

Dec. 4, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 48
Records	Sunday Nov. 30	Sunday Nov. 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	412	414
Worship A.M.	602	633	583
Worship P.M.	335	375	397
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	303
Contribution	\$20,896.46	\$20,437.93	\$18,720.80
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Dec. 7, & Wednesday, Dec. 10: Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Shirley McClenny is in Mother Frances, room 5525, after surgery Monday. Charles O'Neal had a heart cath Tuesday. Faber Cauthen is in Health South Rehab. Jack Stringer is at home after being hospitalized with a heart irregularity again. George Hearne is at home. Charles McCoy is in Health South Rehab. Carole Gribble, Molly Gribble's mother, is recovering after recent heart surgery. Richard Frick, David Frick's brother, is very ill in Longview. Albert Rocha, Henry McRuiz's nephew, is undergoing chemo treatment. Clois McCarty, Johnnie Stringer's sister, is hospitalized in Dallas. Continue to remember Gene Adams, Tony's brother, Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Bitsy Berryman, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam's mother, Edgar & Delle Bullard, David Byas, Bettye Price's son-in-law, Leslie Carruth, Les's dad, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Brandon Davis, Kathy Waggener's son, Jean Dees, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Merle Lane, David Lingo (Doris Kennedy's nephew), Penny & Wade McDonald, Jack Miller (Susan Steffee's dad), Daisy Old, Jan Rodgers, Nancy Crawford's sister, Charles Seaberry, Belinda Berryman Smith, Judy Smith, Irene Taylor, Cathy Krewall's sister, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, and Jean Walters.

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Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Tony Adams
Scripture: Curtis Elmore
Dismiss: Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Dale Blackstone
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Rex Power
Scripture: Jim Armstrong
Dismiss: Greg Anding

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Carroll Magee: Stan Mallory
Mike McClenny: Phil Marts
Alan Montgomery: Joe McBee
Hug Mills: Shane Millican

GREETERS

Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Cameron Ables
Bob & May Helen May & Maigen Blackstone
Forest & Mary McFadden & Cayti Bynum
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Dec. 7 & 14: Ryan Haws, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris & Dalton Harris.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Dec. 7:
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VISION FOR THE FUTURE

These are exciting times for the West Erwin church. As we enter the final month of 2003 our goal of adding 100 additional members to our family this year is in sight. As we look forward to the new year we do so with anticipation and joy. Our special contribution on December 14 will, hopefully, pay off the indebtedness on our auditorium and the payment of about \$120,000 will leave us debt free. We have already purchased additional property on South Bonner for the construction of our new Benevolent Center and an architect will be retained to see how we may best use our current Benevolent Building and what additions to our Bible Class Building can be made to best serve our children and adults. When our present building is paid off, that will free up about \$5500 a month for payments on our new projects and will give us the freedom to continue all of our current good works both at home and abroad. In the days ahead we have some

important things to do. *First*, each family in the church needs to be prayerfully considering what we can give as we eliminate our current debt -- on December 14 we need to give seven times what we normally give each Sunday in order to meet our budget and to reach our goal of \$120,000. *Second*, we need to be praying that additional property near our building will become available to provide additional parking space as we enlarge our facilities. *Third*, since our elders are prayerfully presenting us with a big challenge, we all need to be committed to and cooperative in our plans for our future growth. We have always been ready to accept every goal that has been put before us and I am sure we will accept the current challenge. Let's be prayerful, prepared, and eager to be used by the Lord in "the furtherance of the gospel" (Philippians 1:12) -- that's what it's all about.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, December 7, 2003

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Defining Moments"
(Revelation 3:7-8)

5:00 P.M. - Twelve Steps To Better Relationships:

(4) "Teamwork"

(Ephesians 5:28 - 6:4)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* LTC SIGN UP

It's not too late to sign up for LTC. Turn in your form as soon as possible. We are beginning work on the scripts and need to know exactly who is going to participate. All 3-12 grade are invited to participate. If you have any questions, contact Danny.

YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to our house on Saturday, Dec. 13 for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 fun gift. We will start at 6:00 and end at 10:00. This will be a fun and festive evening!

SERVICE PROJECT

The West Erwin youth have taken on several projects to help needy families this holiday season. We will have more information in class about the gifts and donations needed to help these families.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

HABITAT HOUSE

Dec. 6 is a big workday for the Habitat House. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Any help would be appreciated! We are planning to do all the landscaping and build the shed as well as finish many odds and ends. We are going to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 14. If you can help, let me know.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 6	Habitat Workday
Dec. 7	Middle School Devotional
Dec. 9	Habitat Workday
Dec. 9	High School Bible Study
Dec. 13	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 14	Habitat House Dedication
Dec. 22	Teen Service Project
Dec. 26-31	Family Ski Trip
Jan. 23-25	Servant Retreat
Feb. 23 & Mar. 22	Bible Quiz
Apr. 9-11	LTC

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

National pollsters tell us three fundamental facts about the unchurched. First, more than half our population does not go to church. Secondly, the unchurched tend to be younger than church goers. Thirdly, about 80% of church members came to Christ prior to age 20 and more than half of those before the age of 13. Of the 16 baptisms we have had at West Erwin in 2003, 13 were under the age of 20 (81%).

What this means is that our children's Bible school, our teens and college age are the central, most important evangelistic arm of West Erwin.

This age bracket is what the Apostle Paul called "unplanted fields." They have no predetermined religious

arguments against Scripture. They have no major theological errors to correct. This makes our young people the front-line evangelists at West Erwin. Young people have the most evangelistic potential of any ministry area in West Erwin. Therefore, I am very grateful that we provide them with the best teachers who care about them. May God continue to send the young to us!

Tyler Inner City Evangelism

Consider this: "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, Your God reigns!" (Isaiah 57:7)

This is not just about faraway missionary jungles. This is about urban evangelism. It talks about proclaiming the good news to Zion. If the city is reached, the ends of the earth will see that salvation of our God (v. 10).

Pray for His guidance.

Thanksgiving is a great holiday for a lot of reasons and perhaps the most important is the opportunity that we have to say thank you. I am thankful for a lot of reasons.

- 1) I'm thankful for godly parents who walked in the footprints of Jesus and who raised me to do the same.
- 2) I'm thankful for my children and for God giving me these two wonderful reminders of youth.
- 3) I'm thankful for my wife who has taught me time and time again how to be effective from behind the scenes.
- 4) I'm thankful for the ministers at West Erwin who continually offer my name to God and ask God to give me strength to do the best job I can do.
- 5) I'm thankful for our elders who lead this congregation and for the deacons who serve us.
- 6) I'm thankful God sent me this way, to minister here at West Erwin. These past 3 years have flown by.
- 7) And I'm thankful for God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) because He is responsible for all of the above mentioned things.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Thanksgiving has just passed and that holiday has to be my favorite holiday of the year. It seems like to me that most people say that Christmas is their favorite holiday. Thanksgiving has a completely different approach than Christmas does. Christmas (in recent decades) has become so commercialized that it has turned a lot of us off, but Thanksgiving still has a simplistic approach of families coming together to enjoy a meal, to do family activities, and to be thankful for what God has given. My family and I traveled to Memphis, Tennessee to visit with all my family at my brother's house. Even though it was a 7 hour journey (6 hours for me) it was well worth the drive. My family is so spread out that it is extremely difficult to get us all together. A 7 hour drive is nothing if you have the chance to see your family. I love to tell and listen to stories that we all tell reminiscing about our youth. I must admit those stories get better and better each year.

IN APPRECIATION

I just wanted to thank everyone for all the letters, prayers, and well wishes during my recent treatments. I look forward to returning to my normal routine soon and seeing all of you in person again. Thank you all.

Sincerely,
Carl Stowers

West Erwin Christian friends,

We appreciate your kind prayers for our beloved brother Odis. The flowers were so pretty. May God bless each of you.

In Christian Love,
The McCune family

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

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		Nathan Young

ATTENTION LADIES

On Wednesday evenings, beginning December 17, a class entitled *The Six Gifts Of Hospitality* will be taught by Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack in the chapel. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

I TOOK YOUR PLACE

One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car, and got out. Another car pulled up near and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

WELCOME. NEW MEMBER

Larry Shaw came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church and to ask for prayers that he might put Christ first in his life and be a better family leader. We are very pleased to welcome Larry into our church family. His address is 1853 FM 1804, Mineola, 75773, ph. (903) 749-1407.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Only Christmas party

at the Family Life Center

Please sign up at the table in the foyer
for snacks and if you will attend.

Bring an inexpensive gift (homemade or bought).

Play money will be provided at the door.

CONGRATULATIONS

Buck and Kathleen Nowell celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary December 2. We congratulate them in this happy milestone in their lives.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of December 8-12. Listed below are some of the items needed: FACIAL TISSUE, MICROWAVE POPCORN & DRYER SHEETS. However, if there are other items you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to return your Christian Services change cans!

F.Y.I.

If you receive the West Erwin church bulletin, "From the Heart of Tyler" and your address changes, please let us know as soon as possible. Each returned bulletin costs .70 cents. (Second class mail is not forwarded). Also, the bulletin goes to the printer at noon on Tuesdays so any information you wish to be in the bulletin needs to in no later than Tuesday morning.

THINK ABOUT IT ...

"How would you feel if your only son died saving someone's life and they went fishing instead of attending his memorial service?"

BULLETIN

Thanks to Candace Hall for updating our church bulletin, From the Heart of Tyler, on our web site each week. For access, just go to www.westerwin.org and click on weekly bulletin.

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PRAYER AND CARE - Bitsy Berryman had a heart procedure Tuesday. **Faber Cauthen** is in Mother Frances with a heart problem and he suffered a fall. **Jack Stringer** is at home after being hospitalized with a heart irregularity. **Vicki Ellis** had surgery Tuesday. **Kathy Portwood** is at home after recent surgery. **George Hearne** is at home. **Shirley McClenny** is scheduled for surgery Dec. 1. **Jean Dees** is at home after surgery on her broken arm. **Charles McCoy** is now in Health South Rehab. **David Byas**, Bettye Price's son-in-law, had heart surgery last Friday in Fort Worth. **Irene Taylor**, Cathy Krewall's sister, had knee surgery last Friday in Dallas. **Carole Gribble**, Molly Gribble's mother, is recovering after recent heart surgery. **Clois McCarty**, Johnnie Stringer's sister, is hospitalized in Dallas. Continue to remember **Gene Adams**, Tony's brother, **Lamern Bailey**, **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant**, Adam's mother, **Edgar & Delle Bullard**, **Leslie Carruth**, Les's dad, **Chloe Clark**, **Zona Crone**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Brandon Davis**, Kathy Waggener's son, **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, **Warren Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **Jimmie Harris**, **Modena Jones**, **Joan Jordan**, **Merle Lane**, **David Lingo** (Doris Kennedy's nephew), **Penny & Wade McDonald**, **Jack Miller** (Susan Steffee's dad), **Daisy Old**, **Jan Rodgers**, Nancy Crawford's sister, **Charles Seaberry**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Judy Smith**, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, and **Jean Walters**.

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Call to worship Don Crawford
Prayer Mike Gravois
Scripture Keith Skender
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Heath Adams
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Curt Jordan
Scripture Curtis Elmore
Dismiss Greg Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Marc Lemons Taylor Lemons
Tyler Lott Jordan Rousseau
Brandon Lott Blake Lowry
Ron Lott Jordan Lyons

GREETERS

Louis & Jane Jones & Maselyn Walker
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Hayley Wilson
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Hugh & Glenda Mills

Pick up cards Nov. 30: Jared Jordan, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, George Richardson.

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BE THANKFUL

A designated day of thanksgiving has been observed in America since December 4, 1619. *First*, a group of 39 English settlers came to what is now Virginia and declared the day of their arrival (Dec. 4, 1619) as a day of thanksgiving. *Second*, by July 30, 1623, Governor William Bradford decreed a day of thanksgiving for the colonists of Massachusetts. *Third*, President George Washington issued a proclamation naming November 26 as a day of national thanksgiving. *Fourth*, by 1830 New York had an official state Thanksgiving Day, with other states soon following its example. *Fifth*, President Abraham Lincoln formally proclaimed the last Thursday in November, 1863, as a day of Thanksgiving. *Sixth*, each year after Lincoln's proclamation, the President of the United States formally proclaimed that the last Thursday of November should be observed as Thanksgiving Day. *Seventh*, in 1941, Congress set forth the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day and a legal holiday. Thanksgiving is a good thing, and for the Christian

Thanksgiving Day is every day. In Colossians 3:15 Paul linked thanksgiving to the privilege of being a part of the body of Christ, the church. In Colossians 3:17 he referred to thanksgiving in connection with the privilege of serving Christ. Near the beginning of several of his letters Paul thanked God for his brethren in Christ. In Romans 6:17 he thanked God for salvation from sin. In 2 Corinthians 9:15 the apostle thanked God for the gift of Christ our Savior. In Philippians 4:6 thanksgiving is presented as an antidote for anxiety. In I Corinthians 15:57 thanks is offered to God for the final victory enjoyed by Christians at the second coming of Christ. In Ephesians 5:20 Paul urged the Ephesians to thank God for all things and in I Thessalonians 5:18 he said, "In everything give thanks." Thanksgiving is as much a part of the Christian's life as is the receiving from God of "every good and perfect gift" (James 1:17). Every day is Thanksgiving Day for us, so let us "be thankful" (Colossians 3:15)

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, November 23, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - A Refuge In The Storms"
(Psalm 46:1-7)
5:00 P.M. - Twelve Steps To Better Relationships:
(3) "Priorities"
(Ephesians 5:21-29)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

This past weekend, 37 of us from West Erwin attended the City Wide Middle School Retreat in Lone Star. It was the best retreat ever! Bruce Beaver was our speaker and did an outstanding job as usual. Thanks to all those teens who went. Thanks to the following High School gang and adults who helped with the weekend: Jordan Lyons, Jordan Rousseau, Julie Frick, Amanda Dobbs, Cayti Bynum, Barry Scarborough, Cindy Carruth, Ginny Wicks, and Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

LTC SIGN UP

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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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HABITAT HOUSE

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Dec. 2	Bible Study
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

RELEASING TO SERVE

We want to be known at West Erwin as a church that helps every member find their place in ministry. More than that, we want to release you to follow God's lead in your life so you can serve according to the gifts and talents He has entrusted with you. If you are looking for that place and have not found it, please contact Don Crawford at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

HELPING HANDS

Helping Hands was designed and initiated to be both benevolent and evangelistic. Scripture urges us to not grow weary of doing good. The fourteen service teams

were drafted to reach the unchurched with the goal of bringing them to Christ.

If you have never received a packet please ask to get one at the Visitor Center on Sunday. If you know of someone who would be receptive to help in one of these areas, please talk to them and then submit their name to the appropriate team leader.

West Erwin Mission Statement:

To Glorify God
Everyone Growing
into the Image of God
Evangelizing - Edifying - Encouraging

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! We had a fantastic time at the hayride this past Saturday night. There must have been 40 of us who gathered at the Denman's for this family (K-5th) activity. A great big thank you goes out to all who planned and carried out this event for this age group. A special thank you goes out to the Denmans for allowing us the use of their property and for Steve who helped in the planning of this get-together. Let's try to make this an annual event.

Our classes are doing really well. The fall quarter usually sees an increase in attendance and this quarter was no different. It looks like our averages for of Bible School program for 2003 will be (1) Sunday morning - 410 and (2) Wednesday evening - 320. Let's continue to remember our Bible School ministry in our prayers and let's ask God to help us grow numerically and spiritually.

I would like to make everyone aware of our adult schedule for Wednesday evenings during our winter quarter. Let me start with reminding all of our members who love to sing that Jerry Huff conducts a singing class in the Heritage room each Wednesday night. Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack will be teaching a class in the chapel entitled *The Six Gifts of Hospitality* starting December 17. Ladies, please be present for these classes if at all possible. Our men also have a class scheduled on Wednesday evenings. Tim Grounds will be teaching this class on I Corinthians. Tim has agreed to coordinate this class and so, men, if you have a topic that you would like to study, please see Tim. Jay Lockhart will continue his study on the book of Ephesians in the small auditorium. His class is very well attended. He always puts an extraordinary amount of time in on his studies.

All of our teachers put a lot of time and energy into their lessons and do an outstanding job teaching classes. The end result is (as word gets out) we continue to grow. To the 110 teachers that we have here at West Erwin, thank you for your labor of love. May God bless you and may you continue to serve Him in this great way.



IN APPRECIATION

The comforting words, cards, food, and flowers meant so much to our family during the loss of Arlene's brother. You, our church family, "wept with us as we wept." Thank you for caring.

Jay and Arlene

The Virgal Carter Family

To Our Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of love and sympathy for our family since Jim's death. Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, and all of you who attended his memorial service. We are deeply touched and most grateful.

Jon, Norma & Reba Sorrells

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Friday in Waco for Otis McCune, Don McCune's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ADDRESS: James & Ann Hardin, 7120 Walden Dr., 75703

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Julie Price on the arrival of a new niece! Alivia Marie Price-Davis. She was born November 20 to Rebecca Price and Leon Davis. She weighed 8 lb. 15 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Brad Murrell
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Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young



Annual Adult Holiday Banquet

Family Life Center

Saturday, December 6, 2003

\$13.00 per person for a steak dinner

and an evening of entertainment

See Steve Denman for more details

Please sign up at the Visitor Center

if you plan to attend

Be a part of our missionaries' holiday gift this year. Give your cash or check to John Steffee, Charles Rachui or Jay Bynum or one of our ministers this Sunday. We will be sending a monetary gift to Jeff and Brenda Holland in TOGO West Africa, Ray and Linda Maxwell in West Point, Nebraska, Rafael and Olivia Falcon in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico and Armando and Janie Alaniz in Miami, Florida.

RESPONSES

Edie Young came Sunday to request prayers for forgiveness and that she might be restored to a right relationship with God and her church family as she becomes a working member of this church.

Dwight Smith came Sunday to rededicate his life to Christ and to ask for prayers for him and his family. He also wants to express his thanks to God, Jay, and his church family for their continued support.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 16
Ladies Only Christmas party at the Family Life Center

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On Wednesday evenings, beginning December 17, a class entitled *The Six Gifts Of Hospitality* will be taught by Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack in the chapel. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

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THE GOLDEN RULE

Be what you want others to be.
Say what you want others to say to you.
Love like you want to be loved.
Live like you want others to live around you.
Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.
Sing like you want our singing to be.
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.
Serve like you want to be served.
Smile like you want others to smile around you.
Pray for others like you want others to pray for you.
Care for others because you want to be cared for.
Forgive others because you need others to forgive you.
Be there for others because someday you will need others to be there for you.
Compliment others because you need them to compliment you.
Comfort others and those around you will become a comfort to you.
Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.
Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ-like too.
Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

"A little leaven, leavens the whole lump of dough"
(Galatians 5:9).

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday weekend!

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Bible Class	419	391	414
Worship A.M.	606	598	583
Worship P.M.	363	315	397
Wed. P.M.	310	345	303
Contribution	\$16,781.28	\$19,853.53	\$18,720.80
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
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Tyler Lott Jordan Rousseau
Brandon Lott Blake Lowry
Ron Lott Jordan Lyons

GREETERS

Tom & Beverly Hale & Grace Weathers
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Ross Weathers
Jerry & Becky Howard & Wendy Weathers
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
Bill & Pat Bratcher

Pick up cards Nov. 23 & 30: Jared Jordan, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, George Richardson.

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A SIGN OF THE TIMES

In the September 13, 2003 issue of the *Christian Chronicle*, a newspaper dedicated to printing happenings among the churches of Christ around the world, it was reported that at least five congregations have introduced instrumental music into some of their worship services. Several people who have been students of growth patterns and trends within the church were interviewed and gave their ideas about whether or not the introduction of instruments by these churches represents isolated events or a trend among the churches of Christ. One of the things that especially arrested my attention was the observation by one of the men interviewed. He said that some in the church were no longer holding to things that have distinguished the churches of Christ through the years -- things like baptism for the forgiveness of sins, the Lord's Supper observance every Sunday and only on Sunday, and singing without the addition of instruments. His observation was that these distinctions are eroding among some brethren "as the culture impacts these churches." I

find it interesting that "the culture impacts these churches." I know very well that we are affected by the world around us. However, Jesus has taught us that we live in the world but that we are not of the world (John 17:16). Paul said, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed" (Romans 12:2). The early disciples turned their culture upside down (Acts 17:6). Of course, we do not want to be different from the culture just for difference's sake. After all, Paul said, "I have become all things to all men, that I might save some" (I Corinthians 9:22). We certainly do not need to distinguish ourselves from the culture in areas of custom or judgment. However, in becoming "all things to all men" Paul did not violate the will of God. There's the rub. Some today are allowing the culture to impact the church as they move away from Scripture. In matters of faith, and singing is a matter of faith since it is the only music authorized by Scripture, the church should be impacting the culture rather than the other way around. - Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, November 23, 2003
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SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Service Project yesterday for the Shiloh Rd. church. Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish, Patti Grounds, Lisa Snell, Shannon Snell, Kyle Stowers, Jordan Lyons, Nathan Grounds, Cayti Bynum, Jamie Jordan, Julie Frick, Jordan Rousseau, Wes Hilliard, Hannah Grounds, Krista Russell & Amy Estes. Way to go gang!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend! **On Tuesday, Nov. 25, we will have a movie night afterwards. We will be finished at 10:15.**

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of our group who worked on the Bible Quiz Teams this fall. You guys did an outstanding job! A special Thanks to Barry Scarborough for working with us.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Nov. 30	Out To Eat
Dec. 7	Middle School Devotional
Dec. 13	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 22	Teen Service Project

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

It's Tuesday morning and what do I hear? Noise! Lots of noise. West Erwin is the first congregation I have worked with that had a Christian School that met in the building. I have learned to look forward to Tuesdays and Thursdays because our building is packed with little children playing and singing songs about God and Jesus. What a blessing to hear their young voices praising their Creator!

