All Academic Team in 2002, lettered in football 2 years, wrestling 4 years, and 2 years in track. He was one of ten to graduate with honors. He served as treasurer of the National Honor Society and was a 4 year member of the Youth Advisory Council and the Swing Choir, lettering 4 years in Chorus and lettered in Speech 1 year, playing the lead in this year's play.

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YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart group will meet in the Family Life Center Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 for a potluck supper, fun and fellowship.

THINK ABOUT IT.....

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

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

"The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts."

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

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Records	Sunday June 9	Sunday June 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	400	389
Worship A.M.	581	542	592
Worship P.M.	345	366	380
Wed. P.M.	317	302	256
Contribution	\$19,530.05	\$19,658.75	\$17,660.78
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 16, and Wednesday, June 19, Curtis Pruett, ph. 534-5428. Please call if you need transportation			

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		Leon Welborn

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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: George Jones, III
Scripture: Brady Dawkins
Dismiss: Joe McBee

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Curt Jordan.

5:30 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Announcements: Danny Snell
Prayer: Keith Harris
Scripture: Don Ingram
Dismiss: Ken Culpepper

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Mike McClenny: Bill Mullins
Jim McDonald: Larry Moore
Forest McFadden: Gene Moon
Henry McRuiz: Shane Millican

GREETERS

Tom & Beverly Hale & Kate Sweeney
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Cameron Ables
Don & Nerene Ingram & Frank Aven
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack & Louise Seaberry

Picking up cards June 16: Michael Ragsdale, Casey Bellar, Spencer Shaw, Cody Frick, George Richardson

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 16
Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; Nursery p.m.: Becky McRuiz; Toddler a.m.: Kim & Curtis Tate; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Martha Waggonner; 2's: Michael & Candace Hall; 3's: Rachel Huff & Laura McClenny; 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart.

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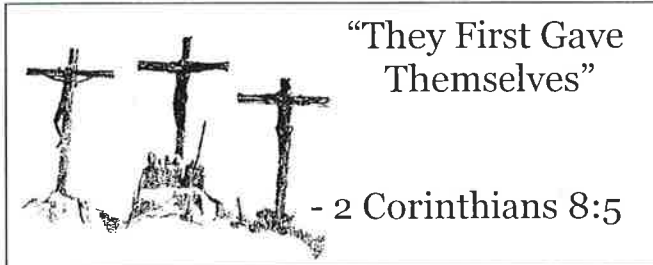
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THE TEACHER

Once upon a time in a country far away there was a teacher. People came from far and wide to sit at his feet. They marveled at his manner of life and at the wonderful things he taught them. The teacher told his students how to be happy, how to overcome their fears, how to be free of worry, how to build their lives on a solid foundation, and how to have the best of everything. However, he also taught them that the good life would require self-denial, sacrifice, and a change of heart and life. Some of the teachers' students dropped out of his school and others angrily opposed his call for changed lives and he had to flee for his life and limb. The teacher went to the capital city of his country and began to teach there. His new students were happy he had come and rejoiced in his teaching. He taught them how to be happy, how to overcome their fears, how to be free from worry, how to build their lives upon a solid foundation, and how to have the best of everything. He also taught them that the good life would require self-denial, sacrifice, and a change of heart and life. Some of the students dropped out and others angrily opposed his call for changed lives. They

stirred up the leaders of the people, arrested the teacher, put him on trial where he was wrongly convicted of crimes he did not commit, and finally they executed him. We recoil at such atrocities and wish the teacher would have come to our town. We would have treated him right. We would have listened to and heeded his words. We would have The country to which the teacher came was Palestine, the cities to which he came were Nazareth and Jerusalem, the students were the Jews, the leaders were the keepers of orthodoxy, and the teacher was Jesus. Had we been there, we would have treated him differently, wouldn't we? Well, in and through his word that he left us, he has come to us and we have
"Whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man" - Matthew 7:24
- Jay Lockhart

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a special contribution this Sunday for workers going to Russia this summer. We need \$12,000 plus above our regular budget. Help if you can.



Sermons for Sunday, June 16, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Pillar And Ground Of The Truth"
(I Timothy 3:14-15)

5:30 P.M. "The Gospel Is For All"
(I Timothy 2:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the High School Devotional this past Sunday night.

Thanks to all of those who went to Middle School Madness last week. We had an awesome time with 31 people going to Houston and "walking in the light together." Thanks to LaDawn Ragsdale, Kim Jordan, Lisa Snell, Jim Russell and Dave for going as sponsors. Thanks to Dave for doing a great job with the lessons and spiritual focus. This was the largest group we have ever taken on our Middle School Madness and we are already making plans for next year.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet at 5:00 Sunday afternoon in the workroom and work on your classes. Please be there!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

High School, remember to SIGN UP for the Mexico Mission trip ASAP. This is the last call!

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those signed up for our trek, we leave this Sunday at 3:00. We are going to...?!?! Please be praying for good weather and a safe place to go.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:30 at the Snell's. We will meet again on June 27.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 16-22	BackCountry Trek
June 23	Combined Activity
June 30	Combined Devotional
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Happy Father's Day!

I found these quotes tucked away and I really don't know where they came from, but I thought I would pass them on.

"Every dad is the family role model, whether he wants the job or not."

"Train your child in the way in which you knew you should have gone yourself."

"The measure of a man is not what he does on Sunday, but rather who he is Monday through Saturday."

"The best way to teach character is to have it around the house."

"The great man is he who does not lose his child's heart."

"Measure wealth not by the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money."

"Dads are the first to recognize the growth of the economic understanding in his college age children when they write home talking about their unanticipated adverse cash flow problems."

"Fathers give daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough ... so they can have grandchildren that are better than anybody's."

"The righteous man leads a blameless life; blessed are his children after him" (Proverbs 20:7).

Next Sunday, June 16, evening services will begin at 5:30 p.m. to allow extra time for Small Groups to meet.

Drew Fitzgerald, and (4) Dave Christy. I'd like to also thank them for a job well done. Now, let's get ready for next year.

Now that *Camp Friendship* is over, it's time for the VBS coordinators to start making final preparations for VBS 2002. This year we have entitled our VBS *Summer Extravaganza*. We have all of the coordinators in place. They are: (1) Magic and the Bible - The Blackstones, (2) Science and the Bible - The Stones, (3) Food and the Bible - Committee, (4) Refreshments - The Hughes, (5) Crafts - Committee, and (6) Preschool - Velma Lemons. Vacation Bible School will be from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on July 22nd-24th. *Murphy Phillips* will also present a series of lessons to our adult classes in the small auditorium those three nights. All coordinators and staff members need to mark June 30th on your calendars. We will have a VBS meeting that evening at 5:00 in room 112. Let's all get busy with this great activity and let's have the best VBS possible.

Let me take a few lines in this article to encourage all of our members to be in class on time each week. Do not fall into the habit of getting here later and later each week. It makes it difficult on our teachers to have to stop and restart class.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family,

Words can never express how much your cards, prayers, flowers and words of encouragement mean - we are so blessed to be a part of such a loving church. Thank you for remembering us in the death of my sister.

Love,
Fern & family

West Erwin Church,

Thanks for the Study Bible. I am looking forward to using it in college.

Sincerely,
Brady Dawkins

Dear Brethren,

Cherokee Day 2002 is now history and you helped make it a great part of our past. We estimated about 900 to 950 in attendance and we received many grocery items throughout the year. May God continue to bless you with a generous spirit of sharing, as you have done in the past with the children of Cherokee Home.

Danny Duggan
Executive Director

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday in Dallas for B.W. Ray, Wanda Denio's uncle. Services were held Wednesday at Wallace Funeral Home in Rusk for Helen Mason, Faye Kennard's sister. Services will be held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Kara Parker, Maxine Ray's daughter and Dorothy Woods' granddaughter. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. The times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-2:15 for infants through pre-K. For more information, please call Terry Shaw at 839-8377 or the church office at 592-0809.

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RESPONSE

Priscilla Mayer came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might be a better example and a more faithful Christian.

BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower
Honoring

Shara Hobson

Saturday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Toys R'Us



NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Odie and Dolores Kennedy on the birth of a new granddaughter! Rachel Kate Arnold was born June 10 in Wichita Falls to Trent and Renee Arnold. She weighed 7 lb. 2 oz. and was 20 inches long.

NEW ADDRESS: Scott and Shara Hobson are moving this week. Their new address is P.O. Box 6251, Texarkana, Texas 75505, ph. (903) 223-0529.

WHAT IS A FATHER?

A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anesthetic. A father is a thing that growls when it feels good, and laughs very loud when it's scared half to death. A father is a thing that gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his child even though he knows it's the teacher's fault.

A father never feels worthy of the worship in his child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be and this worries him sometimes. So he works hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him. Fathers grow old faster than people. Because they, in other wars, have had to stand at the train station and wave good-bye to the uniform that climbs aboard. And while mothers can cry where it shows, fathers have to stand there and beam on the outside while they die on the inside. Fathers have very stout hearts so they have to be broken sometimes or no one would know what's inside. Fathers are what gives daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough in order to have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's.

Fathers fight dragons almost daily. They hurry away from the breakfast table - off to the arena that is sometimes called an office, or a workshop. There, with calloused hands, they tackle the dragon with three heads - weariness, work and monotony. And they never quite win the fight but they never give up. Knights in shining armor. Fathers in shiny trousers. There's little difference. They march away to work each day. Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who will live the longest. Though they know the odds, they keep right on betting. Even as the odds get higher and higher, they keep right on betting, more and more. And one day they lose. But fathers enjoy an earthly immortality. And the bet's paid off to the part of him he leaves behind. I don't know where fathers go when they die. But I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't be happy unless there is work to do. He won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there too, repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets and smoothing the way.

- Paul Harvey

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

By the time this bulletin article is read, *Camp Friendship* will be over. This week long day camp is a thrill to all of our youngsters. You should see their faces when they first come into the Family Life Center. They are a little apprehensive but eager to get things going. Each day, their energy level rises until the staff is just about to the point of total exhaustion. Then by the end of the week, you begin to notice a few of them starting to wind down. They all leave the FLC with a lot of goodies and they always manage to tell me and the other staff members just how thankful they are to have attended *Camp Friendship*. Each year, we put together a wonderful group of coordinators for this camp. These individuals give of their time, effort, and even sometimes of their finances. They don't do this for themselves, but rather for the kids. I know the campers would like to say thank you to: (1) Velma Lemons, (2) Martha Waggoner, (3)

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Wed. P.M.	337	317	304
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Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 23, and Wednesday, June 26, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Jerry Howard had shoulder replacement surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Aubrey Denman** is in Mother Frances, room 443. **Jane Jones** is in ETMC Rehab after knee replacement surgery. **Art Rowland** had tests Friday at Olympic Center. **Jon Sorrells** is continuing treatment for a bacterial infection that affected his heart valve. **Clint Hale** is at home after surgery Tuesday. **Brice Sustaie**, son of Kevin and Shelly, has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. **Billie Bob Hickman** is at home after recent surgery. **Claude Sessions** is improving at home after recent surgery. **Nelda Browning** is recuperating at home after lung surgery. **Cathy Scroggins** is recovering after ankle surgery. **Zona Crone** completed treatment this week! **Eric Kiker**, **Peggy Monroe**, and **Elmer Miles** are undergoing treatment. **Mozelle Brown**, **Debra Elzen**, **Warren Gray**, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Lally Haile**, **Joan Jordan**, **Doris Kennedy**, **Don McCune**, **Aretta Presley**, **Jack Tarrant**, **Pattie Tate** and **Ben Young** are all recovering at home. **Mike Baldwin**, Dan Baldwin's dad, cancer has spread. George Jones has asked for prayers for his co-worker Rick Sirls and his mother, **Artelia Smith**, who is dying. **Lisa Parker**, Ginny Wicks' niece, is having additional tests. **Ann Hillis**, Ginny Wicks' aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Audeen Healey**, Ginny Wicks' sister, had knee surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. **Charles Woods**, Eleanor Nunn's brother, is in ETMC after bypass surgery.

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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Jay Lockhart
Prayer Barry Scarborough
Scripture Jonathan Stone
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

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Scripture Brandon Lott
Dismiss Steve Denman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cameron Ables Tyler Lott
Chris Ables Brandon Lott
Cody Ables Caleb Bynum
Brady Dawkins Wesley Hilliard

GREETERS

Todd & Kenna Kempton & Cayti Bynum
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price & Tyler DuVall
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
& Melvin & Nina Crow

Picking up cards June 23: Ethan Florence, Ryan Haws, Cameron Ables, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 23
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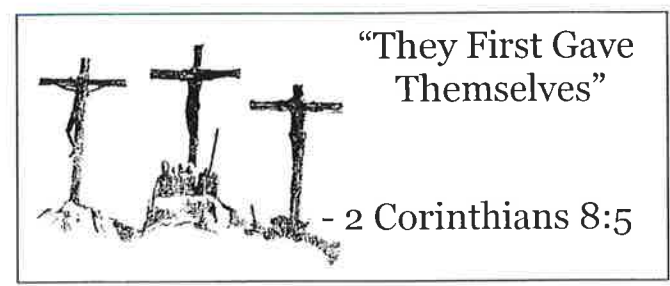
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HODGE IS COMING

This Saturday, from 8:30 - 12:00 noon, **Charles Hodge** will be meeting with our elders, deacons, and preachers for a Leadership Seminar in our old Fellowship Hall. Charles is one of the best known men in our brotherhood because of his travels among the churches and his authorship of several books. He was born near Onion Creek at Byrd, Texas and has received degrees from Abilene Christian University and Harding University. For more than thirty years he served as a local minister for the Rosemont church in Fort Worth and the Duncanville church in Texas. He is the author of several books including Amazing Grace, Angels, Teachers, Deacons, Prayer, and Will God Run, a book about the prodigal son and his father. He is currently a featured writer for the Gospel Advocate. Charles now spends full time in writing, meetings, lectures, seminars, and workshops which take him all over the country. When our elders were thinking of someone who could be most effective in

leading our elders, deacons, and preachers into greater service, the name of Charles Hodge was at the top of the list. Charles will be staying over to be with us on Sunday and will teach a combined adult Bible class in the auditorium at 9:00 a.m. and preach at our morning service at 10:00. a.m. This weekend promises to be a great time of instruction, challenge, renewal and excitement. Our Saturday schedule will include breakfast for the elders, deacons, and preachers at 8:30 and two sessions with Hodge at 9:00 and 10:15, followed with our elders meeting with the deacons from 11:15 until noon. Sunday morning we will be on our regular schedule with Charles speaking twice Sunday morning and we will meet at 6:00 Sunday evening.

"You have made us for Yourself, and we cannot rest until we rest in You"
- Augustine



Sermons for Sunday, June 23, 2002

Combined Adult Bible Classes - Charles Hodge
A.M. Worship - Charles Hodge

6:00 P.M. by Dr. Jay Lockhart
"Men, Women, and the Church"
(I Timothy 2:8-15)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night. Invite a friend and join us for this great time together.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet at 4:00 Sunday afternoon in the workroom and work on your classes. Please be there!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

High School, remember to SIGN UP for the Mexico Mission trip ASAP. This is the last call! We will have our first meeting on Wednesday night, June 26 immediately after church.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

As you read this bulletin, 16 of us are making our way home from our BackCountry Trek 2002. We had a great trip backpacking in the _____ National Forest somewhere in the United States! Please be praying for our safe return.

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

High School, remember our Thursday night Bible Study which meets each week at 7:00 at the Snell's. We will meet again on June 27.

IMPORTANT DATES

June	16-22	BackCountry Trek
June	23	Middle School Devotional
June	30	Combined Devotional
July	4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Living in Christian integrity involves all areas of life. When Paul wrote to the church in Colosse he mentioned those areas that we should be working on that would help us learn to live in integrity. He said:

Set your heart on things above.

Put to death whatever belongs to your earthly nature, i.e. Sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed.

Get rid of all anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language.

Do not lie to each other.

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Bear with each other that means to forgive whatever grievances you may have.

Love one another.

Let peace rule your hearts.

Be thankful.

Let God's Word live in you richly.

Teach and counsel one another with wisdom.

Sing Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

Whatever you do, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.

As you read through this list thoughtfully, what kind of goals did you think you ought to set for yourself in order to become a person of greater integrity? Pray about it. King David did in Psalm 139:23-245; then do it and give God the thanks.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our F.A.C.T.S. program has started off with a great big bang. We have had the opportunity of hearing two excellent presentations in the small auditorium on Wednesday evenings and the response from the audience has been overwhelming. This past week, Don Crawford presented a lesson taken from Romans 3:21 entitled The Grace of God. Jay Lockhart talked to us on June 5th regarding God's Good News (Romans 1:16-17). At the end of each of these presentations several of you commented to me by saying how grateful you were that we were having this series of lessons. Our rise in attendance (thus far for the summer) indicates that several of you share these same thoughts. For the summer (thus far) we are averaging 327. Hopefully, we will continue to grow and by the end of summer perhaps our attendance will be closer to 350. It all depends on you! Let's all be present for these lessons and let's invite our friends, neighbors, and relatives to attend with us. Let's also remember our dessert fellowships following our services.

Please allow me this opportunity to inform the congregation that we are now having a college class which is meeting in room 105 (across from the Heritage Room) on Wednesday evenings. This class is studying Stewardship and it is important that all of our college students take advantage of this class. Bill Mullins will be teaching this class. If you want more information regarding this study, please call me at your convenience. We would love to make this class an outreach class. That will only happen if each of the students takes the time to invite a friend to attend with them. So let's look around and see who we can get involved in this effort. Over the past 1 1/2 years I have counted it a pleasure to have had the opportunity of working with Jon Murry and Barry Scarborough. The Murrys and the Scarboroughs have been teaching the college class on Sunday morning for that long and they have considered it to be a part of their ministry. They have invested their time, energy and effort to this challenging work. Each of their students should count it a privilege and a responsibility to attend this class. So be sure you're present and be sure that you bring someone with you.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Carl Bohanon in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Carl is the husband of Sherryl (Miles) and their address is 5875 Creekside Drive, 75703, ph. 939-0737.

Dru Dawkins was baptized by her grandfather, Hillard Hughes, Sunday morning. She is the daughter of Wally and Laurie Dawkins, granddaughter of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and great granddaughter of Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes. She will be in the 7th grade and lives at 300 Robinwood, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7118.

Lindsey O'Steen, daughter of Sharon O'Steen, put on her Lord in baptism Sunday morning. She will be in the 8th grade and their address is 3801 Cameron, 75701, ph. 581-6409.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you all for the cards, visits, calls, and prayers. Please continue to pray for my recovery.

Jon Sorrells

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the wonderful visits and sweet cards I have received since my accident in April. The meals that are brought each Tuesday has been such a blessing for us and we look forward for each Tuesday. I am improving day by day and I am very grateful for all your prayers on my behalf.

Mozelle Brown

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. The times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-2:15 for infants through pre-K. For more information, please call Terry Shaw at 839-8377 or the church office at 592-0809.

SPECIAL NEED

Reba Sorrells would like used Bibles, Bible dictionaries, concordances, etc. to be used by the preaching school in Nigeria. You may bring them to the church office and Reba will prepare them for mailing.

"When life seems grim, grab a hug."

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

The Children's Home of Lubbock is seeking to employ a management level person as a Unit Director for a quality basic care residential group home program. The position would include budgeting, program planning and supervision of staff for the unit. A master's degree and experience in social services or a related field is preferred. For more information, please contact Vickie Russell, LMSW at (806) 762-0481 or vickie@childshome.org.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA will be collecting Campbell soup labels. There will be a box in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for your help.

ETCA is now enrolling in all classes for the fall semester for students age 2 years through twelfth grade. For more information, please call the admissions office at 561-9582.

ETCA has full-time and part-time staff openings for the 2002-2003 school year. Openings include High School: math and science; Middle School: math, volleyball, basketball, and tennis. If interested, call the school office at 561-8642.

BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower
Honoring
Shara Hobson
Saturday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m.
Family Life Center
Selections: Target, Toys R'Us



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Billingsley
request your fellowship as their daughter

Holly Bliss Billingsley
and

Jason Ronald Earl O'Quinn
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Quinn
pledge their life and commitment

to one another

Saturday, the sixth of July

Two thousand and two

half past six in the evening

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

Abilene Texas

Reception following

Fairway Oaks Country Club

NEW ADDRESS: Chris Elzen, son of Ken and Debra Elzen, has moved to San Marcos where he will be attending school. His new address is 100 Jackman, Apt. #A2, San Marcos, 78666.

BENEVOLENT CENTER

All donations for the Benevolent Center are appreciated very much so that we can better serve the needy of our community. Due to lack of storage space, however, we are requesting that, if possible, please bring only clean and in season clothing.

THINK ABOUT IT.....

"There are no secrets to success: don't waste time looking for them. Success is the result of perfection, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence."
- General Colin Powell

"Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."
-- James Baldwin

"Excellence is not a gift given, but a skill perfected."

"An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves."
- Lydia Child

SINGING SCHOOL

The 56th Annual Singing School will be held at Abilene Christian University July 14-19, 2002. Fifty hours of classes and labs, fourteen instructors and coaches, small classes, video coaching services, computer labs, and multimedia class presentations. For more information you may contact Joe Furr at (903) 892-9635 or 868-1240 or joefurr@aol.com or visit our website at www.singsingschool.org.

June 27, 2002	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 33-No. 26
Records	Sunday June 23	Sunday June 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	424	402	429
Worship A.M.	588	602	606
Worship P.M.	384	329	429
Wed. P.M.	285	337	271
Contribution	\$25,076.62	\$23,624.90	\$18,227.31
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 30, and Wednesday, July 3, David Wicks, ph 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Carolyn Stitt had a heart cath Wednesday. **Ray Womack** is ill at home with pneumonia. **David Frick** is scheduled for surgery July 8. **Charles** and **Ann McCoy** are both at home and doing better. **Carl Stowers** is recuperating after a mild heart attack. **Aubrey Denman** is back in Park Place. **Art Rowland** got a good report after tests last week. **Jon Sorrells** is continuing treatment. **Brice Sustaire**, son of Kevin and Shelly, has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. **Zona Crone** has completed treatment! **Eric Kiker**, **Peggy Monroe**, and **Elmer Miles** are undergoing treatment. **Mozelle Brown**, **Nelda Browning**, **Debra Elzen**, **Warren Gray**, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Lally Haile**, **Clint Hale**, **Billie Bob Hickman**, **Jerry Howard**, **Jane Jones**, **Joan Jordan**, **Doris Kennedy**, **Don McCune**, **Aretta Presley**, **Cathy Scroggins**, **Claude Sessions**, **Jack Tarrant**, **Pattie Tate** and **Ben Young** are all recovering at home. **Mike Baldwin**, Dan Baldwin's dad, cancer has spread. George Jones has asked for prayers for his co-worker Rick Sirls and his mother, **Artelia Smith**, who is dying. **Lisa Parker**, Ginny Wicks' niece, is having additional tests. **Ann Hillis**, Ginny Wicks' aunt, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Audeen Healey**, Ginny Wicks' sister, is recovering after knee surgery. **Charles Woods**, Eleanor Nunn's brother, is recovering after bypass surgery. **Susan Prine**, Don & Norma Durham's niece, continues to battle cancer.

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ELDERS		
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		Leon Welborn

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer David Asbill
Scripture Bill Hawkins
Dismiss James Sublette

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

Announcements Danny Snell
Prayer Bill Bratcher
Scripture Danny Craddock
Dismiss Dave Christy

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cameron Ables Tyler Lott
Chris Ables Brandon Lott
Cody Ables Caleb Bynum
Brady Dawkins Wesley Hilliard

GREETERS

Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Cody Fedell
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Payton Fedell
Phil & Linda Marts & Tanner Fedell
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
& Ron & Sharri Brock

Picking up cards June 30: Ethan Florence, Ryan Haws, Cameron Ables, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 30
Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Rhonda Haws; Nursery p.m.: Pam Lott; Toddler a.m.: Barbara Fay; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Kim Lemons; 2's: Kristi Harris & Carolyn Blackstone; 3's: Jeff & Pam Fennell; 4's: James & Ruth Ellis.

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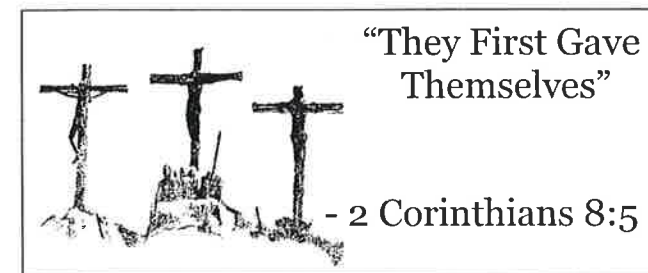
THE RUSSIAN TEAM

Several of our members will be leaving July 11 for a sixteen day mission trip to Russia. This is the second year a group of our people have gone to the former Soviet Union to teach the gospel especially to young people in a camp setting. Last year 16 of these youngsters were baptized during the camp session and 14 of these will be back this year for further nurturing in their new found faith. We anticipate others becoming Christians this year. Our workers have an excellent two year curriculum to use with the campers and we expect great results. Those going to Russia this year include: David, Lori, and Nick Blaylock, G.W. and Valentina Cliver, Wendy Culpepper, Danielle and Joy Rousseau, and David Wicks. The team wishes to thank everyone at West Erwin for all the financial and prayer support given. We wish the Russian team well as it makes final preparation for the trip.

OTHER MISSION TRIPS

Danny Snell will soon be leading several young people and adults on two mission trips. The first group of 22 young people and 10 adults will leave for West Point, Nebraska on July 4 for a VBS. This will be the 12th year for such an effort with Ray Maxwell and the West Point church and we anticipate great good being done. Then, on July 26, Danny will lead a similar group of 24 to Nueva Rosita, Mexico to conduct a VBS with Rafael Falcon and the church there. This will be the 9th trip by West Erwin folks to Mexico. Let's keep these good works in our prayers that our workers may travel safely and that God will be glorified.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, June 30, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "Approving The Excellent"
(Philippians 1:9-11)

P.M. - "Life In the Church"
(I Timothy 3:1-15)

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NEBRASKA DEVOTIONAL

This Sunday night is our Nebraska devotional. This will be a time when we have a special prayer service for those going on the Nebraska mission trip. All teens are encouraged to come

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet at 4:00 Sunday afternoon in the workroom and work on your classes. This will be the final Sunday to work on classes so please be there!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We will have our first meeting on Wednesday night, June 26 immediately after church.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

While stories and pictures from our recent backpacking trip are in abundance, keep in mind that no account or 3x5 print can do justice to the amazing magnificence of this trip. We headed up the mountain with the 14,269 ft. peak of Mt. Antero as our goal, but later opted instead for a more spiritual goal. Thursday we spent some time on the peak of Sinai, figuratively speaking. While we chose not to pursue the goal of summiting Antero, any trip participant will tell you that we achieved our goal of spiritual renewal. And that's worth more than 3x5's.

-Dave

IMPORTANT DATES

June 30	Combined Devotional
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

A JOB OR A 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 a ministry.

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

If you'll 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 a 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 a ministry.

If our concern is success, it's a job. If our concern is faithfulness, it's a ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great and growing church is filled with people involved in ministry.