Our Playschool is also an excellent way to get close to new families and show them who we are and what we stand for. God has not blessed us with this great facility so we can turn it into a mausoleum or a memorial to ourselves. God gave it to us to use to glorify Him. So, let's use it up! Let's wear it out in His service!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 **Douglas L. Yates**

I have a little Chihuahua named KeeWee. KeeWee thinks that she could take on an elephant and beat it. When a stranger approaches my house, KeeWee changes from a sweet, kind little dog to a vicious attack dog. It is apparent to me that someone forgot to tell KeeWee that she weighs less than 10 pounds. On the other hand, I have a mixed breed dog that weighs 60 pounds named Lucky. Lucky's domain is the entire back yard. I have seen grown men refuse to do into my back yard until I chain Lucky up. Although Lucky is a great dog, if I owned him because I wanted a guard dog, I'd be getting cheated. The only way he'd hurt you is if he accidentally rolled over on you thinking that you were about to pet him or if he licked you to death. It surprises most people that my 10 pound Chihuahua is so aggressive and that my 60 pound mixed is so playful. It was said a long time ago that you can't judge a book by its cover. That certainly is true in this case.

GIFTS

All we are and all we have are gifts from God. He gave us the world and everything in it. He gave us life! Nothing that God gives is meaningless. His greatest gift came wrapped in swaddling clothes and left in radiant robes! Our response to His gift is called worship. But worship without gratefulness is just mechanical legalism that means nothing to God. Under the Old Covenant God said, "I reject your festivals and I don't like your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer to Me burnt offerings, I will not accept them" (Amos 5:21-24). God wanted righteousness, not rituals. He wanted faithfulness to their covenant that showed itself by consistent living. In the New Covenant He made with His people, God said, "If I speak with human eloquence but don't know how to love another person, I'm nothing more than the squeak in a rusty gate" (I Cor. 13:1). Worship is devoting our lives to using every gift that God has given us to glorify Him.

Christ is another great example of someone that was misjudged because of his appearance. All indicators were that it was time for the Messiah to come to earth. The book of Daniel documented the arrival of Christ precisely to the first century. The people were ready for the Messiah, they were looking for the Messiah and when he (Jesus) came they rejected the Messiah. They were looking for the Messiah to descend into Bethlehem, then ride on a cloud to Jerusalem. They anticipated that the whole world would look toward Jerusalem as Christ descended from the cloud to the throne of David. With the whole world focused on Jerusalem, Christ would then appoint his chosen people (the Jews) to rule over the world. What they didn't expect was that the Messiah would be a carpenter's son from Nazareth. What they expected was a ruler who would establish an earthly kingdom; what they got was a ruler who established a spiritual kingdom. All of this was prophesied in the Old Testament. During the winter quarter I will be teaching the Adventurer's Class (FLC - Sunday mornings) on the subject of *So It Is Written, So Shall It Be*. We will be looking at Old Testament prophecies and the historically documented fulfillment. Join us!



IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin Family,

We are so blessed to be a part of a great Christian family with people like you. Your prayers, visits, food, and cards meant so much to us. The loving care of our church family is a great comfort to me and my family.

In Christian Love,
Charles Harris

Thank you for your prayers for our granddaughter, Gay Lynn Glass. She is doing better now. We are thankful for the power of prayer.
Bill & Ruby McCain

WITH SYMPATHY

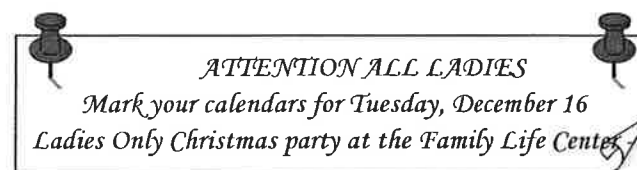
Memorial services were held last Saturday at the Kaufman Church of Christ for Jim Sorrells, Reba Sorrell's son and Jon Sorrell's brother. Services were held last Thursday in Henderson, Nevada for Samuel "Bill" Todd, brother of the late Marie Threadgill. Graveside services were held last Thursday at Cathedral in the Pines for Dooley Ridley, Charles McCoy's brother-in-law. Services were held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home for Billy Tigert, Tillie Carpenter and Daisy Old's brother. Services were held Sunday in Newbern, Tennessee for Virgil Carter, Arlene Lockhart's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to James and Ann Hardin on the birth of a new grandson! Preston Kent Gregory was born November 3 to David and Stacey Gregory. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. Big brother and sister are Nicholas and Amanda.

NEW ADDRESS

Jim & Priscilla Mayer, 1310 East Front, 75702, ph. 593-9510.



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Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Demecia Rogers
Craig Cooper	Jay Landon Jones	Jared Sebastian
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Anthony Sessions
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Robert Songer
Glenda Gacilos	Greg Lowe	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young

"So then, you will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:20).

CONGRATULATIONS

Lorene Venable participated for the first time in the East Texas Fair exhibits when her granddaughter entered four crocheted items for her. She won ribbons on all four entries! Congratulations, Lorene!

Annual Adult Holiday Banquet

Family Life Center

Saturday, December 6, 2003

\$13.00 per person for a steak dinner

and an evening of entertainment

See Steve Denman for more details

Please sign up at the Visitor Center

if you plan to attend



HELP NEEDED

Our annual Holiday Banquet will be December 6th, and we need door prizes! If you can help by donating a prize (homemade or store bought - either way is great), please call Ruth Ellis at 597-9624 by December 4th. You may take your donation to the church office.

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SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list what they thought were the present "Seven Wonders of the World." Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt's Great Pyramids
2. Taj Mahal
3. Grand Canyon
4. Panama Canal
5. Empire State Building
6. St. Peter's Basilica
7. China's Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the 'Seven Wonders of the World' are:

1. to see
2. to hear
3. to touch
4. to taste
5. to feel
6. to laugh
7. and to love

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

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Dennis Kingsbury Terry Kiker
Jamon Kirby Monty Kiker

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VETERANS

Tuesday, November 11, was Veteran's Day, a day in which America remembered in a special way her veterans who have fought and are fighting for our freedom. On that day I thought of those who fought and died to bring this nation into existence as a free people. I thought of those during our 227 year history who were always ready to go wherever needed to help preserve our freedom. I thought of those who during two world wars died far from home in places we had never heard of until Americans sacrificed their lives there -- places like Flanders, Marne, Amiens, Normandy, Dunkirk, Corregidor, and Iwo Jima. I thought of those who did not die but who lost arms or legs or eyes and returned home as casualties of war. I thought of those who came home with bodies intact but who, because of the horrors of war, could not hold a cup without spilling the contents and who never talked about what they had seen in battle. I thought of those who died, who were wounded, and who were prisoners of war in the jungles of Viet Nam. I thought of those who fight an often unseen enemy in the towns and deserts of Iraq. To so many we owe much.

There are also veterans in the church. I am thinking of those who planted and nurtured churches at great sacrifice. I think of those who fought the battles and paid the price to bring the church to us and who delivered to us a cause that was stronger and healthier than it had been when they received it. I think of those who desired to build up the cause by pledging allegiance to Christ and by seeking to follow His Word. I think of those who built our buildings, taught our classes, preached our sermons, and persuaded people to be Christians only. These are our veterans, the veterans who established congregations, built colleges, constructed homes for orphans and the elderly, sent missionaries, visited the sick, trained Bible class teachers, led our youth, and won the lost. Veterans are those who through sweat, toil, blood, and tears have blazed the trails, On a national level and in the church we do well to honor the veterans and to commit ourselves to the resolution that their sacrifices shall not have been in vain.

- Jay Lockhart

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BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be on Nov. 17. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The text is Exodus 12-20 & 32-34. Meet at Shiloh Rd. at 6:45. We will go to Braums afterwards. Parents can pick you up there at 8:45.

SERVICE PROJECT

The West Erwin teens are going to help with the Shiloh Rd. children on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 11:30-2:30. We will be doing a special presentation as well as helping with the children's activities during their Stewardship Drive. We are going to go Shiloh Rd. as soon as church is over Sunday morning. We need to be there at 11:30. Bring clothes to change into. Lunch will be furnished.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Worship is an ongoing, consistent, living sacrifice to God according to Romans 12:1-2. It requires submission, not obedience.

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world"

This world really gets in our way, doesn't it? Paul puts it into simple words to help us recognize that the world we live in is a huge barrier in our path to being living sacrifices for God. It lures us into apathy, it tempts us to seek physical pleasures, it appeals to our pride and our need for acceptance, and it easily molds us into conformity with the rest of mankind.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

For several years in the 1980's I had the chance to coach a high school girl's volleyball team in Little Rock, Arkansas. It was an experience that I treasure to this day. We were not a powerhouse by any stretch of the imagination but we took the talent we had and we worked hard. We were a 1A school who played several 2A and 3A schools and not once did we have a losing season. One of the things that I stressed to my girls was that in order for us to win all of the players would have to be able to play all of the positions well. What I meant by that was, my setters would have to be able to spike, my spikers would have to be able to set the ball, all of them would have to be able to serve the ball well. In other words, my players were going to have to be multi-dimensional players. If they weren't willing to develop themselves in this way, then they would sit with me on the bench while the game was being played. However, I am pleased to report that they all did become multi-dimensional players. During my five years of coaching volleyball at this 1A

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to go on the Area Wide Middle School Retreat on Nov. 21-23. We will leave at 5:15 and return in time for church on Sunday morning. This will be a great weekend. Cost is \$30 plus money for supper on Friday. Please pay your \$35 fee by Wednesday, Nov. 19. Don't miss it!

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With Christian love,
Sue Starnes

NEW ADDRESS

Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes are now living at the Christian Care Center, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite, 75150, ph. 972-686-3027. Hoyt's sister lives there and their son, Ray Hughes, is just minutes away. They will be missed by their West Erwin family but we wish them well in their new home.

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James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Daniel Reynolds
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Demecia Rogers
Craig Cooper	Jay Landon Jones	Jared Sebastian
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Anthony Sessions
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Robert Songer
Glenda Gacilos	Greg Lowe	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young

DO IT ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God;

It was never between you and them anyway. -Mother Teresa

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 16
Ladies Only Christmas party at the Family Life Center -
Details later

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

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MOMS WITH TOTS

All mothers with preschool children are invited to join us Monday, November 17, at Discovery Science Place between 9:30-11:30. Call Stephanie Christian for more information.

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HOW TO GET ALONG IN LIFE

1. Have a reason and goal for living.
2. Study the lives, ways and personalities of successful people.
3. Be positive - be *for* something, work *for* something, give *for* something.
4. Eliminate nonessentials, trivial things.
5. Make improvement your watch word, and do better every day.
6. Cultivate friendships that will inspire you, lift you up.
7. Have faith in God and work for His cause.

Sunlight Of the Spirit

Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a new community outreach ministry so please pray that it will provide much needed encouragement for those who need it.

Don't forget to return your Christian Services change cans!

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Records	Sunday Nov. 2	Sunday Oct. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	441	405
Worship A.M.	572	590	551
Worship P.M.	382	447	359
Wed. P.M.	340	287	326
Contribution	\$20,695.52	\$16,928.54	\$31,160.25
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, Nov. 9, & Wednesday, Nov. 5: Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - George Hearne is scheduled to see an oncologist this week. Shirley McClenny was to see a surgeon this week due to a recurrence of cancer. Charles Harris is got a good report after a heart cath Monday. Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes are now in the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. Sue Starnes suffered a fall last week. Ruby Cliver got a good report after a heart cath last week. Dwight Smith is now at home. Charles Garrett test results were good. Carolyn Carruth, Emma Morgan, and Wanda Wright are all recuperating after recent surgeries. Cara and Abby Fair, sister and niece of Joanna Stamps, are improving and are appreciative of our prayers. Continue to remember Gene Adams, Tony's brother, Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant (Adam Bryant's mother), Edgar & Delle Bullard, Leslie Carruth, Les's dad, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Blanche Dalton (Rodney's mother), Brandon Davis, Kathy Waggener's son, Dorothy Fann (Tammy Asbill's mother), Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Merle Lane, David Lingo (Doris Kennedy's nephew), Penny & Wade McDonald, Jack Miller (Susan Steffee's dad), Daisy Old, Jan Rodgers, Nancy Crawford's sister, Charles Seaberry, Belinda Berryman Smith, Judy Smith, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, and Jean Walters.

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Dismiss Bill Mullins

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Buddy Ray
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Prayer John Shaw
Scripture Tony Smith
Dismiss Bobby Snyder

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chris Ketchum Joel Knox
Daryl Anderson Eric Kiker
Dennis Kingsbury Terry Kiker
Jamon Kirby Monty Kiker

GREETERS

Bobby & Cassie Snyder & Candice Snyder
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Callyn Snyder
Michael & Candace Hall & Kyle Stowers
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Maggie Craddock

Pick up cards Nov. 9 & 16: Ethan Florence, Casey Bellar, Justin Parrish, Cody Frick, Sean Denman.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 9:
Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman;
Toddlers a.m.: Donella Jackson; Toddlers p.m.: Pam Lott;
2's: John & Terry Shaw; 3's & 4's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins.

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RESTORING SANITY TO THE JUDICIARY

People in this country have long talked about the separation of church and state. The concept is based upon ten words found in the Constitution of the United States. Those ten words are: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion." The founding fathers of the United States wanted to guard against a "state church" such as existed in Great Britain and, therefore, included the so-called "separation of church and state" clause in the Constitution. Any student of history knows that the founding fathers were basically men of faith and never intended that the Constitution forbid the mention of God in the public arena. As a matter of fact these men sanctioned the engraving of the Ten Commandments, "In God We Trust," and other evidences of our spiritual heritage on public buildings and in public places throughout Washington, D.C. They did not believe that opening the sessions of Congress with prayer or that opening the workday of the Supreme Court with the words, "God bless the United States and this Court" violated the intended meaning of the Constitution. When the courts of America ruled that prayer or Bible reading in schools, that prayer before athletic contests and during graduations, that "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance, and that a public display of the Ten

Commandments were unconstitutional, none of these things were the real target. The real target was to get God, morality, Christian values, and the recognition of our religious heritage out of the public life of America. When the founding fathers set up three branches of government, their purpose was to provide checks and balances so that no branch of government would become too powerful. It seems that the judiciary with its appointed for life justices is out of control and needs to be reined in by the Congress. Incidentally, the debates in Congress over partial birth abortion and what constitutes marriage are encouraging signs that the courts will not be allowed to make laws for us but to get back to the interpretation of laws, which is the court's job. You cannot vote for an appointed judiciary, but you can vote for Congressmen who appoint them and who hold to positions that most Christians feel are right. We have been silent for far too long. Our voices against anti-God rhetoric must be heard -- from our pulpits, in our writings, in our contact with our congressmen, ... and at the ballot box.

"I have believed, therefore I have spoken" - Psalm 116:10
- Jay Lockhart

"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, November 9, 2003
10:00 A.M. - Tim Grounds

5:00 P.M. - George Jones III
"Which After Are You After?"
(Colossians 2:6-8)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time together. Thanks to all who helped with food and clean up.

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be on Nov. 17. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The text is Exodus 12-20 & 32-34. We are planning a study session for Sunday, Nov. 9. We will eat together with the Shepherding Groups and study until 2:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All of those in grades 6-8 are invited to go on the Area Wide Middle School Retreat on Nov. 21-23. We will leave at 5:15 and return in time for church on Sunday morning. This will be a great weekend. Cost is \$30 plus money for supper on Friday. Deadline for signing up is Wednesday, Nov. 12. Don't miss this one!

LTC SIGN UP

West Erwin's LTC Sign Up will be Sunday evening, Nov. 9, after church in the Family Life Center. We will not have a meal. Watch your mail for details. All 3-12 grade are invited to participate.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Artis Oliver

At 59 you could tell those years had been hard and full of difficult times. He was alone. He had trouble discerning what day or month it was but if he was able he was at the Benevolent Center every Tuesday and Thursday. He hung around to be close to people. He would argue with you but always was kind and gentle. I think he just wanted some attention. What I shall remember him for are the words he used to close every conversation: "Ain't God good."

Artis died October 18. He'll be missed at the Benevolent Center. I pray that God has shown His deepest mercy to

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Teachers, Have You Ever Felt This Way?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines *frustrate* in the following ways: (1) to prevent from accomplishing a purpose or fulfilling a desire, (2) to thwart, (3) to cause feelings of discouragement, (4) to nullify, (5) to disappoint. When was the last time that you felt frustrated? If you are like me, it probably hasn't been that long ago. When was the last time that you were involved in a project that you were putting your all into, only to have someone come along and with just a few spoken words, or perhaps even unspoken words tear your enthusiasm completely down? It hurts, doesn't it? After all, it appears from the scriptures that we, as Christians, are to edify one another (as long as we are walking worthy) and yet so often we seem to become exactly like so many of the members of the church at Corinth and instead of building each other up, we tear each other down. The apostle Paul often found himself frustrated. When the people looked at his credentials you'd think they would have been

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks who placed 8th in Math at the Pinetree UIL Meet last Saturday. Way to go Kelsi!

SERVICE PROJECT

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Nov. 8	Habitat Workday
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Nov. 17	Bible Quiz
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 23	High School Devotional

this man. When we met him, he was too far along with his health problems to be able to reason with him about spiritual matters.

Artis Oliver will serve as a reminder to those who work in the benevolent center of how important it is to share the saving gospel of Jesus Christ with each and every person. Ain't God good!

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impressed, but far too often they were not. They even questioned his apostleship. He was by far the greatest authority on church growth living at that time and more than likely he was the greatest expert of his day on how to teach the lost. Yet time and time again he was trampled on by the brethren.

Spiritually speaking Paul was a giant of a man. What might discourage us to the point of quitting made Paul persevere. He pressed on. His commitment was to God and not to man. He knew he was involved in a noble task and try as they may, he was not going to give in to their petty ways. Teachers, whenever you find yourself discouraged, take a few minutes to reexamine the life of Paul. Read 1 & 2 Corinthians and see how they tried to tear him down. Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians and see how even Satan attempted to "thwart or discourage" Paul and yet he refused to give in. It should stand to reason that when we are walking worthy we should not be made to feel unworthy, but the fact of the matter is we often are. How we react to those who discourage us will determine if Satan wins or if God wins. Let's take the advice of Paul and "press on toward the mark."



IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin Family,

Thank you to all that gave to the money tree to help start our life together. Your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. We would also like to thank the ladies for making this possible. Please keep us in your prayers.

Thank you,
Chad & Kristan Hilliard

To My Church Family,

I'm so blessed to be a part of a great Christian family with people like you. Your cards, visits, food and prayers are appreciated. Hope to see you before long. In Christian Love,

Emma Morgan

Dear West Erwin Church,

We would like to thank you so much for the use of your fellowship building and kitchen that was used by Shiloh Road to service lunch to our family before our dad's funeral. We especially thank Alice Denson for helping to set up and serve.

Gwen Chandler & Family
Royce Jenkins & Family

Dear Christian friends,

Thank you for the many acts of help and kindness during my surgery. Your cards, visits, food, calls and prayers are appreciated very much. The loving care of our church family is a wonderful source of comfort for me and my family.

Love,
Wanda Wright

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NEW ADDRESS: Danny & Cassandra Estes, 14847 CR 178, 75703, ph. 903-534-4731.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young
Eric Hass	Brad Murrell	

EAST TEXAS FAIR AWARDS

Congratulations to Cathy Hallman on winning honorable mention for her "little lamb" crocheted afghan at the East Texas Fair, and to Sherry Peek who won two blue ribbons on portraits, one of her grandson, Michael, and one of her dog, Einstein.

RESPONSE

Tina Harris came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that her life will glorify God as she tries to turn her life over to Him.

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CONGRATULATIONS

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IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind,
before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who seem sad,
Although your heart may ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.
If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.
If you were busy being true
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your brother long,
Because he's busy being wrong.
- author unknown

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Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Ponder Wright, Jr.
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Faber Cauthen
Scripture Ken Culpepper
Dismiss John Cliver

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Roger Howell Odie Kennedy
Greg Jones Curt Jordan
Jerry Huff Todd Kempton
Jerry Howard George Jones III

GREETERS

Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Shannon Snell
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Don & Norma Durham & Monica Starr
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Daniel & Carol Morgan

Pick up cards Nov. 2: Ryan Haws, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 2:
Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook;
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HEROES

Recently my seven year old grandson, Spencer, had an assignment at school called "Portrait of a Hero." The directions included drawing a picture of your hero, give reasons the person is your hero, and write down what your hero has taught you. Spencer brought a copy of his paper to our house. How surprised and humbled I was! There was a picture of me, drawn by this seven year old: coat and tie, glasses, not much hair -- quite a remarkable resemblance. Then he wrote why I was his hero: "He taught me a lot and taught me to stand up for myself." Next there were words describing this hero: "Kind, good heart, eats a lot" (I didn't much care for that last one). Finally Spencer wrote what his hero had taught him: "I can preach the Word of God like I want, but at first I was nervous." This set me to thinking about my heroes. What is a hero anyway? A hero, to me, is someone we respect because of certain traits which we admire and wish to

imitate. A hero is someone we can count on; someone who is there when we need him. A hero is someone who serves behind the scenes and who never gives a thought to who gets the credit for a job well done. A hero is someone who knows just the right word to speak in order to lift us up. A hero is someone who kindly reminds us how blessed we are when we are tempted to forget. A hero is someone who offers loving advice that helps us reach our greatest potential. A hero invites us to follow him but only as he follows Christ. A hero sees the glass as half full rather than half empty. A hero inspires us to do our best by doing his best. A hero is someone in whom we can confide knowing that what we say will be repeated to no one. Heroes come in various heights, weights, colors, and ages. They can be found in many places. They are all around us. There are a lot heroes right here at West Erwin. Thanks for being a hero!
- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, November 2, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "If The Foundations Are Destroyed"
(Psalm 11:1-4)
5:00 P.M. - Twelve Steps To Better Relationships:
"Awareness"
(Romans 12:9-18)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all you who helped with the West Erwin Fall Festival. We estimate that we had between 400-500 children & adults participate. It was really fun!