Where do we fit in? What about us? If God calls you to a ministry, don't treat it like a job. If you have a job, give it up and find a ministry. God does not want us feeling stuck with a job. He wants us excited and faithful to Him in a ministry. - copied

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Each Sunday morning (during our Bible school time) we are studying the topic of Becoming People of Integrity. These classes are going great and I'd like to take a few minutes to update the congregation on these classes. *First*, let me assure you that all these classes were planned and organized at the beginning of 2002. In fact, it was back in November that the elders brought up the topic of having this themed, topical study on integrity. A lot of my time (at the end of 2001) was focused on this assignment. *Second*, I had to make sure that all of our teachers were on board and willing to participate in this coordinated effort. They were all willing and ready to go. *Third*, the material had to be developed and this took approximately 3 months to complete. Once the material was developed, we then presented each of our teachers with a booklet and followed that up with some additional material and information. *Fourth*, I met with all the teachers involved and we reviewed, made

suggestions, and talked about the various approaches we could use when we presented this material. Believe me when I tell you, a lot of changes were made during this stage. We are now in the *fifth* stage (implementation stage) of these classes on integrity. Thus far, everything is going great. Teachers and students have reported to me that they are enjoying these classes. Let's keep up the good work and let's continue to study this great topic of integrity.

Attention All Vacation Bible School Coordinators: There will be a meeting at 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2002, in room 112. During this meeting we will issue the schedules as well as make any final proposals for VBS. Please be present for this important meeting.

Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series: Our F.A.C.T.S. Program is going great. Let me remind you all that on July 3, 2002 we will not have a speaker, nor will we have desserts after our services. Instead we will all gather together in the small auditorium for a combined devotional service.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express the love and gratitude we have for you at this time. You are so loving and caring! Thank you for the cards, phone calls, food, and the beautiful basket of flowers you sent to my sister Helen's funeral. Thanks for remembering our family in this time of sorrow.

In Christian Love,
Archie & Faye Kennard

Dear West Erwin family,

Your expressions of love have sustained us during the most difficult days of our lives. We are very grateful for your visits, the food, cards, and flowers. It is good to be a part of such a loving family.

The family of Kara Parker
Dorothy and Carey Woods
Maxine and Rick Ray

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

When we first came here you welcomed us with open arms. We grew to love the family here at West Erwin so much. Thanks for your support, kind words, friendship, encouragement, hospitality, and for providing us with a loving Christian family to grow with us as a newly married couple these last five years. The love that you've shown to us will never be forgotten. Always remember that you touched our hearts in a great way. Thanks! You will all be greatly missed. Our new address is 3000 Coventry Lane, Waxahachie, TX 75165.

With Christian Love,
Jason & Stacey Randall

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We want to thank you for the beautiful picture you gave to us as a "going-away" gift. We want you all to know how much the past couple of years at West Erwin have meant to us -- your friendship has meant more to us than words can describe. We will miss you all very much.

In Christian love,
Scott & Shara Hobson

Thanks so much for the many kindnesses you have shown Ben and me over the past weeks. The beautiful plant you sent at the death of my brother meant a great deal to me. Knowing you cared was a great comfort. Thank you also for the many beautiful cards, notes, visits, calls, food, and most of all your prayers for Ben. He is slowly improving and we hope to be back in church soon. We miss all of you.

Patsy Young

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your calls and cards after my surgery. I am especially thankful for your prayers and for the love of the West Erwin family.

In His love,
Cathy Scroggins

Dear Christian Brothers and Sisters,

You have been so thoughtful and considerate to remember me during the loss of my sister and my time spent in the hospital. Your phone calls, cards, and food have been so consoling and uplifting to me. Since I can't find the words to tell you how much it has meant to me, I'll just say thank you very much and send you my love.

Billie Bob Hickman

NEEDED FOR VBS: 20 oz. Plastic drink bottles with lids.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Luke Wallace** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Saturday evening after returning from the BackCountry Trek. He is the son of Kim Tate and will be in the 10th grade. Their address is 13511 Big Oak Bay Road, 75707, ph. 566-4388.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Charles & Linda Westerfield** and their daughter, **Kristin** who is a student at UT Tyler, into the West Erwin family. They recently moved from Conroe where they worshipped with the Longmire Road church. They will be a blessing to us as we work together to serve the Lord. They will be moving to Lindale soon, but their temporary address is 12507 CR 1114, 75709, ph. 561-2820.

Clayton Barrett came Sunday to make known his desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. He will be an asset to the Lord's work here. His address is 4810 Forestwood, 75703, ph. 561-5913.



WEDDING INVITATION

*Mr. and Mrs. Gary Billingsley
request your fellowship as their daughter
Holly Bliss Billingsley*

and

*Jason Ronald Earl O'Quinn
son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Quinn*

*pledge their life and commitment to one another
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Reception following at Fairway Oaks Country Club*

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Debbe & Elizabeth Davis, 6113 Plantation Dr., 75703
Bill Hawkins, 5401 Hollytree Dr., #1304, 75703, ph. 939-9208
Julie Price, 1221 Brookshire Dr., 75701, same ph. #

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Max and Mary Haws on the birth of a new great grandson! Zachary Wayne Brown was born June 18 in San Antonio to Rob and Tracy Brown. He weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Earl and Melinda O'Quinn are the proud grandparents and Matt and Rhonda Haws are great uncle and aunt.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

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SCRAPBOOK NIGHT

You're invited to a ladies scrapbook night Friday, June 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Bring snacks to share and all your supplies. We will have a Swap Shop where you can trade paper or punches. Call Ruth Ellis at 597-9624 for more info.

PLEASE NOTE: there will be no bulletin the week of July 4 due to postal regulations for second class mail.

July 11, 2002	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 33-No. 27
Records	Sunday July 7	Sunday June 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	381	432	3,739
Worship A.M.	544	644	533
Worship P.M.	353	403	342
Wed. P.M.	290	333	271
Contribution	\$15,841.51	\$17,104.13	\$19,862.43
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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		Leon Welborn

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	11:30 A.M.
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(Sept through May)	
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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(903) 592-0809	

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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jeff Parrish

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Prayer Matt Haws
Scripture Marc Tate
Dismiss James Phillips

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Alex Mullins Bick Nowell
Jordan Mullins Charles O'Neal
Bill Mullins John Pace
Bryce Murry Tony Smith

GREETERS

Freeman & Billie Morgan & Dayne Harris
Bob & Mary Dean Paul & Lauren Garrett
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& D.L. Thompson

Picking up cards July 14: George Richardson, Justin Parrish, Michael Ragsdale, Chris Scroggins, Casey Bellar.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, July 14
Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddler a.m.: Faye Kennard; Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Julie Ables; 2's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; 3's: Rachel Huff & Carolyn Blackstone; 4's: Clint & Jennifer Hale.

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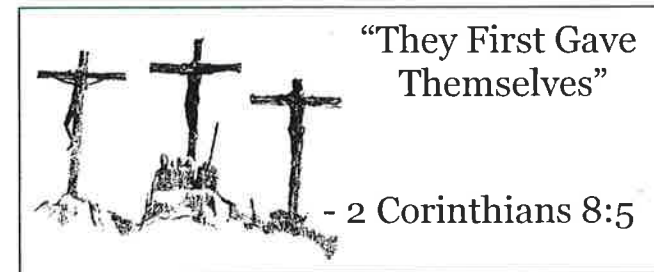
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THE NEXT BATTLE

You may simply find it ironic or you may be greatly disturbed about it, but the fact is that many in churches of Christ follow the denominations in discussing the "hot topics," usually a few years behind them, however. Many years ago we began to have Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools long after other religious groups had used these methods of teaching. Then we decided we should build our buildings in better parts of town and not be the "on the other side of the tracks" church. These were good ideas. Later we started the bus programs as a means of bringing children to our services, but we bought many of our busses from denominations which had abandoned the concept for reasons most of us later gave them up as well. But that wasn't real serious business. More recently some of our brethren decided we needed a new way to interpret Scripture and we began to hear about a "new hermeneutic." As it has turned out, the "new hermeneutic" seemed to simply be a move away

from biblical authority. This problem was more serious than busses or bible classes. Now some mainstream denominations, churches that have traditionally been rather conservative in how they viewed Scripture, are debating the inerrancy of Scripture. This is a discussion about "just how accurate the Bible is in matters of fact and authoritative it is in matters of faith. On the whole, the opinion shifted away from confidence in the utter truthfulness of Scripture toward varying degrees of accommodation with secular disbelief" (Gregory Alan Tidwell, Gospel Advocate, June, 2002, p. 5). If the Bible is the Word of God (its claims and the evidence supporting those claims say it is), then it is the final, complete, and authoritative message of God to man. I'm wondering: will we follow our religious neighbors in engaging in the debate about inerrancy? Is this to be our next battle? Some have already moved in this direction. We will see.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, July 14, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "The Secret Of Powerful Living"
(Daniel 6:1-10)

P.M. - "A Good Minister Of Jesus Christ"
(I Timothy 4:1-11)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

At this writing (Tuesday) we are half way through our Vacation Bible School in West Point, Nebraska. On Monday we had 80 students and on Tuesday we had 94, which is above last years' count. So far it's been a great week and we have had many encouraging comments from the community. We worked hard Sunday afternoon and Monday redoing about five miles of nature trails in the city park for the city of West Point. Please pray for our safe return home on Saturday!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

July 18 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's house. Invite a friend to this special time together.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

There are two kinds of people in every congregation: *Impossibility Thinkers* and *Positive Thinkers*. *Impossibility Thinkers* quickly scan a proposed idea with a sharp negative eye, looking at the problems. They search for reasons why something won't work instead of visualizing ways it can work. *Impossibility Thinkers* consider themselves keen analysts. They are not keen analysts -- they are people without vision. Walt Disney's brother used to tell him, "Walt, you'll never amount to anything. Everything you dream about costs millions of dollars." Now, I ask you, do you know the name of his brother?

Possibility Thinkers know it can be done if GOD wants it done. As long as men have vision - GOD will continue

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

This past Sunday (July 7th) Tom Hale, during his prayer, made mention of being grateful for those who work behind the scenes here at West Erwin. Just as soon as he mentioned that my mind flooded with names of those who are presently working behind the scenes just with programs that I am involved with. One of the programs that I oversee is the collection of the attendance cards each Sunday. When the elders asked me to oversee this project I quickly picked (or I prefer to say delegated) this responsibility to two of our ladies here at West Erwin, Melissa Frick and Tara Kilgore. For the last year they have faithfully submitted a schedule of names to the office of our youth who have agreed to pick up those cards. They have done this even though there is absolutely no fanfare involved. It certainly took an extra burden off my shoulders when they over this assignment. Recently, John Shaw agreed to oversee the young boys and to make any last minute changes if necessary. All three of these individuals are to

MEXICO MISSION TRIP
There is an important meeting Sunday afternoon July 14, at 4:30 for all who plan to participate in the Mexico Mission trip. See you there!

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Derek Russell on his selection for the Interscholastic League Scholar Award at Winona High School. The purpose of this award is to "honor those students whose academic and extracurricular achievements have been exemplary, recognizing students whose self-discipline and integrity in competition are a model to others and a valuable asset to future citizenship." Way to go, Derek!

IMPORTANT DATES
July 14 Middle School Devo
July 26-31 Mexico Mission Trip

to build His church. It's when we stop dreaming that we fail the One who gave His greatest gift for us. Jesus said, "Without me, you can do nothing." Paul turned it around and said, "With Him all things are possible."

The Israelites averaged about 85 funerals a day for 40 years. Each funeral was a testimony of their fears. Can you imagine their eulogy: "We are burying another fearful pessimist today who kept GOD's people from moving forward."

Let's do whatever it takes at West Erwin to create a positive spiritual climate which builds and holds morale. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of GOD which is in you, for GOD did not give you a spirit of timidity. He gave you a spirit of power, love, and of self-discipline. Perhaps GOD brought us all together for such a time as this -- let's not disappoint Him.

be commended. Additional names flooded my mind when I thought about our upcoming Vacation Bible School program. By the time all is said and done, at least 100 adults will have worked behind the scenes to pull off our VBS. From refreshments to crafts, from learning centers to our adult class, there is a lot of work that goes on here at West Erwin for our VBS. As you have opportunity please tell each of our workers how grateful you are for their labor of love with this great program. Perhaps one of the best ways to show them how grateful you are is by attending this year's VBS. Remember the dates are July 22nd-24th and it starts each night at 6:30 p.m. We will have classes for (1) nursery age; (2) preschoolers; (3) K-5th graders; (4) junior high and high school; and (5) adults. There really is something for everyone. I sent several registration forms to surrounding churches. In fact, I have already received several of these forms back. I have also placed several registration forms at all of the entrances of the building as well as at the Visitor Center. Please pick one of these up and fill it out as soon as possible. Encourage your kids to register their friends and let's have a great VBS.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the gift. I am very fortunate to be a part of the West Erwin family. Thanks again!

Blake Warren

Thanks for your prayers, flowers, visits, food and phone calls after my surgery. "Climbing mountains" is not so hard with a support team like West Erwin.

Love you,
Joan Jordan

Once again, Louis and I have been deeply touched by your outpouring of care and concern for us during my surgery and as I recuperate. Your fervent prayers, calls, wonderful food, beautiful flowers and visits have been precious to us. Thank you for each act of kindness. Louis and I are truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family.

Love,
Jane Jones

Dear West Erwin Family,

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate the Bible you gave me upon my graduation. I know that I can count on it to give me guidance in my life in the this important occasion in my life.

Sincerely,
Carson Tate

Your prayers for me in the hospital before and after my surgery was greatly appreciated. Your visits, phone calls, get well cards, the food you brought us and other kind deeds will always be remembered.

In Christian love,
Claude & Odell Sessions

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Billy and Lynda Terrell on the birth of a new grandson! Logan Michael Manuel was born June 26 in Atlanta, Georgia to Johnny and Angie Manuel. He weighed 6 lb. 7 oz.

Congratulations to Gloria Thigpen on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Vanessa Lee Thomas was born July 5 in Dallas to Tate and Claudia Thomas. She weighed 9 lb. And is 20 1/2 inches long.

Jaci Hope Philpot was born July 8 in Tyler to Mark and Ginger Philpot. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. The baby was flown to Methodist Hospital Neo-natal Care in Dallas due to loss of blood during emergency C-section. Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot are the proud grandparents. Happy brothers and sister are Tanner and Jacob and Mallori!

Don and Mary Jo Crowder are great grandparents of twin girls born July 1! Taylor Lynn, 4 lb. 14 oz., and McKenzie Raye, 6 lb. 4 oz., were born to Justin and Wendy Gibson of Midland, Texas.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our love and sympathy is extended to Mark and Nancy Sweeney and all the family in the recent death of Nancy's grandmother.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jim Hooter and Faith McClellan who were united in marriage on July 4th. Their new address is 2320 Sarasota, 75701, ph. 595-1539. We extend our best wishes to them for a long and happy life together.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Monica Starr in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday, June 30. She is the daughter of Charles and Freida Starr and will be in the 9th grade. Their address is P.O. Box 285, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-0285.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Cathy Johnston into the West Erwin family. She has been attending for some time with Carl and Kyle Stowers. Her address is 16884 Elm Lane, Flint, 75762, ph. 825-9399.

Renee Rozell came Sunday to make known her wish to be identified with the West Erwin church. She has been attending with Dan Gillam and we are very happy to welcome her into our church family. Her address is 120 Big Bend, Chandler, 75758.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Peggy Garner, 2321 Dietz Lane, 75701

WEDDING INVITATION

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joined together in friendship
united forever in love
Chantel Bell Haney

And

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Request your presence
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HOW THE CHURCH IS JUDGED

A noted business leader once said, "An institution may spread itself over the entire world and may employ a hundred thousand people, but the average person will form his judgment of it through his contact with one individual." This is nowhere more true than in the church. Large sums may be expended to build the church's image through radio, television, and newspaper ads. Family and friends will form their views of the church by what they see in you. They see the church as cold, friendless, disagreeable, or warm, friendly, helpful, as they see these qualities in you. Here is a type of personal evangelism which all can do: be sure that the church reflected in our lives is the church as God would have it. "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me."

- Bulletin Digest

NEEDED FOR VBS: 20 oz. Plastic drink bottles with lids.

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Records	Sunday July 14	Sunday July 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	381	377
Worship A.M.	560	544	558
Worship P.M.	387	403	314
Wed. P.M.	285	333	229
Contribution	\$21,774.91	\$15,841.51	\$27,152.78
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 21 and Wednesday, July 24, Jay Bynum ph 839-3133. Please call if you need transportation

PRAYER AND CARE- Gussie Beaty is in Mother Frances. David Frick is recovering after surgery last week at Mother Frances. Dorothy Woods had knee replacement surgery at ETMC Wednesday. Parker and Kenzi Hall, children of Michael & Candace, are scheduled for a tonsilectomy/adenoid removal July 24. Jon Sorrells is continuing treatment and doing well. Brice Sustaire, son of Kevin and Shelly, has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Peggy Monroe and Elmer Miles are undergoing treatment. Mozelle Brown, Nelda Browning, Chloe Clark, Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Joan Jordan, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate and Ben Young are all recovering at home. Continue to remember Mike Baldwin, Dan Baldwin's dad, Kelly Blasko, Blake Lowry's friend, Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister (still in ICU), Ann Hillis, Ginny Wicks' aunt, Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, and James Smith, Peggy Monroe's grandson. Bernice Parrish, Jeff Parrish's grandmother, is now in Hospice. Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, had her other leg amputated Tuesday in Longview. Jim Golden, Rita Sitton's nephew, is facing cancer surgery. Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is having tests.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

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

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

Call to worship George Jones, III
Prayer Dr. Aaron DuVall
Scripture Greg Jones
Dismiss Hillard Hughes

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

Announcements George Jones, III
Prayer Wade Weathers
Scripture Curt Jordan
Dismiss Mark Frick

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Fred Powell Ryan Pool
Stan Perkins Billy Pool
Jeff Parrish Curtis Pruett
Pat Pattillo Brant Prestidge

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Jamie Jordan
Bill & Judy Smith & Wesley Hilliard
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale, Michael & Maggie
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
& Wally & Laurie Dawkins

Picking up cards July 21 & 28: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Steven Figueroa, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, July 21
Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman;
Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook; Toddler a.m.: Debbie & Cayti Bynum;
Toddlers Sunday p.m.: Pam Lowry; 2's: Kimberly Clark & Tara Kilgore;
3's: James & Ruth Ellis; 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

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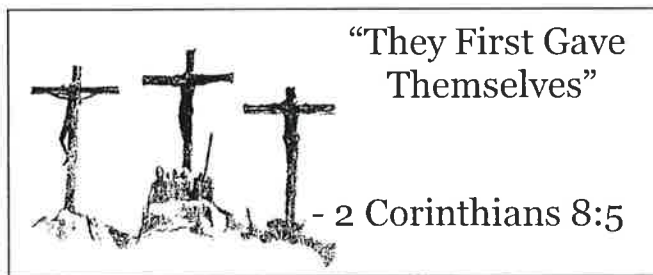
THE LITTLE FOXES

A most interesting line appears in Song of Solomon 2:15 where the Bible says, "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines." The vines produced tender grapes but the vines became spoiled. The vines were not destroyed by wind or hail or drought, but by the "little foxes." It's the little foxes that spoil the vines. How true in life and in the church. Our lives are often filled with frustrations because there doesn't seem to be enough time to get all things done that we need to do. We struggle with priorities -- what needs to be of first importance. It's usually not the catastrophic things that throw us off track -- it's the little foxes, things that may be good in themselves (there's nothing wrong with little foxes), but things that should not take priority over what matters most. To be more specific, rate in order of importance these things: job, recreation, kids, church, prayer, Bible study, sports, TV. Now, look at that list again and ask, how do you think God's list would compare with yours? We can damage our lives by failing to get priorities straight -- it's the little foxes that spoil the vines. Or look at it another way: ask yourself, am I a loving person or a resentful person; a forgiving person or a person who holds grudges; a

person who can be counted on or a person on the fringe; a person who worships with the church or a person who just attends services; a person of prayer or a person who says prayers; a person who does or a person who just talks; a person of conviction or a person of convenience? These are questions that can help us see ourselves more clearly, determine the driving forces of our lives, and understand the directions our lives are taking. We all know what our priorities should be: love God, love the church, love truth, love families, love others, work, rest We know what we should do, what really should matter, but it's "the little foxes that spoil the vines." How is it with you?
- Jay Lockhart

VBS IS FOR ADULTS TOO!!!
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. With Murphy Phillips!!!

Sunday, July 21, we will meet at 5:30 p.m.
Small Groups will meet following the assembly



Sermons for Sunday, July 21, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "Motivation Is The Key"
(2 Corinthians 5:1-8)

5:30 P.M. - Ray Maxwell
Guest speaker

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NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

WOW! What a week we had in Nebraska! 32 of us returned Saturday night after one of the best Nebraska Mission Trips we have ever had. Our teens did an excellent job of preparing and teaching their classes. We also did one of the hardest work projects we have ever done. Our teens were incredible! As most of you know, this is no surprise to me! Thanks to all of the adults who made it possible and kept us going and well fed all week. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 1 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's house. Invite a friend to this special time together.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

IDENTIFYING YOUNG TALENTS & ABILITIES

When my children were born and I held them in my arms, I wondered what will he be; a fireman, a doctor, a policeman, a preacher? What will she accomplish in her life? Will she be a teacher, a nurse, a wife and mother? When I held my grandson in my arms for the first time, I wondered the same thing. How do we know what direction we should help them go? How do we identify their talents and help them develop them?

I would know what to look for if I were coaching a baseball team. At the first practice I could find out which ones were not afraid of a thrown ball, which ones would not turn their head when he tried to catch a ball, and which ones were not afraid of a swinging bat. That's how I would determine who will be my catcher, my shortstop, my first baseman. But when it comes to

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Is everyone ready for Vacation Bible School 2002? I know the staff is ready. We had our first VBS meeting back in late February and since that time we have met three additional times. Everyone knows his or her responsibilities and we are excited about the opportunity that awaits us next week. Parents, make sure that you have your children here on time because we will make every effort to stick to a regimented schedule. It's not too late to fill out a registration form for VBS. You may pick one up at any of the entrances to the building or at the Visitors Center. Please do this as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

Let's remember that VBS is for 3 nights this year. All of our preschoolers will assemble in the Heritage Room. All our kindergartners through 5th graders will gather in the main auditorium for some singing and then they will be dismissed to their various classes. We are trying to put together a 6th-12th

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

There is an important (must attend) meeting Sunday afternoon July 21, at 4:00 for all who plan to participate in the Mexico Mission trip. All parents of those going to Mexico need to be at the meeting at 4:45. We will have a Notary available. See you there!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, July 22. If you are interested in helping please be there from 5:00 - 7:00. We need help serving plates and visiting with the people. Please pray for this ministry as we serve many hungry people.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 21	Small Groups
July 22	West Erwin to Host Karing Kitchen
July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip
July 28	Middle School Devotional

the spiritual realm, how will I recognize the GOD-given talents and abilities so I can lead them in that direction? Who will be the song leaders, the Bible class teachers, the preachers, the deacons, the missionaries? You certainly can't tell just by looking.

We must give young people opportunity to use their talents and identify their places of service to GOD. At West Erwin we use LTC (Leadership Training for Christ) to help us recognize these talents. Summer camp and mission trips help provide opportunities for our young people to exercise their GOD-given talents and abilities. In the very near future we will have a youth led worship service. West Erwin recognizes the importance of helping our children develop in the spiritual realm, but that's not enough. Parents and grandparents, the heavy end of this lies in your hands. Spend time, lots of time, with them and learn what their GOD-given abilities and talents are and you make sure they have opportunities to exercise those gifts. And may GOD give you wisdom and insight.

grade class which will meet in the high school room. Our college age students have been asked to aid us as counselors with each of our groups. Please turn your name in to me as soon as possible if you can help with this. We have only had a couple of names turned in at this time. All of our adults will gather in the small auditorium to hear *Murphy Phillips* present a series of lessons designed specifically for you. Please let me encourage all of our adults to be present for these lessons. I have been encouraging our youth to bring a friend with them to VBS and now let me encourage our adults to bring a friend with them also. Remember, this class has been specifically designed for you so please be present.

Again, the dates for Vacation Bible School 2002 are July 22nd-24th. We will begin at 6:30 p.m. and be finished by 8:00 p.m. Let's all be present and let's support this great effort. We have entitled this years VBS *A Summer Extravaganza* and our learning centers include: (1) *Magic and the Bible*; (2) *Science and the Bible*; and (3) *Food and the Bible*. Each night our students will experience a different learning center so please plan to be present Monday through Wednesday.

IN APPRECIATION

To the Church,

I treasure your love and concern, and I am so grateful for your thoughtfulness. Your prayers, visits, food, calls, and beautiful cards have all been a wonderful source of encouragement to my heart. "The tie that binds our hearts in love" continues to make all the difference. My recovery from surgery seems slow to me, but I am looking forward to being in church soon with all of you.

In Christian love,
Nelda Browning

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the NIV study Bible. I know that will help day to day as I move on in my life.

In Christian Love,
Jessica Kuechle

West Erwin Church of Christ,

I wish to thank you for your cards during my illness. I am a lot better now.

Rebecca Center

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Ray Maxwell has a new e-mail address:

rmaxwell@inebraska.com

PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Governor Rick Perry is surveying Texans about whether we support allowing prayer back in public schools. There is a number to register your opinion and you will talk to a live human being. It only takes a few minutes to call and it's free. The office hours are from 8:00 to 6:00 Monday through Friday. They only ask if you are in favor or opposed to prayer in public schools. The office reports only 20,000 calls since the survey began in November. The toll free number is 800-252-9600.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and come short again and again; who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself in a worthy cause, who at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, a t least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

- Theodore Roosevelt

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA will be collecting Campbell soup labels. There will be a box in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for your help.

ETCA is now enrolling in all classes for the fall semester for students age 2 years through twelfth grade. For more information, please call the admissions office at 561-9582.

ETCA has full-time and part-time staff openings for the 2002-2003 school year. Openings include High School: Physics and Chemistry; Elementary - Gifted and Talented teacher. If interested, call the school office at 561-8642.

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NEW ARRIVAL

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ATTENTION LADIES: Mark your calendars! There will be a dinner for all West Erwin ladies in the Family Life Center on Thursday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m. to unveil our COOKBOOK!

THINK ABOUT IT

"A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones" Proverbs 17:22

"The more light you allow within you, the brighter the world you live in will be."

"If you want a kinder world, then behave with kindness; if you want a peaceful world, make peace within."

"The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions - the little, soon forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look or heartfelt compliment."

"The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy."

"We can only learn to love by loving."

"The truth is there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self."

"When life seems grim, grab a hug."

"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world."

"Know your qualifications; realize your responsibilities; grasp your opportunities; banish fear to the side-lines and success is inevitable."