Thanks to all the teens who set up and worked the booths. Thanks to all the adults who helped with food, costume judging, cleanup, and all the candy & cookies! You made this a success!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be on Nov. 17. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The text is Exodus 12-20 & 32-34. We are planning a study session for Sunday, Nov. 9.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle & high school are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will meet in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend! *(We will not meet on Nov. 4)*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ashley Laird whose dance team tied for 1st place in the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders Dance Competition last weekend. They will be performing at half-time in the Dallas Cowboys game on Dec. 21! Way to go Ashley!

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Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

This is pretty good advice....

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop," the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all that you can afford. When they are in college, that is all that you can afford. When you are on retirement, that is all that you can afford!
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store

by your distinctive laughter.

6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be alive while you are alive, don't put out a mailbox on the highway of death and just wait in residence for your mail.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country, but not to guilt country.
10. Tell the people you love, that you love them, at every opportunity. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I wanted to take a few minutes to talk to you concerning "mission work." This is a broad term that can apply to foreign efforts as well as domestic efforts. For example, we support works on the foreign mission field in (1) Togo, West Africa, (2) Russia, (3) Eastern Europe, and (4) Mexico. Here in the United States we support (1) the building fund for the church in West Point, Nebraska, (2) the Angleton church in the Miami area (preaching school) as well as other efforts domestically. Then we have funds that go to support schools/children's homes/and special works. We are heavily involved in mission work here at West Erwin. We even try to get our kids involved in these areas. Danny Snell's classes have helped sponsor individual students in Nicaragua and I know those students have been blessed. For the past 9 months the kindergarten through 5th grade classes (in our educational ministry) have collected almost \$400.00 toward the

breakfast program in Managua. This program is a great success and it does a wonderful job in not only feeding the hungry children of Managua, but also these children have the opportunity of hearing the Word of God. My question at this time is, are all of K-5th graders involved in this work? A second question that I have at this time is, are all of teachers/parents/staff making sure that we are collecting this money on a regular basis? Let me encourage our teachers to do whatever is necessary to remind our students that they need to be collecting their quarters for this project. Parents, you are the main catalyst in securing these quarters for the kids in Managua. We gave each of the students a film container that will hold several quarters and you can help us by reminding your child to put their quarters in it. If they lost it they need to see their teacher and they will be given a new one. The last Sunday of each quarter these quarters will be collected in class. As I said earlier, so far (approximately 9 months) we have collected close to \$400.00, which is good but if all our students would fill one container up, we could collect \$400.00 each quarter. Students, you're doing a lot, but let's do even more!

GOSPEL MEETING

The Carthage Church of Christ would like to invite you to a Gospel Meeting November 2-7 with Dalton Graves from Mount Vernon, Texas as guest speaker. The theme will be "Increase Our Faith" from Luke 17:5. Week night services are at 7:00. Details on bulletin board across from the office.

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SMILING is infectious, You catch it like the flu. When someone SMILED at me today, I started SMILING too. I passed around the corner and someone saw my grin. When he SMILED, I realized I'd passed it on to him. I thought about that smile, then realized its worth, a single SMILE just like mine could travel 'round the earth. So if you feel a SMILE begin, don't leave it undetected. LET'S START AN EPIDEMIC QUICK AND GET THE WORLD INFECTED!

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BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of December 8-12. Listed below are some of the items needed: FACIAL TISSUE, MICROWAVE POPCORN & DRYER SHEETS. However, if there are other items you wish to donate, they are greatly appreciated.

Don't forget to return your Christian Services change cans!

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Candice Snyder** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism. She was baptized Sunday evening by her cousin, Nicholas Blaylock. Candice is a high school student and is the daughter of Bobby and Cassie Snyder. Their address is 383 CR 2610, Mineola, 75773, ph. 903-569-1544.

PRAYER REQUEST

Cara and **Abby Fair**, sister and niece of Joanna Stamps, were involved in a head-on collision last Thursday night. Cara broke her foot and has been released. Abby, age 5, broke her arm and leg. She had surgery Sunday at Mother Frances on her leg. They are members of the Gilmer church of Christ.

I'VE LEARNED

I've learned That life is a lot like a roll of toilet paper; the closer it gets to the end the faster it goes.
 I've learned That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.
 I've learned That money doesn't buy class.
 I've learned That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.
 I've learned That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.
 I've learned That the Lord didn't do it all in one day so what makes me think I can?
 I've learned That to ignore the facts doesn't change the facts.
 I've learned That when you get even with someone you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.
 I've learned That love, not time, heals all wounds.
 I've learned That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.
 I've learned That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.
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 I've learned That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.
 I've learned That I wish I could have told my dad that I love him one more time before he passed away.
 I've learned That one should keep his words both soft and tender because tomorrow he may have to eat them.
 I've learned That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.
 I've learned That I can't choose how I feel but I can choose what I do about it.
 I've learned That when your newly born child holds your little finger in his little fist that you're hooked for life.
 I've learned That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.
 I've learned That it is best to give advice in only two circumstances; when it is requested and when it is a life threatening situation.
 I've learned that the less time I have to work with the more things I get done.

BULLETIN

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Worship P.M.	372	362	441
Wed. P.M.	325	335	342
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Greg Jones Curt Jordan
Jerry Huff Todd Kempton
Jerry Howard George Jones III

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Milburn & Jan Cook & Sara Scarborough
Melvin & Nina Crow & Chris Scroggins
Visitor Center: Chuck & Linda Gillam
Greg & Cyndie Wagner

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MAN CAN LIVE AGAINST HIS DESTINY

What would one become in the service of God if he took full advantage of and made good decisions regarding his heritage, his talents, and his opportunities? When one is born into this world he is poised to make something of himself. Of course his upbringing, his culture, his education, his associates, and his initiative all play important roles in what he will become. However, the fact is that a human being has great potential even though all don't have the same potential. We are born at a certain time and in a certain place and as we make proper decisions we fulfill our destinies. Our destinies are not predetermined, are not written in the stars, and are not beyond our ability to alter or fulfill them. While our lives are powerfully effected by genes and our environment, we can rise above both of these things. All the things that contribute to what we are may program us for greatness, but we can live against our destinies. Take, for example, Saul, king of Israel. Everything was in place for him to

achieve greatness, but he rebelled against God and died by suicide. Solomon, the wisest of the wise, allowed his foreign wives to influence him to follow false gods in his old age and to fail to reach his full potential. Israel was blessed above all the nations of the earth but forfeited her lofty position by wrong choices. Jonah was chosen to deliver a great city from the judgment of God, but ran from responsibility to the jeopardy of himself and Ninevah. However, he reversed his decision and fulfilled his destiny. Today the church has a great opportunity to be faithful to God and His Word, to impact the lost world, and to fulfill the purpose for which God brought her into existence. She has a great destiny, but she may live against this destiny if she follows the thoughts of men or is absorbed by denominationalism or leaves her biblical moorings. Every generation in every congregation must decide anew to fulfill the destiny of the divine plan for the church or to live against destiny. What will our answer be?

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, October 19, 2003

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Before Winter"

(2 Timothy 4:9-13, 21)

5:00 P.M. - Homesickness of the Soul (8):

"What Manner Of Persons Ought We To Be?"

(2 Peter 3:10-13)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* THANKS

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We served over 100 people. Thanks to the many West Erwin folks who helped serve.

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be on Nov. 17. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The text is Exodus 12-20 & 32-34. We are planning a study session for Sunday, Nov. 9.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

SERVICE PROJECT

The West Erwin teens are going to help with the Shiloh Rd. children on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 11:30-2:30. We will be doing a special presentation as well as helping with the children's activities during their Stewardship Drive. We will need about 15 people to help. More details later.

WEST ERWIN CHILDREN'S FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday night, Oct. 26 is the date for the Children's Fall Festival. We need your help to run the booths as well as prepare the food. Invite your friends to bring their children ages birth - 5th grade to participate in this fun evening.

We need your help for setup on Sat. from 9:00-11:00. You need to be here **Sunday by 4:00** to make sure your booth is ready to go.

We also need cookies & bags of wrapped candy. Sign up at the visitors center. Please have them here by Sunday afternoon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 28	High School Bible Study
Oct. 25	Habitat Workday
Oct. 26	2nd Ski Trip Payment Due
Oct. 26	Fall Festival
Nov. 9	Bible Quiz Practice
Nov. 16	Service Project for Shiloh Rd.
Nov. 17	Bible Quiz
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

It must have been a tough three day wait for Saul. Scriptures give us the clear idea that Saul was your typical type A personality. He was driven, dedicated and thorough. As he understood it truth was truth and if Judaism was right, then this Jesus movement was wrong and needed to be squashed. Saul saw himself as just the man to do it. But now, he suddenly found himself guilty of fighting against God, in a world of total darkness, and having no clue what would happen next.

The Scriptures don't tell us what he did or what he said, but I have an idea that when God returned his sight through Ananias and challenged him with, "And now

what are you waiting for? Get, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." Saul leaped for joy. Talk about a *Point of Impact!* Talk about a *Life Transforming Vision!* Surely he didn't ask, "What about the thief on the cross?" Nor did he ask to put it off until a more opportune time for his friends and relatives to be present. I have an idea he immediately drug Ananias to a place where there was water. From that moment on, Saul gave his life to Jesus. He was totally and absolutely committed to living for the Christ he had persecuted and preaching for Him and never again against Him.

This is called "CONVERSION." What's your story? Where's your *Point of Impact?* When did you receive that *Life Transforming Vision?* Let me hear your story: dcrawford@westerwin.org

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We are experiencing a great year within our Bible school ministry. Our attendance is on the rise and our teachers are doing a fantastic job. Even though our attendance is on the rise, we still have several families who do not attend any of our classes. I would like to take this time to encourage all of our members to make a special effort to get involved in our Bible classes. To those who aren't coming to class, just do this experiment. For the remainder of the calendar year, make every effort to be in class each week (Wednesdays also). Once the new year arrives, ask yourself, "Am I better off spiritually for having attended the Bible classes at church?" I think your answer will be yes! If you decide to take me up on this challenge, please follow these simple guidelines and then proceed with the experiment.

Keys To A Better Bible Class

1. Attend promptly and regularly! Remember, constantly being late and frequently missing a class not only alters the experiment but it may also discourage others.

2. Bring your Bible to class! Doing this one simple suggestion shows a readiness to study.
3. Participate in class! We learn by sharing our understanding of God's Word.
4. Take notes! You will encourage the teacher, set a good example, and have a record of your study.
5. Study at home! You will learn more and be able to contribute more to the class.
6. Show the teacher respect! A good word or perhaps a note will encourage him or her to do even more.
7. Disagree in a kind manner! Others will at least know you are listening, and your attitude will make it easier for them to see your point of view.
8. Talk up the class! Show excitement and tell someone else what you have gained.
9. Change! If the class means something to you then prove it by applying what you've learned to your life.

IN APPRECIATION



To Our West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement that you sent for our dad's funeral. Every expression of love which we have received is very much appreciated.

The family of Russell Lockhart

Thank you for the calls, cards, food, and especially your prayers during my hospital stay and recuperation at home. I appreciate your care and concern. Henry McRuiz

Dear West Erwin Family:

Thank you so very much for all your prayers for my children. These prayers were answered in the best possible way. My son-in-law, Tommy Ford, has custody of his daughter, Lindsey Ford. The process took from January to October, which to us seemed like an eternity. But we are all thankful that the best possible solution worked out in the best interest of Lindsey. I deeply appreciate your prayers in the behalf of Lindsey and her family. Again, thank you. Barbara Weatherman

Thank you, each and everyone, for your beautiful cards and expressions of love and sympathy upon the death of my brother, Roy Barnett. Dorothy Woods

WITH SYMPATHY

Dr. Waunell Hughes, Jim McDonald's aunt, died unexpectedly last Friday. Services were held Tuesday in Dallas. Services were held Tuesday in Corsicana for Barney Galloway, Warren Gray's brother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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BAPTISM

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BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The church of Christ supported Boy Scout Troop 354 will serve their annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning, October 25, from 7:30 - 10:30 in the main kitchen area at the Shiloh Road building. This is an annual fund raiser for the troop and they solicit your support. Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and can be purchased at the door or through any Boy Scout associate.

EAST TEXAS FAIR AWARDS

Sue Higginbotham won a blue ribbon at the East Texas Fair for her ice cream recipe. Wanda Weathers won numerous awards for her sewing skills. Samantha and George Richardson also won awards in the 12 and under sewing division. If others won awards at the East Texas Fair, please let us know.

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Cherokee Children's Home 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 boys and girls that need your love, attention, and personal support. Call Danny Duggan (325)-622-4201 or e-mail chc@centex.net.

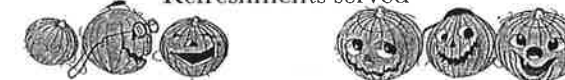
LOVE A CHILD

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."
- author unknown

11th Annual FALL FESTIVAL

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(Please bring a bag of wrapped candy)

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THINK ABOUT IT ...

"How would you feel if your only son died saving someone's life and they went fishing instead of attending his memorial service?"

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday,
October 26. Fall back one hour!



Oct. 16, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 41
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Matt Haws Daryn Hanley
Mike Harris Wesley Hilliard
Charles Harris Dick Higginbotham

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Dan & Debbie Baldwin & Krista Russell
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Courtney Russell
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard
Bill & Judy Wilmeth

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REFLECTION UPON THE DEATH OF MY FATHER

My dad was a tall man. In his prime he was taller than either my brother or me. He was tall physically, but he was tall in every other way as well. His ethics and morals were impeccable. His honesty and integrity were never questioned by anyone. His devotion to Christ and the church was steady. My dad obeyed the gospel when he was a young adult and was a faithful member of the Southside church, now Camden Avenue, for the rest of his life. My mother and her parents, as well as other members of her family, became Christians because of the influence of my dad. As a boy growing up I knew him as a man -- a real man. He spoke softly but his words, or even a look, could transform my misbehavior in an instant. My dad would not miss church when it was within his power to be there. In all the years as I was growing up I can only remember one Sunday that he missed and that was when he was sick in bed. The only exception I can remember

was that there were times he worked shift work and had to miss occasionally. On Thanksgiving weekend of 1950 a snow storm left 36 inches of snow on the ground but Sunday morning found my dad walking the two miles to church through the snow. That's the way he was. He was a gentle man, but stern; a loving man, but strict; and a serious man, but fun loving. He liked his automobiles and kept them spotless ... to a fault. When I wrecked his car in 1955, totaling it, he never said a word about how careless I had been -- his only words upon hearing I was in the hospital were, "Is Jay okay?" When I was baptized in 1950 my dad gave me a big hug and neither of us could say a word. He was proud of his sons and encouraged us to be men. He showed my brother and me how to treat women by the way he treated our mother. My dad was tall. I would like to be as tall as he was.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, October 19, 2003

10:00 A.M. - Don Crawford

5:00 P.M. - George Jones III

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Youth With Heart... *by Denny*

THANKS

Thanks to Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot and Mark & Ginger Philpot for hosting the middle school devotional last Sunday. Thanks to Barry Scarborough who *always* helps clean up!

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Quiz will be on Nov. 17. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The text is Exodus 12-20 & 32-34. We are planning a study session for Nov. 9.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday. Come and help if you can! Check with me for details

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

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Teens need to sign up to work the booths. We will set up on Sat., Oct. 25 from 9:00-11:00.

We also need cookies & bags of wrapped candy. Sign up at the visitors center.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 19	Small Groups Meet
Oct. 20	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Oct. 21	High School Bible Study
Oct. 22	Ski Trip Payment Due
Oct. 25	Habitat Workday
Oct. 26	Fall Festival
Nov. 17	Bible Quiz
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The newspaper is full of stories about accidents in town and on I-20. It seems to me that the most important factor to finding out the truth of what happened is the *point of impact* (POI). An accurate POI is crucial in determining what happened and who was at fault. The more life changing the collision, the more important it is to know where the POI is.

If worship is a meeting, an intentional collision between man and God, where's the POI? Is it a planned, orchestrated experience bracketed by opening and closing prayers? Many people will say that the POI of worship takes place at 10:15 a.m. at the church building every Sunday morning. But what is worship? Is it a place, a

time, an event, a performance, an experience, a duty? Is it something you go to and leave? Is it a series of acts, a set of rituals, a formal occasion? Is it something to be endured, checked off, or attended?

For Christians, our POI is when our hearts collide with the crucified Christ. Worship is what we are compelled to give Him because of His great love and sacrifice for us. Our worship to Him must be no less than His love for us.

Here's An Idea!

"Give a person a fish and you feed him for a day; teach that person to use the internet and they won't bother you for weeks."

"Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but smaller ones surround us every day."

today in the Bible school program. We have some really dedicated teachers who take on numerous responsibilities inside and outside of the classroom. They have their regular 9 to 5 jobs. They have their responsibilities of being a parent or a grandparent. They have their various organizations, etc. that they are a part of, and then to top it off, they teach on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday evenings at church. Quite frankly some of our teachers are burning themselves out. There are some things that the non-teachers can do to help our teachers out and perhaps help them to avoid burnout. *First*, understand the time factor. Our classes start at 9:00 a.m. They do not start at 8:40 nor do they start at 9:15. *Second*, if you go into one of our children's classrooms and the teacher isn't present, then go in and sit with the kids until the teacher shows up. *Third*, be sure to tell the teacher that you appreciate all the work that they put into their class. *Fourth*, volunteer to be a part of the class as a teacher's aid, etc. And *fifth*, include all of our teachers in your prayers. If you will follow these 5 basic suggestions not only will your life improve but you may even help our teachers experience less burnout.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Believe me when I tell you that my basketball days are long gone, but there was a time that I really enjoyed the game. In fact, it was my life. It consumed me in just about every way possible. I loved to watch the game, I loved to study the game and I loved to play the game. I was so caught up in basketball that I decided at an early age that I wanted to be a basketball coach. Even though I wavered a little bit in this commitment, eventually I became a basketball coach. I had the privilege of coaching for 2 years in Miami, Florida and for 5 years in Little Rock, Arkansas. But after 7 years of coaching I finally realized that my lifelong dream had become a nightmare. Don't get me wrong, there are a lot of dedicated coaches who have coached for years and who seem to still love the game. My frustration came about because of all the additional responsibilities that I had as a teacher and I came to understand exactly what the term "burnout" meant. Not only did I come to understand what the word "burnout" meant, but it has made me very sympathetic to those that I work with

IN APPRECIATION

It is a tremendous blessing to have a wonderful church family. You were a great comfort to me when my sister died. Thank you for all of your love and kindness. Love, Billie Morgan

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am very glad to let you know that my father was released from the hospital last week and has returned home. The only restrictions he has is to take things very slow in his road to full recovery. The doctors thought it would take about 6 months for him to get back to normal. He was diagnosed as having West Nile Virus. The viral meningitis was caused by the virus as well. The week before he showed symptoms, I would say he looked like an early 60's man in great health (he is 73). When he came home, he now looks like an 80 year old man. The disease is lethal to some. There have been at least 3 deaths within 100 miles of here. Please take precautions against those mosquitoes. It took only one bite to get my dad down. I want to thank you all for your prayers, your calls, and the encouragement you are to my family. You are truly soldiers of our Lord.

Everyone else in our family is doing fine. Mike and Kristi are busy in college. Linda is working at the paper still and I am still preaching, ranching, working as Supervisor of Building and Grounds of the Public School, and coaching football during this fall. (we are 4-1 right now). You are always near to our hearts and forever in our prayers. God speed to all of you,

Ray Maxwell for the family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday at the Camden Avenue Church of Christ in Parkersburg, West Virginia for Russell Lockhart, Jay Lockhart's dad. Services were held Tuesday in Alba, Texas for Roy Barnett, Dorothy Woods' brother. Michael Ranger, friend of Lea Anne Kennedy, died over the weekend, leaving a wife and 4 year old daughter. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ADDRESS: Cathy Johnston, Carl & Kyle Stowers, 8567 Oak Hill Dr., Flint, 75762, ph. 894-9221.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

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Jonathan Bentley	Jay Landon Jones	Jared Sebastian
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Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Jordan C. White
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Don't forget to return your Christian Services change cans!

***The Benevolent Center needs men's clothing**

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Keith and Jennifer Skender and their children, Jake, Zach and Avery into the family of God at West Erwin. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together. Their address is 201 West Mallory, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-9081.

We are very glad to welcome Michelle Hughes into the West Erwin family. She is the granddaughter of Don and Norma Durham and is a college student. Michelle formerly worshipped with the Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. Her address is 3333 Varsity Dr. #808, 75701, ph. (214) 738-0437.

WEDDING SHOWER

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Kristen Anderson & Phad Hilliard

who will be married on October 25.

(a money tree will be presented to the couple in lieu of gifts)



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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request the honor of your presence

at their 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception

on the nineteenth of October, two thousand and three

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

Charles & Bettye Sue

No gifts please

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Cherokee Children's Home 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 boys and girls that need your love, attention, and personal support. Good Dugan at 1-325-622-4201 or e-mail chc@centex.net.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Christian Services of East Texas presents Mary Lou Retton Tuesday, November 4, 2003 at 7:00 P.M. in the Harvey Convention Center, Tyler, Texas. You are cordially invited to hear her speak and enjoy a delicious meal. For ticket information call 903-509-0558.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Dan Manuel, minister and elder at the Crockett Road church in Palestine, will be speaking in a Gospel Meeting at the Hallsville Church of Christ October 19 - 22 at 7:00 p.m. each night.

The University church of Christ invites you to come and hear John Baker proclaim God's truth about "Building Healthy Churches God's Way" October 17-19. Details on bulletin board in office area.

You're invited to attend the 2nd Annual Fall Lectureship October 19-23 on "Lessons In Faith" at the LaPoynor Church of Christ, 11353 CR 4345 (Hwy 175, 1.5 miles west of Poynor) Larue, Texas. See flyer on bulletin board in office area.