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Bible Class	418	422	384
Worship A.M.	661	560	555
Worship P.M.	354	387	334
Wed. P.M.	358	285	252
Contribution	\$17,683.71	\$21,774.91	\$18,811.98
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 28 and Wednesday, July 31, Andy Fay, ph. 533-8483. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Dorothy Woods is in Olympic Plaza Rehab after knee replacement surgery last Wednesday. Gussie Beaty was hospitalized but is now back at Park Place. David Frick is at home and doing well after surgery last week. Parker and Kenzi Hall, children of Michael & Candace, had a tonsilectomy/adenoid removal Wednesday. John Holbert was hospitalized but is now at home. Jon Sorrells is doing well. Brice Sustaire, son of Kevin and Shelly, has been diagnosed with muscular dystrophy. Peggy Monroe and Elmer Miles are undergoing treatment. Pattie Tate is now at her daughter's home in Lindale. Mozelle Brown, Nelda Browning, Chloe Clark, Debra Elzen, Warren Gray, Joan Jordan, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate and Ben Young are all recovering at home. Continue to remember Kelly Blasko, Blake Lowry's friend, Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister (still in ICU), Ann Hillis, Ginny Wicks' aunt, Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece (in Hospice), and James Smith, Peggy Monroe's grandson. Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, had her other leg amputated last week in Longview. Jim Golden, Rita Sitton's nephew, is facing cancer surgery. Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is having tests. Michael Peters, friend of Tav Culnenner is paralyzed due to injuries in a car accident

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Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Ray Maxwell
ELDERS		
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Dannie Skipper
		Leon Welborn

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SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
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Prayer Will Christian
Scripture Tim Grounds
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Fred Powell Ryan Pool
Stan Perkins Billy Pool
Jeff Parrish Curtis Pruett
Pat Pattillo Brant Prestidge

GREETERS

Eddie & Mary Rogers & Taylor Lemons
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Josh Lowry
John & Susan Steffee & Bryce Murry
Visitor Center: Jack & Johnnie Stringer
& Tom & Beverly Hale

Picking up cards July 28: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Steven Figueroa, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, July 28
Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Toddlers a.m.: Sheri & Valerie Figueroa; Toddlers p.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 3's: Adam & Lisa Bryant; 4's: Kristi Harris & Laura McClenny.

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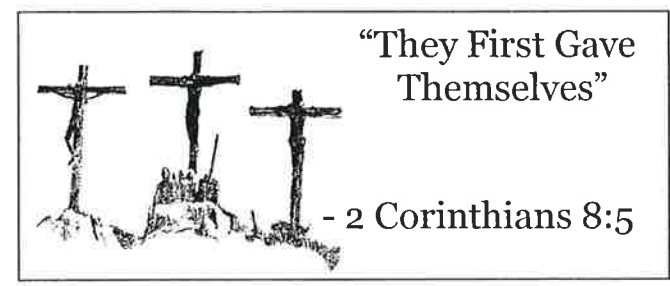
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A GREAT DAY

What a wonderful day we experienced at West Erwin on Sunday! We had one of the largest crowds Sunday morning ever with 661 present and during the day we witnessed two baptized into Christ and six to place membership with us (the names are listed elsewhere in this bulletin). Then on Sunday night we were privileged to hear Ray Maxwell preach. We have had fellowship with the Maxwells in West Point, Nebraska for the past eleven years. When Ray was recommended to us as a possible missionary to Nebraska in 1990, it was a totally dedicated young man who spoke to the church that night in Tyler and we wanted to share in his dream for his home state. Initially, our commitment was for five years, but our Mission committee suggested we expand our involvement to ten years. During these years Danny Snell and other adults, along with a group of teens, have gone

to West Point each summer to conduct a VBS and this annual event has impacted the city in a wonderful way. Additionally, the West Erwin church has helped the brethren in West Point build a building of their own which gives the church a permanent presence in the city. A few years ago when The West Point brethren entered the new building, our VBS group was there and several others from West Erwin went to help them dedicate the building to the service of God. While some of our work in West Point will end at the conclusion of this year, our commitment to the mortgage payment will continue as will our annual VBS and our prayerful support to the Maxwells and the church in West Point. This last Sunday came to an end with many of our groups meeting at various places in Tyler and the surrounding areas and these small groups brought to a close a very good day.



Sermons for Sunday, July 28, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "Living In Harmony"
(Philippians 4:1-3)

P.M. - "The Heritage Of Faith"
(1 Timothy 4:1-3)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As you read this 23 of us will be in Nueva Rosita, Mexico working with the church and conducting a VBS. We are expecting around 80 children from the community to attend the VBS. We are excited about this mission trip. We will be returning on July 31. Please pray for our safety, good health, & the children coming to the VBS.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who came to the Karing Kitchen this past week. We had lots of help and even some new faces. We cooked 200 hamburgers and fed over 90 people. Thanks for all your help. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday in the Family Life Center.

Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot are cooking supper and it will be great! Barry Scarborough will be leading the devotional. Join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 1 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's house. We will watch a movie afterwards. We will be finished at 10:30. Invite a friend to this special time together.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Join us Sunday, Aug. 4, for the evening worship. Our teens will lead worship and we'll show you our summer!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 26-31	Mexico Mission Trip
July 28	Middle School Devotional
Aug. 1	High School Bible Study
Aug. 4	Combined Devotional
Aug. 11	High School Activity
Aug. 18	Small Groups
Aug. 25	City Wide Worship & Youth Devotional

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

How To Nurture A Grudge

If you have been wronged, hurt, or offended you could be the proud owner of a grudge. And if properly cared for, your grudge will give you a lifetime of companionship. The following instructions will help you get started.

Your newfound friend is very delicate and depends totally on you. Therefore, you must nurse it or it will die. Infant grudges thrive on active memories, so spend time each day recalling exactly how you were hurt or offended. If your memory begins to fade, just replace it with your emotional response to the event. Impress the hurt, disappointment, or outrage deeply into your heart. You'll find these feelings are much more durable than factual memory anyway. Should you need to recall the details later, you can always manufacture some to fit these embedded emotions.

Another great way to help develop your grudge is to assign the worst possible motives to your offender. It's great fun and baby grudges love to hear the story of their birth. With each retelling, they seem to grow.... Especially when in the presence of sympathetic listeners. CAUTION:

Be sure your audience are the kind who will tell you how justified your grudge is. If you surround yourself with others who already own pet grudges, you can't go wrong.

Grudges love freshly gathered insults, whether real or imagined. A good method is called "baiting." It's where you entice the offender to offend you again. So when you see him, give him a dirty look, or make a snide remark just loud enough to be overheard. Unless your adversary is really Christ-like, he will reply in kind. Such spiteful comments are very nourishing for your grudge.

Gossip is also nutritious. I have found if you let your friends know you need fodder for your grudge they will go all out and do the baiting and harvesting for you.

Last of all, as with any new pet, there are certain costs in ownership. First is the limiting of friendships. You can't have any friends who do not approve of your grudge. You'll find as your grudge grows it will require more of your time and will eventually alienate those closest to you. Expensive, yes, but just bask in the warmth of self-righteousness that fills you when you pet your grudge. Rejoice in the shrewd sense of superiority it brings you. Nothing can bring such pleasure!

Next week, we'll discuss some of the enemies that have been known to completely destroy full-grown grudges.

workers who took care of (1) refreshments, (2) crafts, (3) attendance, (4) traffic control, & (5) leading the kids. Thanks.

When I first arrived here almost 2 years ago, I was informed that Camp Deer Run fell under my umbrella. I was not at all satisfied with the results after the first year of camp. Some of our little ones attended the Deer Run Day Camp but hardly anyone attended regular camp. Well, it is surprising the difference that one year makes. This year we had several of our youth to attend both the regular camp sessions as well as the day camp. Camp is an exciting time for our youth. I well remember attending church camp in Missouri and I liked it so much that I would go at least two times a summer. At the age of 18, the director of the camp jokingly reminded me that that would be my last year, that I wouldn't be eligible to attend anymore. He was right, at least as far as a camper goes, but I did return as a counselor for a couple of years and then for 7 years I had the opportunity of directing a week long session of camp. Church camp impacted my life and it gave me some lifetime friends as well as allowed me the opportunity to mature in Christ. Parents, make plans right now to involve your kids in camp next year: you won't regret it.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It's over! Our annual Vacation Bible School has come and gone and it was a great success. I am always filled with a variety of emotions during our VBS. I am anxious and intimidated. I am excited and nervous. I am exhilarated and exhausted. It is amazing the effect that such a program has on educational ministers, but it is my understanding that this is the normal way that we react to VBS. We surely are blessed here at West Erwin to have so many able bodied workers who are willing to donate their time, talent and energy to this program. We have teachers who started planning their learning centers way back in February. They added to their original thoughts and then tweaked those thoughts to finally arrive at the lessons that they conducted this week. Those lessons were fantastic! Let's commend all of our teachers for an outstanding job during VBS. Let's also be extremely thankful for all of our behind the scenes

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for **Bernice Parrish**, Jeff Parrish's grandmother. Services were held last Saturday in Arkansas for **Mike Baldwin**, Dan Baldwin's dad. Services were held Monday in Bryan, Texas for **Clarence Cobb**, Debra Osbourne's dad. **Virginia Hillin**, Frances McBee's mother, died Monday morning in Wichita Falls. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

Honoring

Heather West

Bride-elect of Phil Musser

August 10, 10:00 - 11:30

Family Life Center

Selections: Dillard's

R.L. Davis (online - see Jean West)

Sorry to lose

Dwayne & Kathy Bryant & family have moved to Fort Worth. Terry & Vicki Warren are now worshipping with the University congregation.

W.O.W. (Women of West Erwin)

SENSATIONAL SAMPLING

Thursday, August 1, 6:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Please come and taste a variety of dishes that are included in our new cookbook, *What's Cookin'*. (You do not need to bring a dish unless you receive a call). At this time you will have the opportunity to purchase a cookbook. Also you will be provided information regarding the Women's Ministry at West Erwin. If you are not involved, you may sign up to work in areas you choose. If you are already involved and wish to, you may change areas of ministry involvement.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. The times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-2:15 for infants through pre-K. For more information, please call Terry Shaw at 839-8377 or the church office at 592-0809.

THINK ABOUT IT

"Under the magnetism of friendship the modest man becomes bold; the shy, confident; the lazy, active; or the impetuous, prudent and peaceful."

"The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

PRAYER IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Governor Rick Perry is surveying Texans about whether we support allowing prayer back in public schools. There is a number to register your opinion and you will talk to a live human being. It only takes a few minutes to call and it's free. The office hours are from 8:00 to 6:00 Monday through Friday. They only ask if you are in favor or opposed to prayer in public schools. The office reports only 20,000 calls since the survey began in November. The toll free number is 800-252-9600.



We rejoice with **Ashley Laird** in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Ashley is the daughter of Sue Ellen Laird and granddaughter of Evelyn Messer. Their address is 2040 Baker Dr., 75702, ph. 593-2009.

Trisha DeMoss was baptized Sunday evening by Kyle Stowers. She is a friend of Kyle's who has been attending with him. Her address is 2 San Saba, Bullard, 75757, ph. 825-3512.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Carroll** and **Cherrie Magee** back home to Tyler and West Erwin. Their address is 400 Bunker, 75703, ph. 894-4676.

Daniel and **Carol Morgan** worked with this congregation before returning to the mission field in Cuiaba, Brazil. We know they will continue to be a great asset to the Lord's work. Their address is 10565 Rolling Pines, 75707, ph. 780-7253.

Carlos and **Emma Morgan** have been attending here for some time and have made known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Their address is 6716 LaCosta Dr., 75703, ph. 581-9680.

We are delighted to welcome these families into this church family. They will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord at this place.

SHARING GOOD NEWS

Hannah Hughes, daughter of Shannon Hughes, granddaughter of Hillard & Jeanine Hughes and great granddaughter of Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, was recently baptized in Longview.

Stephen Browning, grandson of Nelda Browning and son of Kenny & Carlotta Browning, was recently baptized in Fort Worth.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA will be collecting Campbell soup labels. There will be a box in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for your help.

ETCA is now enrolling in all classes for the fall semester for students age 2 years through twelfth grade. For more information, please call the admissions office at 561-9582.

ETCA has a part-time staff opening for the 2002-2003 school year. Elementary - Gifted and Talented teacher. If interested, call the school office at 561-8642.

SPECIAL EVENT

The Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Marshall, Texas invites you to hear Wallace Alexander, writer and publisher, as he examines selected historical accounts of "Encounters With Jesus." Friday, July 26 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. And Saturday, July 27 from 9:30 a.m. - noon (lunch will be provided).

PEARLS OF WISDOM

- The only time you run out of chances is when you stop taking them.
- Making a living is not the same things as making a life.
- Every exit is an entrance to someplace else.
- Your self-worth is more important than your net worth.
- Anger is like the blade of a butcher knife - very difficult to hold onto for long without harming yourself.
- You can't smooth out the surf, but you can learn to ride the waves.
- Look at life through the windshield, not the rearview mirror.
- Don't try to change the wind -- change the sails.

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Records	Sunday July 28	Sunday July 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	368	418	343
Worship A.M.	561	661	446
Worship P.M.	336	354	306
Wed. P.M.	336	358	252
Contribution	\$18,747.70	\$17,683.71	\$18,030.81
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00	(\$1,223 per week under budget)	
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 4 and Wednesday, Aug. 7, Tommy Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Ruth Mezell is in Mother Frances after a heart attack Tuesday, will have angioplasty. Winona Shankle is at home after surgery Tuesday. Caysi Bynum had ear surgery Tuesday. Dorothy Woods is at home after recent knee replacement surgery. David Frick is doing well after recent surgery. Peggy Monroe and Elmer Miles are undergoing treatment. Pattie Tate is now at her daughter's home in Lindale. Mozelle Brown, Chloe Clark, Warren Gray, Joan Jordan, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate and Ben Young are all recovering at home. Continue to remember Gussie Beaty, Kelly Blasko, Blake Lowry's friend, Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister (still in ICU), Jim Golden, Rita Sitton's nephew, Ann Hillis, Ginny Wicks' aunt, Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, Michael Peters, friend of Jay Culpepper, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece (in Hospice), Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, and Brice Sustaie, son of Kevin and Shelly. Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, had to have additional surgery in Longview. Bennie Bynum, Jay Bynum's mother, had back surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Keith Harshbarger, Judith Harshbarger's dad, has terminal cancer. Jim Linga, Doris Kennedy's nephew, crushed his heel in a fall. Theron Snell, Danny Snell's dad, has been hospitalized in the valley with heart problems but is now at home.

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Scripture Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Joe McBee

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Jamon Kirby

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Young Men, Danny Snell, and Dave Christy will conduct the evening service

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Charles Rachui Eddie Rogers
Doug Ragsdale Jordan Rousseau
Chris Reynolds Trey Rousseau
Dan Richardson Todd Roberts

GREETERS
James & Connie Sublette & Brandon Lott
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Lindsey Lott
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Tyler Lott
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts & Maggie Craddock

Picking up cards Aug. 4 & 11: Michael Ragsdale, Ryan Haws, Justin Parrish, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, August 4
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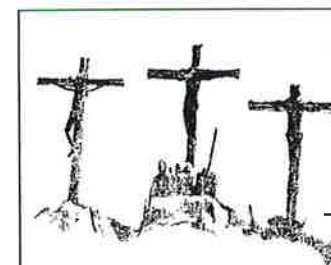
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THE RESTORATION PLEA AND BALANCE

The appeal for the restoration of New Testament Christianity has been made in America for at least 200 years. Early in our country's history men like James O'Kelly in North Carolina, Abner Jones in Vermont, and Elias Smith in New Hampshire called for the acknowledgment of Christ as the only head over the church, the Bible as the only creed for believers, followers of Christ to be known as Christians only, and baptism by immersion. Similar pleas were made by Barton W. Stone in Kentucky, Thomas and Alexander Campbell in Virginia, and Walter Scott in Ohio. These men began to say, "Let us speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent," and they preached baptism for the remission of sins. Many others joined their ranks and the call for restoration was accepted by thousands far and wide. The churches of Christ in America are heirs of the Restoration Movement. There were some definite strengths in the plea for restoration which included a high view of Scripture (the restorationists called for biblical authority for beliefs and practices), no church organization larger than the local church with elders and deacons, the conviction that the New Testament presents a pattern for the church and salvation. There are also weaknesses in the history of restoration. One is that emphasis was upon forms (how the first century church did things) with, it seems, little emphasis upon the development of the spirit of Christ

within (emphasis upon the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law). Second, there came to be more focus on man's activities (work) than on God's activity (grace). There came to be an attitude of exclusiveness and judgmental attitudes with the drawing of human lines of acceptance more than an attitude of unity upon what the Bible actually said (this was a definite move away from what the early restoration preachers said). All of this led to the extreme of legalism rather than the pursuit of "in matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; and in all things, love." This extremism on the right gave opportunity for extremes on the left and now many have given up the plea for restoration as an impossible, undesirable, and impractical dream. However, the restoration plea is valid (I Peter 4:11). So, our options are not the either/or of extremes but the both/and of walking within the guidelines of Scripture and placing emphasis upon Scripture as a pattern (2 Timothy 1:13) and hearts that love God; upon God's grace and man's response of faith; upon teaching truth in humility and upon allowing God to be the judge of all men; the avoidance of legalism and liberalism; and upon accepting the New Testament rather than human opinions as our guide. We need balance as we seek to declare "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27) and as we commit ourselves to turn neither "to the right hand or to the left" of God's Word.

- Jay Lockhart



"They First Gave
Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, August 4, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "On Pleasing God"
(Hebrews 13:20-21)
P.M. - Young Men, Danny Snell, and Dave Christy
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MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As of this writing (Tuesday) 24 of us are in Nueva Rosita, Mexico working with the church and conducting a VBS. On Monday we had 40 students, and on Tuesday we had 66. It is hot but everything is going well and everyone has stayed well. We will be home late Wednesday. Please pray for our safety, good health, & for the children of Nueva Rosita.

THANKS

A special thanks to Barry and Mary Scarborough and Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot for hosting the Middle School Devo last week!

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Join us Sunday, Aug. 4, for the evening worship. Our teens will lead worship and we'll show you where we've been and what we've done this summer!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 8 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to this special time together.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

We will have a combined devotional this Sunday, August 4, following the evening worship assembly. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. Bring a friend!

IMPORTANT DATES

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

How To Disarm A Grudge

Last week we all but said that full-grown grudges will turn on their owners and devour them. However, the following substances have been determined to be an antitoxin to grudges even in very small amounts.

1. Prayer

Asking GOD to help you work through it. I Thessalonians 5:17 simply says "pray continually." Day and night, ask GOD for help.

2. Friends

People who love you enough to risk losing your approval.

3. Truth

Truth is referred to as a belt in Ephesians 6:14. Truth, then, is part of your clothing as a Christian.

4. Genuine Humility

This includes awareness of one's own sins against others.

6. Face to face discussion with your antagonist.

Communication is the beginning of resolution.

7. Involvement in good works.

"If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks" (Ecclesiastes 10:18). Get busy doing the things GOD (not Satan) has prepared you to do (Ephesians 2:10).

8. GOD's Word

"All Scripture is GOD-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness ..." (2 Timothy 3:16). Matthew 18:21-35, the parable of the unmerciful servant. The complete story of the cross where the sinless Son of GOD died, pleading, "Father, forgive them."

Do not let grudges devour you. Use what GOD has already given you to control them.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm noticing a dramatic change in our attendance on Wednesday evenings that I think is worthy of mentioning in this bulletin article. Just two years ago we were averaging 250 in our mid week services and now we have grown to consistently being over 300. Virtually all church growth experts acknowledge that the best growth to have is a steady, consistent growth. It isn't always a healthy thing to get a tremendous influx of people all at once. Generally it is hard to assimilate these members and it might also mean that another congregation has suffered the loss of that many members. Of course, it also isn't a healthy thing to be plateaued or declining for lack of growth. Too many churches today have become stagnant in their growth. However, Wednesday evening attendance (perhaps more than at any other time during the week) might also be a gauge of spiritual maturity. Parents, thanks for caring enough about your children to make sure that they are here each and every opportunity that our doors are opened. You won't regret it.

MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

Mary had a little boy, his soul was white as snow.
But he never went to Bible school, 'cause Mary wouldn't go.
He missed the story of Christ that thrills the childish mind.
While other children learned of God, this child was left behind.
As he grew from babe to youth she saw to her dismay
A soul that once was snowy white become a dingy gray.
Realizing now that he was lost, she tried to win him back.
By now the soul that once was white had turned an ugly black.
She even begged the preacher, "Isn't there something you can do?"
The preacher tried and failed and said, "We're just too far behind."
I tried to tell you years ago, but you would pay no mind.
And so another soul is lost that once was white as snow.
Bible study would have helped but Mary wouldn't go.

Parents, in our society today, it is tough enough to "train up our children in the way that they should go," when we take them to class; don't make it any harder by missing class.

IN APPRECIATION

We are blessed to have such a loving church family. Thank you for the flowers, cards and the prayers for our family during this time. Everyone has been a great help in support. Once again, thank you for everything.

In Christian Love,
Dan & Debbie Baldwin

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers for my recovery, the cards and calls, and especially the Carruths and the Marts for the food brought to my home. Thanks for your care and concern.

David Frick

RESPONSE

Chris Reynolds came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might meet the challenges in his life as God would have him to.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Curtis and Mary Lu Pruett on the birth of a new granddaughter! Abigail Elizabeth Pruett was born in Florida July 26. She weighed 5 lb. 14 oz.

Congratulations to Doris Kennedy on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Tayllor Ashton Lane was born July 24 to Todd and Kim Lane. She weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Richard Gregory is a proud great uncle.

SUMMER FUN ON FRIDAYS

August 5, Sonic on South Broadway at 9:30 a.m. Sonic serves breakfast so they will be open for snacks, etc. This is for parents and children from preschool through elementary school. Invite a friend ... Everyone welcome!

NEW ADDRESS: Todd & Kenna Kempton, 11508 CR 168, 75703, ph. 534-1652.

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WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. The times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-2:15 for infants through pre-K. For more information, please call Terry Shaw at 839-8377 or the church office at 592-0809. We believe that this school is an outreach program to the Tyler area. We believe in the philosophy of children learning through play, and we incorporate God into everything that we do. Our staff consists of Christian women whose goals are to create a loving and caring environment in which to teach children. We are always in need of teachers, aides, and substitutes. If you are interested in joining an important and rewarding ministry, please contact Terry Shaw.

THINK ABOUT IT

"Be life long or short, its completeness depends on what it stands for."

"Every person has a heart, and if you can reach it, you can make a difference."



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

Honoring

Heather West

Bride-elect of Phil Musser

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Family Life Center

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R.L. Davis (online - see Jean West)

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INTEGRITY

Integrity is an important factor in our lives and in the Lord's church. The word integrity means "wholeness or unbroken condition." Quite a person who does what you say you will do. You can be depended upon. Your word is your bond. Leaders with integrity can be trusted to carry out their work. Author Richard C. Halverson said, "Sure we believe in freedom of speech. You've got the right to say anything you like. But others don't have to listen! They're under no obligation to tune you in. When they do, they can also tune you out anytime they wish. Your right to speak is guaranteed - but you must earn the right to be listened to. It depends solely on your integrity. Integrity is the prerequisite to acceptance. If you expect to be paid attention to, back it up with your life. Let your walk correspond to your talk." This is fundamental to your witness for Christ. Many so-called Christians listen too little, talk too much, and live lives that contradict what they say. Their witness betrays Christ and alienates those to whom they speak. Jesus said, "why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" Maintaining your integrity requires that we put a firm stake in the ground and say with determination, "This is it. The buck stops here. I will play by the rules, I will stop making excuses, and I will make my private life consistent with my public life." Let us as Christians take the stand that Job took and say with confidence, "As long as I have life within me, and the breath of God in my nostrils, my lips will not speak wickedness, and my tongue will utter no deceit. Till I die, I will not deny my integrity. I will maintain my righteousness and never let go of it; my conscience will not reproach me as long as I live" (Job 27:3-6). Nothing is more irritating than to have someone tell you that they are going to do something and then that person decides that the commitment made was too complicated, too bothersome, too time consuming, too ... whatever. When we make a commitment or a promise to someone, let's determine to do what we say we will do! What has happened to our commitments in our marriages, commitments to our families, our employers, and especially to our Lord? What would we think of God if He had not kept His promises to us .. of a Savior, of supplying all our needs, of giving us peace, of the gift of the Holy Spirit, of eternal life in heaven with Him? Where would be our hope?"

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Bible Class	404	368	388
Worship A.M.	644	561	586
Worship P.M.	362	336	406
Wed. P.M.	336	336	260
Contribution	20,337.49	\$18,747.70	\$17,286.79
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00	(\$1,223 per week under budget)	
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Dismiss Charles Westerfeld

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Charles Rachui Eddie Rogers
Doug Ragsdale Jordan Rousseau
Chris Reynolds Trey Rousseau
Dan Richardson Todd Roberts

GREETERS

Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meggie Wagner
Chris & Kathy Waggener & Dustin Yates
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
& Ron & Sharri Brock

Picking up cards Aug. 11: Michael Ragsdale, Ryan Haws, Justin Parrish, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, August 11

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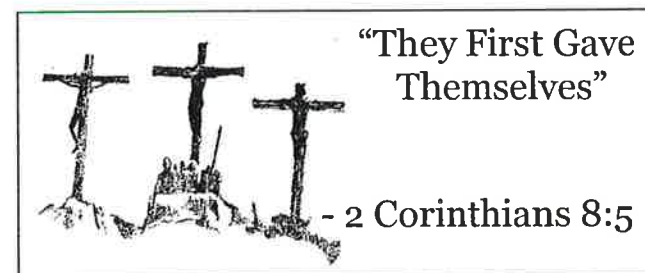
THE LORD'S DAY

He was an elderly saint, perhaps in his 90's, and he was separated from those he loved ... separated because he had been banished to an island called Patmos for preaching Jesus. He is John, an apostle of Jesus Christ, and undoubtedly the last one living of the twelve Jesus had chosen. It was the Lord's day and John was in the spirit of worship. Although he was separated from his brethren, he was not alone -- it was the special day of worship and John communed with his Lord. The Lord's Day has always been significant to Christians. It is the first day of the week, the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the day the church began, and the day first century Christians met for special purposes ... including the Lord's Supper and the contribution. In our day, following the example of the Christians of the New Testament era, we come together on the Lord's Day to celebrate the death and resurrection of Christ as we come to the table. It is a day upon which we worship God in praise, petition, and thanksgiving. It is a day upon which we study God's Word together as a family. It is a day upon which we give back to God out of His bounty. It is the Lord's Day. How did we arrive at the concept of the the "Lord's Hour"? It seems to me that some Christians have a basic flaw in their approach to the

"I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day" - Revelation 1:10

Lord's Day and the flaw is this: the worship assembly on Sunday morning must be limited to about one hour so that they can get on with what they want to do for the rest of the day. Now, all of us are aware that, for many reasons, we must be conscious of time. But, where did we come up with the "Lord's Hour"? We spend twice that amount of time watching a movie and three times that amount of time watching a football or baseball game on TV (overtime or extra innings make these games especially interesting). However, when it comes to the worship of God an hour is our limit. The fact is, we are far too time conscious when it comes to the things of God. Those who plan and lead our worship are always aware of the time, but sometimes there are circumstances that cause us to run a little longer than we do at other times (baptisms, people asking for prayers or placing membership, and special announcements). Why not relax, participate and enjoy our time together in the assemblies of the saints? For some reason I am thinking of a passage of Scripture right now: "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Think about it.

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, August 11, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

A.M. - "The Holy Life"
(I Peter 2:1-10)

P.M. - "By All Means Save Some"
(I Timothy 4:12-16)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

THANKS!

Thanks to our young men for a great job Sunday night!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We had an awesome mission trip to Mexico last week. The VBS was well attended with 80 on our last day. Our brothers and sisters in Nueva Rosita are some of the best folks I know and we have really grown to love them dearly. We look forward to our work with them in the future. A special thanks to our adult sponsors for making this trip possible: Leah Russell, Pattie Grounds, Claude Figueroa, Henry McRuiz, Curt Jordan, Trey Rousseau, Ken Culpepper, and Dave Christy. Thanks to Leah & Derek Russell for doing an excellent job of putting together our curriculum and teaching the classes. Those of us who are limited by the language barrier are always very grateful for our wonderful translators. Thanks!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 15 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to this special time together.

DAVE...

This is Dave Christy's last week with us. Dave has been a blessing to us this summer and he will be a blessing to young people in years to come as he works in youth ministry. He will be leaving after church on Sunday, so be sure and pat him on the back. Dave will have a parting article in next week's bulletin.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
FOR MEN ONLY

"Fight the Battles: Standing Our Ground Against Pornography" Scott Strother, minister at Altamesa Church of Christ in Fort Worth, will be speaking at our area-wide men's seminar on September 28, 2002. He is coming to equip the men of Tyler (and the surrounding area) for victory over the sinful addiction of pornography. Please be marking your calendars for this event. We are looking for hundreds of men to gather at West Erwin on that Saturday. This article is the breaking news for this event, but you will be hearing much more as the day approaches.

I wish for you

Comfort on difficult days,
Smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow the clouds,
Laughter to kiss your lips,
Sunsets to warm your heart,

Gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten your being,
Beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
Faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself,
Patience to accept truth,
And love to complete your life.
I asked the Lord to bless you
As I prayed for you today
To guide you and protect you
As you go along your way.
His love is always with you,
His promises are true.
No matter what the tribulation
You know He will see you through.
So when the road you're traveling on
Seems difficult at best,
Give your problems to the Lord
And He will do the rest

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wednesday Evening Adult Class Schedule for Fall 2002

Sing Joyfully class will continue to meet in the Heritage room. Jerry Huff coordinates this class.

We Bow Down is a study that our ladies will be engaged in on Wednesday evenings in the chapel. Arlene Lockhart is the coordinator for this class. This study was put together by five Christian ladies so please be a part of this class as our ladies look at worship through the eyes of Christian women.

Anchor Man is a book that was written by Steve Farrar as a sequel to **Point Man**. Tim Grounds will be meeting in room 112 to discuss this book with our men as it correlates with various scriptures from the Bible. Yes! We are beginning a "Men's Class." All of our men are encouraged to attend this class if at all possible. It should be an interesting study. Tim always does a great job with his class.

Finding Your Place In Ministry will resume after a short lay off due to a hectic summer schedule. Don Crawford will be teaching this class in the Family Life Center. This is the fourth time this class has been offered and it is a vital part of assimilating our membership. This class will last for five consecutive weeks. If you haven't already taken this class, please sign up for it at the Visitor's Center.

Financial Stewardship will be taught by Hillard Hughes in room 111. Several of our members have requested that this class be taught. It will be geared toward our young married couples but anyone is welcome to attend. This class will emphasize the biblical approach to managing your finances.

Conflict Resolutions is another course that we will be offering and this class will be taught by David Frick in room 114. David has prepared his materials to last for 13 weeks. Please sign up at the Visitor's Center for this class.

Rebuilding the Walls: The Continuing Restoration. Since we are now filming The Search on Sunday mornings, Jay Lockhart will have a regular class in the small auditorium on the restoration movement. Many of our members enjoyed a similar study last winter.

IN APPRECIATION

I am sincerely grateful for all your prayers, cards, visits, food, and expressions of love. All of these things have made my recovery from knee surgery faster than I had anticipated. It is a blessing to be a part of the West Erwin family. With love to each of you.
Dorothy Woods

Thank you for the many beautiful cards, the flowers, and expressions of sympathy at the death of my mother. Your love for us is very special.
Joe & Frances McBee

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Will and Stephanie Christian on the adoption of a baby boy! Matthew Samuel was born June 10 and joined the Christian family last week.

Congratulations to Danny and Cassandra Estes on the birth of a baby boy August 3. Samuel Luke weighed 6 lb. 7 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday in Lufkin for Bert DuPree, Daniel DuPree's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

Sorry to lose.....

"Due to a transfer with my company, our family will be moving to Midland, Texas. Our last Sunday here at West Erwin will be Sunday August 11. It has been a privilege for our family to have worshipped and worked with the West Erwin congregation for the past 12 years. We will miss each of you, and ask for your prayers as we make our move."
- Marc Tate

Marc Tate has served as a deacon at West Erwin since September 1991. He and his family will be missed but we wish them well in their new home.

Rodney & Charlotte Rhea are now worshipping with the Broadway congregation.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Daniel & Carol Morgan, 10565 Rolling Pines, 75707, ph. 566-1870

Pat & Laurie Pattillo, mail: P.O. Box 552, Lindale, 75771

YOUNG AT HEART

The Shiloh Road congregation invites area seniors to their annual **Ice Cream Supper** Friday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Shiloh church building. Please sign up by Sunday, August 11, at the Visitor's Center if you plan to attend.

OBSERVATIONS FROM A COUNSELOR

After several decades of working with people, listening to them and counseling them, I have made the following observations:

- The joyful people are those who are generous and kind; the miserable people are those who are selfish and unforgiving.
- The problem solvers are those whose lives are powered by faith and optimism; the problem people are those whose lives are drained by doubts and pessimism.
- The winners are those who have learned to take full responsibility for their actions; the losers are those who have a handy excuse for their failures.

-- William Arthur Ward

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly D. Bell

and

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hale

Invite you to share in the celebration
of the marriage uniting their children

Amanda Christine

to

Joel Lance

on Saturday, the seventeenth of August
two thousand two

at three o'clock in the afternoon

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W.O.W.

(Women of West Erwin)

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

"We don't change God's message - His message changes us."

"Prayer lights the pathway to peace."

"Honesty makes us real in a world of pretend."

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

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Scripture Michael Hall
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Tim Grounds
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Gene Moon
Scripture Wesley Hilliard
Dismiss Ron Brock

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Derek Russell Charles Starr
Barry Scarborough Dr. Dennis Stansbury
Doug Scroggins Tony Smith
Dannie Skipper Bill Smith

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Ray & Carolyn Womack & Cameron Ables
Dan & Debbie Baldwin & Cayti Bynum
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Tyler DuVall
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
& Melvin & Nina Crow

Picking up cards Aug. 18: Casey Bellar, Jeffrey Scarborough, Chris Scroggins, Spencer Shaw, Geo. Richardson

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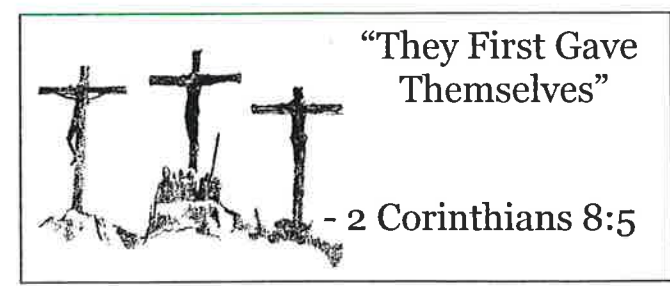
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WHAT KIND OF CHURCH IS THIS?

When Christians from different cities visit together and the subject of church comes up, the question may be asked, "What about the church where you are?" Even when we know a church very well, we can neither know it like Jesus knew the churches of Asia in Revelation 2-3 nor speak for every member in a congregation. However, even from our limited viewpoints we can know a great deal about a church. After eighteen years with the West Erwin church I feel that I know this church pretty well. What do I know? *First*, I know that this church loves God's Word. Recently I had the congregation give a show of hands as to how many were here eighteen years ago and how many had come in the last eighteen years. Interestingly enough, more folks held up hands on that Sunday morning identifying themselves as those who had come to us in the last eighteen years than those who had been here longer than eighteen years. I am convinced that the vast majority of those who come to West Erwin do so because of our respect for and our teaching of Scripture. *Second*, this is a friendly church. Nearly everyone who visits here speaks of the warmth of our welcome to our guests. Of course, people can come in and get out quickly and miss that welcome, but this church is friendly. *Third*,

this is a generous church. We give about \$35 per attendee on Sunday mornings each week toward a budget of \$21,000. Whenever a special need arises we always answer the call and it is interesting that when we have special contributions the giving comes from across the membership -- young and old and those who have much and those who have little. We are a giving church. *Fourth*, we are a caring church. Consider over 150 meals we serve each week to the poor, the elderly, the bereaved, the parents of newborns, and those who are ill. Consider the concern shown to those in the hospital, newcomers, and visitors to our services by going to them with Christian love. Consider those who work in our benevolent center who distribute clothing each week to those in need. *Fifth*, we are an evangelistic church. Here I am thinking of our work in Nebraska, Africa, Mexico, Florida, Cuba, Brazil, and Eastern Europe as well as our Search audio and video tapes and transcripts which go to various places in the United States, Canada, and other foreign countries. *Sixth*, we have elders who are trying very hard to be shepherds and this is seen in the many times they go to the sheep who have special needs. That's the kind of church this is and I'm happy to be a part of it I know you are too!

- Jay Lockhart



**Sermons for Sunday, August 18, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

10:00 A.M. - "The Mark Of The Christian"
(Romans 12:-18)

5:30 P.M. - "On Loving The Church"
(I Timothy 5:1-8)

Small Groups meet after services

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Youth With Heart... by Danny & Dave

DAVE'S FINAL THOUGHTS

As I sit and think of how best to thank all of you for your support and how to tell all of you how much you mean to me, I'm at an utter loss. My experiences with the youth group this summer have been even better than those of last year and I know that it would not have been so were it not for your love and support for me. I thank you with utmost sincerity; I love you all deeply and hope to see you again soon.

THANKS!

Thanks to Brody Clark for teaching my class this past weekend.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Aug. 29 will be our next Bible study. We will meet at 7:00 at the Snell's home.

SKI TRIP

Teens and families, we are planning another ski trip for this winter. We are planning to ski in Breckenridge on Jan. 1-3. If you are interested in going, please come to a meeting in the Heritage room this Sunday at 5:00. We will have details and a sign up list available. We are reserving a certain number of spots and a deposit is required to reserve your spot.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

To the brotherhood at West Erwin:

Beloved of God! Our wish is that you will have in you the peace of God and that God may bless you richly. The church of north Tyler appreciates all the things you have given to help the families of our congregation. May God multiply your work. For we know that any work we do for our God is not in vain. In your acts of kindness you have shown how the first century church in Jerusalem responded to their needs (Acts 11:29-30).

In the name of our congregation, especially from the families who received these goods from you, they give thanks for your help. We ask for your prayers that this congregation will continue to grow for the glory of God.
From: Iglesia De Cristo, 9011 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706
Preacher: Israel Sandoval

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

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September 28, 2002

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meet this Sunday
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WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

to start back
September 4, 2002

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Sunday Morning Adult Class Schedule for Fall 2002

Our study on integrity is about to conclude so we will once again be on our regular class curriculum schedule. Before I remind all of you regarding the fall schedule, let me thank all of our teachers who participated in our study on integrity. It was an outstanding study.

Forest McFadden will conduct a study on the book of I Corinthians in the main auditorium.

Wally Dawkins will begin a study entitled Christian Parenting. This class meets in the Family Life Center.

The Builders class that meets in the Heritage Room will participate in a study taken from the book of John. The Builders class will be taught by Ira Wilson.

Jay Lockhart's class will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall. Their study for the fall quarter will be from the book of Revelation.

The Boomers class will focus their attention on a study from the book of Acts entitled Everything You Wanted To Know About the Church, But Were Afraid To Ask. Ray Varnoy teaches this class and it meets in the chapel.

The small auditorium class will begin a study on The Parables of Christ. Danny Craddock will be the teacher in this class.

Hillard Hughes will continue his study from the book of Romans. This class meets in room 112.

The Sunday morning ladies class that meets in room 114 will continue their study from the book of I Corinthians. Sue Starnes and Dr. Anita Peek will teach this class.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

This is a thank you and a testimony to the power of prayer. My sister, though still critical, will recover from a lung disease which has a 53% mortality rate. This disease nearly, but for the power of prayer, took her life. Please continue to pray as Angela begins a long recovery and know how thankful we are for you and your prayers.

In His Love,
The Scroggins, Bowen, and
Dacus Families

West Erwin Church,

Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, cards and food. My recovery from surgery is going well. The love and support of the West Erwin family makes everything a lot easier.

Love,
Jerry Howard

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Athens for Addie Wood, Barbara Fay's mother. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Edmond, Oklahoma for John King, Betty Bray's dad. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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THINK ABOUT IT

"Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things bright. Love makes all things easy."

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

"Love is the reason behind everything God does."

"The earth is filled with His tender love." Psalm 33:5

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BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Annual Boles Children's Home Golf Tournament will be at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall, Texas on September 12, 2002. It's a fun way to help children! For more information, please check the bulletin board across from the office.

RESPONSE

John Pace came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family as he seeks peace in his heart and in his family.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly D. Bell

and

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Hale
Invite you to share in the celebration
of the marriage uniting their children

Amanda Christine

to

Joel Lance

on Saturday, the seventeenth of August

at three o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702

Reception immediately following ceremony

SORRY TO LOSE....

Dear West Erwin Family,

I will be moving to Fort Worth this Friday to be closer to Charis and her family. West Erwin and Tyler will always be dear to my heart and I will be back to visit. I will be worshipping at Heritage Church of Christ. I cannot put into words the joy, comfort, and strength you have given me and my family over the years. The Lord has blessed me with such great Christian friends through happy times and difficult times. I have wonderful memories to keep you close in my heart. As I leave, I need your continued prayers as I make this transition and adjust to retirement, a new apartment, and a whole new chapter in my life. I will keep you in my prayers.

Love,

Nancy McCoy

New address: 5101 Springlake Pkwy. #912, Haltom City, TX 76117. Nancy will be greatly missed at West Erwin.

SYMPTOMS OF INNER PEACE

Be on the lookout for symptoms of inner peace. The hearts of a great many have already been exposed to inner peace and it is possible that people everywhere could come down with it in epidemic proportions. This could pose a serious threat to what has been, up to now, a fairly stable condition of conflict in the world. Some signs to look for:

- A tendency to think and act spontaneously rather than on fears based on past experience.
- An unmistakable ability to enjoy each moment.
- A loss of interest in judging other people.
- A loss of interest in interpreting the actions of others.
- A loss of interest in conflict.
- A loss of the ability to worry. (This is a very serious symptom).
- Frequent overwhelming episodes of appreciation.
- Contented feelings of connectedness with others and nature.
- Frequent attacks of smiling.
- An increasing tendency to let things happen rather than make them happen.
- An increased susceptibility to the love offered by others as well as the uncontrollable urge to extend it.

- author unknown

"And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever" (Isaiah 32:17).

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Records	Sunday August 18	Sunday August 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	384	401
Worship A.M.	596	618	593
Worship P.M.	364	373	380
Wed. P.M.	314	341	NC
Contribution	\$15,348.40	\$18,087.44	\$29,122.48
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00	(\$1,223 per week under budget)	
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 25 and Wednesday, Aug. 28, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Bill Hawkins had knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Ernie Gordon is recovering at home from injuries received in a car accident. Marjorie Cox was admitted to UTHC Monday with a staph infection. Continue to remember Gussie Beaty (Oakbrook Nursing Center, Whitehouse), Kelly Blasko, Blake Lowry's friend, Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister (improving slowly), Mozelle Brown (not healing well), Chloe Clark, Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, Jim Golden, Rita Sitton's nephew, Warren Gray, Judith Harshbarger, Keith Harshbarger, Judith Harshbarger's dad, Ann Hillis, Ginny Wicks' aunt, Joan Jordan, Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, Ruth Meazell, Elmer Miles and Peggy Monroe (undergoing treatment), Michael Peters, friend of Jay Culpepper, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece (in Hospice), Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, Brice Sustaie, son of Kevin and Shelly, Jack Tarrant, and Pattie Tate (at her daughter's home). Ray Martin, Sandie Martin's dad, is at home after heart bypass surgery last week. Lou Hearne, George Hearne's son, is doing well after a recent heart attack. James Holland, former West Erwin member now living in Ft. Worth, is having health problems. Bill Pierce, Faye Kennard's twin brother, is having heart problems. "... I was sick and you visited me..." (Matthew 25:36)

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At West Erwin

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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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Barry Scarborough Dr. Dennis Stansbury
Doug Scroggins Tony Smith
Dannie Skipper Bill Smith

GREETERS

Bill & Pat Bratcher & Cody Fedell
Milburn & Jan Cook & Payton Fedell
Ron & Sharri Brock & Tanner Fedell
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
& Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Picking up cards Aug. 25: Casey Bellar, Jeffrey Scarborough,
Chris Scroggins, Spencer Shaw, Geo. Richardson

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, August 25

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Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Toddlers a.m.: Kim Tate
& Jason Ellis; Toddlers p.m.: Gail Vannoy; 2's: Stan &
Suzanne Perkins; 3's: Kimberly Clark & Tara Kilgore;
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AREA WIDE MEETING

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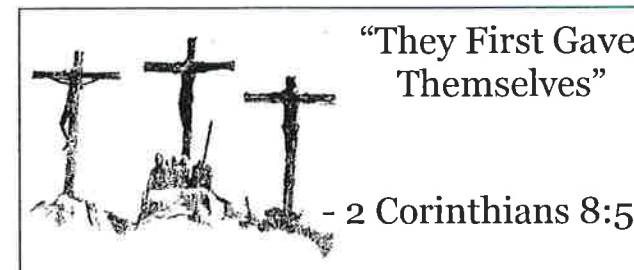
Sunday, August 25, 2002
6:00 p.m.

(singing begins at 5:00 p.m.)

Nursery and classes for Preschoolers
5:00 - 7:00



Jeff Jenkins
Guest Speaker
North MacArthur Church of Christ
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma



Sermons for Sunday, August 25, 2002

10:00 A.M. - "Bridge Builders"
(1 Peter 2:9-10)
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
5:00 P.M. - singing
6:00 P.M. - AREA-WIDE WORSHIP
Jeff Jenkins, guest speaker

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who have helped teach during the summertime. Our guys do a great job! Thanks to: Brody Clark, Todd Hancock, David Asbill, Jim Russell and Daniel Morgan.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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EAT OUT TOGETHER

All middle and high school students are invited to go out to eat together on Sunday, Sept. 1. Details will be announced in class.

SKI TRIP

Teens and families, we are planning another ski trip for this winter. We are planning to ski in Breckenridge on Jan. 1-3. If you are interested in going, please contact me as soon as possible. We are reserving a certain number of spots and a deposit is required to reserve your spot.

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER MEETING

All teens and families are reminded about our Back To School Prayer Meeting on Aug. 25. The area churches will be here for this great time together. We will serve dinner and have a devotional time and prayer time together. We will be finished at 9:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 25 City Wide Worship & Youth Meeting
Sept. 1 Eat Out Together
Sept. 5 High School Bible Study

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

ATTENTION SINGLES

The new Sunday morning Bible class quarter that starts September 1st will be taught by George Jones III. He is single himself and a man of God. His topic will be "Single But Not Alone" and "Single, Whole, and Holy." George is a dynamic teacher and on fire to share himself and his faith with you. Please make your plans to be in room 111 at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.

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Watch for additional information soon.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

will start back September 11, 2002

FRIENDS DAY

Will be totally different this fall. We will be scheduling it by Sunday morning adult Bible classes. It will be innovative and challenging. You will want to bring your friends for this very special time. Your Sunday morning Bible class teachers will be sharing this information with you in the next couple of weeks.

"Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 — Douglas L. Yates

Each year we set aside one Sunday in which we promote those who qualify within our Bible school program to the next grade level. This is always an exciting time for our youth. They anticipate this move and are eager to see the transition completed. Believe it or not, our promotion Sunday is fast approaching and everyone is excited about their new classes. Parents and students alike should mark their calendars for August 25, 2002. All of our students will go to their regular classrooms during Bible school and then during the last 5 minutes of class they will be transferred to their new classrooms. All new teachers should be in the classrooms at that time to greet their students. We do this on August 25th so that we do not conflict with Labor Day (September 2). If you have any questions regarding this, please contact me at your convenience. Once again, thanks for your cooperation in this matter. Let's have a great fall quarter here at West Erwin!

I am excited about the fall quarter. Once again, our education coordinators have done an outstanding job in securing all of the teachers for this quarter. This is not an easy job and they are often frustrated in their efforts but they always seem to fulfill the challenge. I'd like to thank the following for their time, energy, and effort: *Velma Lemons* - preschool coordinator; *Ginny Wicks* - primary coordinator; and *Danny Snell* - secondary coordinator.

I can't remember receiving more compliments than I have during the summer months. Everyone seemed to enjoy our combined study of *Becoming People of Integrity*, as well as our Wednesday evening F.A.C.T.S. program on *Righteously Living In God* from the book of Romans. A great big thank you goes out to all of our speakers and teachers as well as those who made announcements, gave introductions, and led the singing. A special thank you is extended to *Judy Yates* and the crew that she put together for our fellowships each Wednesday evening. Those were very well attended and really enhanced our midweek services.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for all the love and support you all have provided during the birth of our baby boy, Samuel Luke Estes. God bless you.

Love,
The Estes Family

West Erwin Christians,

Thank you for the calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital. Each one was greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless you in good works as you glorify Him.

Bennie Bynum

Thank you, all of you God loving people, cheering me up with your precious signatures, showing concern in time when it is needed most. I'm proud to be one of the wonderful Christian congregation of West Erwin church members. I'm feeling so much better, it's like a God sent blessing.

With love to all,
Joan Harlak

We would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, cards, visits, and food. We would especially like to thank everyone for the many prayers given in our behalf, most of which have already been answered as Jaci continues to get better and better.

Marc & Ginger Philpot

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement that was sent for my mother's funeral service. But even more so, thank you for all the prayers and loving thoughts sent our way during this difficult time. It is such a comfort to be wrapped in the loving arms of Jesus and His church. West Erwin is truly a congregation with heart.

Sincerely,
Barbara & Andy Fay

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Think about it

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

"Footprints in the sands of time are not made sitting down."

"What is beautiful is good, and who is good will also be beautiful."

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is collecting Campbell soup labels. There is a box in the foyer for your convenience. Thanks for your help.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Kattie Lyn Wacaser** in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday evening. She was baptized by Kyle Stowers, with whom she has been attending. Her address is P.O. Box 383, Bullard, 75757, ph. 825-2349.

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NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Scott and Shara Hobson on the birth of a baby daughter! Sommer Lynn was born Sunday, August 18. She weighed 8 lb. 2 oz. and is 20 inches long. Scott and Shara recently moved to Texarkana where he is serving as a youth minister.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Marc Lemons and Tammy Laningham who were united in marriage at our building Saturday, August 17.

SORRY TO LOSE....

The Bobby Snyder family has moved to Bentonville, Arkansas. Our loss is Bentonville's gain. We wish them well in their new home.

MEN'S RETREAT

Oakwood Church of Christ

Saturday, August 31, 2002, Registration 9:00 a.m.

\$10.00 includes catered lunch

Speakers: Dan Manuel, Owen Perry & Earl Williams

Please RSVP to PO Box 322, Oakwood, TX 75855,
ph. 545-2809

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LADIES

"From Pampers To Depends - What Does Your Dash Say?"

Psalms 37:25

The ladies of the North Tenneha Church of Christ

Invite you to attend our

Annual Ladies Day Program

Saturday, September 7th, 9:00 - 12:30

Come let us fellowship with one another and enjoy a salad luncheon!

10th Annual Ladies Lectureship

Saturday, September 7, 2002

Onalaska Church of Christ, 13570 Hwy 190 W

Guest Speaker, Rosalie McGuire from Texarkana, TX

Theme: "But, Lord, What Is Your Will For Me?"

Book review by Lois Kemp, Lunch, skit & lots of fellowship

8:30 a.m. - coffee & donuts, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Program

RSVP (946) 646-5198 or 3517

SPECIAL NEED

The Benevolent Center is in need of a freezer. If you have one you might be interested in donating, please contact Don Crawford.

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Stuart Suggs Jonathan Stone
James Sublette Kyle Stowers
Mark Sweeney Carl Stowers

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Valerie Figueroa
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Megan Florence
Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Lauren Florence
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& Gene & Leah Moon

Picking up cards Sept. 1 & 8: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Steven Figueroa, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher

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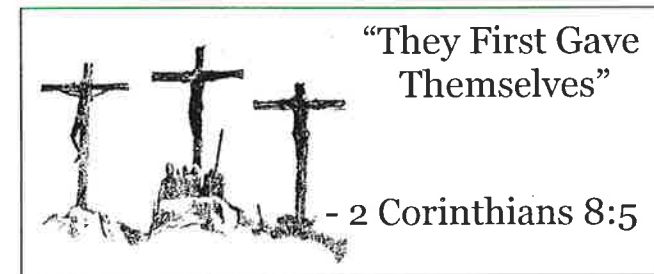
BEHIND THE SCENES WORKERS

Most good things do not just happen -- people make them happen. Around West Erwin there are countless people who are in the business of working behind the scenes to make things happen. For example, we have just concluded a most successful summer with our Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series. Doug Yates put the program together with featured speakers from the area and from West Erwin. The series was well received (our attendance on Wednesday evenings showed a considerable increase this summer) and the speakers were well prepared and treated the book of Romans with great skill. After the Wednesday evening sessions Judy Yates coordinated, with the help of many, the wonderful times of refreshment and fellowship -- a behind the scenes service.

Also, with the arrival of the fall our Wednesday night meals will continue and we will again be treated to the "Snell burgers" once a month, the "Snell Tacos" once a month with thanks to Danny Snell and his crew.

Additionally the Wednesdays will include catered meals two nights a month coordinated by John Steffee and his helpers. These are more behind the scenes works of love. Add to these things the great line up of Wednesday classes following the meals and we have a great midweek agenda this fall. I want to mention also the unsung heroes who work with Don Crawford on Monday nights to make telephone calls, to write cards, and to make visits (these visits include a fresh batch of cookies baked by Julia Wilshire) to many homes. I am reminded of those who took the gospel to Antioch in Syria in the first century and planted the church which later would launch Paul on his three missionary journeys (Acts 11:20-21). Those who planted this church are not even named -- they are the nameless pioneers of the gospel. Yet God knows their names (Hebrews 6:10). They were behind the scenes workers. I have named a few of our behind the scenes people. God will not "forget your work and labor of love" -- and neither shall we!

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, September 1, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "A Call To Prayer"
(I Kings 8:22-30)

6:00 P.M. - "On Loving The Church" (2)
(I Timothy 5:17-25)

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Sept. 5	High School Bible Study
Sept. 8	Combined Devotional
Sept. 22	High School Devotional
Sept. 29	Middle School Devotional
Oct. 27	Fall Festival
Nov. 22-24	Middle School Retreat
Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Ski Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Did you ever notice that our recruiting, equipping, and motivating servants at West Erwin would be most unsuccessful if it were not for the dozens of women who are willing to serve? I find about 65% of the day-to-day work in ministry at West Erwin is done by women. In our public prayers, we pray for our elders, deacons, ministers and missionaries, but seldom do we pray for our women. We often spend more time telling them what they cannot do in the church rather than thanking them for what they have done. I think we ought to have one service where we have all the women stand and the men sing to them, "We love you with the love of the Lord."