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Records	Sunday Oct. 5	Sunday Sept. 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	428	433
Worship A.M.	564	628	603
Worship P.M.	311	386	427
Wed. P.M.	326	326	344
Contribution	\$31,879.52	\$18,205.31	\$22,626.39
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Oct. 12, & Wednesday, Oct. 15: David Wicks, ph. 903-534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Wanda Wright had surgery Wednesday in Dallas. **Henry McRuiz** is in ETMC, room 3506. **Emma Morgan** is scheduled for back surgery Monday at ETMC. **Russell Lockhart**, Jay's dad, is some improved in Hurricane, West Virginia. **G.W. Cliver** had kidney stones, injured his back in a fall. **Roy Barnett**, Dorothy Woods' brother, is in ETMC ICU. **Clista Clakely**, Kelli Malone's aunt is scheduled for heart surgery Friday. **Gene Adams**, Tony's brother, is battling cancer. **Cleo Wright**, Mary Adams' brother, is ill in Mother Frances. **Frank Dougherty**, Lowrance Canada's brother-in-law, is scheduled for spinal surgery. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey**, **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Carolyn Blackstone**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant** (Adam Bryant's mother), **Cecil Burch**, **Chloe Clark**, **Brandon Davis**, Kathy Waggener's son, **Dorothy Fann** (Tammy Asbill's mother), **Warren Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **Jimmie Harris**, **George Hearne**, **Dan Hereford**, Kathy Means' brother, **Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes**, **Modena Jones**, **Joan Jordan**, **Merle Lane**, **David Lingo** (Doris Kennedy's nephew), **Penny & Wade McDonald**, **Jack Miller** (Susan Steffee's dad), **Linda Mims** (Shirley Denman's sister), **Daisy Old**, **Charles Seaberry**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Helen Smith** (Mary Rogers' mother), **Judy Smith**, and **Herb Tennant** (father-in-law of Ray Wright).

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
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy		
	Ron Lott		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Royce Simmons
Scripture John Tindel
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Chris Conder
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Shaun Stamps
Scripture Eric Worrell
Dismiss Pat Malone

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chad Harbuck Dave Hanley
Matt Haws Daryn Hanley
Mike Harris Wesley Hilliard
Charles Harris Dick Higginbotham

GREETERS

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Michael Ragsdale
Dacid & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Bill & Judy Wilmeth & Maggie Ragsdale
Visitor Center: Bill & Donna Mullins
Carlos & Emma Morgan

Pick up cards Oct. 12 & 19: Jared Jordan, Parker Hall,
Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Oct. 12:
Nursery a.m.: Suzanne Linseisen; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins;
Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables;
2's: Stuart & Kathy Means; 3's & 4's: David & Sharon Hammond.

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A SACRED TRUST

Christian Education can well be a designation for all teaching that is Christian. Christian Education encompasses teaching the gospel to the lost, nurturing children in the teachings of Christ, and helping Christians to grow up in Jesus. Usually, however, Christian Education is used by most of us to refer to Christian schools including preschools, elementary schools, high schools, and colleges and universities. Christian Education refers to schools that emphasize the teaching the Bible as well as other subjects which contribute to a well rounded education. Many of us have attended such schools and it may be said that we are the products of Christian Education. Most of the schools which were established in the early days of our country emphasized Christian principles throughout our nation and even in foreign lands. To succeed as a Christian school it is essential that the administrators and faculty strike a balance between teaching languages, history, math, science, and the arts and teaching the Bible. If too much emphasis is placed

upon academics, instructors may be selected who are not inclined to teach the afore mentioned subject from a biblical perspective. The selection of faculty should first and foremost be done with emphasis upon teachers being sound in the faith once for all delivered to the sons of men by God Himself. When parents make the sacrifice to send their children to a Christian school they should be able to do so with the assurance that their child's faith will be built up rather than torn down. Parents should be able to expect that values will be strengthened rather than weakened. This is the sacred trust that is given to Christian school administrators and faculty. If this trust is violated a parent can hardly afford to send their children or their dollars to that school. After all, if a school instills secularism, doubt, and non-biblical ideas in the minds of its students, is that school true to its sacred trust? James said, "Let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment" (3:1).

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, October 12, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Policy of Appeasement"
(Ephesians 6:10-13)
5:00 P.M. - Homesickness Of the Soul (7):
"What Questions Do you Have?"
(Hebrews 6:10-12)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Middle School, join us this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center for our devotional. Bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to be a part of this special time.

BIBLE QUIZ

The first Quiz will be on Oct. 13. We are going to study the Life of Moses. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. The first Quiz is over Exodus 1-11. We will meet at the Shiloh Rd. Church from 6:45-7:55. Bring your study notes.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks for pacing 3rd in Challenge Quiz at the East Texas Fair Academic Rodeo for Moore Middle School. Kelsi also placed 2nd with her Science Fair project. Way to go Kelsi!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

In Matthew 16:13f Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do people say I am?"

"Some say John the baptizer, some say Elijah, some say Jeremiah, or one of the prophets" they answered.

Then Peter spoke up ... "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus said, "Blessed are you, Simon bar Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it."

The church, then, is not a place man has built. The church is a RESULT The result of what Christ has

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I like to read. Well, that might be stretching it a little bit, but I do find it a joyful necessity to read. One of my favorite "educational" authors is a man by the name of *Findley Edge*. Mr. Edge wrote a book entitled Teaching For Results. In his book he shocked his readers by demonstrating that many of our Bible teachers aren't getting the results that they desire in their classrooms. He shared with the reader the surveys that demonstrated that even after 5 years in the classroom many of the students could not answer the simplest of Bible facts. Who's to blame when our classroom experiences fail? Is it the student's fault or the teacher's fault?

Well, many place the blame squarely on the shoulders of the students. Those that teach are quick to point out that they cannot teach if the student doesn't show an ounce of interest in the subject, if the student isn't enthusiastic about learning and if there isn't a degree of willingness on the part of the student to

HABITAT HOME

Our next big workday is Sat., Oct. 11 from 8:30-3:30. Lunch will be provided. We plan to roof the house and install siding.

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done. The church is the experience of God reigning in the lives of people. When the church is present, lives are being changed. The church belongs to Christ. He built the church. He paid for the church. He is head of the church! Beware! Anything different is a counterfeit.

Have you ever?

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to THAT'S GOD. He wants you to talk to Him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and the next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them THAT'S GOD. There is no such thing as coincidence.

advance in knowledge. However, we as teachers need to realize that we hold the key in motivating our students to show interest, to gain enthusiasm, and to demonstrate a willingness to learn. It is called the "GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD," and we need to present it that way.

Teachers, if you are having a hard time conveying the Word of God to your students, please take just a moment and review your method of presenting the message. All of us as teachers need to realize that our students simply do not all learn in the same exact way. Some of our students learn best through abstract teaching (lectures), some of our students learn best through reflective teaching (discussion, etc.). Another group of students might learn best through concrete teaching (factual) and yet another group might learn best through active teaching (hands on). If we go into the classroom and teach one way and one way only then we might reach 25% of our students but what about the other 75%? If you feel like you are failing in your classroom, before you get out of teaching, try to figure a way to incorporate all four of these teaching approaches in your classroom. If you can do this successfully you will reach your students.

IN APPRECIATION



To My West Erwin Family,

Thanks so much for all the cards and well wishes while I was recuperating from surgery. I can't tell you how much you all mean to me. It's wonderful to be part of a congregation that expresses so much love.

Maxine Ray

To My Church Family,

Thank you so much for the love and concern shown me while in the hospital and at home, for your prayers, lovely cards, food and visits.

Love,
Merle Lane

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in California for Roger Paige, for Cooper Goodson's uncle who was killed in a jeep accident. Chris Montgomery, Alan and Candy Montgomery's son, has returned to the States briefly for the funeral of his mother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Merle Lane on the birth of a new great grandson! Lane Richard was born October 2 in Houston to Brian and Tracy Barnes. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz.

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LIVING AND GIVING

Whatever you give away today, or think or say or do Will multiply about tenfold and then return to you. It may not come immediately nor from the obvious source But the law applies unfailingly through some invisible force. Whatever you feel about another, be it love or hate or passion Will surely bounce right back to you in some clear (or secret) fashion.

If you speak about some person, a word of praise or two, Soon, tens of other people will speak kind words of you. Our thoughts are broadcasts of the soul, not secrets of the brain.

Kind ones bring us happiness, petty ones, untold pain. Giving works as surely as reflections in a mirror. If hate you send, hate you'll get back, but loving brings love nearer.

Remember as you start this day and duty crowds your mind, That kindness comes so quickly back to those who first are kind.

Let that thought and this one direct us through each day. The only things we ever keep are the things we give away.

- author unknown

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Curtis Elmore came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin family again. He is a college student and had been a member here in times past and we are very happy to welcome him back. His address is P.O. Box 131472, 75713, ph. 566-9495.

Response

Carol Morgan responded Sunday, affirming her faith and commitment to God's Word.

Address Correction: Cherry Arcega, 8280 CR 2265, 75707, ph. 566-9427.

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The children and their families of
David and Wanda Frick
would like to cordially invite you to come and help them
celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on
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This will be come and go. No gifts, please

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Our goal for 2003 was to have an additional 100 new members at West Erwin. As of September 29, 67 new faces have been added to our number. Out Reach 100 has been very helpful in reaching this goal. Thanks again for being willing to serve in this ministry.

World Food Day Thursday, October 16

World Food Day exists to bring to the ears of those who have plenty the plight of those all around the world, including Tyler, who suffer with having less. The West Erwin Benevolent Center gives out food each Thursday morning. Year to date we have given food to help 1,961 families. These 1,961 families represent a total of 8,092 men, women, and children. Also, each Monday night the Karing Kitchen serves a hot meal to anyone who needs it. Year to date we have served a total of 2,998 people.

Thank you for supporting these ministries with your hours of service and precious dollars. We are never more like GOD than when we show mercy and compassion.

To get involved in these ministries please contact Don Crawford, e-mail at dcrawford@westerwin.org, or call 592-0809.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We have over 110 Bible school teachers here at West Erwin. It is truly a blessing to work with all of our teachers. Sometimes I hear members jokingly say to one of our preschool or primary teachers, "Oh, you teach the little ones. You poor thing!" I generally laugh when I hear someone say this, but let me assure you of my real feelings regarding our teachers who teach our little ones: THEY ARE GREAT! For several years I had the opportunity of coordinating a Bible Hour program on Sunday nights and I wouldn't trade those memories for anything. We taught each of our regular students basic Bible facts that for years to come they could use as building blocks for a furtherance of the gospel. It was with great anticipation that they continually practiced saying the books of the Old Testament and the New Testament until they finally got it right. And even though it was a good thing that we didn't count off for pronunciation, if you listened carefully you could just about make out the word "Lamentation," and then see a sense of relief that they made it

through that one. I know that the Bible teaches us not to be boastful, but I must admit when I'd hear one of those little ones say to their parents, "There's Mr. Doug, he's my Bible Hour teacher," I'd light up just a little. Over the course of the years it has been very gratifying to see the progression of those little ones as they came to realize the greatest story ever told. It has been very fulfilling to see them take the life of Christ and walk with Him on that incredible journey. And, of course, the reward has been immeasurable when you hear them, including both my own children, make the good confession of faith and then to put Christ on in baptism. Wow! What a great experience it has been to teach the little ones. Really, if you think about it for a moment, it isn't the one who teaches the little ones who should have it said of them, "You poor thing," but rather the one who doesn't teach the little ones. Those of us who teach the little ones have been blessed far beyond our wildest expectations. We are indeed thankful to God for giving us this opportunity.

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Worship A.M.	573	638	600
Worship P.M.	348	383	390
Wed. P.M.	321	350	320
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DESPERATE FOR GROWTH

Churches are clamoring for the secrets of church growth. Church growth experts tell us how to do it even though telling how to do something is not the same as doing it. However, the experts tell us that church growth is accomplished by giving people what they want, providing ample parking, having a building large enough to seat at least 15% more people than are now attending, having small groups, being sure the worship services are lively, putting into practice the methods used by growing churches, removing such barriers to growth as how the church is designated, how the church worships, and by centering worship on ourselves. There is some legitimacy to some of these suggestions, some lack Bible authority, and all church growth students do not recommend all of these things. However, many church growth people emphasize something that is not in the above list and which we may be overlooking in actual practice. That one thing is evangelism. Many churches are

in decline or are just holding their own. In desperation it is easy to try most anything that someone suggests that may help in growth. The bottom line is that evangelism is the key to church growth. It is a well known fact that most people attend because someone asked them to attend. Additionally, when people receive a warm, friendly and personal welcome they are likely to return. Within the framework of Scripture we want our assemblies to be attractive to people -- we want great Bible classes, meaningful worship, Biblical preaching, small groups to allow people to develop a sense of belonging, and a loving spirit to prevail. But church growth still waits for evangelism. For evangelism to occur we must recognize that people are lost, that the gospel is God's power to save, and that the proper response to the gospel is humble obedience. When evangelism happens, church growth happens.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, September 28, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Good Confession"
(I Timothy 6:11-16)
5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of the Soul (6):
What Are Your Questions?" (Revelation 21:9-16)

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KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We had a great turnout with over 20 helpers. We served about 85 people. Thanks to all who helped in this great ministry.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

COMMUNITY

..... **by Don Crawford**

In John chapter 1 it becomes unmistakably clear that Jesus is God in the flesh. He says, "Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made" (1:3).

Jesus, being in on the creation, knew how we were put together. He also knew that we would not likely be willing to follow someone who had never made the journey himself. He also knew that the religious leaders of his day were more like travel agents than tour guides. Travel agents who love to push people into directions they themselves have never been. Jesus knew that people needed a tour guide not a travel agent. He came to be that tour guide. He expected his disciples to be tour guides. A tour guide says:

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Danny Snell will begin teaching a "Men's Class," in room 112, the first Wednesday night in October. The subject will be Wild At Heart. This material comes from a book by the same title, which was written by *John Eldredge*. The subject matter will cover discovering the secrets of a man's soul. Thank you, Danny, for teaching this class.

I'd like to take a moment to tell all of those who attended our Basic Training For Teachers Class thanks! This was a really successful class. From the beginning of this class I let everyone know the purpose of it. It was not meant as a "make and take" type class but rather as a motivational class that hopefully would get all of us on the same page as far as the direction that our leadership would like to see the educational program of the church heading. I think we accomplished this goal. We are attempting to develop a Great Commission model in our classrooms here at West Erwin. Even though we are not quite

HABITAT HOME

It's about that time again! This fall, West Erwin will work with Shiloh Rd. & Glenwood to build our 4th Habitat For Humanity Home. This is a great ministry opportunity that really makes a difference in our community. The BIG BUILD DAY is Sept. 27! We need to raise \$8,000.00. If you would be willing to make a donation, please contact me. There will be a sign up list at the Visitor's Center if you want to work on the big day. We will start at **7:30 A.M.** and work until ... Lunch will be provided.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle & high school are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 27	Habitat Build Day
Sept. 28	Combined Devotional
Sept. 30	High School Bible Study
Oct. 13 & Nov. 17	Bible Quiz
Oct. 20	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat

"Let me take you where I've been.

"Let me tell you what I've seen."

"Let me tell you what I've learned."

"Let me tell you what I've experienced."

That's why I John starts out the way it does: "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us." It's a fellowship of Believers! People who believe in Jesus Christ as Savior of the World.

God gives each one of us certain experiences so that when He has someone who needs encouragement He can send them to one of His tour guides. Don't miss any opportunities to share the reason of your faith in God.

Christianity! What an adventure! Have a blessed week!

Thought to ponder ...

"When everything seems to be coming at you, you are probably in the wrong lane."

there yet, we are closer than we have been in years past. Let me take this opportunity to challenge all of our teachers to incorporate the Great Commission in your classroom. When you have a visitor, get as much information from that visitor as you can so that we can make appropriate contact with them. If you have a student who has been absent for a few weeks, make contact with that student. Our Bible school program should be "edifying" to the membership as well as "evangelistic" to the lost. Let's get involved and help the church to grow by using our Bible school ministry. It can happen if we (1) involve God, (2) study to show ourselves approved, (3) show care, concern and compassion for the lost, and (4) teach with a purpose just like Jesus did, seeking and saving the lost. The late *Ira North*, who was the long time preacher for the Madison Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee used to say, "*As the Bible school program goes, so goes the church.*" Some might disagree with this statement but I believe we all would agree that this ministry can have a big impact on the growth of the church so let's all get involved and, giving God the glory, let's grow through this ministry.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the many cards and phone calls that I received during my recent illness. It is a wonderful blessing to know that Chris and I have such a loving and caring church family. May God continually bless each of you. Again, thank you very much.

In His Grace,
Lara Reynolds

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the delicious food, the calls, and the visits while I have been recovering. Bless you.

Gail Vannoy

Thank you so much for the many prayers and acts of kindness during the illness and death of my sister. The flowers, food, cards and expressions of love were deeply appreciated.

Billy & Lynda Terrell

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables
Wesley Ackerman
Rowdy Anthony
James Baggett
Jonathan Bentley
Craig Cooper
Casey Culpepper
Chuck Freeman
Chad Garner
Josh Gaspard
Scott Gray
Eric Hass

Shelly Henry
Robert C. Holt
Chad Hughes
James Hunt
Jay Landon Jones
Joe Kennedy
Clark Lemons
Greg Lowe
Jon Mason
Blake McGee
Chris Montgomery
Brad Murrell

Seth Pace
Brian Parker
Daniel Reynolds
Demecia Rogers
Jared Sebastian
Anthony Sessions
Robert Songer
Hank Trimble
Tim Wagner
Jordan C. White
Nathan Young

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Marc & Ginger Philpot & family, 14724 CR 411, Tyler, 75706
D.L. Thompson, 3110 TownePark Dr. #3102, 75701.

Congratulations to *Casey Culpepper* on his promotion to Sergeant! He also has a slight change in address: Sgt. Culpepper, Casey, B-Btry 1/17 FA, Unit #92627, APO AE 09323-2627.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Auction - September 27, 9:30 a.m.
Great fun and fellowship, everyone welcome!

LADIES DAY

Gilmer Church of Christ, Saturday, Sept. 27, 9:30 -1:00
"What? Me a Ewe?" (Psalm 23:1-2) Kathy Cherry, guest speaker

GOSPEL MEETING

Big Rock Church of Christ, Canton, Texas, Ferman Carpenter; guest speaker, Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 7:00 each weeknight
Jerry Huff will be leading singing and conducting a singing class.

TOGETHER FOR TOGO

The Warrenton Church of Christ is hosting the annual Togo conference on Friday, Oct. 10 and will conclude with the morning worship service on Sunday, Oct. 12.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Dick and Shirley McClenny** into the West Erwin family. They recently moved from Mansfield to Lindale. Dick is Mike McClenny's brother and is retired from TXU. Shirley is a school teacher. They have three adult children, Jason, Robyn Rager & Holly Mauldin. Their address is 209A Summertree Circle, Lindale, 75771, ph. 903-882-9432.

Response

Priscilla Mayer came to request prayers of her church family for stronger faith in facing life's problems.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 20-24. West Erwin has been asked to collect CRISCO. Other items needed are: CANNED HAMS, LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SPICES (garlic salt & powder, sage, seasoned salt, comino, etc.), DEODORANT (men's), MINUTE RICE, KETCHUP, DISH SOAP, LIGHT BULBS, RICEARONI, CORNBREAD MIX, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP, COFFEE CREAMER, & COOKING SPRAY. Cash donations are also appreciated.

HOLY HUMOR

1. There was a church that had problems with outsiders parking in its parking lots, so they put up a sign: CHURCH PARKING - FOR MEMBERS ONLY. Trespassers will be baptized!
2. "No God - No Peace. Know God - Know Peace."
3. "Free trip to heaven. Details Inside!"
4. "Try our Sundays. They are better than Baskin Robbins."
5. "Searching for a new look? Have your faith lifted here!"
6. An ad for one church has a picture of two hands holding stone tablets on which the Ten Commandments are inscribed and a headline that reads, "For fast, fast, fast relief, take two tablets."
7. When the restaurant next to a church put out a big sign with red letters that said, "Open Sundays," the church reciprocated with its own message: "We are open on Sundays, too."
8. "People are like tea bags - you have to put them in hot water before you know how strong they are."
9. "Fight truth decay - study the Bible daily."
10. "How will you spend eternity - In "Smoking" or in "Non-smoking?"
11. "Dusty Bibles lead to Dirty Lives"
12. "Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world."
13. "It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."
14. "Do not wait for the hearse to take you to church."
15. "If you're headed in the wrong direction, God allows U-turns."
16. "If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again."
17. "Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain fire insurance soon."
18. CH_ _ CH What's missing?"
19. "In the dark? Follow the Son."
20. "Running low on faith? Step in for a fill-up."
21. "If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd."

Please remember to return your Christian Services change cans by October 1!

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OUR BELIEF SYSTEM

Some time ago I visited with a denominational friend who is a serious, diligent, and thorough student of the Word. He has insights into scripture that are incredible and has deep understanding of various biblical themes. Yet, when he comes to a passage like Acts 2:38 his exegetical abilities seem to fall apart. He can see how repentance is essential to enjoy the "forgiveness of sins" in Acts 2. He can see how when Jesus said his blood was shed "for the forgiveness of sins," he was saying that his blood was totally necessary to the "forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28). However, when Peter said, "Repent and be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins," he is unable to see the necessity of baptism to salvation. Why is this? I'm not sure. It may be background, family tradition, theological training, or bias. The fact is, I read several authors who have great insights into many biblical themes, but who seem to lose their equilibrium when it comes to the place of baptism in God's plan. We are not exempt to this problem in the church. We have brethren who argue

for women deacons on the basis of Phoebe in Romans 16:1. Yet they know that the word "deacon" is servant and is used in the New Testament in reference to anyone who serves, including Jesus. They know there are qualifications for "deacons" in I Timothy 3, but that the New Testament gives no qualifications for "deaconesses." To reply that the "women" or "wives" of I Timothy 3:11 refers to "deaconesses" is to overlook the fact that Paul could have used the word for "deacon" in this verse but he did not. Others in the church argue for the practice of things not authorized by Scripture -- "the Bible doesn't say not to." Could it be that the problem is really this: one makes up his mind as to what he wants to believe and then sets out to justify his beliefs by Scripture. Shouldn't one come to the Scripture to form his beliefs rather than to justify what he already believes? The Bible still says, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Peter 4:11).
- Jay Lockhart

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Sermons for Sunday, September 21, 2003

A.M. - "Believing - Miracle #5"
Don Crawford

P.M. - Tim Grounds

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

Involving every member in a ministry of the church is a goal that we are working toward at West Erwin. That goal is a tremendous challenge.