I, for one, am very excited and encouraged about the tremendous women's ministry programs at West Erwin.

Some churches call them WINGS, "Women In God's Service" I call them "Angels Among Us."

It is my prayer that God will propel the West Erwin church to new levels of service and growth as we all work smarter to meet the needs of the people in the church as well as in our community.

There will be no Monday Night For The Master, Monday, September 2nd.

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

Scott Strother,
From the Altamesa Church of Christ in Fort Worth
September 28, 2002

WEDNESDAY EVENING MEALS

will start back September 11, 2002

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'd like to take this time to thank those who taught our college age classes this summer. We really had a great turn out for these classes. *Jon Murry* and *Barry Scarborough* have been involved in this work for some time now. *Bill Mullins* just started teaching the college age on Wednesdays at the beginning of June and that class was so successful that he decided to continue this class into the fall quarter. We all understand that a lot of our college age members are away during the school year but we do have a few who will be in the general area and let me take this opportunity to encourage all of you to attend our classes (Sunday and Wednesday). Our teachers put a lot of time into these classes and they need your support. Listen, the greatest impact that you can have in the Lord's work is to be present for these classes and bring a friend with you. If you will do these two things, you will be fulfilling the Great Commission. Let's all do our part and get involved. Thanks.

Schedule of Events at the Tri C

Bible Study and Devotional each Tuesday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. This is open to all of our college age. Please bring your Bible and a friend.

Monday Lunches will begin the first Monday after Labor Day (September 9). The lunch will be free and provided by area churches. The meal begins at noon. Again, please bring a friend with you.

Movie Night Lock In will be on September 6th. The movies begin at 7:00 p.m.

The Tri C is an important outreach ministry that several area churches are involved in. Tri C is always looking for names of students to contact. If you know of any college age individuals that you feel could benefit from what the Tri C has to offer, please do not hesitate to contact *Kenny Shaver* at 593-3331.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of John King thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the beautiful flowers.

The King Family
Betty & Bob Bray

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Saturday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Pauline Daughtry, long time West Erwin member. Services were held Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Virgil Thompson, Ernestine Mallory's uncle and known by many here. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Buddy and Dorothy Bell on the celebration of their 59th wedding anniversary on August 26. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

NEW ADDRESS...

Greg, Kris & Maselyn Walker, 12434 FM 344 W, Bullard, 75757.

CUB SCOUTS

Attention boys grades 1 -5! Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m., at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ, is the time to join the Cub Scout pack sponsored by members of churches of Christ. We strive to teach our boys good Christian values. For more information, call Keith Harris at 596-0096.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Annual Boles Children's Home Golf Tournament will be at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall, Texas on September 12, 2002. It's a fun way to help children! For more information, please check the bulletin board across from the office.

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Please note: the church office will be closed Monday, September 2, for Labor Day.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Victoria (Vicky) Ellis** in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Saturday. She has been attending and studying for several weeks. She is the mother of James Ellis and lives in Chandler at 706 Kickapoo, 75758, ph. 849-1998.

Taylor and Paige Lemons were baptized by their grandfather, Hillard Hughes, Sunday. They are students at Whitehouse where Taylor is in the 8th grade and Paige is in the 6th grade. They have grown up at West Erwin and are the children of Kim Lemons, grandchildren of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes and great grandchildren of Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes. Their address is live at 1711 Sapphire Cay, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-6526.

TOTS FOR CHRIST

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MEN'S RETREAT

Oakwood Church of Christ
Saturday, August 31, 2002, Registration 9:00 a.m.
\$10.00 includes catered lunch
Speakers: Dan Manuel, Owen Perry & Earl Williams
Please RSVP to PO Box 322, Oakwood, TX 75855,
ph. 545-2809

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR LADIES

"From Pampers To Depends - What Does Your Dash Say?"
Psalm 37:25

The ladies of the North Tenneha Church of Christ
Invite you to attend our
Annual Ladies Day Program
Saturday, September 7th, 9:00 - 12:30

Come let us fellowship with one another and enjoy a salad luncheon!

10th Annual Ladies Lectureship
Saturday, September 7, 2002

Onalaska Church of Christ, 13570 Hwy 190 W
Guest Speaker, Rosalie McGuire from Texarkana, TX
Theme: "But, Lord, What Is Your Will For Me?"

Book review by Lois Kemp, Lunch, skit & lots of fellowship
8:30 a.m. - coffee & donuts, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Program
RSVP (946) 646-5198 or 3517

Think about it

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

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

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

"If 'God' is taken out of 'Good' nothing (0) is left."

"Success is not permanent. The same is true of failure."

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

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

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

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Records	Sunday September 1	Sunday August 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	372	402	421
Worship A.M.	573	599	609
Worship P.M.	359	602 area-wide	357
Wed. P.M.	320	320	250
Contribution	\$19,119.52	\$21,463.01	\$19,702.71
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 8 and Wednesday, Sept. 11, Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- Dorothy Bell is undergoing tests after being admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday with chest pain. Robert Stokes is recuperating at home after recent surgery. Ernie Gordon was hospitalized due to blood clots but is now at home. Marjorie Cox is at home with a resistant staph infection. Continue to remember Gussie Beaty (Oakbrook Nursing Center, Whitehouse), Kelly Blasko, Blake Lowry's friend, Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister (improving slowly), Mozelle Brown, Chloe Clark, Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, Jim Golden, Rita Sitton's nephew, Judith Harshbarger, Ann Hillis, Ginny Wicks' aunt, James Holland, former West Erwin member, Joan Jordan, Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, Timmy Lollar, friend of Dan Gillam, Ray Martin, Sandie Martin's dad, Ruth Meazell, Elmer Miles, Peggy Monroe, Michael Peters, friend of Jay Culpepper, Bill Pierce, Faye Kennard's twin brother, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece (in Hospice), Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, Brice Sustaire, son of Kevin and Shelly, Jack Tarrant, and Pattie Tate (at her daughter's home). Pauline Aven continues to have health problems. Lou Billingsly, friend of Jimmy & Wanda Denio, is seriously ill in Austin. Kattie Wacaser's grandmother is having heart problems.

"... I was sick and you visited me..." (Matthew 25:36)

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	Ray Maxwell	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
ELDERS		Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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Stuart Suggs Jonathan Stone
James Sublette Kyle Stowers
Mark Sweeney Carl Stowers

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Melvin & Nina Crow & Valerie Figueroa
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Megan Florence
Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Lauren Florence
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& Gene & Leah Moon

Picking up cards Sept. 8: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Steven Figueroa, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, September 8

Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Ranae Bone; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Pam Lott; 2's: Clint & Jennifer Hale; 3's: David & Sharon Hammond; 4's: Adam & Lisa Bryant.

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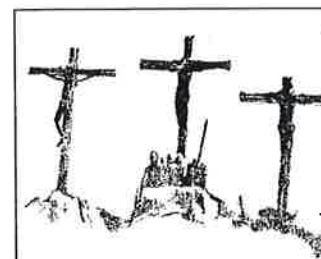
30 DAYS OF PRAYER

The West Erwin church enters one of those especially important periods of her 117 year history as we prepare to appoint additional elders within the next 90 days. Because of this significant time, we have called the church to 30 days of special prayer. During the Sunday morning sermon on September 1, I asked the church to be praying that God will raise up men He has prepared for this work of shepherding His flock at this place. As announced Sunday, the congregation will be asked to submit names to our present elders of those you believe can effectively serve in this important work. By the end of October we hope to have the preliminary work completed in order that the appointment of additional elders can take place by mid-November. So join us in prayer for the month of September. We believe that God needs good men to serve, that God raises up these men, and that God equips them for the task. Ask God to help

us identify men who are teachable, who are faithful, and who are able to serve as elders. Be mindful of those in our midst who have already distinguished themselves as leaders and who are willing to become shepherds. At the end of September you will be given some guidelines to help you in your selections, but for now, be praying. We have seen the power of prayer, haven't we? As a praying church let us be asking for God's blessings in this important process.

- Jay Lockhart

We will be having a special service, remembering the events of September 11th, on Wednesday evening. Please come and bring a friend.



"They First Gave
Themselves"

- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sermons for Sunday, September 8, 2002

10:00 A.M. - Daniel Morgan

6:00 P.M. - Danny Snell

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who went with the group Sunday night to Ken's Pizza.

Thanks to John Shaw & David Asbill for teaching the teen classes this past Sunday morning.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Sept. 10 will be our next Bible study. We will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Snell's home. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will be meeting this fall on Tuesday nights. Invite a friend to join us for this special time together.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All middle and high school students are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the

Family Life Center. Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

SKI TRIP

Teens and families, we are planning another ski trip for this winter. We are planning to ski in Breckenridge on Jan. 1-3. If you are interested in going, please contact me as soon as possible. We are reserving a certain number of spots and a deposit is required to reserve your spot. PLEASE MAKE YOUR DEPOSIT BY SUNDAY!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 8	Combined Devotional
Sept. 10	High School Bible Study
Sept. 22	High School Devotional
Sept. 29	Middle School Devotional
Oct. 27	Fall Festival
Nov. 22-24	Middle School Retreat
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The church in Peter's day faced enormous problems with false teachers ... people who infiltrated into the church and were teaching things other than what the Apostles were proclaiming through divine inspiration. And some of the churches were embracing every new idea without first holding to truth.

In his opening paragraphs (2 Peter 1:3-11), Peter takes time to direct us back to the full implications of our salvation.

First, he reminds us that our salvation is sustained by God's power: "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us." (1:3)

He confirms this in (1:5-7) by naming the fruit which must be evident in our lives: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, kindness and love. These things will keep us from being ineffective and unproductive in our Christian walk.

Lastly, the result is assurance and reward. (1:10-11).

If the church needed this message then, how much more do we need to be reminded of the importance of holding to the truth of God's Word? Sift everything you hear through the Scriptures. Know the truth and the truth will set you free!

"Never give the devil a ride - he'll always want to drive."

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

September 28, 2002

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Wednesday, August 28, 2002, marked our last Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series (F.A.C.T.S.) presentation. I heard so many compliments from the membership regarding this series of lessons on *Righteously Living In God*, which we took from the book of Romans. Thanks for your participation in this great edification effort. If you would like to make any additional comments regarding this series, please call me at the office or at my house and give me your thoughts. If there are ways that you think it could be even better, please let me know those thoughts as well. Our attendance throughout the summer most assuredly was on the rise. Just two years ago we were averaging only 250 on Wednesday evenings. So far this year our average is at 304. During our F.A.C.T.S. presentations we averaged 320. So, thanks so much for the positive feedback concerning this effort. I'm looking forward to any additional suggestions so that we can plan a great series next summer.

Our "Promotion Sunday" went without a hitch. All of our students were transferred to their new classes and the new teachers were all present to greet them as they came into the classroom. This time of the year is always so exciting. There is an atmosphere of a new beginning and, given a little time, there will be the familiarity of settling into a comfortable routine. One way that we can ensure that our children become familiar with their new classes is to be sure that we have them here on time for those classes. Parents, let's remember our congregational theme this year and "give of ourselves first" so that our children will not suffer any neglect. It might take a little extra effort but it will be well worth that extra effort.

Even though I made mention of how well (numerically) we were doing on Wednesday evenings, the news for Sunday morning isn't as good. Don't get me wrong, we have increased our attendance for Sunday morning Bible study but not to the level I anticipated. It's not too late! Let's remember that one more person in class means one more lesson taught. God will surely be glorified in that effort.

IN APPRECIATION

"But I, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire" (1 Thessalonians 2:17).

We are overwhelmed with all the attention and thoughts from you, our family, since my automobile accident. It is a privilege to be a part of a group that shows such love. Thank you!

Ernie & Sharon Gordon

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Memorial Funeral Home for Keith Harshbarger, Judith Harbarger's dad. Calvin Mannen, former West Erwin member, died last Tuesday in Fort Worth. Stanley Shipp, gospel preacher and missionary trainer, was killed in a car accident August 25 in Abilene. His wife, Marie, was injured in the accident. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

The Wednesday evening meals will resume September 11 with "Snell burgers" and "Culpepper pies." Cost for the hamburger and taco meals will be \$3.00; catered meals (on alternating Wednesdays) will be \$4.00. To keep the cost as low as possible, we are requesting that if you plan to participate, please sign up and pay on Sunday. There will be a table in the foyer for this purpose. Thank you for your cooperation.

Address Change:

Michael & Candace Hall, 213 Gardenview, Whitehouse, 75791

BENEVOLENT NEEDS - the Benevolent Center is in need of children's and men's clothing. Thanks for your donations.

FYI....

The inside of the bulletin goes to the printer at noon on Tuesday, the outside at noon on Wednesday. If you have information you would like printed in the bulletin, please make sure it is in the office *no later than* Tuesday morning.

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BASSINET SHOWER



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RSVP (946) 646-5198 or 3517

BOOKS AND BINDINGS

The Book Club, a part of the Women's Ministry will meet Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Billie Bob Hickman. Make your plans to join us for this time of fellowship and enrichment.

JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today I will try to live through this day only and not tackle all my problems at once. I can do something for eight or ten hours that would depress me if I had to keep it up for a lifetime.

Just for today I will be happy. Abraham Lincoln was right, "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

Just for today I will strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

Just for today I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take things as they come and not protest against them.

Just for today I will exercise my soul in three ways: I will do something nice for someone; I will do something I don't want to do; and I will keep my feelings under control.

Just for today I will be agreeable. I will look as nice as I can, dress neatly, act courteously, and try not to improve anyone except myself.

Just for today I will set some goals. These will keep me from stumbling over two common problems: hurry and indecision.

Just for today I will have a quiet half hour all by myself. During this quiet time I will try to get a better perspective on my life.

Just for today "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1, 2).

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Bible Class	477	372	440
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Worship P.M.	388	359	385
Wed. P.M.	335	320	286
Contribution	\$18,026.66	\$19,119.52	\$20,108.95
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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Scripture Stevie Blakemore
Dismiss Bill Bratcher

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kevin Sustaire Billy Terrell
Ray Vannoy Chris Waggoner
Mark Waggonner Greg Walker
Walker Waggonner Greg Wagner

GREETERS

Alan & Patsy Fisher & Jamie Jordan
Tom & Beverly Hale & Josh Lowry
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Wesley Hilliard
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
& Wally & Laurie Dawkins

Picking up cards Sept. 15: Michael Ragsdale, Ryan Haws, Justin Parrish, Drew Harris, & Dalton Harris.

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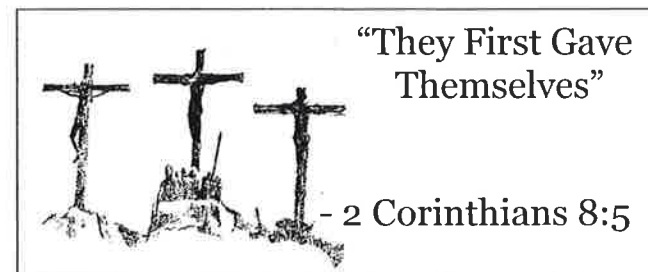
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I LOVE GOLF

A great number of people say, "I love golf." There is something about golf that gets in your blood. I think it must be that everyone who plays golf makes enough good shots so that they believe they will do better the next time. They keep going back to have that great round of the game they love. Most folks never quite get it all together -- today they make good drives, but make poor iron shots or miss too many putts. The next time the putter is hot, but they can't get off the tee box. So it goes. Of course if one could consistently get it all together he would be on the professional golfer's tour. Now, suppose there are four guys playing golf. The first thing they do is admire each other's expensive golf equipment. Then, as they prepare to tee off for hole number one, they are talking about how much they love golf. "You know, I would play more often if I could," one is heard to say. "I play at every opportunity I have," said another. "Me too," said a third, "since it only takes four hours I can manage to play three times a week." The fourth added, "I love to be out here. I even spend an hour practicing my putts and drives before

we tee off, and I watch golf on TV every weekend." Can we even imagine these guys concluding that they love golf so much that they will play only six holes today because they have to mow their grass? Never. "Let the grass grow so we can play the game we love so much!" These guys love golf; they play a lot and they try to improve. These four men not only play golf together -- they go to church together. After a round of golf, they were talking about church. One said, "You know, I really love Christ and the church but I can't get to worship much." Another remarked, "I love the church too, but why does worship have to last over an hour?" A third observed, "I love the church but I'm so busy I am usually late getting there and, of course, I leave early." The fourth guy just got the words, "I love the church but ...," when a bolt of lightning struck nearby and a clap of thunder rumbled across the sky drowning out his words. By the way, how much did you say your golf clubs cost?

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, September 15, 2002

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Rethinking The Mission"
(Matthew 28:18-20)
5:30 P.M. - "The Christian And His Doctrine"
(I Timothy 6:3-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the devotional last Sunday. A special thanks to Barry Scarborough, Tammy Asbill and Lisa Snell.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Sept. 17 will be our next Bible study. We will meet from 7:00 - 8:00 at the Snell's home. Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will be meeting this fall on Tuesday nights. Invite a friend to join us for this special time together.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High school, mark your calendar for Sept. 22.

BIBLE QUIZ

All of those in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the East Texas Bible Quiz. Our first Test will be on Nov. 18. Study sheets are ready to be picked up in my office. Contact me for more information.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night, Sept. 16. This ministry continues to grow and now regularly serves 120 people each Monday. One great need we have is for people to come and sit and visit with the folks who come. Sometimes they have special needs but most of the time, they just need Christians to sit and visit and let their light shine for Jesus. If you would be interested in helping, be here at 5:00 or see me for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 15	Small Groups
Sept. 17	High School Bible Study
Sept. 22	High School Devotional
Sept. 29	Middle School Devotional
Oct. 27	Fall Festival
Nov. 18	Bible Quiz
Nov. 22-24	Middle School Retreat
Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Ski Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

September 28, 2002
8:30 a.m. - 12:30
Lunch 12:00 - 12:30

This men's conference is designed to educate and equip men of every age to "Fight the battles" with sexual sins. Our speaker, Scott Strother, will speak and provide information in three areas.

1. The Problem

Here, he will present an overview of the addictive, progressive and deadly nature of pornography

2. The Facts

This is a compilation of facts and figures in notebook form on the subject of pornography, sexuality, and sexual addiction.

3. Prevention in Your Family

This conference is not just for men who are presently struggling with sexual problems. It is for every man as a proactive and preventive measure toward a healthier life.

For more information contact: Don Crawford
(903) 592-0809 or
dcrawford@westerwin.org

**Our evening assembly this Sunday will begin at 5:30,
with small groups meeting immediately afterward.**

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A small boy from a Chicago slum was taken to the hospital with a broken leg. There were 7 children in his family and hunger often went unsatisfied. Even a glass of milk, when such could be afforded, had to be shared by at least 2 or more. A finger would be placed at a certain spot and then the child who was about to drink would be cautioned, "Only to here!" During his hospital stay a nurse brought the little boy a large glass of milk. He looked at the glass longingly and then asked, "How deep can I drink?" The nurse replied, "As deep as you want!"

Jesus once called out in a crowd, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink" (John 7:37). Christ is to the thirsty soul what water is to the thirsty mouth. Thirst, when intense, can be a most unpleasant and even painful sensation. The dry throat, the swollen tongue, and the parched lips are precursors to death. Next to air, water is the requisite of life.

Only when there is thirst (a desire within the dying soul) do persons drink of the water that Christ offers. Unfortunately, upon imbibing the initial draft which brings the remission of sins, some feel no need for further drinking. It is as if they think that the water of life can be swallowed in one big gulp!

As with the little boy, our desire will govern how deeply we drink. We can but imagine how such an impoverished lad would drink and drink still more from such a full glass. So it is with us; the supply of Christ for our thirsty souls is abundant and exhaustless. Why do we drink so sparingly?

Our Bible classes (Sunday and Wednesday) are in place to continually allow us to drink from waters of eternal life. These classes help to quench our thirst. I applaud those who have attended our classes on a regular basis, but the fact of the matter is that there are some who never come. Do not deny your soul the drink that it must have. How true it is! "We drink or we die!"

- This article was paraphrased from an article written by Hershel Dyer

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Pauline Daughtry acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers, the love and prayers. A special thank you to the ladies who brought food. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls after my surgery. I appreciate your concern.

Bill Hawkins

Thank you for the cards, visits, calls, food, and especially your prayers. Your faith, love and concern mean so much to Bill and me. We love all of you!

Ruth & Bill Meazell

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Saturday at Concord Cemetery for Bobby Worthy, Archie Kennard's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Archie and Faye and all the family.

COOKBOOKS

The second edition of the West Erwin cookbook, also handouts with corrections, etc., will be available in the foyer Sunday, September 15. Cost is \$10.00 per book.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

To keep the cost as low as possible, we are requesting that if you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday. There will be a table in the foyer for this purpose. Cost for the hamburger and taco meals will be \$3.00; catered meals (on alternating Wednesdays) will be \$4.00. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

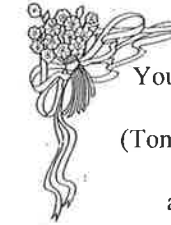
The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of October 21-25. West Erwin has been asked to collect SPICES. Other items needed are: spaghetti, parmesan cheese, salt, macaroni & cheese, chili (with and without beans), bleach, sweet cereal, pop-tarts, spaghetti sauce, sweet relish, egg noodles, chocolate and strawberry drink mix, juices (not orange), and ranch dressing. Cash donations are also appreciated as it is used to purchase milk, meat, fruits and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

FALL CLEANING?

Vicky Dorsey is in the process of opening a child care business. If you have toys, activities, centers, books, etc. that your children have outgrown, please call Vicky at 859-1031 or 574-1707 and she will be happy to pick them up.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Jerry and Diane Kirk into our West Erwin family. Jerry was recently transferred here with Carrier from Columbia, Tennessee where he served as an elder with the Graymere Church of Christ. Diane is teaching at ETCA. They will be a valuable asset to the Lord's work at this place. Their address is 3210 Lake Pine Circle, 75707, ph. 565-6342.



WEDDING SHOWER

You're invited to a wedding shower honoring Lance & Amanda Hall
(Tom & Beverly Hale's son & daughter-in-law)
Tuesday, September 17, 7:00 p.m.
at the home of Don & Nancy Crawford
2575 Pineview Drive
Selections: Target

BASSINET SHOWER

There will be a bassinet shower honoring Samuel Luke Estes
baby son of Danny & Cassandra Estes
Sunday, Sept. 15



Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally

BOOKS AND BINDINGS

The Book Club, a part of the Women's Ministry will meet Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Billie Bob Hickman. Make your plans to join us for this time of fellowship and enrichment.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Fred Wingate, a member of the Hollytree Country Club 6.0 tennis team, who recently won the USA League Mixed Doubles Team State Championship!

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas is seeking a mature Christian couple to work in a group home one or two weekends per month and one or two evenings per week to provide foster care for 6-8 children. Duties include supervision of and interaction with the children in care; meal preparation; transporting children for activities/appointments; and maintaining a safe, secure environment. CSET is a ministry and outreach of the churches of Christ. Applicants must be active members of the Christian faith and agree to support the mission and ministry of CSET during their employment. Contact David Asbill (903) 509-0558 or email dasbill@christianhomes.com

LADIES DAY

Gilmer Church of Christ, 612 Buffalo, Saturday, September 21. Registration 9:30 a.m., lunch will be served at 12 noon. A group ladies from the Daingerfield church will portray women from the Bible with the theme: "I Was There." Please call the office at (903) 843-2731 or 843-2180 by September 13 to let us know how many to prepare for. Hope to see you then!!

"The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity."

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Records	Sunday September 15	Sunday September 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	420	477	461
Worship A.M.	619	655	625
Worship P.M.	385	388	435
Wed. P.M.	403	335	337
Contribution	\$42,206.78	\$18,026.66	\$29,067.39
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 22 and Wednesday, Sept. 25, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE- **Modena Jones** had surgery on a broken hip Tuesday at ETMC. **Carolyn Stitt** is in Mother Frances after a mild heart attack Monday. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is now in ETMC Rehab after a fall in which she broke her leg. **Brice Sustaire**, son of Kevin and Shelly, had tests this week at the Scottish Rite Hospital. **Ann McCoy** is at home after being hospitalized last week. **Robert Stokes** is recuperating at home. **Pat Pattillo** is scheduled for a liver biopsy Oct. 1. **Megan Florence** is having some health problems. Continue to remember **Pauline Aven**, **Lamern Bailey**, **Gussie Beaty** (Oakbrook Nursing Center, Whitehouse), **Kelly Blasko**, Blake Lowry's friend, **Angela Bowen**, Cathy Scroggins' sister (improved, in rehab!), **Mozelle Brown**, **Chloe Clark**, **Virginia Conner**, Daniel Morgan's sister, **Jim Golden**, Rita Sitton's nephew, **Judith Harshbarger**, **Ann Hillis**, Ginny Wicks' aunt, **Joan Jordan**, **Buddy Kennedy**, Rita Sitton's brother, **Timmy Lollar**, friend of Dan Gillam, **Michael Peters**, friend of Jay Culpepper, **Susan Prine**, Don & Norma Durham's niece (in Hospice), **Gordon Smith**, Connie Sublette's dad, **Jack Tarrant**, and **Pattie Tate** (at her daughter's home). **Leon DeFratus**, Chris Drummond's brother-in-law, is in ETMC. **Lou Billingsly**, friend of Jimmy & Wanda Denio, is very ill in Austin. **Joe Bob Middleton**, Gloria Thigpen's son-in-law, had a liver transplant last week in Dallas.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

MINISTERS		ASSEMBLIES	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
MISSIONS		Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Joe McBee 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
	Ray Vannoy		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Greg Jones
Scripture Curt Jordan
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

Prayer Robert Hilliard
Scripture Wesley Hilliard
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kevin Sustaire Billy Terrell
Ray Vannoy Chris Waggoner
Mark Waggoner Greg Walker
Walker Waggoner Greg Wagner

GREETERS

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Brandon Lott
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price & Lindsey Lott
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Tyler Lott
Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty
& Daniel & Carol Morgan

Picking up cards Sept. 15: Michael Ragsdale, Ryan Haws, Justin Parrish, Drew Harris, & Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, September 22
Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie & Chelsea Pattillo; Toddlers p.m.: Donna Wright; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 4's: Kimberly Clark & Tara Kilgore.

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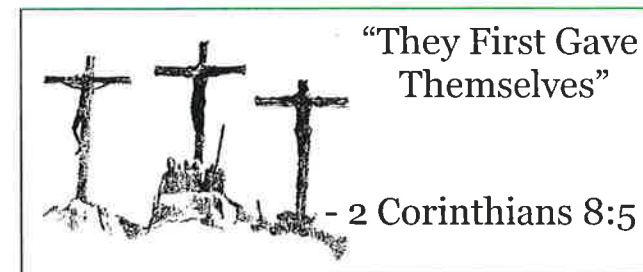
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CHANGE IS ALWAYS UNCOMFORTABLE

In the last decade there have been few words heard so often concerning the worship and work of the church as the word "change." Of course, "change" is a neutral word -- neither good or bad in itself. My friend, *Jimmy Jividen*, said, "Any change that brings us closer to God is good and any change that takes us away from God is bad." Some changes are right because they are Scriptural (conversion, growing into the likeness of Christ, and getting closer to the Bible come to mind). Some changes are wrong because they are unscriptural (adding to or taking from God's divine revelation are examples). Other changes are good or bad depending upon whether or not they are expedient in carrying out what God has asked us to do. Expedient matters fall into the realm of human judgment and are neither good or bad in themselves. The way we do things in the church often falls under the heading of expediency -- things like the order of worship, the number of songs, who we send as missionaries, a myriad of other things, and, yes, the times for our assemblies. We believe it is expedient for us to move our Sunday evening meeting

to 5:00 o'clock on a trial basis for October, November, and December. Changing the time from 6:00 to 5:30 once a month on our Group meeting nights has not proved satisfactory. Some of our members forget and several visitors have come late because they did not realize we were meeting early one Sunday night a month. We do feel that our Groups can benefit from the 5:00 o'clock meeting time as they have more time for fellowship, and school age children can get home at a reasonable hour. Additionally, the 5:30 time has put us on a "hurry up" timetable which is not conducive to meaningful worship. So, for the last quarter of the year we will meet every Sunday night for worship at 5:00 o'clock and Groups will meet after worship on the third Sunday evening or what ever Sunday evening the group leader wishes. Please give us your enthusiastic cooperation with this expedient change. Near the end of the year we will evaluate our situation to see how we are doing. Change is uncomfortable but we can accept it when, within the framework of Scripture, it is for the greater good.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, September 22, 2002

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Navigating The Course"
(Mark 6:45-51)
6:00 P.M. - "The Christian And Wealth"
(1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19)

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. Continue to pray for this ministry.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kyle Stowers who was inducted into the National Honor Society. Way to go Kyle!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Sept. 24 will be our next Bible study. We will meet from 7:30 - 8:30 at the Snell's home. Join us as we study the book of Ecclesiastes together.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Our high school devotional will this Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

BIBLE QUIZ

All of those in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the East Texas Bible Quiz. Our first Test will be on Nov. 18. Study sheets are ready to be picked up in my office. Contact me for more information.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are beginning to make plans for our LTC sign up. The theme this year, "Go," is from the book of Matthew. More details soon!

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

September 28, 2002

8:30 a.m. - 12:30

Please RSVP for lunch count

Our speaker, Scott Strother, will provide information about the problem of pornography in our society as well as in the church. It's addictive and progressive and we must fight it! Every male 12 years old and older needs to hear this seminar. Paul told Timothy, a young man, to "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." Let's do our best to fight the evils of pornography. Plan to be present at this conference and do not fail to let us know you're coming.

For more information, please contact: Don Crawford
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One evening an old Cherokee gazed at this grandson and recognized that the boy had a battle going on inside himself. He said, "My son, it is between two wolves. One is evil: anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority and ego. The other is good: joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf wins?"
The old Cherokee replied, "The one you feed."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In October or November of 2001 the elders and I worked up some goals and objectives for the educational program of the West Erwin church of Christ. These goals were broken into two categories: (1) Training and (2) Enhancing. I'd like to update the congregation regarding the progress we've made within these two categories.

Training Goal:

To provide training to our current teachers as well as all potential teachers.

1. In February all of our current teachers, as well as any potential teachers had the opportunity of attending the East Texas Teacher Training Workshop.
2. In May we completed our third phase of our Adult Preparation for Educational Excellence program. The fourth phase was completed in August.

3. We also began our Student Teacher Education Program. This is where our adult teachers utilize the talents of one or two of their students to aid them in the classroom. At the appropriate time we will split those rooms and have the student teacher take on the responsibility of teaching the new class.

Update:

Through our efforts we have seen a lot of progress made in our educational program. Currently we have added approximately 9 new teachers in our preschool through secondary program. We presently have 10 teachers in our adult program (Sunday morning) with at least that many additional teachers through our Student Teacher Education Program. Our attendance has benefited from these training efforts. Currently our Sunday morning Bible school attendance is at 410, which is an increase of 20 people from two years ago and our Wednesday evening attendance is at 309, which is an increase of 59 from two years ago.

Next week I'll update you on our goal of enhancing the worship services through our educational program.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant you sent to my Dad's service. Your thoughts, prayers, and kindness will help us get through this very difficult time. I know God's grace is sufficient!

Sheri Sides
(Archie & Faye Kennard's niece)
The Bob Worthy family

Dear West Erwin Family,

These past few years, months and days have been difficult for our family because of the illnesses and the loss of our loved ones. We thank you for your prayers for my brother, Bill, for your calls, sweet cards and those who attended the funerals of my sister, Helen, and brother, Bobby. You are so special to us and we love you all

Archie & Faye Kennard

Daily I have been lifted up and encouraged by your prayer support, words of comfort, and wrapping the arms of Jesus around me through Christian love and acceptance during my time of treatment. Please continue to petition God in my behalf that the cancer will be gone and that I will continue to seek His will in my life. What grace abounds in our Lord and is shown in a very practical way through His committed followers!

Peggy Monroe

WEDNESDAY MEALS

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A WALK TO CURE CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Saturday, September 28, Bergfeld Park, Broadway and 4th Street. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

"And the work of righteousness will be peace, and the service of righteousness, quietness and confidence forever" (Isaiah 32:17).

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is participating in the "Box tops for Education" program. Please save your box tops and drop them in the red collection box in the foyer. These box tops are worth 10cents each for the school and can be found on the following brands: General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant frozen vegetables, Totinos, Progresso, Old El Paso, & Gold Medal. They are also collecting labels from Campbells soups and Franco American products. Thanks for your support.

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GOSPEL MEETING

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting with Jon Binkley of Paragould, Arkansas, September 22-25 (Sunday through Wednesday) at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. See bulletin board in office area for more details.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Susan Offutt** into our West Erwin family. She is employed by the Texas Attorney General's office. We hope to be a blessing to her as she has blessed us by her coming. Her address is 3408 Colgate, 75701, ph. 509-1759.

ADDRESS CHANGE:

Joe & Julie Price, 632 Clyde Dr., 75701, ph. 595-2014.

"Into all our lives, in many simple, familiar ways, God infuses an element of joy from the surprises of life, which unexpectedly brighten our days, and fill our eyes with light." Longfellow

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BOOK SEQUEL READY - Sunshine and Shadow, sequel to the novel by Dale Smith is now available. You may pick up an order form at the Visitor Center if you are interested.

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Recently, Medina Children's Home has been able to implement a counseling program to cover all children in group care. We also have a long-range program for single mothers with children and no resources of their own. Services such as support groups, counseling, education, and licensed day care are available to enable the single mother to grow individually, to restore emotional stability in the family, and to become a productive part of society. Please contact Pat Chaney at (830) 589-2871 or (HYPERLINK "mailto:patchaney@hctc.net") if you have a placement need.

Medina Children's Home is currently seeking ministry-oriented couples to serve as house parents. Applicants should be spiritual, mature Christian couples with high school diplomas. The annual salary is \$28,000 without experience to \$34,000 with experience. Nontaxable compensation fully paid by Median Children's Home includes health insurance, lodging, food, utilities, and telephone. In the Pension Plan, the employer matches up to 7% of the employee's salary. We also need a truck driver to run our weekly clothing routes in Texas. Starting salary is \$20,000 annually plus benefits. Heavy lifting is required. If interested in the house parent or truck driver positions, please contact Pat Chaney at (830) 589-2871 or (HYPERLINK "mailto:patchaney@hctc.net")

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Bible Class	438	420	461
Worship A.M.	600	619	625
Worship P.M.	390	385	435
Wed. P.M.	320	403	337
Contribution	\$18,953.06	\$42,206.78	\$29,067.39
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
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"... I was sick and you visited me..." (Matthew 25:36)

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Louis & Jane Jones & Jordan Lyons
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Jordan Rousseau
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& Tom & Beverly Hale

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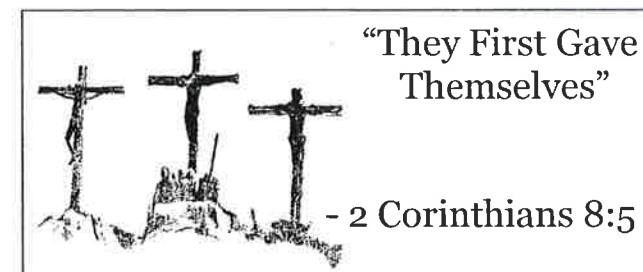
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THE OLD DOWNTOWN CHURCH

There is no doubt about it! West Erwin is the "old downtown church." We are old -- we have been in Tyler since 1885 and at our present location since 1927. We are downtown -- we have been for all of our life. Church growth studies show that being an old downtown church may be a death knell -- in many places this is true. However, with the blessings of God, we are alive and well. We can do nothing about our age. As a matter of fact, we are proud of our age and the rich heritage that only age can give. As to our location, we made a decision in 1985 to remain downtown. We remodeled our auditorium soon afterward and in 1992 entered our new auditorium. Then came our Family Life Center and last year we renovated our Educational Building. We have recently bought property a half block from our building and are currently studying ways to provide additional class space for our growing Bible school. Since 1984 our membership has

increased by approximately 33% and we continually have wonderful people being added to our membership with several of these coming by obedience to the gospel. We have a most encouraging balance in the age groups of the church and kids are everywhere. We have an outstanding mission program and an overall budget that has grown by over 130% over the last eighteen years. Additionally, we have more of our people involved than ever before and more ministries designed for edification and outreach than ever. Through all the years we have sought to be balanced in our approach to biblical truth as we have avoided extremes and tried to be progressive in our methods and Scriptural in our theology. These are the reasons that we are a healthy church and people drive some distances to be a part of the work of this "old downtown church." I am proud of you and thankful to God for what He is doing through us.

- Jay Lockhart



Sermons for Sunday, September 29, 2002

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The First Evangelist"
(I Corinthians 3:5-7)
6:00 P.M. - "The Challenge Of Nobility"
(I Timothy 6:11-16)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

STUFF

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

Ski Trip Deposits are due Oct. 1.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Our middle school devotional will be this Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Supper is being furnished by Jimmy & Carolyn Philpot. Yummm! It will be great. Invite a friend and don't miss this great time together.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

For months we have been reading in the paper about how the blood levels are at a critical status. West Erwin wants to be a part of the solution! So we have designated Sunday, October 13th as our own blood drive. Anyone 17 years old, weighing at least 110 pounds and is in generally good health may donate.

Poster and sign-up charts will be posted soon.

I heard Karen Carpenter's song of the 70's recently, "We've Only Just Begun." It was a love song about the beginning of knowing what true love is in marriage. I like that song and I really liked her baritone voice. It made me think about Ephesians 3:14-20. Paul prayed that the Christians in Ephesus would be "rooted and established in love" and that they might "grasp how

wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." Then he said, "knowing this love surpasses knowledge."

We have only just begun to experience the vast love that God has for each of us. We have only just begun to understand what

He has done to make our lives complete. We have only just begun to know what God was willing to do for our salvation. We have only just begun to realize that His love will only increase the more we open ourselves to Him. No matter where we go or what happens to us, His love remains. Bask in it! God loves you and nothing can separate you from His love.

"If God brings you to it -- He'll bring you through it!"

AREA-WIDE MEN'S CONFERENCE

September 28, 2002, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30

Please RSVP for lunch count

For more information, contact: Don Crawford at (903) 592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org

Third, we started a series of specialized classes that we hope will aid our members in specific areas of concern. Classes such as our Financial Stewardship class which *Hillard Hughes* teaches on Wednesday evenings.

Fourth, We (staff) have had a few coordinated efforts (i.e. Every Kid A Winner Seminar) in order to enhance our worship services.

Fifth, we developed a themed study which all of our adult classes were involved in this past summer entitled Becoming People Of Integrity. After each class session, Jay would deliver a sermon that was themed to this study.

I'd like to thank everyone, especially the educational committee, for their input into these 5 areas of concern. Great things lie ahead for the West Erwin church.

Special Announcement

Beginning October 6, 2002 at 5:00 p.m. Each Sunday evening, those who are in 4th-5th grades will meet in the Fellowship Hall for their Kids For Christ (KFC) program. Nancy Crawford, Ruth Ellis, and Tara Kilgore will be teaching this class. Make plans to attend!

IN APPRECIATION

To my dear friends at West Erwin,

Thank you for all the calls, cards, and friends who were there for me while my dad, Ray Martin, was having heart surgery. It is nice to have friends to lean on when the going gets rough. There were more prayers going up for my dad than we can count. He is getting a little bit better every day. Thanks again. I love ya'll!

Sandie Martin

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

The family of T.C. And Marjorie Cox would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and support during our recent surgeries, illnesses and hospital stays. T.C. Cox underwent another eye surgery recently and continues to improve on a daily basis. Marjorie Cox was readmitted to UTHC again and is still receiving treatment for a resistant strain of staph infection but has had some recent success with different antibiotics, and is expected to make a full recovery. The family acknowledges the power of prayer and asks for your continued prayers for healing through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you all and God bless.

Sincerely,

Carl and Kyle Stowers

T.C. and Marjorie Cox

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Max and Mary Haws on the birth a new great granddaughter! Cassidy Cox as born September 18 to granddaughter Molly Cox. She weighed 8 lb. 8 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Lindale for Bill Malone, Ginger Philpot's grandfather. Services were held Tuesday at the Shiloh Road church for Elaine Shaver, wife of Kenny Shaver who is director of the Tri-C. She was killed in a car wreck last Saturday night. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

To keep the cost as low as possible, we are requesting that if you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday. There will be a table in the foyer for this purpose. Cost for the hamburger and taco meals will be \$3.00; catered meals (on alternating Wednesdays) will be \$4.00. Thank you for your cooperation.

A WALK TO CURE CYSTIC FIBROSIS

Saturday, September 28, Bergfeld Park, Broadway and 4th Street. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. Walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

HELP FOR THE HOME

Marriage and Family Enrichment Seminar, October 11& 12 at the University Church of Christ. Friday: 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come hear Dan Flournoy speak on how to strengthen your marriage, your family, and your home. See bulletin board in the office area for more details. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 4, so they can prepare lunch on Saturday.

Don't forget!

Beginning October 6, we will meet at 5:00 on Sunday evenings.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the following young men, their families, and the angels in heaven in their decision to be baptized into Christ. All of these young men and their families are faithful in their attendance and in their commitment to the Lord.

Daniel Yates, son of Doug and Judy Yates, was baptized last Friday afternoon by his dad.

Michael Ragsdale, son of Doug and LaDawn Ragsdale, was baptized Sunday morning by his dad.

Payton Fedell, son of Rick and Karen Fedell, was baptized Sunday evening by his dad.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Earl West, Jr.

have the honour of announcing

the marriage of their daughter

Heather Ladd

to Mr. Philip Adrian Musser

Saturday, the twenty-eighth of September

Two thousand and two

Woodend Mansion

Cherry Phase, Maryland

PLAYING YOUR ACE

A seminar of encouragement by J.J. Turner, designed to build up and encourage your Christian service. League Street Church of Christ, Sulphur Springs, TX, Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30; lunch will be provided.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of Oct. 21-25. West Erwin has been asked to collect SPICES. Other items needed are: spaghetti, parmesan cheese, salt, macaroni & cheese, chili (with and without beans), bleach, sweet cereal, pop-tarts, spaghetti sauce, sweet relish, egg noodles, chocolate and strawberry drink mix, juices (not orange), and ranch dressing. Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase other items necessary for a balanced diet.

THE REAL STRENGTH OF AMERICA

Carlos P. Romulo was a soldier, statesman, and Philippine patriot. He served with General Douglas MacArthur in World War II and played a leading role in creating the United Nations. He was the Philippine ambassador to this country for many years, and a former president of the UN General Assembly. When he left America to become president of the University of the Philippines he wrote this farewell to America: I am going home, America -- farewell. For 17 years I have enjoyed your hospitality, visited every one of your 50 states. I can say I know you well. I admire and love America. It is my second home. What I have to say now in parting is both a tribute and a warning: never forget, Americans, that yours is a spiritual country. Yes, I know that you are a practical people. Like others, I have marveled at your factories, your skyscrapers, and your arsenals. But underlying everything else is the fact that America began as a God-loving, God-fearing, God-worshipping people, knowing that there is a spark of the Divine in each one of us. It is this respect for the dignity of the human spirit which makes America invincible. May it always endure. And so I say again in parting, thank you, America, and farewell. *May God keep you always -- and may you always keep God.*

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Worship P.M.	400	390	391
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Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Shannon Snell
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TO RUSSIA, WITH LOVE

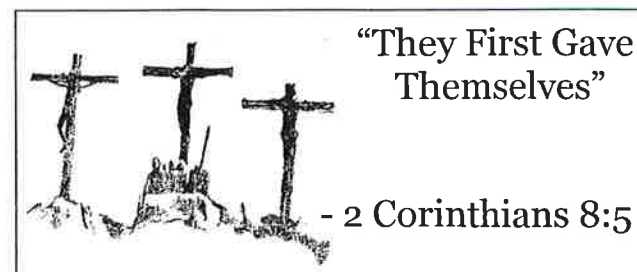
Several years ago when the former Soviet Union broke up, the Berlin Wall came down, and we began to see the opportunities for the gospel in Russia and other countries in Eastern Europe, we heard the name of Vladimir Skovorodnikov. He was the Superintendent of one of the largest school regions in Russia and he began to work with our brethren to educate teachers and students in the Bible because he saw that Russia's future depended upon the moral principles taught in Scripture being planted in the hearts of Russia's youth. Skovorodnikov chose to work with us, rather than other religious groups in Russia, because we were there to serve, not to be served; we were there to give, not to receive; and we were there to help, not to hinder. In the meantime American churches of Christ and Eastern European Mission have distributed thousands of Bibles in Russia, educated teachers in the things of Scripture, conducted teaching opportunities for young people, converted many, and Skovorodnikov has himself become a Christian. Now comes Vladimir Putin, President of Russia, with this statement dated August 20, 2002, and printed in the EEM Newsletter:

"We must not tell religious figures what to do, who to choose and how to form associations. We must create favorable conditions for their activities and do our best to prevent the building of barriers between them and citizens. It is religious faith that instills human values in people's minds now. I've become increasingly convinced that now that we have no work collectives or party organizations, such as those of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, or educators at places of work, nothing but religion can make human values known to the people."

Vladimir Putin
President of Russia

The doors in Russia are truly open! Our people are there! West Erwin folks have been there and have led many young people to Christ. These need to be nurtured to maturity in Christ and others are waiting to hear ... and to obey. We must keep going to Russia. So long as God keeps the door open ... we must keep going.

- Jay Lockhart



October 6, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Evangelism Is The Solution"
(Acts 8:1-4)
6:00 P.M. - "A Beautiful Mind"
(Romans 8:5-9)

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..... by Don Crawford

Medina Children's Home

Annual Change For Children Program

Pick up a Medina can and drop your loose change into it each day. If we are out of cans and you want to participate, put your coins in any container and plan to turn it in by Sunday, December 15. Together we can make a difference!

Pictorial Directory

New member pictures are being scheduled for Sunday, October 6th in the Family Life Center from 12:20 - 4:30 p.m. Sign-up sheet is at the Visitor Center

I have learned

- ... That I can do something in a second that will give me heartache for life.
- ... That money is a lousy way of keeping score.
- ... That I am responsible for what I do, no matter how I feel.
- ... That I either control my attitude or it controls me.
- ... That two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.
- ... That I shouldn't be so eager to learn a secret.
- ... That no matter how bad my heart is broken the world doesn't stop for my grief.
- ... That I can keep going long after I think I can't.
- ... That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We have 3 great programs that make up our Bible Hour program here at West Erwin. Our Tots For Christ class is geared for preschool through 5 year olds. David Wicks and Dan Baldwin oversee this program. They meet in the Heritage room each Sunday evening. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone oversee our Children's Bible Hour, which is for those in kindergarten through third grade. This class meets each Sunday evening upstairs between the junior high and high school rooms. And our Kids For Christ program meets across the parking lot in the fellowship hall each Sunday evening. Nancy Crawford, Ruth Ellis and Tara Kilgore coordinate this effort. This class is for the fourth and fifth grades.

As you can see, we are trying our best to cover all the bases for our youth. Each of these Bible Hour classes are important here at

West Erwin. I feel blessed to have trained, involved coordinators working with me in this great effort.

Periodically, I have someone approach me wanting to make a donation to the Bible Hour program. Even though we do have a certain amount that we budget for each of these programs, all contributions are appreciated. Let me guarantee you that the money is well spent. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort, please make your check out to West Erwin and in the memo section put that it is for the West Erwin Bible Hour program. Please give the check to me and I will make sure that the funds are evenly distributed among the three classes that make up our Bible Hour program.

Parents, be sure your children are here for these meetings as we attempt to strengthen their biblical knowledge through a study of God's Word. I feel confident in saying that if the effort is put forth by having our children here, God will surely give the increase.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thanks for the food, cards, phone calls, hugs, visits and all the other TLC we received during my stay in the hospital. Buddy and I both solicit your prayers in the days to come. Oh! What an awesome family we have at West Erwin.

Your brother and sister in Christ,
Buddy & Dorothy Bell

I want to thank everyone for their kindnesses to me during my visit to the hospital: the visits, the food, the cards, the phone calls, and specially the prayers. Please continue your prayers - I still need them.

In Christian love,
Sue Starnes

WITH SYMPATHY

Ella Fennell, Jeff Fennell's grandmother, died Monday in Gilmer. Our love and sympathy is extended to Jeff and Pam and to all the family.

Think about it

"Prayer lights the pathway to peace."

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is participating in the "Box tops for Education" program. Please save your box tops and drop them in the red collection box in the foyer. These box tops are worth 10cents each for the school and can be found on the following brands: General Mills cereals, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant frozen vegetables, Totinos, Progresso, Old El Paso, & Gold Medal. They are also collecting labels from Campbells soups and Franco American products. Thanks for your support.

Don't forget!

Beginning next Sunday, October 6, we will meet at 5:00 on Sunday evenings.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Kyle Fletcher** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Friday afternoon. Kyle and his wife, Kim, and son, Reid, have been attending here for quite some time and Kim teaches in the West Erwin Playschool. Their address is 1308 Robyn, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-1178.

MEMBERSHIP

We are very pleased to welcome **Jason** and **Jennifer Paltjon** and their one year old son, **Evan**, into the West Erwin family. Jason is doing his internship at UTHC and Jennifer is a busy mom. They come to us from the Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo. Their address is P.O. Box 92, Winona, 75792, ph. 877-4429.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Robin Stafford, P.O. Box 1484, Hawkins, 75765, ph. 769-3070
Greg & Kris Walker, new ph. # 894-4571.

PLAYING YOUR ACE

A seminar of encouragement by J.J. Turner, designed to build up and encourage your Christian service. League Street Church of Christ, Sulphur Springs, TX, Oct. 5, 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30; lunch will be provided.

HELP FOR THE HOME

Marriage and Family Enrichment Seminar, October 11 & 12 at the University Church of Christ. Friday: 6:30-8:00 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Come hear Dan Flournoy speak on how to strengthen your marriage, your family, and your home. See bulletin board in the office area for more details. Please RSVP to the church office by Friday, October 4, so they can prepare lunch for Saturday.

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Bible Class	433	439	406
Worship A.M.	603	591	574
Worship P.M.	427	400	348
Wed. P.M.	344	350	305
Contribution	\$22,626.39	\$16,763.54	\$17,939.30
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 13 and Wednesday, Oct. 16, Fred Powell ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation			

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Bob & May Helen May & Walker Waggonner
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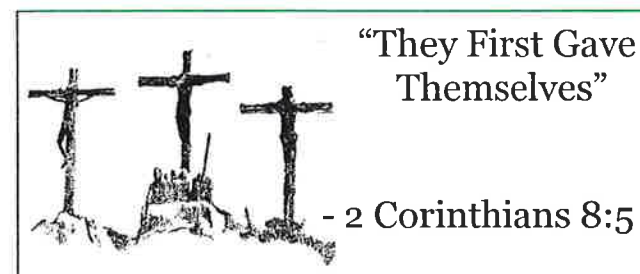
This Sunday we will be placing emphasis upon the West Erwin Playschool, our Tuesday and Thursday school for children from birth through pre-k. The school, which is designed to teach God's message through play (which is really a child's work), is enjoying its best year. With the director, Terry Shaw, and teachers, Sara Powell, Kathy Means, Priscilla Mayer, Jeanine Hughes, Julie Price, Candace Hall, Kim Fletcher, Carolyn Blackstone, Belinda Starkey, and Sharri Brock, most classes have a waiting list and excitement is seen everywhere. Of the 52 students 16 are from West Erwin families and 36 are from community families. We believe our school is an effective outreach tool for West Erwin as it has opened the door of opportunity for evangelism and, hopefully, will continue to do so. This Sunday all of our Playschool students and their parents are being invited to be a part of our worship assembly. A brief

introduction of our students will take place before our worship time and a meal will be served in honor of students and parents following our service. The message during worship will focus on children and will include a brief video showing students and teachers at work. Share the morning with us and give a warm West Erwin welcome to all visitors.

THE 5 O'CLOCK EVENING SERVICE

The new time for our Sunday evening worship assemblies was well received and you responded well! There were 427 present last Sunday night which is an increase of about 50 over our recent averages. Well done! Please let this beginning become the norm as we have well over 400 this week and in the weeks ahead. Thank you for your positive statements and your active support.

- Jay Lockhart



October 13, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "What Will They Be?"
(Psalm 127:1-5)
5:00 P.M. - "He Has Bigger Plans"
(2 Samuel 7:1-11)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bryce Murry, REL Senior, who made the All-Region Band for guitar! Way to go Bryce!

STUFF

Thanks to all who helped with the combined devo last Sunday. Thanks to Claude Figueroa for teaching recently.

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WEST ERWIN BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, October 13, 2002

12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sign-up sheet is at the Visitor Center

Saying NO to Jesus

Jesus got a towel and a pan of water and began to wash his disciple's feet in John 13. When he got to Peter, Peter said, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus said, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand." To my shock, Peter told Jesus, "NO, you shall NEVER wash my feet." I don't know anyone who would use those words! To say "No - Never" to Jesus seems so wrong. Yet every time we do something outside His will, we are saying "No."

In the rest of the story, Peter realizes that he must say "Yes" to Jesus and allow Him to rule. The same is true for us today. When we open ourselves up to His will and say "Yes" then we can be a part of Jesus. Once Peter caught on to that, he wanted to say "Yes" to everything. So will you!

IN APPRECIATION



My Church Family,

My family and I wish to express our thanks for all the care and prayers when my father passed away. Also, thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards. I feel so fortunate that God has given me a loving family such as you. Thanks again for keeping us in your prayers.
Judith Harshbarger

NEW ADDRESS...

Joan Jordan, 2055 Grande #1104, 75703, ph. 561-1294

A Hasidic story of a little boy playing hide and seek with his friends. For some unknown reason they stopped playing while he was hiding. He began to cry. His old grandfather came out of the house to see what was troubling him. After learning what had happened, the grandfather said, "Do not weep, my child, because the boys did not come to find you. Perhaps you can learn a lesson from this disappointment. All of life is like a game between God and us. Only it is God who is weeping for we are not playing the game fairly. God is waiting to be found, but many have gone in search of other things."