Most churches operate in the old 20-80 principle where 20% of the members do 80% of the work -- not so at West Erwin! We have closer to 80% plugged into some form of ministry. What a blessing! That other 20% only needs some coaching.

We have dozens of ways to minister and places to find that fulfillment you seek in your walk with God. They range from being a Prayer Warrior to rolling bandages for Africa. If you need help in finding where you were meant to be and how God put you together to minister, then contact me and I'll do my best to help.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

I recently asked several of our teachers here at West Erwin, "Why do you teach?" After all, it does take a lot of time, energy, effort, and sometimes even finances to do this job. It's not like you receive a great big paycheck each week and occasionally you even have to put up with complaining. So, why do you teach in the Bible School program? Here is how some of our teachers answered this question: (1) If I stick to the teachings of the Bible then surely it is pleasing to God, (2) It is the most fulfilling job there is, (3) Because I teach I have the opportunity of fulfilling the Great Commission, (4) It is so satisfying to see the progression of my students and also of myself, (5) It allows me the opportunity to lay up treasures in heaven, and (6) It makes me a better student of His Word. Let me say, "Amen!" To all of those statements. If we teach the Word of God, then we are pleasing to Him as we enhance His kingdom.

It is true that as a Bible teacher you will have a unique opportunity of promoting the Kingdom; it is also true that there

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It's about that time again! This fall, West Erwin will work with Shiloh Rd. & Glenwood to build our 4th Habitat For Humanity Home. This is a great ministry opportunity that really makes a difference in our community. The BIG BUILD DAY is Sept. 27! We need to raise \$8,000.00. If you would be willing to make a donation, please contact me. There will be a sign up list at the Visitor's Center if you want to work on the big day. We will start at 7:30 A.M. and work until...

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The body here West Erwin believes in, and is committed to, active discipleship. We quickly work to try to connect new members into the body, but getting them involved in ministry usually takes a little longer. This process can only move quicker if you come seeking to find your place. Call me or come by my office any time ... I'll leave the light on for you.

Words to live by ...

"Never buy a car you can't push."

"If you lend someone \$20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it."

"Drive carefully. It's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker."

"Always keep your words soft and sweet, just in case you have to eat them."

"Happiness come through doors you didn't even know you left open."

are a lot of responsibilities that go along with this job. I am so proud that there are dedicated teachers throughout the world who understand that, giving God the glory, through their classes they can both build up the membership and at the same time evangelize the lost. We can make a difference through the teachings of God's Word.

Teachers, before you ever pick up your lesson for your upcoming class, take a moment to pray to God and ask Him for guidance as you study His Word. Ask Him for knowledge so that you can communicate His Word to such a degree that your students will glean the necessary applications, make a positive response to the message, and become Christians through these teachings. If this happens, I am confident there will be no stopping the church. Each of these students who respond to the gospel will then gain knowledge, teach so that their students will make the necessary applications and respond in a positive way, and then they in turn will also become Christians. Teachers, thanks for being dedicated workers. Let's continue to turn the world upside down (really right side up) for the cause of Christ.

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Thank all of you so much for the many prayers and acts of kindness during a very difficult time in our lives. Losing a mother is never easy, but being surrounded by loving Christian friends helps make it much more bearable. Please continue to pray for my father who is now in Pinehurst. We truly appreciate all you have done.

John & Susan Steffee

Thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy shown to us in the passing of Don's mother. The flowers, cards, and words of love were appreciated. Once again, we were shown how important our church family is to us.

Love,
Don & Norma Durham

WITH SYMPATHY

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A PERSON IS NEVER A MISTAKE

Do you know what's even more important than correcting a child who makes a mistake? To show that child how to keep on living in spite of mistakes. It's so easy for a child to gain a self-image based on mistakes. The truth is, all of us are bigger than any mistakes we make no matter how many times the same mistake is made. People make mistakes; people aren't mistakes. The great divide in this world is not between perfect and imperfect people. It's between people who forgive themselves and go on, and those who simply disqualify themselves and quit. This gets to the heart of acceptance. Detecting a mistake and correcting it is different from detecting a mistake and rejecting the one who made it. You've heard the saying, "Love the sinner; hate the sin." I'd take it a step further: love the person, remove the label, forgive the behavior. At best, it isn't easy to learn how to live in the world. It really helps, though, to have parents who love you no matter what; who show you, by their lives, how to pick up and start over again, and again. For this is the way to triumphant living. "If a child tells a lie, tell him that he has told a lie. But don't call him a liar. That will break down his confidence in his character" - Jean-Paul Richter. www.heartbeatlife.org

BAPTISM DIPLOMA

We rejoice with **Lauren Lanningham** in the most important decision of her life as she was baptized into Christ on Sunday. She is a college student and is the daughter of Tammy Lemons. Their address is 621 West Heritage, 75703, ph. 561-6484.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charles and Louise Seaberry on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on September 12. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.



W.O.W.

Books and Bindings

Books and Bindings, a part of the West Erwin's Women's Ministry, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May. If you like to read and enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women, you are invited to join this group. The first meeting after our summer break will be September 23, at 7:00 p.m. At the home of Winona Shankle, 609 Shiloh Ridge. For further information contact Jeanine Hughes, coordinator of the group for the coming year.

MOMS WITH TOTS

Come join us Friday, September 19! We'll meet at the Caldwell petting zoo at 10:00 a.m. for a time of fun and fellowship. For more information, call Stephanie Christian at 903-566-9413.

CUB SCOUTS

Boys, grades 1 - 5, who are interested in joining Cub Scouts, sponsored by members of the churches of Christ, may contact Keith Harris at (903) 596-0096.

LADIES DAY

Gilmer Church of Christ, 612 Buffalo Street
Saturday, September 27, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Kathy Cherry, guest speaker: "What? Me a Ewe?" (Psalm 23:1-2)
You are invited to join us for brunch and fellowship on this special day. Please RSVP by September 22 at (903) 843-2731.

ETCA OPEN HOUSE

East Texas Christian Academy is holding Open House each Tuesday evening in September at 7:00 p.m. In their Secondary School lunchroom. Anyone wishing to tour ETCA's expanded campus and learn more about the school, it's mission and vision for the future are invited to attend. The meetings are casual, informative, and inspirational. Please contact Steve Arnold at (903) 561-8642 or sarnold@etca.org for more information.

GOSPEL MEETING

Big Rock Church of Christ, Canton, Texas
Ferman Carpenter; guest speaker
Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 7:00 each weeknight
Jerry Huff will be leading singing and conducting a singing class each evening at 6:15

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Soon we will say good-bye to 2003 and hello to 2004. Each day that we live in 2004 could hold immeasurable opportunities for us here at West Erwin. There is so much potential for us to grow within this congregation. The key to having a successful

LTC SIGN UP

It's not too late to sign up for LTC. Turn in your form as soon as possible. We are beginning work on the scripts and need to know exactly who is going to participate. All 3-12 grade are invited to participate. If you have any questions, contact Danny.

SERVICE DAY

We are meeting together this Monday to prepare our Christmas gifts for the kids as well as do a program for a nursing home. We will start at 9:30 and end at 4:00. Please bring lunch money for Jason's Deli and a Santa Hat.

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Dec. 22	Teen Service Project
Dec. 26-31	Family Ski Trip
Jan. 12	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 23-25	Servant Retreat
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Apr. 9-11	LTC

have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you." The Lord struck down their enemies and they fell so they could not recover (12-13).

Shepherding groups will resume meeting once a month in 2004 with the first meeting being Sunday, January 4. Dannie Skipper, James Sublette and Ray Vannoy's groups will meet that Sunday in the Family Life Center immediately after the morning worship assembly for a pot luck lunch to share with visitors.

**New Year's Eve
All Church Game Night
December 31, 8:20 p.m.
Family Life Center
Bring Games and snacks**

year at West Erwin might very well hinge on how involved we are during the year. Please get involved and let's grow, as God would have us to grow. There are many involvement opportunities within the educational program that I would like to make you aware of. Please consider these ministries.

1. Put your name in to be considered as a teacher's aid
2. Put your name in to be considered as a teacher
3. Sign up to help out with our desserts on Wednesday evenings during the summer months
4. Sign up to help out with our Summer Extravaganza program (formerly VBS)
5. Check with our Bible Hour ministries (TFC, Bible Hour, KFC) to see if you can assist them
6. Participate in our men's and women's classes
7. Put your name in the hat to help out with our Children's ministry on Sunday mornings
8. Be sure to attend our FACTS program (summer)
9. Pray for the educational ministry

I am sure that if we become involved in these programs that 2004 will be a banner year here at West Erwin. God bless.

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I give thanks to God always for you ... (I Cor. 1:4). You have a wonderful way of making the world a nicer place to be. Thank you for the prayers, calls, and visits during my stay in the hospital. You guys at West Erwin mean a lot to me. Thank you.

Debbie Baldwin

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Hoyt Hughes. Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes were long time members at West Erwin and recently moved to the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for George Hearne, long time West Erwin member. Graveside services were held Saturday at Kendrick Cemetery for Jean Walters, another long time member who has been confined to a nursing home for quite some time. Services were held last Friday for Harry Loftis, Mary Gaiser's brother-in-law. Services were held Saturday in Hendersonville, TN for George Kester, former West Erwin member. Services were held Saturday in Gilmer for Myrtle Roberts, Julie Price's grandmother. Services were held Sunday at the Daingerfield Church of Christ for Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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"The time is always right to do what is right."

TWO NEW WEDNESDAY CLASSES

There will be two new classes beginning Wednesday evening, December 17. First, the Ladies Class (which meets in the chapel) will begin a study entitled: The Gifts of Hospitality. This study is based on a book written by Laurel Sewell. Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack will be conducting this study. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Second, our men's class which meets in room 112 on Wednesday evenings will begin a new study on II Corinthians. Tim Grounds will be teaching this class and all men are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until January 7.

"You can't overdraw on your faith account."

There will be no bulletin the week of Christmas due to postage regulations for 2nd class mail. We wish you a very happy holiday season!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Gene and Gwen Chandler and Ralph and Barbara Henderson into the West Erwin family. These two families will be a wonderful asset as we work together to serve Lord. The Chandlers temporary address is 1429 Rodessa, 75701, permanent address will be 12241 Colby Circle, 75707, and the Hendersons live at 1305 Jeb Stuart, 75703, ph. 903-581-1248.

\$151,726 and COUNTING!

Much like the Macedonians, "the grace of God bestowed" upon us has enabled us to meet and surpass the financial goal for last Sunday. Our elders had challenged the church to give seven times our regular contribution in order to eliminate the remaining debt on our auditorium. You did it! You gave seven times our weekly budget and we are debt free! We are now prepared to move forward with our expansion/remodeling project. We thank God for your generosity and ask for your prayers as we move into the future.
- Jay Lockhart

COLLEGE GRAD

Congratulations to Cindy Carruth, daughter of Les and Carolyn Carruth on her graduation from the University of Texas at Tyler Saturday, December 13 with a B.A. in Accounting.

**ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SINGING
Wednesday, December 31st, 7:00 p.m.
Glenwood Church of Christ
5210 Hollytree**

There will be no services at the West Erwin building Wednesday, Dec. 24 or Wednesday, December 31st so that our families can be together on Christmas eve and so that our expanded church families can have a time of fellowship and praise on New Year's eve.

**The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday,
December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.**

LIVING AND GIVING

Whatever you give away today, or think or say or do Will multiply about tenfold and then return to you. It may not come immediately nor from the obvious source. But the law applies unfailingly through some invisible force. Whatever you feel about another, be it love or hate or passion Will surely bounce right back to you in some clear (or secret) fashion.

If you speak about some person, a word of praise or two, Soon, tens of other people will speak kind words of you. Our thoughts are broadcasts of the soul, not secrets of the brain. Kind ones bring us happiness, petty ones, untold pain. Giving works as surely as reflections in a mirror. If hate you send, hate you'll get back, but loving brings love nearer.

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Soon we will say good-bye to 2003 and hello to 2004. Each day that we live in 2004 could hold immeasurable opportunities for us here at West Erwin. There is so much potential for us to grow within this congregation. The key to having a successful

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SERVICE DAY

We are meeting together this Monday to prepare our Christmas gifts for the kids as well as do a program for a nursing home. We will start at 9:30 and end at 4:00. Please bring lunch money for Jason's Deli and a Santa Hat.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 21	Small Group Meeting
Dec. 22	Teen Service Project
Dec. 26-31	Family Ski Trip
Jan. 12	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 23-25	Servant Retreat
Feb. 23 & Mar. 22	Bible Quiz
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have come against this vast army. O Lord, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you." The Lord struck down their enemies and they fell so they could not recover (12-13).

Shepherding groups will resume meeting once a month in 2004 with the first meeting being Sunday, January 4. Dannie Skipper, James Sublette and Ray Vannoy's groups will meet that Sunday in the Family Life Center immediately after the morning worship assembly for a pot luck lunch to share with visitors.

**New Year's Eve
All Church Game Night
December 31, 8:20 p.m.
Family Life Center
Bring Games and snacks**

year at West Erwin might very well hinge on how involved we are during the year. Please get involved and let's grow, as God would have us to grow. There are many involvement opportunities within the educational program that I would like to make you aware of. Please consider these ministries.

1. Put your name in to be considered as a teacher's aid
2. Put your name in to be considered as a teacher
3. Sign up to help out with our desserts on Wednesday evenings during the summer months
4. Sign up to help out with our Summer Extravaganza program (formerly VBS)
5. Check with our Bible Hour ministries (TFC, Bible Hour, KFC) to see if you can assist them
6. Participate in our men's and women's classes
7. Put your name in the hat to help out with our Children's ministry on Sunday mornings
8. Be sure to attend our FACTS program (summer)
9. Pray for the educational ministry

I am sure that if we become involved in these programs that 2004 will be a banner year here at West Erwin. God bless.

IN APPRECIATION

I give thanks to God always for you ... (I Cor. 1:4). You have a wonderful way of making the world a nicer place to be. Thank you for the prayers, calls, and visits during my stay in the hospital. You guys at West Erwin mean a lot to me. Thank you.

Debbie Baldwin

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Hoyt Hughes. Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes were long time members at West Erwin and recently moved to the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for George Hearne, long time West Erwin member. Graveside services were held Saturday at Kendrick Cemetery for Jean Walters, another long time member who has been confined to a nursing home for quite some time. Services were held last Friday for Harry Loftis, Mary Gaiser's brother-in-law. Services were held Saturday in Hendersonville, TN for George Kester, former West Erwin member. Services were held Saturday in Gilmer for Myrtle Roberts, Julie Price's grandmother. Services were held Sunday at the Daingerfield Church of Christ for Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	

"The time is always right to do what is right."

TWO NEW WEDNESDAY CLASSES

There will be two new classes beginning Wednesday evening, December 17. First, the Ladies Class (which meets in the chapel) will begin a study entitled: The Gifts of Hospitality. This study is based on a book written by Laurel Sewell. Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack will be conducting this study. All ladies are encouraged to attend. Second, our men's class which meets in room 112 on Wednesday evenings will begin a new study on II Corinthians. Tim Grounds will be teaching this class and all men are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until January 7.

"You can't overdraw on your faith account."

There will be no bulletin the week of Christmas due to postage regulations for 2nd class mail. We wish you a very happy holiday season!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Gene and Gwen Chandler and Ralph and Barbara Henderson into the West Erwin family. These two families will be a wonderful asset as we work together to serve Lord. The Chandlers temporary address is 1429 Rodessa, 75701, permanent address will be 12241 Colby Circle, 75707, and the Hendersons live at 1305 Jeb Stuart, 75703, ph. 903-581-1248.

\$151,726 and COUNTING!

Much like the Macedonians, "the grace of God bestowed" upon us has enabled us to meet and surpass the financial goal for last Sunday. Our elders had challenged the church to give seven times our regular contribution in order to eliminate the remaining debt on our auditorium. You did it! You gave seven times our weekly budget and we are debt free! We are now prepared to move forward with our expansion/remodeling project. We thank God for your generosity and ask for your prayers as we move into the future.

- Jay Lockhart

COLLEGE GRAD

Congratulations to Cindy Carruth, daughter of Les and Carolyn Carruth on her graduation from the University of Texas at Tyler Saturday, December 13 with a B.A. in Accounting.

**ANNUAL CITY-WIDE SINGING
Wednesday, December 31st, 7:00 p.m.
Glenwood Church of Christ
5210 Hollytree**

There will be no services at the West Erwin building Wednesday, Dec. 24 or Wednesday, December 31st so that our families can be together on Christmas eve and so that our expanded church families can have a time of fellowship and praise on New Year's eve.

**The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday,
December 25 and 26 for the Christmas holiday.**

LIVING AND GIVING

Whatever you give away today, or think or say or do Will multiply about tenfold and then return to you. It may not come immediately nor from the obvious source But the law applies unfailingly through some invisible force. Whatever you feel about another, be it love or hate or passion Will surely bounce right back to you in some clear (or secret) fashion.

If you speak about some person, a word of praise or two, Soon, tens of other people will speak kind words of you. Our thoughts are broadcasts of the soul, not secrets of the brain. Kind ones bring us happiness, petty ones, untold pain. Giving works as surely as reflections in a mirror. If hate you send, hate you'll get back, but loving brings love nearer.

Remember as you start this day and duty crowds your mind, That kindness comes so quickly back to those who first are kind. Let that thought and this one direct us through each day. The only things we ever keep are the things we give away.

- author unknown

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Bible Class	403	391	414
Worship A.M.	594	602	583
Worship P.M.	364	335	397
Wed. P.M.	324	NC	303
Contribution	\$22,142.80	\$20896.46	\$18,720.80
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, Dec. 14, & Wednesday, Dec. 17: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Debbie Baldwin** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Shirley McClenny** is recovering after recent surgery. **Faber Cauthen** and **Charles McCoy** are in Health South Rehab. **Charles Seaberry** is at home after surgery Wednesday. **Frank Moore**, Rhonda Haws' dad, is recovering after surgery. **L.T. Murry**, Jon & Dan's dad, is in ETMC with back problems. **Richard Frick**, David Frick's brother, is very ill in Longview. **Leon Anderson**, friend of Cathy Scroggins, has a brain tumor. Continue to remember **Gene Adams**, Tony Adam's brother, **Lamern Bailey**, **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant**, Adam's mother, **Edgar & Delle Bullard**, **Leslie Carruth**, Les's dad, **Chloe Clark**, **Zona Crone**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Brandon Davis**, Kathy Waggener's son, **Jean Dees**, **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, **Warren Gray**, **Carole Gribble**, Molly Gribble's mother, **Leona Hardin**, **Jimmie Harris**, **Modena Jones**, **Joan Jordan**, **Merle Lane**, **David Lingo** (Doris Kennedy's nephew), **Clois McCarty**, Johnnie Stringer's sister, **Penny & Wade McDonald**, **Jack Miller** (Susan Steffee's dad), **Daisy Old**, **Albert Rocha**, Henry McRuiz's nephew, **Jan Rodgers**, Nancy Crawford's sister, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Judy Smith**, **Irene Taylor**, Cathy Krewall's sister, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, and **Jean Walters**.
 *George Hearne died Tuesday night. Services will be held Friday at 3:30 at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

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 Mike McClenny Phil Marts
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 Hugh Mills Shane Millican

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 Hugh & Glenda Mills & Brittany Asbill
 Gene & Leah Moon & Jade Moon
 Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
 Alan & Candy Montgomery
Pick up cards Dec. 14: Ryan Haws, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris & Dalton Harris.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Dec. 14:
 Nursery a.m.: Mary Jo Crowder; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Toddlers a.m.: Beverly Hale; Toddlers p.m.: Arlene Lockhart; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's & 4's: David & Sharon Hammond.

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SURPRISING INSIGHTS FROM THE UNCHURCHED

This is the title of a recent book written by Thom S. Rainer that Stafford North, Distinguished Professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian University, shared with the readers of the *Christian Chronicle* for December, 2003. North observed that Rainer surveyed 2000 evangelical churches and from them identified 353 formerly unchurched individuals who had decided to be identified with a church. According to North, Rainer believes we learn more from the unchurched who become church members than from the unchurched who remain that way. Rainer asked the 353 formerly unchurched people questions that helped him tabulate what factors came into play causing them to affiliate with the church they chose. Here are the factors that had a strong influence and the percentage who said that factor was important to them:

- 5. A family member attends 38%
- 6. Relationship with non-family member 25%
- 7. Sunday School class 25%
- 8. Children's/Youth Ministry 25%
- 9. Worship Style 11%
- 10. Location 7%

If these questions had been asked of people who changed churches the answers would, no doubt, have been different, but these are the answers the unchurched gave. Note that virtually everyone said that personal relationships influenced them (see numbers 4, 5, 6). Note further that doctrine was important to 77% more of those interviewed than was worship styles. Note also that location was of least importance. For the unchurched, at least, if Rainer's study is valid, the fact remains that if a church has a definitive message, if members will ask people to come, if members are friendly when they do come, if something is happening at the church, people will come no matter what the location is. - Jay Lockhart

- 1. Preaching 90%
- 2. Doctrines of the church 88%
- 3. Friendliness of the members 49%
- 4. A member "witnessed" to them 41%

"Here Am I, Send Me"
 - Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, December 14, 2003
 by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Reluctant Disciples"
 (Luke 9:57-62)
5:00 P.M. - Twelve Steps To Better Relationships:
 (5) "Values"
 (Luke 9:23-26)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

This Sunday night, the high school group will be going out to eat and then to buy the presents for the families. We will finish by 9:00. Bring money for your donation & supper at Jason's.

LTC SIGN UP

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YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to our house on Saturday, Dec. 13 for our annual Christmas Party. Please bring a wrapped \$3-5 fun gift. We will start at 6:00 and end at 10:00. This will be a fun and festive evening!

SERVICE PROJECT

The West Erwin youth have taken on several projects to help needy families this holiday season. Please bring your donations by Sunday as we will be buying the presents Sunday Night.