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Rhonda Phillips in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Rhonda lives in Lubbock, 167 Pony Express, with her husband Marshall and little daughter, M'Lynn. She is the daughter-in-law of James and Frances Phillips.

RESPONSES

Cathy Scroggins came to thank her church family for the prayers on behalf of her sister, Angela Bowen, who has been so ill for many weeks. Angela is improved and is now at home!

Henry and Danielle Arterberry came Sunday to request prayers and assistance as they settle in and begin work in Tyler.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are in order for several of our members who won awards at the East Texas Fair. Sue Starnes, Alice Tennison, and Sherry Peek won art awards and Wanda Weathers won many awards for her smocking and dress making. The Weathers children, Grace, Wendy, Caroline and Katherine won awards in the children's division.

NEW ARRIVALS/SPECIAL PRAYERS

Donald and Debbie Osbourn's daughter, Karen (in Little Rock), gave birth Sunday prematurely to twin boys. They each weigh just over 1 pound. Joan Harlak's grandson's wife gave birth to quads Thursday in New Jersey (1 boy died, 3 girls in good health). These families need our prayers.

SECRET SISTER KICK-OFF DINNER

Our spooky Secret Sister kick-off dinner will be Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Arlene Lockhart (3312 Oak Village Dr.). Bring your favorite salad. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume. Pick up your Secret Sister information sheet in the foyer, fill it out, and put it in the Secret Sister box by Sunday, October 20. For more information call Michelle Kuechle or Terry Shaw.

SPECIAL EVENT

The Gospelaire Quartet from Cleburne, Texas (reunion of the original four after 19 years) will present a gospel music program at the Lindale Church of Christ Sunday, October 13, at 1:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday. There is a table in the foyer for this purpose. Cost for the hamburger and taco meals will be \$3.00; catered meals (on alternating Wednesdays) will be \$4.00.

LAUGHING MATTERS:

Parents: a peculiar group who try to get their children to walk and talk, then try to get them to sit down and shut up.

Raising teenagers is a lot like nailing Jello to a tree.

Shouting at your children to get cooperation is like steering your car with the horn -- same results.

The best advice regarding raising your children is to really enjoy them while they are on your side.

A home's temperature is best maintained by warm hearts, not cold words or hot heads.

Grandma knows best, but no one ever listens.

*****Don't forget!*****

Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'd like to take this time to thank Tim Grounds for his work on Wednesday evening in teaching our newly developed Men's Class. Tim has been involved in the educational program of the church for many years at other congregations in this area and since he and his family placed membership with us he has continued to be involved. Our men's class has been extremely well attended and I am currently reviewing the material which has been selected for the winter quarter. The book that we will be using to supplement our study is entitled: Seven Seasons Of The Man In The Mirror. This book was authored by Patrick Morley and is geared specifically for men. Men, let's make an effort to be involved in this program during the winter quarter.

Ladies, on Wednesday evenings, Arlene Lockhart has been conducting a study entitled: We Bow Down. She is using the materials from five godly women who looked at various ways in

which the women of the congregation could be involved in the work of the church. Again, this class is very well attended. Starting this winter the ladies will be studying a book by Teresa Hampton entitled: Willing Hearts, Willing Hands. A great big thank you goes out to Arlene for coordinating this class.

On Wednesday mornings our ladies are engaged in a study that Pat Bratcher is conducting entitled Choosing Gladness. This class meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and if you need more information regarding this study, please see Fern Bench. We also need to remember the work that Sue Starnes and Dr. Anita Peek put into their Sunday morning class.

Well, as you can tell we are extremely busy here at West Erwin. I am sure that our educational program will continue to grow as long as we are actively involved in this great work. It certainly makes my life much more pleasant to have people like Tim Grounds, Pat Bratcher, Fern Bench, Arlene Lockhart, Sue Starnes, and Anita Peek working with me in the educational program of the church. Thanks a lot!

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Bible Class	388	433	409
Worship A.M.	583	603	565
Worship P.M.	410	427	462
Wed. P.M.	348	344	310
Contribution	\$17,191.07	\$22,626.39	\$20,150.44
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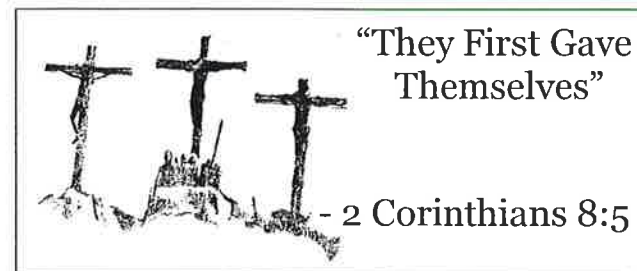
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THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Many of us can remember the "all day meetings with dinner on the grounds." They were wonderful! There would be Bible classes and worship in the mornings, all kinds of good things to eat out under the trees at noon, singing in the afternoons, and preaching at night. Later on we moved inside where we ate in classrooms and hallways and now we have built buildings for this purpose. The fact is that our people like to eat together and we always have. The food is always great and the fellowship is sweet. As a matter of fact, we are known as people who eat together. Do you remember the old story of the children who had a "show and tell" day at school? A little Jewish boy brought a star of David and explained its meaning to the class. A Catholic boy brought a crucifix and explained it to his classmates. But the little boy from the church of Christ brought a casserole. We do like to eat! However, the kingdom of God is more than this. Paul said, "the kingdom

of God is not food and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 14:17). When we assemble as the church on Sundays, our purpose is the worship of God. The fact that we sometimes eat together afterward is incidental to the fact that we come together to worship. With this in mind, let us remember that it is inappropriate to miss even a part of worship to set up, prepare, or get ready to serve. Those groups which eat together after worship do not have to have everything waiting for them when they arrive to eat. They can wait for the few minutes extra it will take to put the final touches on the meal. Prepare for the meal before and after, but not during worship. Remember the primary purpose we come together and "keep the main thing the main thing." Eating together is great fun, but remember that "the kingdom of God is not food and drink"

- Jay Lockhart



October 20, 2002

10:00 A.M. - by Tim Grounds

5:00 P.M. - by George Jones III

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks who placed 1st in Literature and 3rd in the Team Challenge Quiz at the East Texas Fair Academic Rodeo. Kelsi is also a State Finalist in the Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship & Recognition Program in November. Way to go Kelsi!

THANKS!

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WEST ERWIN BENEVOLENT CENTER

We started giving out food in our community that need it. In the month of September we helped 103 families (198 adults, 257 children) with food. A total of 19 people have given their time and energy to help in this work. But the most exciting part is the response and the Bible studies that are being set from

those who receive assistance. If you want to be a part of this EXCITING ministry contact Don Crawford at 592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org

NEW CLASS STARTING

Wednesday, October 23rd

Family Life Center

Ministry: Where Do You Fit?

This is a Self Discovery class

Five weeks only

Each class builds on the previous class

Class attendance is a must!

Small Groups meet this Sunday evening after services

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I start each morning by going to *East Texas Christian Academy* and teaching a Bible class to 9th and 10th graders. I had the privilege of doing this all of last year and plan to do this for the remainder of this year. *ETCA* is a great school and it is also a great outreach opportunity that the surrounding churches can be involved in. Each day all of the students are exposed to biblical teachings in all of their classes. They also have the opportunity twice a week to engage in a short chapel program with singing, praying, and an applicable lesson from the Bible. If you go to one of their sporting events you will also see the athletes praying together before their game begins. Several of the students at *ETCA* are members of or at least attend surrounding churches of Christ. That's exciting to me but equally exciting is the fact that several of the students are not members of the Church of Christ. That's the main reason that I agreed to teach at *ETCA*. It is a mission effort and should be viewed that way. I constantly hear members of this congregation say things such as, "We seem to be

doing a lot of mission work overseas but we need to be doing more right here at home." Well, I'm thankful for all of our mission outreach efforts. I'm thankful for the work in Togo, West Africa. I'm thankful for the work in Russia. I'm thankful for the work with our Latin neighbors. We have many additional works abroad that we support and we should be grateful to have the opportunity to take the Word of God to so many places. But to those who say we should be doing more right here, let me remind you of a few of the works that we are doing to solidify the base here in Tyler. **First**, we have the Karing Kitchen. Each Monday night this benevolent ministry not only feeds the less fortunate but also conducts a Bible study with them. **Second**, Israel Sandoval of the Swan Lake congregation helps to set up Bible studies with those in our Hispanic community through our benevolent program. **Third**, we have the Tri-C program that works out of Tyler Junior College. This program has been in existence for 50 years. And **fourth**, we also (individually) help support *ETCA*. Each year a lot of the youth that attend *ETCA* are baptized into Christ. I can't think of a better way to spread the Word of God. Let's support these programs.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the many cards and thoughts of us during the loss of my grandfather, William "Bill" Malone.

Ginger Philpot & family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for Jim Kennedy, Julie Ables' stepfather. Services were held last week for David Lott, Sr., friend of the Jim Russell family. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

SECRET SISTER KICK-OFF DINNER

Our spooky Secret Sister kick-off dinner will be Thursday, October 24, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Arlene Lockhart (3312 Oak Village Dr.). Bring your favorite salad. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Don't forget to wear your Halloween costume. Pick up your Secret Sister information sheet in the foyer, fill it out, and put it in the Secret Sister box by Sunday, October 20. For more information call Michelle Kuechle or Terry Shaw.

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of **Oct. 21-25**. West Erwin has been asked to collect SPICES. Other items needed are: spaghetti, parmesan cheese, salt, macaroni & cheese, chili (with and without beans), bleach, sweet cereal, pop-tarts, spaghetti sauce, sweet relish, egg noodles, chocolate and strawberry drink mix, juices (not orange), and ranch dressing. Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase other items necessary for a balanced diet.

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LOOK ON THE SUNNY SIDE

*There are always two sides, the good and the bad,
The dark and the light, the sad and the glad -
But in looking back over the good and the bad
We're aware of the number of good things we've had -
And in counting our blessings we find when we're through
We've no reason at all to complain or be blue -
So thank God for good things He has already done;
And be grateful to Him for the battles you've won.*

- Helen Steiner Rice

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Don and Carolyn McCune on the celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

ATTITUDE

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

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OBSERVATIONS FROM A COUNSELOR

After several decades of working with people, listening to them and counseling them, I have made the following observations:

- *The joyful people are those who are generous and kind; the miserable people are those who are selfish and unforgiving.*
- *The problem solvers are those whose lives are powered by faith and optimism; the problem people are those whose lives are drained by doubts and pessimism.*
- *The winners are those who have learned to take full responsibility for their actions; the losers are those who have a handy excuse for their failures.*

-- William Arthur Ward

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*** Don't forget! ***

Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 24, 2002	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 33-No. 42
Records	Sunday October 20	Sunday October 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	434	388	449
Worship A.M.	591	583	617
Worship P.M.	441	410	NS
Wed. P.M.	342	348	277
Contribution	\$18,877.84	\$17,191.07	\$27,469.73
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 27 and Wednesday, Oct. 30, Jay Bynum, ph. 839-3133. Please call if you need transportation			

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Gary Broome Will Christian
Jay Bynum David Cannefax
Adam Bryant Jim Carty

GREETERS

Daniel & Carol Morgan & Tyler DuVall
Fred & Sara Powell & Jennifer Elzen
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
& Ken & Cathy Culpepper

Pick up cards Oct. 27: Ryan Haws, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

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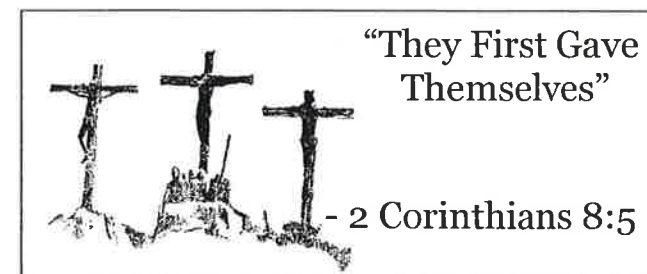
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“MARTHA, MARTHA”

I like Martha! She, along with her sister Mary and brother Lazarus, was a friend of Jesus and Scripture says she “welcomed Him into her house” (Luke 10:38). Not only did Martha welcome Jesus but she prepared a meal for the Lord and His companions. These acts of love and service are commendable and I am sure Jesus appreciated what Martha did (indicated by the gentle way in which He addressed her later). Where was the flaw in what Martha did? She welcomed Jesus and that was a good thing. She expended a great deal of effort to please Christ and that was good. So, what's the problem? The text says that Martha “had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said ‘Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.’” Notice that Martha was distracted -- she was involved in something good but the good thing she was doing took her mind off what was

better. So Jesus said, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:39-42). Preparing food was good but hearing Christ's word was better. How often we have found ourselves engaged in something good, like preparing food, only to discover that we were neglecting what was better, like hearing Christ's word? Getting our priorities straight is so difficult. Settling for good when the better is right there before us is so easy to do. We need to ask God for the wisdom needed to discern what is good and what is better and then for the courage to choose the better. Do not make decisions too quickly. Take some time to reflect. Ask yourself questions: “Is this a good thing?” “Is there something better?” “What would God have me to do?” In making choices remember that service is good, but also keep in mind that hearing the word of Christ is better.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, October 27, 2002
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - “Shepherding The Flock Of God”
(I Peter 5:1-4)
5:00 P.M. - “The Legacy Of Faith”
(Psalm 78:1-8)

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FALL FESTIVAL

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Dec. 31-Jan. 5	Ski Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before Him with thanksgiving
and extol Him with music and song.

For the Lord is the great God,
the great King, above all gods.

in His hands are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to Him.

The sea is His, for He made it,
and His hands formed the dry land."

Psalms 95:1-5

This is to remind you that the first day of the week is coming. As we prepare to worship our Creator this Sunday, take time to focus on the One we will be assembling in front of. We come to see each other, and to spur one another on to good deeds, but more than that, we come to bow before the throne of an awesome God. To you who teach, remember to use His words with the respect they cry out for. To you who sing, pray and participate in other ways during the worship, remember that the name of the Jesus is above all other names -- there is no other name by which we can be saved. Then come together looking forward to worshipping our mighty God and Savior.

Reading all of Psalm 95 will remind you of His majesty and power.

Medina Children's Home Annual Change For Children Program

believe so strongly in the fulfillment of the Great Commission that every classroom has a copy of it placed in a highly visible area. The purpose of placing the Great Commission in these classrooms is to help motivate our teachers to understand that they are an essential factor in the plan to carry out this effort. We must refocus our thoughts to this great challenge that Christ gave to His followers. The disciples of the first century were able to take the gospel to the world through teamwork and so can we. What better place to start than within the local congregations Bible school program. Teachers, teach the word of God in such a way that not only will you motivate your students to respond in a positive way to the gospel but in turn they will see the necessity to share that great message with those they come in contact with.

T - Train your students so that they can impact the church.

E - Evangelize them so they will have the opportunity of obtaining heaven one day.

A - Assess your program so that it will be both effective and efficient in the work that it is supposed to do.

M - Minister to your students and watch God come alive in them.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the cards, phone calls, flowers, food, visits, and especially your prayers before, during and after my recent surgery. Your care and concern is greatly appreciated.

Henry McRuiz

To the Congregation,

Thank you for remembering us during this time of sorrow. The floral arrangement was just beautiful.

Love and Prayers,
Shirley Kennedy & family
(Julie Ables' mother)

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at the Highland Oaks church of Christ in Dallas for Frances Pearson, Paul Stanley's sister. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ADDRESS...

Jim & Sue Carty, 1021 Pinedale Place, 75701, ph. 939-8120

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ETERNAL TRUTHS

"A penny saved is a government oversight."

"The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement."

"The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble."

"Age is a very high price to pay for maturity."

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a mechanic."

"Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity."

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour Saturday night!



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring

Caitlyn Branin

Bride-elect of John Portwood

Sunday, November 3

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target, J.C. Penney's, Linens N Things, Dillards, and Foley's

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

CONGRATULATIONS

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Hollytree Country Club tennis 6.0 team, of which Fred Wingate is a team member, on winning the USA League Mixed Doubles Team State Championship!

FRIENDSHIP

There's a miracle called Friendship that dwells in the heart.

You don't know how it happens or how it will start,
but you know it always brings such a spirit lift
and you realize that Friendship is God's most precious gift!

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed.

They make you smile and encourage you to succeed.

They lend an ear, they share a word of praise,
and they always open their hearts to us.

Show your friends how much you care Send this to everyone you consider a friend. If it comes back to you, then you'll know you have a friend for life.

10th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday, October 27, 6:15 - 8:30

Family Life Center

Great fun for the whole family

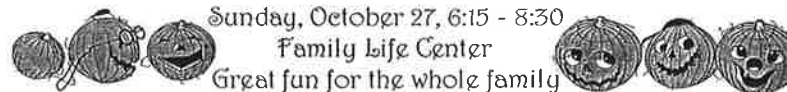
Carnival booths for children from birth - 5th grade

Games, prizes & costume contest

Refreshments will be served

Please bring a bag of wrapped candy

Sponsored by the West Erwin Youth Ministry



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ADDITIONAL ELDERS

Last Sunday morning the names of four men were presented to the congregation during our worship assembly as additional elders at West Erwin. Following 30 days of prayer and from the names submitted from the congregation over the past weeks, these men emerged as the most qualified, most preferred, and most willing to serve with our present elders. The men selected are:

In the absence of any scriptural reasons as to why any of these men should not serve, they will be officially appointed to the work of overseers and shepherds of this church on Sunday morning, November 10. Also, on that Sunday you will be asked to confirm these newly appointed elders and the men who are our present elders. Be prayerful as we enter a new era in our work.

- Jay Bynum
- Don Durham
- Ron Lott
- Bill Mullins

- Jay Lockhart

"They First Gave Themselves"
- 2 Corinthians 8:5

Sunday, November 3, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Good News Must Be Shared"
(John 1:35-41)
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

FOOD BENEVOLENT CENTER WORKERS

There will be a brief meeting for all those who have been working in the food distribution on Thursdays and of all those who would like to help in that area. The meeting will take place Sunday, November 3rd, in the Benevolent Center building immediately after the evening worship. One of the things we will be doing is making a work schedule for November and December. If you have a desire to work some Thursday mornings and will not be able to make the meeting, please call Don Crawford to let him know what dates you are available.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm excited! At the beginning of July the elders approached me and asked me to develop a one year curriculum dealing with the distinctiveness of the church. It took me 2 1/2 months to put this curriculum together but a couple of weeks ago, thanks to the typing skills of Frances McBee and Jo Butler, I finally finished it. Since that time I have had the opportunity of meeting with the teachers and sharing the thoughts behind this study with them. All of our teachers were enthused about this study. I heard comments such as: "I wish we would have had this study years ago," or "I am so glad that our elders decided to have you put this material together. We really need this." Comments like those, coming from our students always encourages me, but when comments like those come from our teachers it indeed is overwhelming to me. We will begin this study in December and it will run for one solid year. Teachers, if you haven't received your material, stop by my office and do so.

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CORNFIELD MAIZE

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to go with us to Bullard on Saturday, Nov. 9 for an interesting evening. We are going to go through a Cornfield Maize and eat together. We will leave from the church and take the bus. More details later!

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Nov. 22-24	Middle School Retreat

We hand out food and clothing to 30-40 families each week. Israel Sandoval, the preacher at the Spanish congregation that meets out north of Tyler, and his wife, Martha, are also involved in this work and are studying and teaching numerous families whom they have contacted through the Benevolent Center. We work hard and we spend time and in prayer for these people and the work that is being done. If you are interested in working in outreach and helping people, this is the perfect place.

The other thing that I ask is that you spend time yourself praying for this work. Pray that God will lead it and bless it.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another person."

Bible Knowledge 101 - 401

Winter Quarter:

This is a 13 week study which is entitled Our Worship To God. During this 13 week quarter all of our adult students will have the opportunity to revisit the question of why we conduct our worship services the way we do.

Spring Quarter:

During the spring quarter we will look at various topics that hopefully will give us a better understanding of how to worship God in spirit and truth. I have entitled this section Lord, Teach Us.

Summer and Fall Quarter:

We will finish up this material by combining the summer and fall quarters. This 26 week study is entitled Basic Bible Knowledge. It will briefly overview the major events of the Bible, from the creation of the world to the end of time.

If you would like more information concerning this study please feel free to call me at the office (903) 592-0809.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your loving concern for me during my illness. Thank you for your cards and calls. I appreciate the good food the "Lunch Bunch" sends me. I hope to be back in church before too long. Continue to remember my mother and me in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Wade McDonald

Dear Christian Family,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Frances Pearson (Paul Stanley's sister). Thank you so much for the green plant you sent for our mother's services. Your kindness and care is so appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Pat Gibson & Margaret Mathis

To our friends in Christ,

Thanks is not enough for all the cards, flowers and most especially your presence and prayer for our beloved grandson, Trey Dobbs. We covet your prayers.

In Christian love,
Sherrill & Darlene Little

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Leon DeFratus, Chris Drummond's brother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Robert and Kathy Hilliard on the birth of a new grandson! Kyle Trenton was born October 18 in Florida to John and Shannon Donaghey. He weighed 7 lb. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long. Clay is the big brother, Wesley Hilliard is the proud uncle and Winnie Bell is the great grandmother.

ALL-CHURCH ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, December 14, 2002
Family Life Center

If you would like to help or be part of the entertainment, please contact Steve Denman.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday. There is a table in the foyer for this purpose. Cost for the hamburger and taco meals will be \$3.00; catered meals (on alternating Wednesdays) are \$4.00. Next Wednesday: burgers, fries, and homemade pies.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery van will be in our area the week of December 9-13. Listed below are items needed: HAIR BRUSHES & COMBS, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, & HONEY. Other items are also greatly appreciated.

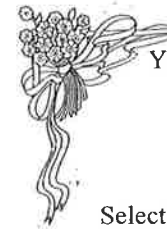
"Faith makes all things possible. Hope makes all things bright. Love makes all things easy."

"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Stuart and Kathy Means** and their two young children, **Nicolas and Samantha**, into the West Erwin family. Stuart is a mechanical engineer for Trane and Kathy is a teacher in the West Erwin Playschool. They 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 21011 Ash Circle, Whitehouse, TX 75791, ph. 839-1769.

BRIDAL SHOWER



You're invited to a bridal shower honoring
Caitlyn Branin
Bride-elect of John Portwood
Sunday, November 3, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Selections: Target, J.C. Penney's, Linens N Things,
Dillard's, and Foley's

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

UNITY CONFERENCE 2002

North Tenneha Church of Christ
1701 North Tenneha, Tyler

Saturday, November 2, 9:00 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Continental breakfast & lunch will be served

Speakers: Claude Andrews of Marshall &
Norvie Cottingham of Palestine

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

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS

There is a need for plastic bags and for men's pants for the Benevolent Center at this time. If you can help, the Center is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings or you may bring items to the church office at your convenience.

TATER PEOPLE

Some people never seem motivated to participate but are just content to watch while others do the work. They are called "Speck Taters."

Some people never do anything to help but are gifted at finding fault with the way others work. They are called "Comment Taters."

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters."

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot-too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters."

There are those who say they will help but somehow just never get around to actually doing the promised help. They are called "Hezzie Taters."

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters."

Then, there are those who love others and do what they say will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters." - copied

*** Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m. ***

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Records	Sunday November 3	Sunday October 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	445	376
Worship A.M.	551	608	553
Worship P.M.	359	486	371
Wed. P.M.	326	330	230
Contribution	\$31,160.25	\$18,137.11	\$21,882.86
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 13, Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Kimberly Clark has been put to bed due to pregnancy problems. Carl Stowers is being treated for a bone disease, will have hip replacement surgery soon. Jon Sorrells is recuperating at home. Doris Terrell, former West Erwin member now living in Beaumont, is in the hospital. Zona Crone, Ann McCoy and Paul Stanley are all recovering at home after a fall. Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, is in rehab in Denton following a recent stroke. Bill Burnett, Rachel Huff's stepfather, hoped to be home this week after having heart problems while on a trip to Scotland. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Gussie Beaty (Oakbrook Nursing Center, Whitehouse), Angela Bowen, Cathy Scroggins' sister, Mozelle Brown, Chloe Clark, Marjorie Cox, Larry Davis, Shirley Denman's brother, Aubrey Denman (Park Place), Betty Draughon, Debbie Bynum's aunt and Bill Meazell's cousin, Mary Evelyn Grier, Leona Hardin (Park Place), Judith Harshbarger, Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Bernice Majors, Joe Bob Middleton, Gloria Thigpen's son-in-law, Charles & Ann McCoy, Daisy Lee Old, David Owen, John Owen's brother, Evelyn Popplewell, Sharon O'Steen's grandmother, Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece, Brice Sustaire, son of Kevin and Shelly, Jack Tarrant, and Pattie Tate.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
MISSIONS		Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Joe McBee	Ray Vannoy	11:30 A.M.
	Dannie Skipper	Leon Welborn	(903) 592-0809

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Stan Clark Bob Clemmons

GREETERS

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Valerie Figueroa
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Austin Fisher
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Megan Florence
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
& Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Pick up cards Nov. 10: Michael Ragsdale, Chris Scroggins, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris & Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, November 10
Preacher: Wade Weathers; Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins;
Nursery p.m.: Suzanne Linseisen; Toddlers a.m.: Debbie
& Cayti Bynum; Toddlers p.m.: Pam Lowry; 2's: Rachel
Huff & Kristi Harris; 3's: Wade & Diane Weathers; 4's:
Adam & Lisa Bryant.

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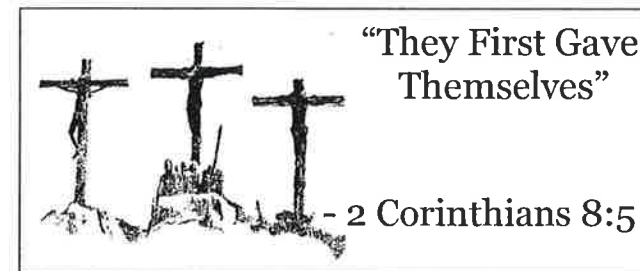
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ELDERS APPOINTED THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday will be a "Red Letter" day for West Erwin as we appoint additional elders to serve this church. These are exciting times ... people are being baptized, people are being identified with us, many deacons (some recently appointed) are in place to be special servants of this church, additional elders are selected, and there is a sense of excitement, spiritual growth, and expectancy everywhere. We have recently purchased additional property on Bonner Street and plans are underway to provide additional (and much needed) classrooms in our old fellowship/benevolent building. This church is "on the grow" in the "heart of Tyler." The appointment of four additional elders brings our total number of shepherds to eleven and provides us with additional strength in leadership. The involvement and enthusiastic support of our work which is evident in so many of our members is appreciated. As we move into a new chapter of our work let us remember to keep in the forefront of our minds these important biblical principles:

1. Seek personal spiritual growth (2 Peter 3:18)
2. Let us love one another (John 13:34-35)
3. Work at keeping "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:1-3)
4. Be sure to focus on evangelism (Mark 16:15-16)
5. Be a generous, purposeful, cheerful giver of material blessings to the cause of Christ (I Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7)
6. Remember our theme for 2002: "They First Gave Themselves" from 2 Corinthians 8:5
7. Be much in prayer about everything we are doing (Philippians 4:6)
8. Be involved in every area of our work which you possibly can (John 9:4)
9. Attend all the meetings of the church (Hebrews 10:24-25)
10. Be a joyful Christian (Philippians 4:4)

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, November 10, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Elders In Every City"
(Titus 1:1-5)
5:00 P.M. - "Is It Worth What It Costs?"
(Isaiah 61:1-3)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

CORNFIELD MAIZE

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to go with us to Bullard on Saturday, Nov. 9 for an interesting evening. We are going to go through a Cornfield Maize and eat together. Please bring \$4.00. We will leave from the church at 4:00 and return at 9:00. Contact me for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 22-24 are the dates for the Middle School Retreat at the Lakeview Encampment in Lone Star. Cost will be \$35. We will leave Friday evening and return for church on Sunday morning. All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Don't miss it! Deadline for signing up is Nov. 17.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are making plans for our LTC sign up. All young people from grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. The theme this year, "Go," is from the book of Matthew. Sign up will be Nov. 10 after the evening assembly in the FLC.

BIBLE QUIZ

All of those in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the East Texas Bible Quiz. Our first test will be on Nov. 18 from 6:45-8:00. Study sheets are ready to be picked up in my office. Contact me for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for making the A & A/B honor roll: Samantha Richardson, Hayley Wilson, Kyle Stowers, and Katie Wacaser. Way to go gang!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 9	Cornfield Maize
Nov. 10	LTC Sign Up
Nov. 12	High School Bible Study
Nov. 17	Small Groups
Nov. 18	Bible Quiz
Nov. 22-24	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 24	High School Devotional
Dec. 1	Out To Eat
Dec. 7	Youth Group Holiday Party

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Kelsi Wicks and Jennifer Elzen experienced the cleansing grace of faith in the blood of Jesus last Sunday. Now, they live each day by the strength of the Holy Spirit Sanctified and empowered (Romans 15:16).

The Apostle Paul reminds us of the difference faith, repentance and baptism makes in the life of a Christian. Our baptism not only signals our forgiveness and the reception of the Holy Spirit, but it calls us to live in holiness. Jesus died on the cross to gain salvation for mankind (Romans 5:8). God, the Father, graciously allows our cleansing by the blood of His Son (Romans 5:20-21).

The importance of baptism is carefully placed in Paul's writing of Romans in a detailed discussion of justification by either law or faith. The seeker who examines this book of Scripture with an open mind will walk away with a clear understanding of God's profound blessings that are available through Christ and that those same blessings await any person who decides to follow Paul's instruction.

The Apostle was convinced that God takes sin seriously. I am convinced that we should baptism just as seriously. Thanks to Kelsi and Jennifer for pointing the way and setting the pace.

"Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

My family and I will be celebrating our second anniversary working with the West Erwin congregation. Actually, by the time you read this that date will have already passed but I just wanted to take a line or two to tell you that the last two years certainly have been a pleasure for my family and me. I deeply appreciate all of the hard work that our volunteers within the educational program of this church have put into their work. You all have made my work much more delightful and certainly have taken some of the stress out of my life. Thanks for being so dedicated to the education program of the church. I'm looking forward to 2003. Already we have planned a year long curriculum entitled Bible Knowledge 101. Plans are in the works for a special Vacation Bible School 2003. Our summer will be jam-packed with several guest speakers for our 2003 summer series. And in April we will have our annual Apples Of Gold banquet which will once again be focused on our teachers.

I am also pleased that the numbers for our Bible school program are on the rise (Sunday and Wednesday). That increase speaks well for our membership and it is my hope and prayer that we continue to grow numerically in 2003. I am already in the process of evaluating our program over the last year which will help me set goals for 2003. Let's continue to pray for this great effort. Let's utilize the Bible school program to edify the believers and to reach out to those who are not saved. Working together we can make a difference.

As teachers, we have a ministry and no time for less than the best. We have this ministry in the toughest of times. We have this ministry so we shall not lose heart. We have this ministry so we'll keep the faith and continue to make a difference in the lives of our students. We have this ministry because we always expect the finest. Even when we cannot speak the words exactly as we need to, we know that our actions proclaim His name. You see, we understand that not only can we proclaim His Word by telling our students but we also understand that as a faithful teacher we can proclaim His Word by example. Let's continue to live our lives in such a way that we will always bring glory to His name.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for of the prayers on my behalf. And thanks to the Kids For Christ for the wonderful poster they sent.

In Christian Love,
Angela Bowen
(Cathy Scroggins' sister)

Our church family,

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, and food. Most of all thank you for the prayers. Keep praying that the rest of Jon's recovery will be uneventful and complete.

Much love,
Norma & Jon Sorrells

NEW ARRIVAL

Rafe Kolson was born Monday, November 4, in Austin to Jeff and Stacey Andrewartha. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and is 20 inches long. Mark and Melissa Frick are proud uncle and aunt and Dean Brookshire is the great grandfather.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held last Thursday at Williams Cemetery for Donald Stamps, father of Shaun Stamps. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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, and with joy on every birthday,
Count your age by friends, not years.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faber and Kathryn Cauthen on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on November 9. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

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Sorry to lose

Kim Tate and her family are now worshipping with the University congregation.

MORE SHEPHERDS, FEWER SHEEP

There is no free lunch. Don't feel entitled to anything you don't sweat and struggle for. If you see a need, don't ask, "why doesn't somebody do something?" Ask instead, "Why don't I do something?" This world needs more shepherds and fewer sheep. Never work just for money or power. They won't save your soul or build a decent family or help you sleep at night. Don't be afraid of taking risks or being criticized. If you don't want to be criticized, don't say anything, don't do anything, and don't be anything. Don't be afraid to fail. - Marian Wright Edelman

Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Kelsi Wicks and Jennifer Elzen, their families, and the angels in heaven in their decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday. Kelsi is the daughter of David and Ginny Wicks and is in the 7th grade at Moore Middle School. Jennifer is in the 9th grade at R.E. Lee and is the daughter of Ken and Debra Elzen.

NEW ADDRESS:

Carl & Sherry Bohanon, 12031 Acadia, 75703, ph. 939-0737.

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Think about it

1. The best way to get even is to forget...
 2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death...
 3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts...
 4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight...
 5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they ALL have to be maintained on earth...
 6. Unless you can create the WHOLE universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God, isn't such a good idea!
 7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up...
 8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by the traffic from both ways.
 9. Words are windows to the heart.
 10. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
 11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
 12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person. It's BEING the right person.
 13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
 14. Too many people offer God prayers, with claw marks all over them.
 15. The tongue must be heavy indeed, because so few people can hold it.
 16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free, and then discover the prisoner was you.
 17. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive!
 18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again. Just be sure to flush when you are done.
 19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck...
 20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, you can bet the water bill is higher.
- And last but not least - God gave the angels wings, and He gave humans CHOCOLATE! YOU ARE RICHER TODAY IF YOU HAVE LAUGHED, GIVEN OR FORGIVEN.

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Bible Class	410	405	433
Worship A.M.	596	551	602
Worship P.M.	388	359	369
Wed. P.M.	335	326	277
Contribution	\$17,970.89	\$31,160.25	\$18,702.15
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 17 and Wednesday, Nov. 20, Andy Fay, ph. 533-8483. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Margarito Barajas is at home after back surgery Tuesday. **Eloise Thompson** is at home after being hospitalized last week with pneumonia. **Merle Lane** is recuperating at her daughter's home in Houston, will have gall bladder surgery when she returns. **Jimmie Brown** is ill at home with a bacterial infection. **Kimberly Clark** is having to take it easy due to pregnancy problems. **Jimmie Harris** is having back & leg problems. **Mozelle Brown's** neck still has not healed, may require surgery. **Carl Stowers** is being treated for a bone disease, will have hip replacement surgery soon. **Jon Sorrells** is doing well after recent heart surgery. **Doris Terrell**, former West Erwin member now living in Beaumont, is in the hospital. **Warren Gray** is still undergoing rehab due to blood clots in his legs. **Zona Crone** and **Ann McCoy** are at home. **Leslie Carruth**, Les Carruth's dad, is in rehab in Denton. **Rachel Rogers**, daughter of Eddie and Mary Rogers, is in ETMC. **Mildred Russell**, Jim Russell's mother remains in ETMC due to heart problems. **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers.

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

Bill & Judy Smith & Lauren Garrett
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Dayne Harris
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Wesley Hilliard
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
& Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards Nov. 17: Michael Ragsdale, Chris Scroggins,
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Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, November 17
Preacher: Todd Hancock; Nursery a.m.: Suzanne Linseisen; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddlers a.m.: Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers p.m.: Kim Lemons; 2's: Jana Hancock & Tara Kilgore; 3's: David & Sharon Hammond; 4's: James & Ruth Ellis.

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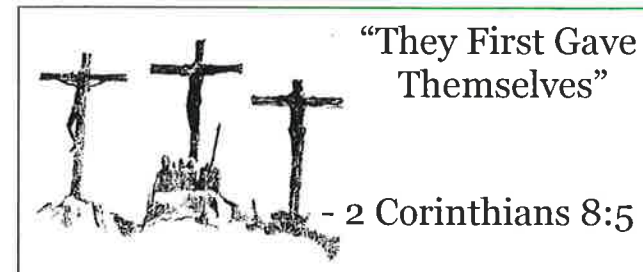
HERE WE GROW AGAIN!

Over the last few months the West Erwin church has witnessed substantial growth as several people have been baptized and others have placed membership with us. Additionally, we have appointed 24 new deacons, bringing the total to 31, and now we have selected four elders to serve this church as overseers and shepherds as they join the seven men who have been serving. Last Sunday was a milestone for West Erwin and a very moving moment as the church responded to the acceptance of the charge to and the statements of commitment from our new elders. Also, the response of *Dannie Skipper*, speaking for the present elders, was most meaningful. As the morning unfolded I was impressed with the thought that God has brought us to this time in our history to accomplish our greatest work. Everything is in place for us to step up to a higher plane of service. We have elders who are seeking to shepherd the church and additional elders just appointed will help the eldership to be more effective. We have deacons who have enthusiastically selected their areas of ministry and are actively involved in their work. We have more people involved in different ministries than ever before and good things are going to continue to happen. Here are some suggestions as to how we can enjoy the blessings of God upon the church and how we can continue to prosper:

1. Let us be excited about what we have in Christ (Colossians 3:23).
2. Let us follow the example of our elders as we imitate their faith, submit to their leadership, and respect them as God's shepherds (see I Peter 5:1-5; Hebrews 13:7, 17).
3. Let us joyfully assemble for worship (Hebrews 10:24-25).
4. Let us demonstrate our discipleship by loving one another (John 13:34-35).
5. Let us be actively involved in ministry, using gifts God has given us (Romans 12:4-6).
6. Let us invite our acquaintances to attend worship with us (Matthew 22:9).
7. Let us carefully seek out those who visit our assemblies and make them feel welcome (Romans 15:2).
8. Let us always strive for keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3).

If we will do our part, God will more than do His part. Remember that He "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, through his power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, November 17, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "What Are People Looking For?"
(Matthew 5:13-16)
5:00 P.M. - "An Unlikely Choice"
(Matthew 9:9-13)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We had a wonderful turnout for the LTC sign up this past Sunday. If you missed the sign up, see me ASAP. We will begin meetings and practices soon, so be watching the Bulletin for more information. All young people from grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate in LTC. The theme this year, "Go," is from the book of Matthew.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for making the A & A/B honor roll: Jordan "Bubba" Lyons, Kristen Yates and Audrey Wright. Congratulations to Courtney Russell for being selected as the Student of the Week at Lindale High School. Congratulations to Alex Mullins & the Brook Hill Soccer team, who went to Waco last week to compete in the TAPPS Division II State Tournament. They won 2nd in State! They got to the Championship Game with a single score by Alex! Way to go gang!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Can We Expect More Terrorism?

Yes. Militant Muslims are angry and frustrated at the United States. We represent leadership of the Christian world where 90% of all support for missionaries originates. We represent wealth, power, and military might. Democracy, freedom, and equality for women are the exact opposites of the submission required in Islam and those who do not submit to Allah are infidels -- they have no right to live. In his televised speech dated October 2001, Osama bin Laden said: "The nations of infidels have all united against the Muslims."

Men like Osama bin Laden want to split the world into two camps: those who believe in Allah and those who do not. They train the followers to believe the United States is aggressive and biased against Islamic values. Can we expect more terrorism?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

To those of us who at one time enjoyed participating in track events, the story I am about to tell you is shocking but true. A few years ago in Seattle, Washington, 9 finalists were poised at the starting line of a 400 meter race, each planning to do his best and hoping to win a gold medal. As the gun went off the racers began their sprint. Suddenly, one of the runners in the lead fell. He quickly got up and gave his all to get the lead back. Finally he was back in first place and then the unthinkable happened. He fell again. Realizing that he was not going to be able to finish the race he began to cry. Then the strangest thing happened. As each of the 8 runners passed him, they all slowed down, eventually stopping. They turned around and jogged back to where he had fallen. They picked him up and all 8 of those runners carried their companion across the finish line. So impressed by this act of compassion were the judges that they awarded all 9 of the athletes the gold medal. Now, I know some of you who are

BIBLE QUIZ

All of those in grades 3-12 are invited to participate in the East Texas Bible Quiz. Our first test will be on Nov. 18 from 6:45-8:00 at the Shiloh Rd. Church. Study sheets are ready to be picked up in my office. Contact me for more information.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 22-24 are the dates for the Middle School Retreat at the Lakeview Encampment in Lone Star. Cost will be \$35. You will also need supper money for Friday. We will leave Friday at 5:00 and return Sunday morning at 10:00. All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to attend. Deadline for signing up is Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 17	Small Groups
Nov. 18	Bible Quiz
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Absolutely, they will not lie still. Their anger and frustration is not new it dates back to the conflict involving Ishmael and Isaac (Genesis 16:6b-12).

Prior to 9-11 we thought nothing of a terrorist nature could strike in the Heartland of our country. We were wrong. We assumed too much. And now with Saddam wanting back in the picture, there remains only more violence and more terrorist tactics... what do we do as Christians?

1. Recognizing that they have no peace in their hearts because they have never met the Prince of Peace, we should pray for that meeting.
2. Secondly, take courage in the promise of God's Word: "The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for He knows their day is coming."

SMALL GROUPS MEET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH.

experienced sprinters are scratching your head and saying, "There is no way this is a true story." I promise you, it is! The event that took place in Seattle, Washington was the Special Olympics. In a sport that lives for individual achievements, these 9 boys understood the concept of teamwork far better than any of us. Their thought was that they entered this race together and they were going to finish this race together. Perhaps this is why they are called "special." The concept of team work is foreign to many, but to our teachers here at West Erwin, we understand that even though we may be in separate classrooms we're all working together for a common purpose. We're a team. We're united in Christ. It is our desire to fulfill the Great Commission. We can best accomplish this task through teamwork. Alex Haley had a picture in his office showing a turtle sitting atop a fence post. One can deduce that if you see a turtle sitting on top of a fence post you know that someone had to put it there. Alex Haley used to say, "Any time I start thinking, Wow, haven't I accomplished so much! I look at that picture and remember how this turtle - me - got up on that post." Let's remember, individually we can move stones, working as team we can move mountains.

IN APPRECIATION

I'd like to express my thanks and appreciation for the tray of ham, and the delicious meals and for all the prayers and concern shown to our family during this difficult time. Thank you to the "Lunch Bunch" ladies.

In Christian Love,
Sammie DeFratus

People like you bring us closer to God. Your prayers, food, visits, and thoughts are greatly appreciated.

Love,
Robert & Pat Stokes

David Owen, John Owen's brother and Opal Cooper's grandson, is doing much better and would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern during his recent illness.

PLEASE NOTE ADDRESS:

Pattie Tate, 16409 CR 498, Lindale, 75771. Her daughter, Linda Byrum, requests our continued prayers and says that Pattie is doing much better than ever expected but still has difficulty communicating. She loves the cards that people send and appreciates the care and concern shown for her.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Memorial Cemetery for Bertha Byrd, former West Erwin member and great aunt of Jerry Huff. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ARRIVALS

Raffe Kolton was born Monday, November 4, in Austin to Jeff and Stacey Andrewartha. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and is 20 inches long. Mark and Melissa Frick are proud uncle and aunt, Cody is the happy cousin, and Dean Brookshire is the great grandfather. (Name was misspelled last week).

Don and Nerene Ingram have a new granddaughter! Kate Olivia Ingram was born Thursday to Luke and Heather. She weighed 5 lb. 3 oz. and is 17 inches long. They live in Farmersville. Jeff & Melissa Parrish are the proud uncle and aunt, Justin and Sydney are happy cousins, and Pattie Tate and Norene Ingram are the great grandmothers!

Sorry to lose ...

Paul and Signa Stanley plan to move November 18-19 to Brady, Texas to be near their daughter. Their new address is 1802 South College, Brady, TX 76825, ph. (915) 597-1435. They will be greatly missed but we wish them well in their new home.

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WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fisher
have the honour of announcing
the marriage of their daughter
Amy Aileen
to
Robert Donald Buwolda
son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buwolda
on Saturday, the second of November
two thousand and two
The Desert Botanical Garden
Phoenix, Arizona*

WEDDING INVITATION

*Because you have shared in their lives by your friendship and love
Caitlyn Beth Branin
and
John Beatty Portwood
together with their parents,
invite you to share their joy when they exchange marriage vows
and begin their new life together
on Saturday, the twenty-third of November
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at two o'clock in the afternoon
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Please join us for the reception immediately following the ceremony
at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Jack and Ernie Tarrant on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on November 18. Our best wishes are extended to them in this happy milestone in their lives.

ALL-CHURCH ADULT HOLIDAY BANQUET

Family Life Center, Saturday, December 14, 2002
If you would like to help or be part of the entertainment, please sign up at the Visitor Center or contact Steve Denman.

WEDNESDAY MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday evening meals, please sign up and pay on Sunday at the table in the foyer. Next Wednesday: tacos, pico de gallo, beans & fried pies. Cost is \$3.00.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery van will be in our area the week of December 9-13. Listed below are items needed: HAIR BRUSHES & COMBS, MACARONI & CHEESE DINNERS, & HONEY. Other items are also greatly appreciated.

Our Sunday evening worship assembly begins at 5:00 p.m.

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Records	Sunday November 17	Sunday November 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	410	427
Worship A.M.	583	596	615
Worship P.M.	397	388	323
Wed. P.M.	303	335	282
Contribution	\$18,720.80	\$17,970.89	\$19,753.43
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 24 and Wednesday, Nov. 27, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Pat Stokes is at home after a light heart attack last week. **Briana Bone**, Ranae Bone's little daughter, is doing okay after a febrile seizure last weekend due to an ear infection. **Lorene Venable** will be scheduled for surgery. **Margarito Barajas** is at home after recent back surgery. **Merle Lane** will be scheduled for gall bladder surgery. **Jimmie Brown** is ill at home. **Kimberly Clark** is having to take it easy due to pregnancy problems. **Jimmie Harris** is having back & leg problems. **Mozelle Brown's** neck still has not healed, may require surgery. **Carl Stowers** will be scheduled for hip replacement surgery. **Doris Terrell**, former West Erwin member now living in Beaumont, is hospitalized. **Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Ann McCoy** and **Eloise Thompson** are all at home. **Leslie Carruth**, Les Carruth's dad, is now in a nursing center in Denton. **Mildred Russell**, Jim Russell's mother remains very ill in ETMC. **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, need our prayers. **Dr. Barbara Rains**, Dub Mathews' daughter, is some improved in Las Cruces, NM. Tina Harris' dad is having heart problems.

Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

MINISTERS		ASSEMBLIES	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
MISSIONS		Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Joe McBee 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
	Ray Vannoy		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Jerry Kirk
Scripture Will Christian
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Dr. Aaron DuVall
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Dan Cullinan
Scripture Don Crowder
Dismiss Tim Grounds

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
George Daugherty Rodney Dalton
Daniel DuPree Harold Denman
Wally Dawkins Steve Denman
David Demic Jimmy Denio

GREETERS
Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meggie Wagner
Chris & Kathy Waggener & Dustin Yates
Ron & Sharri Brock & Cameron Ables
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
& Melvin & Nina Crow

Pick up cards Nov. 24: Jared Jordan, Jeffrey Scarborough, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher & George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, November 24
Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddlers a.m.: Kim Jordan; Toddlers p.m.: Danny & Maggie Craddock; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 4's: Kenna Kempton.

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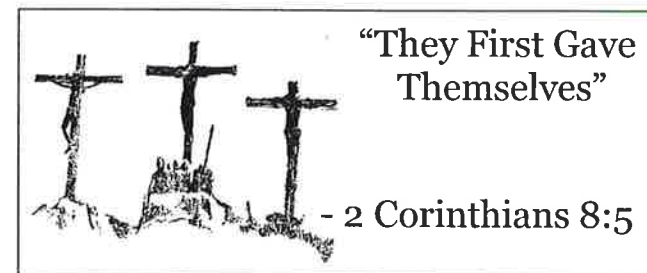
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WHEN WE REMEMBER WE WILL BE THANKFUL

One of the great attributes of a human being is the ability to remember. This God-given ability allows us to learn and to act upon what we learn by remembering. Of course, the ability to remember carries with it the tendency to forget, but the memory is a wonderful thing. When we want to remember something that we forget, it's frustrating. We sometimes forget simple things like where we left our keys or what we wanted to pick up at the grocery. At other times we forget more important things: a birthday, an anniversary, or a bill that needed to be paid. Many people forget the most important thing in the world; they fail to remember God. One of the first things God says to a young person is, "Remember your creator in the days of your youth" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Throughout the history of God's dealing with Israel, God had to encourage his people to remember (the Passover and sacrifices of thanksgiving were designed to help them remember). In the church

today we have the Lord's Supper as a reminder to remember. During the season of our national holiday called Thanksgiving we are encouraged to remember. Why do we need a reminder to remember? Because we have a tendency to forget ... especially when all is well with us. However, in times of trouble it is relatively easy to remember. David was in trouble when he said, "I have considered the days of old, ... I will remember the works of the Lord; surely I will remember your wonders of old" (Psalm 77:5, 11). Let us remember: remember what God has done and is doing; remember what your parents have done; remember those who brought the church to where it now is; remember the mentors who helped shape your life; remember those who make your life good right now; remember how wonderfully blessed you are; remember ... and "be thankful" (Colossians 3:15).

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, November 24, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Dealing With Your Doubts"
(John 20:24-29)
5:00 P.M. - "Tell No One?"
(Luke 9:18-24)

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THANKS!

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Everybody knows about Jonah. People who have never read the Bible know enough about Jonah to laugh at a joke about him and the "whale." Jonah was desperately trying to avoid God. Jonah 1:1 says, "the Word of the Lord came to Jonah ..." I would venture to say the Word of God has come to all of us who are reading these words. God has asked us to do things His way. Yet a husband will say about his wife, "She doesn't understand me," but what may be really going on that he's acting like a brute. Or a couple asks the church to accept them and pray for their relationship. When the truth comes out, they are merely "cohabiting." How can we ask God to bless

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We are slowly but surely turning the corner with our commitment to our Bible school program at West Erwin. I am so pleased with the results of our teachers and students. I have been told all my life that the best way to consistently grow is through slow and steady growth. In the late 1970's Bill Walsh took over the leadership of the San Francisco 49ers. Within two years he turned a team that had been a doormat into a dynasty of NFL champions. Here is the formula that he used to accomplish this monumental task:

1. **Resist the urge to clean house.**

Establish a timetable that will allow you to properly evaluate your existing talent and in the process this timetable will allow the team the opportunity to adapt to your style of leadership.

2. **Seize control from the start.**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following students for making the A & A/B honor roll: Kelsi Wicks, Ashley Sills and Lindsey O'Steen. Congratulations to Ross Weathers for being selected to take part in the Duke Talent Identification Program, and qualifies him to take the ACT & SAT as a middle school student! Way to go!

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Parents: Need a night out?

West Erwin teens will host a special "night out" for you to have an evening to do your shopping. We'll keep your kids from 5:30-10:00 on Friday, Dec. 6. More details soon!

things He has already expressed His opinion about? God has already made it clear in the Bible that living together outside of marriage is wrong and mistreating your wife is sin.

If we continue to avoid God's Word, we too, like Jonah, will wake up in the belly of disaster. Will we ever learn that life's results are always more glorious when we do things God's way?

"My life shall touch a dozen lives before this day is done,

Leave countless marks of good or ill, ere sets the evening sun.

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

Lord, may my life help others lives it touches along the way."

A committee can't save a sinking ship. Make sure all major decisions go through you.

3. **Take inventory of assets and obstacles.**

You need to know what hand you've got before you can play. List the team's pluses and minuses, including personnel, attitudes, administration, and perceptions.

4. **Find the hidden gems.**

Look for raw talent, not just a solid track record.

Quarterback Joe Montana was a 3rd round draft pick, small and inconsistent. But Walsh saw Montana's potential when he rallied Notre Dame to win the 1979 Cotton Bowl.

Walsh's theory: "One miracle can become a life skill with training, support, and practice."

These four areas that Bill Walsh emphasized in his philosophy may not all apply to the Bible School program at West Erwin but one most assuredly does and that is number 4: **Find the hidden gems.** We have so much talent here at West Erwin within our educational program. Teachers, thanks so much for the giving of your time and talent to this great work. God will surely bless you in this effort.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Shannon Snell, her family, and the angels in heaven in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. Shannon is the daughter of Danny and Lisa Snell and granddaughter of Harvey and Verla Strickland. She is in the 8th grade in Whitehouse and has "grown up" at West Erwin. Their address is 205 Pin Oak Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7551.

Note from the Balls:

Dear Brother James and Tuesday Benevolent Workers,

Audrey and I want to thank you for the handmade quilt that each of you spent many hours making. It was extra nice that you signed it too. We had our first blue norther today and it sure felt good to have that warmth. We appreciate you thinking of us on the fourth of July and remembering 9/11/01. Audrey and I have come to the conclusion that the West Erwin Church of Christ was the best congregation we have ever served with. We appreciated the leadership and faithfulness of the membership. Your many ministries has something for everyone to work and participate in. God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
James and Audrey Ball

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Is looking for Christian couples that want to minister. You can have that opportunity in Christian Child Care. Located in the heart of Texas on 25 acres are 34 boys and girls that need your love, attention, and personal support. Good beginning salary and benefits. For more information contact Danny Duggan at 1(915) 622-4201 or e-mail - chc@centex.net.

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Tanya Rene Wiggins and Andrei George Papa

have the honor of announcing their marriage

on Saturday, the second of November

at the Westhill Church of Christ in Corsicana, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Robin Stafford and Bryan Wixom who were united in marriage on November 10. We wish for them a long and happy life together. Their address is P.O. Box 1484, Hawkins, 75765, ph. (907) 769-3070.

ADDRESS CHANGES/CORRECTIONS:

Carl & Sherryl Bohanon, 12031 Acadia, 75703, ph. 939-0737
Carroll & Cherrie Magee, corrected ph. # 894-4676

NEW ADDRESS: Wade & Sandra Park, 410 VZ CR 2221, Canton, 75103.

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June Chapel is now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

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