HABITAT HOUSE

Dec. 13 is our final workday for the Habitat House. WE NEED YOUR HELP!!! Any help would be appreciated! We are planning to finish all the little things to get ready for the dedication. We are going to dedicate the house on Sunday, Dec. 14 @ 2:00. Come and join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

We will be dismissing until mid January. As we get closer, we will discuss whether to change the night or not.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 13	Habitat Workday
Dec. 13	Youth Group Christmas Party
Dec. 14	Habitat House Dedication
Dec. 14	High School Activity
Dec. 22	Teen Service Project
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Life is not a problem to be solved; it's an adventure to be lived. That's the nature of it and has been since the beginning when God set the stage and called the whole enterprise into motion. Remember, He said it was "good." He rigged the world in such a way that it only works when we embrace risk and live by faith. Therefore, a man will never be completely happy until he's got adventure in his work, in his life and in his spiritual life. Bottom line: Don't ask what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go and do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive. Christianity is an adventure!

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"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm really excited about two new programs that we will be starting the month of January.

The first new program is a ministry that is geared toward our 20's. We have quite a few who fall into this category and we realize that they need some attention focused in their direction. Todd and Jana Hancock have agreed to be involved in this new work. Todd will begin teaching this age group in the Family Life Center during the month of January. I'm sure that other things will be planned for our 20's through this class. Make sure you are present for these classes and over the next few years let's see where God takes us through this ministry.

The second new program is a new small group that will focus on our college students. Judy and I will be leading this group. We will meet on the 3rd Sunday night of each month in the Family Life Center. We are excited about the potential of this new small group. Please be present for these much needed get togethers.

Well, the new quarter is up and running and our classes continue to impress me. Our teachers put so much time, energy and effort into these classes and the end result is that we continue to grow. To those who week after week attend these classes, thanks for your commitment to studying God's Word. To those who do not attend, please let me extend to you an invitation to start. I'm sure you will not regret it.

Let me remind of what we are studying this quarter:

Sunday	Wednesday
"So It Is Written"	"Study of Ephesians"
"Heart of God's Children"	"Sing Joyfully"
"A Study of Proverbs"	"The Gift of Hospitality"
"A Study of Hebrews"	"Study of II Corinthians"
"12 Steps" (Recovering Pharisee)	
"Time" (Past, Present, Future, Cosmos)	
"Study of II Thessalonians"	
"Study of Revelation"	

* Please check the Class Action Schedule which can be found at the entrances for the listing of the teachers and rooms that these classes will be taught in. Thanks. D.L. Yates

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks so much for participating in the Christian Service of East Texas Change for Children drive. Your willingness to share enables us to provide the necessities for over 50 children who came to us for care this year. West Erwin returned 47 cans with a total contribution of \$1,116.45 and every cent goes to the care of foster children.. We truly appreciate this support. May God continue to bless each of you.

Bill Wallis
Director of Development

WITH SYMPATHY

Hoyt Hughes died early Tuesday morning after a lengthy illness. Hoyt and Elizabeth were long time members of the West Erwin church and recently moved to the Christian Care Center in Mesquite to be nearer to their son, Ray. Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services were held Saturday in Gilmer for Myrtle Roberts, Julie Price's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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ATTENTION LADIES

On Wednesday evenings, beginning December 17, a class entitled *The Six Gifts Of Hospitality* will be taught by Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack in the chapel. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

TODAY

For just one day, we can do anything we set our hearts on. So, for this day only, let us resolve to be unafraid of life, unafraid of death, unafraid to be happy and vow to enjoy the beauty around us and believe only the best of others.

Just for today, let us live this day only. Let's forget yesterday and tomorrow and not try to solve the whole problem of life in one fell swoop.

Lincoln said people are just about as happy as they make up their minds to be. He was so right! We must vow to adjust ourselves to what is - our family, our business, our opportunities. To try to make the world over to suit us is a big order. If we cannot have what we like, we can like what we have.

So, just for today, let us be agreeable, responsible, cheerful and kind. Let us look our best, walk softly, praise people for what they do and not criticize them for what they cannot do. When we find fault, let's overlook it. Don't you feel thankful when you get a second chance? Remember that the next fellow would appreciate it too.

HABITAT HOUSE DEDICATION

You're invited to attend the churches of Christ Habitat House dedication on Sunday, December 14 at 2:00. The address is 1219 East Houston.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

Tuesday, December 16, at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Only Christmas party

at the Family Life Center

Please sign up at the table in the foyer
for snacks and if you will attend.

Bring an inexpensive gift (homemade or bought).

Play money will be provided at the door.

BIBLE HOUR

The Bible Hour children will be singing at the Garden Estates on December 14. We will leave the church building at 5:05 and return about 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed until January 7.

CONGRATULATIONS

Hannah Grounds, bass clarinet, placed first chair in All Region Symphonic Band. Kelsi Wicks, bassoon player, placed first chair in the All Region Honors Band last Saturday. Congratulations, girls, we're proud of you.

CRITICISM

It is easy enough to pick out flaws
in the work that others have done,
To sneer at the little they have achieved
when your own task you haven't begun.
It is easy enough to fuss and find fault
when others are doing their best,
To sneer at the little things they have achieved
when you have done nothing but rest.
It is easy enough to cavil and carp,
to criticize, scoff, and deride
For few of us ever have done perfect work,
no matter how hard we have tried.
It is easy enough not to think of the good,
and to dwell all the time on the worst.
And perhaps it is proper sometimes to find fault,
but be sure that you've done something first.

MANAGUA, NICARAGUA BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Our younger children's classes have been collecting quarters for the breakfast program for the children in Managua, Nicaragua. This week they gave nearly \$150.00. Our next collection date will be March 2, 2004.

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Worship P.M.	356	NS	388
Wed. P.M.	329	286	335
Contribution	\$23,689.75	\$15,700.98	\$18,026.66
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE - Dale and Carolyn Blackstone are recovering after a recent car accident. Dale is at home after gall bladder surgery last Friday. Carolyn's back injuries will require a lengthy recuperation. **Clifford Nolley** had outpatient surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Becky McRuiz** and **Modena Jones** are ill at home with shingles. **Sylvia Carpenter, Warren Gary, Merle Lane, Charles Seaberry** and **Gail Vannoy** are all recuperating after recent surgeries. **Judy Smith** is improved. **Lara Reynolds** is feeling better. **Brandon Davis**, Kathy Waggener's son and Raylene Yates' brother, is in ETMC ICU due to a diving accident which left him paralyzed below his shoulders. **Beverly Hale**, Clint Hale's mother & Lynda Terrell's sister, is now in Hospice. Rodney Dalton has requested prayers for his mother, **Blanche Dalton**. **Paul Cox**, son of the late Frank Cox and known by many here, is now in Hospice. **Christi Farrell**, Roger and Glenda Howell's daughter, is hospitalized in Dallas with pregnancy problems. **Vaden Maxwell**, Ray Maxwell's dad, is in Blair Nebraska hospital with West Nile virus and viral meningitis.

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Scripture Ponder Wright, Sr.
Dismiss James Sublette

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Fred Wingate
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jonathan Stone
Scripture Daniel Yates
Dismiss D.L. Thompson

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Payton Fedell Kyle Fletcher
Rick Fedell Jerry Frick
Alan Fisher Mark Frick
Austin Fisher David Frick

GREETERS

Carlos & Emma Morgan & Blake Lowry
Bill & Donna Mullins & Haylee Lowry
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Sept. 14 & 21: Casey Bellar, Jared Jordan, Cody Frick, Steven Figueroa, and George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Sept. 14
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SHE'S BACK!

In the August 30 - September 5 issue of TV Guide there is an article featuring Ellen Degeneres entitled "I'm Back!" I don't know about you, but I am growing weary of the television networks forcing Ellen on the viewing public. Six years ago Ellen starred in her own sitcom and it was decided that Ellen the person and Ellen the character would both announce they were gay. Within six weeks the TV show was canceled. In 1991 she was back on TV with the "The Ellen Show," about a gay former dot-com exec, and the show didn't survive a full season. Now, here she is again -- touted as the star who stole the show in "Finding Nemo," a blockbuster movie hit, but she was the voice of a fish, for crying out loud! Then she's on an HBO special; she's co-hosting the Emmy Awards; and she will host a new talk show beginning this month. Why? I think it's for the same reason so many sitcoms on TV have gay people on their shows -- the gay agenda is to put gays before us in a favorable light (the parts of gays on TV sitcoms portray them as nice, easy to get along with, and normal people) so that we will get used to it and then accept

the gay lifestyle. It will probably work with many people -- after all, we got used to language, sex and violence on TV and in movies, didn't we? I have nothing personal against Ellen Degeneres -- I don't even know her. I believe a person has the right to choose their lifestyle. I don't believe a person should be forced to believe as I do. However, I object to having a lifestyle presented to me as normal when God says it is not normal (Romans 1). I object when I am expected to approve of what God calls an abomination (Leviticus 18:22). When it comes to TV, it's all about money. The networks and producers may push and push and push, but if advertising products are not bought or the rating of a program are down, it's gone. What can you do? Don't watch the programs and don't buy the products. Do write the network, but don't expect a positive response. Also, it is extremely important that we not be lulled into slumber by our politically correct culture, which would like for our country to become totally secular as it becomes more and more anti-God.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, September 14, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Why We Teach"
(Colossians 1:24-29)
5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of the Soul (5):
What Questions Do You Have?"
(2 Corinthians 12:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Tuesdays, from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will be starting soon. The first Quiz will be on Oct. 13. We are going to study the Life of Moses. All young people in grades 3-12 are invited to participate. This is a great opportunity spend time in God's Word. More details to follow.

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Habitat For Humanity Home. This is a great ministry opportunity that really makes a difference in our community. The BIG BUILD DAY is Sept. 27! We need to raise \$8,000.00. If you would be willing to make a donation, please contact me. There will be a sign up list at the Visitor's Center if you want to work on the big day. More details to follow!

OUT-TO-EAT

All of those in Middle & High School are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. We will decide in class Sunday where to go.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 14	Combined Activity - Out To Eat
Sept. 16	High School Bible Study
Sept. 21	Small Groups
Sept. 22	West Erwin Host Karing Kitchen
Sept. 27	Habitat Build Day
Oct. 13 & Nov. 17	Bible Quiz
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

CHANGE: How It Happens

When you change your thinking, you change your beliefs. Although not all change is the same, the one common element is thinking. When you disassemble your thinking and reassemble it into manageable portions, you reduce the perceived risks associated with the idea of change.

Belief, then, is knowing something can be done. If we believe we can or we believe we cannot, we are correct. Therefore, accomplishment is more than a simple matter of working harder -- it's a matter of believing positively. In belief, our eyes are opened and our opportunities become clear and we become on the outside what we believe on the inside.

This is how it plays out:

When we change our thinking, we change our beliefs.

When we change our beliefs, we change our expectations.

When we change our expectations, we change our attitudes.

When we change our attitudes, we change our behavior.

When we change our behavior, we change our performance.

When we change our performance, we change our lives.

West Erwin Name Tags

If you need a name tag, please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center.

Thoughts to Ponder

The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth. Get the last word in: apologize.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Well, we successfully promoted our classes for the fall quarter and we are already off and running to what we all hope will be a very successful year in our Bible classes here at West Erwin. I am so excited with the growth we have experienced within the educational ministry in the last three years. Our increases have been slow and steady (which has allowed us to accommodate all of our new students) and it looks like the upcoming year will yield the same results. On Sunday mornings, we have gone from a negative 5% decline to a positive 5% increase. That's fantastic! Our Wednesday evenings have skyrocketed from 250 in attendance three years ago to 320 in attendance today. I believe this number will continue to increase as we continue to provide quality classes for all of our students. Let's remember that on Wednesday evenings in our adult classes we have the following classes that you can attend: First, there is the "Sing Joyfully" class which meets in the Heritage room. Then there is the Ladies

Class which meets in the chapel. *Jean DuVall* is teaching that class on the life of David. *Third*, Jay Lockhart is teaching a textual study on the book of Ephesians in the small auditorium. And then in room 112, I am teaching a class called Basic Training for Teachers. With these four classes being offered on Wednesday evenings, there is truly something for everyone. If you haven't been able to attend on Wednesdays but you've wanted to, do so now and let's grow together.

Let's also remember that on September 14th, *Valentina Cliver* will begin her class on Russian Level One. This class will meet at 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall each Sunday. Please bring writing supplies and be ready to learn how to speak this fascinating language. We have placed a sign up sheet at the Visitors Center, but whether you sign up or not please come to this class if at all possible. Thank you, *Valentina*, for offering your expertise in this area.

The educational work is going great and I'm anticipating a banner year, so let's continue to involve God in this work and let's just see what He will do through this ministry.

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for all your help ... Your kindness has made all the difference. Thank you for the delicious meal for the D.L. Thompson family. I was Eloise's niece and traveled from Tennessee. It was wonderful to experience your hospitality.

Barbara Fee

Thank you for the beautiful cards, phone calls and visits. A special thank you to Arlene, Connie and Sue for the delicious meals. I am some improved but still under doctor's care and having more tests.

In Christian Love,
Judy Smith

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Shelly Henry	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Robert C. Holt	Brian Parker
Rowdy Anthony	Chad Hughes	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	James Hunt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Jay Landon Jones	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Clark Lemons	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Greg Lowe	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young
Eric Hass	Brad Murrell	

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BULLETIN

Thanks to Candace Hall for updating our church bulletin, *From the Heart of Tyler*, on our web site each week. For access, just go to www.westerwin.org and click on weekly bulletin.

Responses

Clint Hale came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family to help him overcome the sin in his life and to heal the hurts.

Chris Reynolds requested prayers for his wife Lara's health. She has been having some health problems but is doing better.

WITH SYMPATHY

Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, died last Friday after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Memorial services were held Monday in Shreveport. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

AMAZING GRACE WEEKEND

Wills Point Church of Christ
302 Corky Boyd Ave., ph. 903-873-3106
September 12 - 14

Charles Hodge, guest speaker

Brother Hodge has written a book entitled "Amazing Grace." Grace will be the topic of this exciting weekend of worship and study. Services on Friday and Saturday are at 7:00 (sandwich supper following service on Friday); Sunday services 9:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.; pot-luck fellowship at 11:00; afternoon service 12:30.

Sunlight Of the Spirit

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meets every Tuesday from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is a new community outreach ministry so please pray that it will provide much needed encouragement for those who need it.

MY GRATITUDE

For loved ones Thou hast given me,
for friends I cannot number,
For blood which daily cleanses me,
for nightly peaceful slumber.
For work to do, for love to share,
for burdens often lifted,
For open hearts and open doors,
and help from those more gifted.
For guidance from the living word,
and comfort of the Spirit,
For intercession at Thy throne when
prayer shall bring near it.
For confidence that others give,
for trust they place within me;
For godly souls who for Thee live,
and strength they ever lend me;
For steadfast souls who stand the shock
when Satan fierce assails them,
Whose feet are firm upon the rock
where Thou dost never fail them;
For peace and calm amid the storm,
for lessons learned through failing;
For faith that o'er the evil yet
the good will be prevailing,
For crown and throne and golden home
and life when life shall end,
I thank Thee, Father, Lord of all, in Jesus' name

- Norman Gipson

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Records	Sunday August 31	Sunday August 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	507	410	372
Worship A.M.	810	604	573
Worship P.M.	NS	374	359
Wed. P.M.	286	338	320
Contribution	\$15,700.98	\$20,200.27	\$19,119.52
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 7, and Wednesday, Sept. 10, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Dale and Carolyn Blackstone were in a serious car accident last Friday. Dale was less seriously injured and was not hospitalized but Carolyn has back and other injuries which will require a lengthy recuperation. She is now at home. **Lara Reynolds** is having tests. **Peggy Monroe** is recovering at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. **Sylvia Carpenter, Warren Gary, Merle Lane, Charles Seaberry** and **Gail Vannoy** are all recuperating at home after recent surgeries. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes** are at home. **Brandon Davis**, Kathy Waggener's son and Raylene Yates' brother, is in ETMC ICU due to a diving accident which left him paralyzed below his shoulders. **Beverly Hale**, Lynda Terrell's sister, is in ETMC. **Christi Farrell**, Roger and Glenda Howell's daughter, is hospitalized in Dallas with pregnancy problems. Rodney Dalton has requested prayers for his mother, **Blanche Dalton**. **Dorothy Beaver**, Don Durham's 92 year old mother, is very ill in Texarkana.

SERVING SUNDAY
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Prayer John Steffee
Scripture Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Dr. Dennis Stansbury
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Greg Wagner
Scripture Pete Wemmert
Dismiss Ira Wilson

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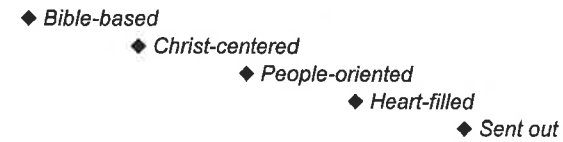
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Harold Denman Don Durham

GREETERS

Hugh & Glenda Mills & Nathan Linseisen
Gene & Leah Moon & Tyler Lott
Alan & Candy Montgomery & Lindsey Lott
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Sept. 7: Justin Parrish, Spencer Shaw, Sean Denman, Austin Millican, Parker Hall.

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WHAT A DAY!

Our Family Day was on the last holiday weekend of summer and was planned for only a few weeks. So what kind of a day could we have expected? We did plan and pray and work for a great day. We asked highly qualified and capable people to help us in the persons of *Mike Armour, Joe McKissick, Tim Henderson, and Bruce Beaver*. And the day turned out to be what we expected and more. Over 500 were in Bible classes, over 800 were in worship, over 600 ate with us at Harvey Hall and seven new people became a part of our growing family. The classes were good -- glowing reports came from many of our people. A host of visitors blessed us with their presence and that happened because our people got the word out and our families and friends came. Our worship was uplifting and helpful to all and *Mike Armour* did his usual good job of handling the Scripture. We are indebted

to all who helped in any way to make the day such a success. A special thanks goes to *Don Crawford* who served behind the scenes to see that all the details were worked out. He contacted most of the speakers, secured Harvey Hall at the Rose Garden, and made arrangements for feeding 600 people. Many others did their part in helping us to have a good day, and we thank them. Most of all we thank God for His blessings. He blessed our day as He continues to bless this church with peace, harmony, health, and growth.

And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Philippians 4:19-20

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, September 7, 2003
By **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
10:00 A.M. - "Knowledge"
(Hosea 4:6)
5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of the Soul (4):
Heaven As Seen By John" (Revelation 21:1-7)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Jim Russell for helping teach on Wednesday nights.

FAMILY DAY

What a great day Family Day was! A special thanks to Bruce Beaver for teaching the Middle & High School. Thanks to all of those who put the day together.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Samantha Richardson for receiving the Smith County 4-H Rookie of the Year award. Way to go, Samantha!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Join us Sunday night (Sept. 7) in the FLC for a great time! Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30. Eric will be joining us! Don't miss it!

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 7
Aug. 9
Sept. 27

High School Activity
High School Bible Study
Habitat Build Day

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

HIS NEEDS, HER NEEDS

This interactive marriage class will start Tuesday night, September 9. There are only three places left. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible at (903) 592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

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Even though summer doesn't officially end until September 23rd, for most of us when school starts back it's over. I'd like to take a moment to review a very successful summer. About one year ago our Bible School program began restructuring our teachers' schedule in an effort to get a more consistent pattern of teachers for all of our classes. I, along with a couple of helpers, sat down and figured out our teacher's rotation for a 12 month period. We then met with our teachers and they all agreed to accept this program. This means that as of right now we know who will be teaching any given class at West Erwin one year from today, Lord willing. This summer we implemented the first stage of this rotation. Teachers, thank you for being involved and in caring enough about this congregation to help us in such a tremendous way. You made the summer a great time here at West Erwin and we are indebted to you.

THANK YOU!

West Erwin has been blessed with two wonderful donations that will help people for years to come. Ernie Tarrant has given the church a motorized wheel chair to be used in our building. We have accepted this donation in memory of Jack Tarrant.

D.L. Thompson also donated a motorized wheel chair and a lift chair to the church in memory of his wife, Eloise. Both of these will always be used to help others.

Thank you so much for your generosity and thoughtfulness of the needs of others.

"That which holds our attention determines our action."

When you change your thinking, you change your beliefs. The process of change begins with thinking. Beliefs are the by-product of what you have thought long enough about that you bought into. What you believe is a collection of continual thoughts that have formed themselves into a conviction. We'll talk more about this.

Well, we have had record attendance once again on Wednesday evenings. Our F.A.C.T.S. program averaged 326 for the summer months. The amazing thing to me concerning this is that usually during the summer months our averages go down. That was true concerning Sunday morning but on Wednesday evening we increased substantially. More than likely this trend will continue through the fall quarter. Even though we are down a little bit in our Sunday morning Bible classes, if we dedicate ourselves right now we can catch back up.

So let me conclude by telling all of our teachers, speakers, workers, thanks for a job well done. From Camp Friendship to our Vacation Bible School, from our dessert fellowships to our F.A.C.T.S. presentations, everyone did an outstanding job and you are to be commended for your work. Remember what Rex Murphy once said:

*The successful attainment of a dream
Is a cart and a horse affair.
Without a team of horses,
a cart full of dreams can go nowhere.*

IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Mary Miller.

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the beautiful floral spray you sent in memory of Eloise. Your many visits, phone calls, meals prepared and prayers have helped our family more than you will ever know. You have exhibited the spirit of Christ in many ways. Thank you for the delicious meal prepared for us on the day of Mother's funeral. This was extremely helpful to us and gave us the time and opportunity to visit as a family. This is an excellent service in the name of Jesus Christ.

Love,
John Thompson for the
Thompson family

To our Dear Church Family,

A special thanks for your thoughtfulness during Bob's hospital stay. The prayers, visits, phone calls and delicious food were a blessing and encouragement during an anxious time. We appreciate you so much!

May God bless,
Bob & May Helen May

To our West Erwin Family,

We want to thank you for all the encouragement, cards, food, especially the prayers, and all the wonderful things you have done for us during Edgar's long stay in the hospital and nursing home. He is now home and much better. God bless you.

Edgar & Delle Bullard

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Clinton and Louise Culpepper on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on August 31. Congratulations to Ray and Carolyn Womack who will celebrate their 57th anniversary on September 7. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

ATTENTION LADIES: Mark your calendars! The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. September 10. Nelda Browning will be teaching a series on Paul and his journeys.

3rd ANNUAL LADIES DAY PROGRAM

North Tenneha Church of Christ
Saturday, September 6, 2003, 8:30 - 12:30

"A Bag of Pieces, How Many
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Ladies of all ages invited - lunch will be served

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Shaun and Joanna Stamps and their daughters, Caylee and Emma have made known their desire to a part of the West Erwin family. Their address is 607 Oxford, 75703, ph. 561-6076.

Rex Power came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. His address is 512 East Lake, 75701, ph. 597-0956.

Buck Hamilton, who comes with Rex Power, would also like to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. He lives at the Pinecrest Nursing Center, 3505 Old Jacksonville Hwy, 75701.

Eric Worrell, a student at Tyler Junior College, came to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. He lives at 1312 Old Omen Road, 75701.

We are delighted to welcome these into our growing family! We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming.

NEW ADDRESS: Bernice Majors, Care Inn of Gladewater, 300 N Money St., 75647, ph. (903) 844-9304.

NEW ARRIVAL

Carlos and Emma Morgan are great grandparents! Tayton Jess Parker was born August 23 in Searcy, Arkansas to Jess and Brooke Parker. He weighed 6 lb. and was 20 inches long

A BEAUTIFUL PRAYER

I asked God to take away my habit. God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up. I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary. I asked God to grant me patience. God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness. God said, No. I give you blessings; Happiness is up to you. I asked God to spare me pain. God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to me. I asked God to make my spirit grow. God said, No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life. God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things. I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me. God said ... Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

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Worship P.M.	374	387	602 (area-wide)
Wed. P.M.	338	321	320
Contribution	\$20,200.27	\$18,539.19	\$21,463.01
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 31, and Wednesday, Sept. 3, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

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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 Sneli - 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
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins		(903) 592-0809
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy		
	Ron Lott		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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Steve Denman Jeff Fennell
Harold Denman Don Durham

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May & Ashley Laird
Forest & Mary McFadden & Taylor Lemons
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Paige Lemons
Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty
Bill & Pat Bratcher

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***WE HAVE PLANNED, PRAYED, AND PROMOTED
- NOW THE DAY HAS ARRIVED***

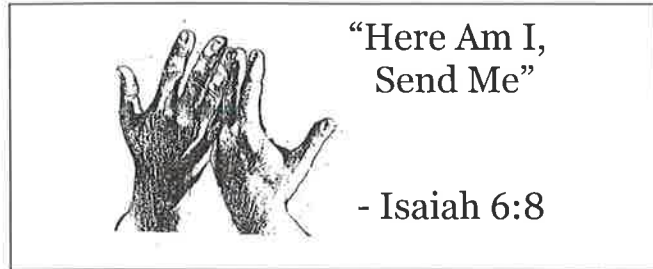
This Sunday is the day! It is the day which we have planned, prayed for, and promoted. Now it has arrived -- Family Day! Be fully involved, if you can, in all of the activities of the day. Start with Bible classes. Continue with worship. Join us for lunch.

College - 30's - 40's (Family Life Center) - Tim Henderson
40's - 60's (Auditorium) - Mike Armour
60's - up (Small Auditorium) - Joe McKissick

FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

Bible Classes - 9:00 a.m.
Nursery - 5th grade - Regular classes
Middle School - High School - (Fellowship Hall) - Bruce Beaver

Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Auditorium - Mike Armour preaching
Lunch - 12:00 noon
Harvey Hall - Tyler Rose Garden
Dismiss for the day - 1:30 p.m.
- Jay Lockhart



**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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HABITAT HOME

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HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Join us Sunday night, Sept. 7 in the FLC for a great time! Invite a friend to join us. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The longer I live the more I recognize my dependence upon God. My need to keep Him involved in every situation has become my only source of strength and survival. I can do nothing but make a big mess of things without Him. So, keeping in close contact with God has become something I found I can do all through my day.

For instance, driving to work or anywhere, I keep the radio off and talk to God about those immediate needs. Somebody called it "drive-by prayer." Regardless of what it is called, if we use those minutes we have they add up to lots of prayer. When you drive by a friend's house pray; when you drive by the hospital pray; when you drive by the schools pray; when you drive by the courthouse pray; when you drive by places that you know belong to Satan pray. This is spiritual warfare and we must do battle in the spiritual realm!

May God bless you as you start your "drive-by prayer life."

His Needs, Her Needs

This interactive marriage class will start September 9. There are only three places left. If you are interested, please contact me quickly at (903) 592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

Sunlight Of the Spirit

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tuesday, September 2, 2003 will be the beginning of this new community outreach ministry. The weekly meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. These meetings will be open discussion sessions in a smoke-free environment. If you know of someone who may benefit from them please contact them to let them know the time and the place. And please be prayerful about this new ministry.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In my last two bulletin articles I updated the congregation regarding some of the various classes that we will be offering during the fall quarter, especially on Wednesday evenings, here at West Erwin. Let me take a moment to let you know about some additional classes. **First**, Jay Lockhart will be teaching a class on the book of Ephesians in the small auditorium. This study will be an in-depth look at this book and it will be greatly beneficial to all who attend. Jay always does an outstanding job with his class. So bring your Bibles and get to class early enough to get a good seat. **Second**, let me remind all of our members who enjoy singing that Jerry Huff will continue his *Sing Joyfully* class which meets in the Heritage room. This is another one of those classes that you'll need to get there early if you want a good seat. Jerry puts a lot of effort into this class and the sweet sound of music echoes throughout the hallway on Wednesday evenings. Thanks, Jerry, for leading this class.

Now, let me make the congregation aware of a specialized class that we will be having each Sunday afternoon during the fall quarter. *Valentina Cliver* will be offering Russian Level One speaking class using the *Cyrillic* alphabet. Russian first level is extremely easy and takes the beginner to a level of understanding with stories, pictures, and interesting step-by-step worksheets. All that is required of the student is a willingness to learn and basic writing supplies. This class will start in September (the official date to be announced) at 3:30 p.m. Please see Valentina for details. Let me take a moment to thank Valentina for offering her services for this program. We send a lot of people to Russia and this class will greatly benefit all who might have plans to travel to that country. Valentina has a master's degree to teach French and German. Of course, she is originally from Russia so she most assuredly has a grasp on that language. In total, she is fluent in at least five languages. Please consider this special class and invite your friends to attend with you also. We want this class to be a Great Commission class.



IN APPRECIATION

The Lord always finds the most wonderful ways to bring strength and comfort to our hardest days. The prayers, cards, visits, hugs, and encouraging words during Charles' surgery and hospitalization helped us more than you will ever know. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We love our church family!!
Charles & Louise Seaberry

West Erwin Church:

Thanks for the phone calls and other kind deeds. X-rays of my injured left knee showed no broken bones and the doctors expect a full recovery.
Claude Sessions

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, calls and visits during George's latest illness. Your care and concern helped us through some difficult times. Please continue to pray for us.
George & Ruth Hearne

The family of Lottie Gilstrap acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you so much for the lovely floral remembrance, the food, the calls, and cards, but most of all -- the prayers. Your kindness is sincerely appreciated
Tommy, Michael, Jon & Donna Lowrance

WITH SYMPATHY

Eloise Thompson died last Friday after a valiant battle with cancer. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Memorial Funeral Home. Our love and sympathy is extended to D.L. and to all the family.

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3rd ANNUAL LADIES DAY PROGRAM

North Tenneha Church of Christ

1701 North Tenneha

Saturday, September 6, 2003

8:30-8:55 a.m. Breakfast 9:00 - 12:30

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Buddy and Dorothy Bell on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on August 26! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Rita & Casey Sitton, 409A Hamrick St., Lindale, 75771.

Sorry to lose ... Bernice Majors moved to Gladewater to be closer to her children.

Jimmy & Wanda Denio are worshipping with the Shiloh Road congregation.

Think about it

Christ is our standard of behavior. Is there any Christian who is living up to that standard? Anyone? So, if you point out and condemn your brother's shortcomings, you are telling God that you should also be condemned because you also have shortcomings. What a foolish thing to do! We should all pray for and show constant patience and compassion to each other because that will insure that our Father will show patience and compassion to us.

Judgmental Christians will be more concerned about those around them doing too little. Compassionate Christians will be more concerned about *doing more* for those around them.

Judgmental Christians will grumble about those around them taking too much. Compassionate Christians will try to *give more* to those around them.

Judgmental Christians will try to perfect the outward worship of others with complaints. Compassionate Christians will try to *perfect their inward humility* toward others.

A judgmental Christian is concerned about what others are doing. A compassionate Christian is concerned about *doing for others*.

Paul tells us to be compassionate Christians but the self-righteous continue to point and complain and condemn. Why call Jesus "Lord" and not obey Him? "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon and you will be pardoned" (Luke 6:37).

Pointing fingers must become helping hands to please the Father! Helping hands do not have time to point fingers! - copied

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The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 20-24. West Erwin has been asked to collect CRISCO. Other items needed are: CANNED HAMS, LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT, SPICES (garlic salt & powder, sage, seasoned salt, comino, etc.), DEODORANT (men's), MINUTE RICE, KETCHUP, DISH SOAP, LIGHT BULBS, RICEARONI, CORNBREAD MIX, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER, CREAM OF CHICKEN SOUP, COFFEE CREAMER, & COOKING SPRAY. Cash donations are also appreciated.

ATTENTION LADIES: Mark your calendars! The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. September 10. Nelda Browning will be teaching a series on Paul and his journeys.

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Bible Class	462	414	414
Worship A.M.	618	572	596
Worship P.M.	387	310	364,373
Wed. P.M.	321	311	314
Contribution	\$18,539.19	\$16,527.89	\$15,348.40
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 24, and Wednesday, Aug. 27, Mark Waggonner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Charles Seaberry is recuperating at home. Eloise Thompson is in Hospice. Warren Gray is at home after surgery Monday. Merle Lane is at home after recent surgery. Lea Anne Kennedy is recovering after foot surgery. Jack Miller, Susan Steffee's dad, is in Briarcliff Nursing Center. Levi Stone, Jonathan Stone's nephew, is in ICU in Oklahoma City due to serious injuries in a car accident. Beverly Hale, Lynda Terrell's sister, is in ETMC. Linda Mims, Shirley Denman's sister is now at home after being hospitalized with lung problems. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Kara Brown & Stephanie Collins, friends of the Scroggins, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Cecil Burch, Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, George Hearne, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Kim Jordan, David Lingo, Doris Kennedy's nephew, Penny & Wade McDonald, Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, Daisy Old, Belinda Berryman Smith, Helen Smith, Mary Rogers' mother, Judy Smith, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Jean Walters, Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and Angie Ybarra. Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy		
	Ron Lott		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Don Crawford
Prayer Stan Mallory
Scripture Carroll Magee
Dismiss Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Glen May
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Don Peek
Scripture Chris Reynolds
Dismiss Jason Paltjon

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Stan Clark Rodney Dalton
Brody Clark Don Crowder
Danny Craddock Wally Dawkins
Bob Clemmons Melvin Crow

GREETERS

Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Dayne Harris
Phil & Linda Marts & Wesley Hilliard
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Jamie Jordan
Visitor Center: Bill & Donna Mullins
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards August 24: Ryan Haws, Jeffrey Scarborough, Drew Harris, Cody Frick, Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, August 24
Nursery a.m.: Nila Miles; Nursery p.m.: Judy Clark;
Toddlers a.m.: Valerie Figueroa; Toddlers p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; 2's & 3's: Todd & Jana Hancock; 4's: Jeff & Rachael Blackstone.

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THE GAY AGENDA

I can remember when gay meant cheerful, happy, lively, and merry. Now, however, even the dictionary includes in its definition "homosexual." It's called "an alternative lifestyle," and the gay community wants respectability ... and its getting it. One of the TV networks pushed "Ellen" on the public a few years ago but the ratings bottomed out and the program was taken off the air. Never mind, however, because several sitcoms have homosexual characters in their programs. They are always presented in the best light as kind, gentle, and good people so that the viewers will accept the characters ... and the lifestyle. The gay agenda is to push for full acceptance, but it is never satisfied. In the military, "don't ask, don't tell" isn't enough. In religion, membership in some churches isn't enough and neither is being a priest -- they must be appointed bishops. In society, to be openly gay and to enjoy being treated with respect (and every person does deserve to be treated with respect) isn't enough -- you must approve of the lifestyle. That's where we are in our pluralistic culture. It's not enough to agree that every person has a right to

choose his lifestyle. It's not enough to treat every person with Christian courtesy. You must agree with and approve of their point of view and even promote it. As a Christian, I want to treat every person with love, kindness and gentleness but I do not condone everything everybody does. Neither do I agree that the right thing is to do is whatever one believes to be the right thing. The gay lifestyle is "an abomination" to God (Leviticus 18:22) and in His sight it is unnatural and shameful (Romans 1:26-27). This lifestyle can be glossed over by adorning bishop's cloaks, or by portraying those who would speak against it as intolerant bigots, but the fact remains that Scripture in no way condones or approves this behavior. Now come some in the religious community saying that the Bible must be adjusted to the culture and that acceptance of the gay agenda shows that the church is broadminded and accepting. What does God think about this? We need not wonder. Read again what He says. In God's sight some things are still an abomination, unnatural, and shameful ... no matter what the culture may think.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, August 24, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "A Sure Sign of Maturity"
(Colossians 3:12-17)
5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of the Soul (3):
Heaven As Seen By Peter" (I Peter 1:3-9)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We served a large group of about 85 people. We could have used a few more people to help serve, so keep us in mind for the future. West Erwin will host again on Sept. 22. Keep praying for this ministry.

FAMILY DAY

Join us on Sunday, Aug. 31 for Family Day. Invite your family and friends to be a part of this special day. We will have guest speakers that day followed by a luncheon at Harvey Hall. Bruce Beaver will teach the Middle & High School class in the Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Thursdays (tentative-check details in class), from 7:00-8:00. Invite a friend!

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*
FAMILY

I ran into a stranger as he passed by,
"Oh, excuse me, please" was my reply.
He said, "Please excuse me, too;
I wasn't watching for you."
We were very polite, this stranger and I.
We went on our way and we said good-bye.
But at home a different story is told,
How we treat our loved ones, young and old.
Later that day, cooking the evening meal,
My son stood beside me very still.
When I turned, I nearly knocked him down.
"Move out of the way," I said with a frown.
He walked away, his little heart broken.
I didn't realize how harshly I'd spoken.
While I lay in bed,
God's gentle reminder came to me and said,
While dealing with a stranger, common courtesy you use,

HABITAT HOME

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But the children you love, you seem to abuse.
Go and look on the kitchen floor,
You'll find some flowers there by the door.
Those are the flowers he brought for you.
He picked them himself, pink, yellow and blue.
He stood very quietly not to spoil your surprise,
You never saw the tears that filled his little eyes.
By this time I felt very small,
And now my tears began to fall.
I quietly went and knelt by his bed;
"Wake up, little one, wake up," I said.
"Are these the flowers you picked for me?"
He smiled, "I found 'em out by the tree.
I picked 'em because they're pretty like you.
I knew you'd like 'em, especially the blue."
I said, "Son, I'm very sorry for the way I acted today;
I shouldn't have yelled at you that way."
He said, "Oh, Mom, that's okay.
I love you anyway."
I said, "Son, I love you too,
and I do like the flowers, especially the blue." >>>>>>

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We will begin our "Back to the Basic" teacher training class on the first Wednesday evening in September. It will be conducted on four consecutive Wednesdays. This is a part of our Adult Preparation for Educational eXcellence (A.P.E.X.) program. The class will be a refresher course for some of our teachers and for the rest of our teachers it will orientate them to establishing a Great Commission classroom. I am excited about this class and I hope all of our teachers who are available will attend it. Remember, it starts September 3rd in room 112.

Since I am speaking of training opportunities, allow me a moment to inform you that the 9th Annual North Texas Bible Teachers' Training Workshop will be Saturday, September 13, 2003. It will be held at the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland, Texas from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This workshop will present practical, "how to" sessions for teachers and church leaders. There is a \$5.00 registration fee which includes

refreshments and lunch. Childcare is provided for an additional \$5.00 per child, 18 months through kindergarten. If you are interested in attending you may call Wayne McReynolds at (972) 271-2444, ext. 231 or write the Saturn Road Church of Christ at 3030 Saturn Road, Garland, Texas 75041.

Well, it's time for our Children's Bible Hour programs to get back into the swing of things. They will all start up during the month of September. Let's remember these programs and those that oversee them. **Tots For Christ** is for our two's through those entering kindergarten. *David Wicks* and *Daniel Baldwin* are the coordinators for this group and they meet in the Heritage Room at 5:00 p.m. *Dale* and *Carolyn Blackstone* oversee the kindergarten through 3rd grade and they meet in the **Bible Hour** room, which is above the main foyer. *Nancy Crawford* and *Ruth Ellis* coordinate our **Kids For Christ** program, 4th - 5th grades, and they meet in the Fellowship Hall. There are a host of other staff members who help with these programs. Keep all of these programs in your prayers.

IN APPRECIATION



To my church family,

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls, and cards I received before and after my surgery. I love you all.

Louise Culpepper

Many thanks for the love shown us after the loss of my sister. The flowers were beautiful and the cards were very comforting. We love you all.

Ed & Margie Hunt

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Mary Miller, Susan Steffee's mother. Services were held Tuesday in Bastrop for Terry Fletcher, Kyle Fletcher's uncle. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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FAMILY Are you aware that if you died tomorrow, the company you work for could replace you in a matter of days, but the family you leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives? Why then do we pour ourselves into our work and not our families? Show them how much you care invite them all to our special Family Day at West Erwin, 9:00 a.m., August 31.

- Don Crawford

ETCA Sittin' Duck Sporting Clay Tournament

Leo Berman, Grand Marshall

The first annual ETCA Sittin' Duck Sporting Clay Tournament will be held Saturday, September 13, 2003 beginning at 9:00 a.m. At the Chicken Ranch Shotgun Club near Frankston. The basic entry fee of \$65.00 per shooter includes a 10 station, 100 shot sporting clay round (shooter supplies gun and ammo) and lunch. A premium entry fee of \$125.00 also includes an event T-shirt, transportation from the clubhouse to the course, raffle entry and special recognition at the event. Teams of 4 shooters will compete for prizes in a Lewis Class system allowing for intermediate and beginning teams to qualify for 2nd and 3rd place prizes. There will also be opportunities to shoot skeet, trap and 5 station (at additional charge). Don't miss this fun outing for the entire family. For details, contact Steve Arnold at 561-8642 or sarnold@etca.org. **EARLY BIRD SHOOT:** For serious hunters (or those who just can't wait) there will be an early shoot on August 16, 2003 beginning at 3:00 p.m. These scores will be entered in the tournament and qualify for prizes.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Royce, Carolyn** and **Hayley Simmons** into our West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the Westhill church in Corsicana. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Royce is self-employed and is a fishing guide and Carolyn is a homemaker. Hayley is a junior at Whitehouse High School. Their address is 1803 Onyx Cove, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-8871.

ADDRESS CORRECTION: Tim & Joyce McLemee, 22849 CR 422, Lindale, 75771.

11th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP Longview Church of Christ, August 22-24

Speakers are: Jay Lockhart, Tom Gaumer, Johnny Ramsey, Darwin Hunter, Benny Bristow, Ken Hope, Denny Petrillo, & Dan Manuel. See bulletin board in office area for details.

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ALL OUR FREE TIME

In 1960 expert testimony concerning time management was presented to a Senate subcommittee. The experts said that because of advances in technology, within twenty years or so, people would be radically cutting back on how many hours a week they worked, or how many weeks a year they worked, or else they would have to start retiring sooner. The great challenge, according to the experts of the sixties, was what people in our decade would do with all their free time. I'm sure all of you are struggling right now with all the free time you have, right?

- author unknown

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SOME QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Are you making your plans to be present on what promises to be the greatest day in West Erwin's year -- Family Day on August 31?

Have you begun to ask your family and friends to join you on that day?

Will you be present for the Bible class hour on August 31 and to attend your appropriate class -- children's classes as usual; youth with Bruce Beaver in the Fellowship Building; 20's - 40's with Tim Henderson in the Family Life Center; 40's - 60's with Mike Armour in the auditorium; 60's - up with Joe McKissick in the small auditorium?

Will you be present for worship at 10:00 a.m. when Mike Armour will speak?

Are you planning to attend our catered luncheon in Harvey Hall at the Rose Garden?

Are you praying for our Family Day and for Outreach 100?

Can we count on you to be on time and excited about that day?

Can you think of anything that needs to be focused more than the family?

Won't you try to answer all of these questions with a hearty "yes" and do your part to make the day all that it can be?

Isn't it great to be a Christian, a member of Jesus' church, and a part of the West Erwin family?

Can't you feel the excitement building and don't you feel in your heart that the plan for August 31 is the right thing to do?

Can we, with God's help, have a wonderful day each Sunday as we assemble as the family of God to fulfill divine purposes?

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, August 17, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Religion and Culture"
(Matthew 5:13-16)
5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of the Soul (2):
The Anticipation Of Heaven" (Romans 8:18-23)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny ERIC'S LAST WORD...

Número Uno. Thank you to the family here at West Erwin for making me feel like such a part of you. The love so many of you showed a complete stranger and his family on my first day here will never be forgotten, and to me, it continued throughout the summer. Secondly, thanks so much to the youth group for all the memories this summer. I will forever take them with me, and remember each of you for all the things that make you so unique. I pray that each of you was able to grow as much in your spiritual walks as I was, and that we will all continue to grow and become stronger, more powerful Christians. Thank you for sharing your lives with me, and I pray that our paths will continue to cross.

In Him, Eric Thornton

THANKS!

Thanks to our teens who did a great job leading worship this past Sunday night: Jordan Lyons, Jordan Rousseau, Kyle Stowers, Pete Wemmert, Bryce Murry, Nathan Grounds &

Hutton Moon. A special Thanks to Eric Thornton who did a great job all summer!

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FAMILY DAY

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Lyndol Popchoke, Ron & Helen Cannefax

Do You Have A Servant Spirit?

If serving others is your God-given spiritual gift and you are looking for a place to use that gift, West Erwin has numerous places for you. To name a few: Benevolent Center, Outreach 100, Helping Hands, Karing Kitchen,

and Meal Deliveries. To get connected to one of these great works, contact Don Crawford at 592-0809.

Dynamic Marriage Course

There is a limit of 12 couples per class. To reserve your space, or for additional information contact Don Crawford at 592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org. Deadline is August 19 for the September 9th class. The first class will start Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 p.m.

This is what Mark & Melissa Frick said about the class: "We feel that every married couple, whether you've been married two months or 50 years, problems or no problems, should take this class. The course gives a new insight on what each others needs are and how to meet those needs.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Well, summer is winding down and everyone is ready for school to start. It has been a great summer. In the next two weeks we will be concluding our *Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series* (F.A.C.T.S.), as well as our summer quarter. I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our teachers who dedicated this summer to the teaching of God's Word. This congregation has been blessed due to your love of His Word. Thank you! I'd also like to thank my wife, *Judy Yates*, and her crew: *Kim DuPree*, *Jeff* and *Melissa Parrish*, and *Terry* and *Pam Lowry*, for all the work that they did in organizing and serving the desserts on Wednesday evenings. These fellowships were a great way to cap off our Wednesday evenings. And while I'm in the thankful mode, let me also thank all of our speakers on Wednesday evenings. Because of your willingness to put a lot of time and effort into this ministry it was once again a great success. I can't wait until next year!

We will be starting our fall quarter on Wednesday, September 3rd. On August 31st we will promote our students to the next grade level. This will all occur during the last 5 minutes of class so, teachers (Wednesday and Sunday), be sure to be in your classroom at that time.

Danny Snell will be teaching a men's class starting Wednesday, October 1st in room 112. This class will run for 8-9 weeks. The subject will be Wild At Heart. Danny's thoughts will be loosely based on the book with the same title as the class written by *John Eldredge*. The subject matter will be how to discover the secret of a man's soul. Men, be sure to be present for this class.

I will be presenting some material to all of our teachers during the first 4 weeks of the fall quarter on Wednesday evenings in room 112. This class will be entitled Basic Training For Teachers. I would like to encourage all of our teachers, whether presently teaching or not, to attend this class. It is my belief that periodically we need a refresher course on the role of the teacher in our Bible school program. Please attend this class if at all possible. Teachers, once again thank you for the great job you do.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your many prayers, calls, and cards. Thanks also for the wonderful Tuesday cooks who sent meals and to the delivery men. Your many acts of concern helped me to have a speedy recovery. I love you. Frances Broome

We want to thank you for being so thoughtful and for your concern for our sister, Stephanie. Your visits to the hospital were so greatly appreciated. Thank you also for your prayers for our family. We covet your continued prayers as we deal with our grief and the loss of our mother.

Lisa McNulty & Amy Metcalf & family

(This was sent to Cathy Scroggins and is from the family of Stephanie Collins and Kara Brown who are on our prayer list).

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jason and Stacy Randall, former West Erwin members, on the birth of Austin Hunter, born July 26. He weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 19 inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for J.W. Bailey, Emma Morgan's brother-in-law. Services were held Wednesday for Fletcher Wood, Barbara Fay's dad. Lottie Gilstrap, Donna Lowrance's mother, died Tuesday after a lengthy illness. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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ETCA Sittin' Duck Sporting Clay Tournament

Leo Berman, Grand Marshall

The first annual ETCA Sittin' Duck Sporting Clay Tournament will be held Saturday, September 13, 2003 beginning at 9:00 a.m. At the Chicken Ranch Shotgun Club near Frankston. The basic entry fee of \$65.00 per shooter includes a 10 station, 100 shot sporting clay round (shooter supplies gun and ammo) and lunch. A premium entry fee of \$125.00 also includes an event T-shirt, transportation from the clubhouse to the course, raffle entry and special recognition at the event. Teams of 4 shooters will compete for prizes in a Lewis Class system allowing for intermediate and beginning teams to qualify for 2nd and 3rd place prizes. There will also be opportunities to shoot skeet, trap and 5 station (at additional charge). Don't miss this fun outing for the entire family. For details, contact Steve Arnold at 561-8642 or sarnold@etca.org. EARLY BIRD SHOOT: For serious hunters (or those who just can't wait) there will be an early shoot on August 16, 2003 beginning at 3:00 p.m. These scores will be entered in the tournament and qualify for prizes.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tim** and **Evelyn Joyce McLemee** into the West Erwin family. They are the nephew and niece-in-law of Ila McLemee. They came Sunday to make known their decision to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. Their address is 22847 CR 422, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-4817.

We are very happy to welcome **Pat** and **Kelli Malone** and children, **Colt**, **Jessica** and **Melodi Keeney** to West Erwin. Kelli is the daughter of Farrell and Michelle Whitley and went to church here as a child, before their family moved from Tyler. We are glad to welcome her and her family "back home." Pat is employed by a Farm Management Company and Kelli is a homemaker. Their address is 116 Schoolhouse Raod, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-9323.

Daryl Anderson recently moved back to this area and would like to be recognized as part of the West Erwin family. Daryl was a leader in our singles group for several years before moving away from Tyler. We are really pleased to welcome him back home. He is tennis/volleyball coach and math teacher at Grand Saline. His address is P.O. Box 661, Lindale, 75771.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Alan & Patsy Fisher, P.O. Box 9990, 75711.

Karl & Tara Kilgore, corrected ph. # 881-8769.

"BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL STEPFAMILY"

This seminar will take place Saturday, September 13, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Ron Deal, author, humorist, family therapist and stepfamily expert, is the guest speaker. Pre-registration through September 11 costs \$30.00 per person with your spouse or fiancé attending free. Call 903-561-7992 to register.

IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind,
before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who seem sad,
Although your heart may ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.
If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.
If you were busy being true
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your brother long,
Because he's busy being wrong.
- author unknown

11th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP Longview Church of Christ, August 22-24

Speakers are: Jay Lockhart, Tom Gaumer, Johnny Ramsey, Darwin Hunter, Benny Bristow, Ken Hope, Denny Petrillo, & Dan Manuel. See bulletin board in office area for details.

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Bible Class	394	379	404
Worship A.M.	627	531	644
Worship P.M.	408	331	362
Wed. P.M.	390	390	336
Contribution	\$21,984.69	\$19,160.39	\$20,337.49
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Will Christian Caleb Bynum
Carl Bohanon Bill Bratcher

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Don & Nerene Ingram & Lauren Florence
Louis & Jane Jones & Lauren Garrett
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Greg & Cyndie Wagner

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RESPONSIBILITY

You have seen it. In our pluralistic society it is almost a forgotten quality. What is it? It is a failure or unwillingness to take responsibility. You see it in the government, in major corporations, in schools, on the street, in families, and in the church. Pluralism has taught us that there is no ultimate truth, there is no absolute standard of behavior, and what one thinks is right is right. Of course, no one lives by this code -- everyone draws the line somewhere. Those who say there is no absolute truth believe that absolute truth is that there is no absolute truth. Pluralism is a cop-out allowing one to believe whatever he wants to believe and insisting that everyone agree with him. Holding to this point of view allows one to excuse himself from responsibility. A politician can be hypocritical, the CEO of a corporation can practice "funny bookkeeping," a school administrator can be convinced that his school problems have come about because of lack of funds from

the state, a father can overlook his being in absentia, a young person can rob a grocery store, and a Christian can be only an observer. In all of these areas it is easy to say, "Don't blame me. It's not my fault." Freud helped develop this thinking by suggesting that our genes make us do what we do and Marx fortified this position by saying our societies are to blame. However, God holds us personally responsible for what we do and say or do not do and do not say (Romans 14:12). In the church we must not be on the sidelines watching things happen. We must not think of the work of the church as "what they are doing." The church is the body of Christ and the body functions properly when "every part does its share" (Ephesians 4:16). We are all responsible. We all have a place to fill. Can the body count on me? Can God count on me? Responsibility accepted says, "Here am I, send me!" What are you saying?
- Jay Lockhart

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- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, August 10, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "When The Ordinary Becomes Extra Ordinary"
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will report on Summer Youth Missions

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* SUMMER YOUTH PRESENTATION

This Sunday night, our teens will conduct the evening worship service with a special presentation on the events of the summer. Eric will be delivering a message. Plan to be here! Teens, wear one of your summer trip shirts.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, August 3, bring \$2.00 for supper and bring a friend to enjoy this time together! We will be finished at 8:30. This will be Eric's last Sunday with us, so don't miss it!

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We have so many wonderful ministries here at West Erwin and they all do a powerful job in promoting the kingdom of God. It overwhelms me when I think about the talent that is displayed in these ministries. One such ministry is our "ladies classes." What a blessing it has been to work with *Fern Bench*, who coordinates the Wednesday morning class; *Sue Starnes*, who coordinates the Sunday morning class; and *Arlene Lockhart*, who coordinates the Wednesday evening class. All three of these ladies are dedicated servants to the cause of Christ. They are setting a great example to those that will follow them and I am proud to be associated with them in this great work.

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible class will begin September 10 at 10:00 a.m. At about 9:30 a.m. several cars begin pulling up in the parking lot and the smiles and laughter begins as these ladies come together to fellowship and to share the Word of God. It really is a time dedicated to an in-depth study of the Word, but after they are finished the often head off

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This is what Dan and Debbie Baldwin said about the class: "The Lord put this marriage class in our lives at a time when we were literally separated. With the tools we gained in the course and with the support of our classmates, we were able to start meeting each others needs. The class helped up put a greater spark into our marriage than we ever had before. Three months later we are still using what we learned to work through our problems without hurting each other. We highly recommend this class for all married couples with or without major problems.

to eat together. Ladies, if you haven't been involved in this Bible study, try your best to be present on September 10. You won't be sorry. *Nelda Browning* will kick things off this fall with a study on the journeys of Paul.

Sue Starnes coordinates our Sunday morning ladies class and that class will soon finish their current study and will then tackle a study on the book of Revelation. This class is very consistent in their attendance and they love the time that they have to come together to study God's Word. If you would like to join them please do so by going to room 114 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

Jean DuVall will be teaching a class on the life of David on Wednesday evenings in the old chapel. Jean is really excited about this study. The ladies will be studying from a book written by *Cassandra Martin*. I have had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Martin and she certainly is a treasure. Ladies, can you think of a better way to spend Wednesday evenings? David was such a great leader but he certainly had his fair share of struggles. So be sure to attend this class and learn how he overcame some of his temptations. This class starts on September 3.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

Your prayers, expressions of concern and flowers uplifted and sustained our family during the recent days as we grieved our mother, Jimmie Brown's death. Your many kindnesses and the pastoral support offered by Don Crawford made these difficult days more bearable. Mother loved her church home and missed being in worship on those days when she was ill. Your love and support for her, the meals brought to her, your calls and letters brightened her days. For all this and much more we thank you.

The family of Jimmie E. Brown

Dear Church Family,

Many thanks for all your prayers, cards, calls, and best wishes you have given me since my recent heart problems. God bless all of you.

Love you,
Lela Duncan

Dear Christian friends,

All your kind words, prayers, cards, and the beautiful flowers given in memory of my brother, Frank Cullinan, have been a comfort to me and Wini. We are so thankful for your love and concern!
Dan & Wini Cullinan

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held this week in Weatherford, Oklahoma for Betty Pitt, Cathy Krewall's niece. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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Please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center with the current status of your loved one serving our country.

PERCEPTIONS OF A LIFETIME

1. Joyful people are those who are generous and kind.
2. Miserable people are those who are selfish and unforgiving.
3. Problem solvers are those whose lives are powered by faith and optimism.
4. Problem people are those whose lives are drained by doubts and pessimism.
5. Winners are those who have learned to take full responsibility for their actions.
6. Losers are those who have a handy excuse for every failure.
7. Troubles come to pass - they do not come to stay.
8. Most of us are greater than we dare to believe.
9. Adversity causes some persons to break - others to break records.
10. The simplest person can see God's hand in nature; the wise person sees God's face in fellow human beings. - copied

Welcome, New Member!

We are very happy to welcome **John Tindel** into the West Erwin family. He is the grandson of Nettie Potts and we have been privileged to see him grow from a child into a fine Christian young man. John recently moved to Tyler to attend college. He formerly worshipped with the Saturn Road Church of Christ in Garland. His address is 1525 Charlotte, 75702, ph. 592-8449.

New Address: Karl, Tara & Kelsi Kilgore, Miranda & Jeffrey Scarborough, 1505 Pearl St. B, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8761

New Phone #: Dan & Lally Haile, ph. 871-8454

50th Wedding Anniversary

1953 2003

In honor of the

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of
Mr. and Mrs. Parroll & Magoo

Their children and grandchildren
request the pleasure of your company

at a reception

on Saturday, the ninth of August

Two thousand and three

at two o'clock in the afternoon

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"BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL STEPFAMILY"

This seminar will take place Saturday, September 13, at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Ron Deal, author, humorist, family therapist and stepfamily expert, is the guest speaker. Pre-registration through September 11 costs \$30.00 per person with your spouse or fiancé attending free. Call 903-561-7992 to register.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

75 host families, with or without children at home, are still needed to host international exchange students for the 2003/2004 academic year. The students hope to arrive in August and will stay with their host family for one semester or until the end of the school year. Students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, and have spending money for their personal expenses. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

July 31, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 30
Records	Sunday July 27	Sunday July 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	379	355	368
Worship A.M.	531	551	561
Worship P.M.	331	344	336
Wed. P.M.	390	NC	336
Contribution	\$19,160.39	\$20,358.66	\$18,747.70
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 3, and Wednesday, Aug. 6, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Charles Seaberry is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Kim Jordan is at home after surgery last Thursday. Frances Broome's arm surgery went better than expected. Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes are now in Pinecrest Nursing Center. George Hearne is at home. Eloise Thompson is ill at home. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, is hospitalized in Dallas. Louise Ledford, Frances Moore's sister, is recuperating after recent surgery in Atlanta, Georgia. Kara Brown & Stephanie Collins, friends of the Scroggins, were seriously injured in a car accident. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Greg Wagner's friend Cecil Burch, Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Gay Lynn Glass, Bill & Ruby McCain's granddaughter, Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Jonette Humphrey, friend of Marjorie & Victoria Moriolo, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Penny & Wade McDonald, Daisy Lee Old, Belinda Berryman Smith, Helen Smith, Mary Rogers' mother, Judy Smith, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Susan Steffee's parents, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Jean Walters, Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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Scripture Kevin Sustaie
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

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Billy Terrell
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Greg Walker
Scripture Charles Westerfeld
Dismiss Jon Sorrells

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Michael Bozeman Adam Bryant
Gary Broome Jay Bynum
Will Christian Caleb Bynum
Carl Bohanon Bill Bratcher

GREETERS

Tom & Beverly Hale & Cody Fedell
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Payton Fedell
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price & Tanner Fedell
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Maggie Craddock

Pick up cards August 3 & 10: Ethan Florence, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, August 3
Nursery a.m.: Frances Broome; Nursery p.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Toddlers a.m: Laurie Pattillo & Lauren Florence; 2's & 3's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 4's: Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

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MARK THIS DATE - AUGUST 31

Sunday, August 31, 2003 has been designated as "Family Day" at West Erwin! And what a great day it promises to be! First, we have some great guest speakers for the day. During our Bible class hour we will have three adult classes: Young Adults (20's, 30's, 40's); Middle Adults (40's, 50's, 60's); Older Adults (60's and above). **Tim Henderson**, well qualified to speak to young families, will teach the Young Adults class in the Family Life Center. **Mike Armour**, a gifted speaker and an insightful communicator, will speak to the Middle Adults class in the auditorium. **Joe McKissick**, who for years has worked with aging church members, will teach the Older Adults class in the small auditorium. Additionally, we will have a special class for our teens on this day. Then, during our worship assembly, **Mike Armour** will be preaching.

Following our morning worship assembly we will go to Harvey Hall at the Rose Garden for a catered lunch and after lunch we will close the day's activities there. There will be no evening service at our building. What can we do in preparation for August 31? *First*, we can pray for a great day. *Second*, we can plan to be in town and to be present. *Third*, we can invite our families, including those who are out of town, to join us. *Fourth*, we can invite our acquaintances to be with us (nearly everyone is interested in family matters which will be emphasized on that day). *Finally*, we can be positive about having the greatest crowd of the year in attendance on this special day. Help us in every way you can to have a truly outstanding day for our good, the welfare of others, and the glory of God.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, August 3, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Responsibilities Of Privilege"
(Matthew 11:20-24)

5:00 P.M. - "Homesickness Of The Soul"
(Matthew 6:19-21)

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **THANKS!**

Thanks to the following men who taught in our absence while we were in Mexico: Daniel DuPree, Jim Russell & John Shaw. Great job!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We had a successful and rewarding trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico, completing the work planned by painting three houses, and doing some touchup work on the church building. We taught the children's Bible classes on Sunday and enjoyed fellowshiping with our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nueva Rosita. Thanks to everyone who prayed for the mission trip. A special thanks to our adult sponsors: Leah Russell, Patti Grounds, Ken Culpepper, Claude & Eric Figueroa, Henry McRuiz, Trey Rousseau, and Eric Thornton.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

West Erwin Benevolent Center

Open Tuesdays 9:00 am - 11:30 am -- Clothing only
Open Thursdays 9 am - 11:30 am -- Food & Clothing

Food Volunteers for Thursday, August 7:
Terry Childers, Israel Sandoval, Alvaro Almaguer
Elmer Miles, Dannie Skipper, & Rachel Huff

"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."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

For the last two weeks I have written about *Thomas Connellan's* book, Inside The Magic Kingdom. As you remember, this book deals with the 7 keys of success that Disney World incorporates into getting people to return to the park. These 7 keys to success are: (1) Everyone is considered a custodian, (2) Pay attention to detail, (3) Everyone walks the talk, (4) Everything walks the talk, (5) Customers are best heard through many ears, (6) Reward, recognize and celebrate, and (7) Everyone makes a difference. At this point, let me ask, "Should these 7 keys to success be considered in the work of the church?" The answer (to me) is yes! The fact of the matter is that what we are attempting to get people involved in is far more important than what Disney is attempting to get people involved in. From the first point which attempts to get people to take a little pride in the appearance of the building and grounds, to point seven which is an attempt to remind us that we all have a role to fulfill, all of these steps should facilitate growth.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Sunday, August 3, bring \$3.00 for supper and bring a friend to enjoy this time together! We will be finished at 8:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Remember "Goofy game day" Thursday, August 7!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY/MOVIE NIGHT

All of those in high school are invited to our home for Bible Study on Thursday night at 7:00. After our study time together, we will watch a movie. Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

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Dynamic Marriage Course

Are you and your spouse candidates for this class?

(Check all that apply)

- ____ We have a strong marriage but want to make it even better.
____ We would categorize our marriage as "mediocre."
____ We are struggling with our marriage, considering divorce or separation.
____ We are not married yet, but engaged.

If you check one of the above, you and your spouse qualify for this class. To enroll or to seek additional information contact Don Crawford at 592-0809 or e-mail dcrawford@westerwin.org. Deadline is August 19 for the September 9th class.

We recently completed our annual VBS ministry. This year's attendance averaged 295. In the past three years our VBS has experienced rapid growth. We have gone from an average of 200 in 2001, to 280 in 2002, to 295 in 2003. Even with this growth we still have a lot of room for improvement. Hopefully within the next couple of years we will be approaching an average of 400 in our VBS. But my question is, "What has made our VBS grow?" First, let's always give God the glory. After all, we spent countless hours praying and preparing for our VBS and in the process we directly involved God. He blessed our VBS. Second, let's remember that those who were selected to coordinate did an outstanding job in developing a team atmosphere and the end product was evident. From the refreshment center to the learning centers, everyone took their responsibilities very seriously and yet still had an enormous amount of fun with it. Third, all seven of the keys of success that Thomas Connellan wrote about in his book could be found in our VBS. All of these things factored into us having a great VBS. I'm already planning for next year's VBS. It's going to be great!



NEW ARRIVAL
Congratulations to James and Ann Hardin on the birth of a new granddaughter! Kasey Marie Arnette was born July 18 to Eric and Kristie. She weighed 8 lb. and is 21 inches long. Hunter is the big brother.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Monday in Minnesota for Frank Cullinan, Dan Cullinan's brother. Services were held Sunday at Memorial Funeral Home for Jack Cook, Mary Evelyn Grier's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

Please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center with the current status of your loved one serving our country.

ALL CHURCH SKATE PARTY

Sunday, August 3, 6:30 - 9:00 at Skateplex. You may bring drinks and finger foods (concession stand will be open).

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LITTLE PEOPLES SCHOOL

There is an opening for a teacher at Little Peoples School. If interested, please call Cathy Howell at 509-8904 or 561-0897.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

Every dollar makes a difference! Don't forget your Christian Services change can!

"A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."
- author unknown

ATTENTION SOFTBALL PLAYERS:

We will have a meeting August 3 after the morning worship assembly for anyone interested in playing softball in the fall. For more information, please see Jerry Huff or Shane Millican.

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BAPTISMS

Congratulations to **Allyson Beth Hannah** on making the most important decision of her life by putting on her Lord in baptism recently while at Camp Deer Run! She is the daughter of Sharon Hannah and they live at 3801 Cameron, ph. 581-6409.

We rejoice with **Chelsea Pattillo** and her family in her decision to be baptized into Christ last week while away at a family reunion. Chelsea is the daughter of Pat and Laurie Pattillo and their address is P.O. Box 552, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7413.



WEDDING INVITATION

*The honour of your presence is requested
at the marriage of our daughter*

*Kimberly Marie
To*

*Michael Shea Holmes
on Saturday, the second of August
two thousand and three*

*at seven o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ*

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

If you are unable to attend

we ask your presence in thought and prayer

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sublette

*To help us celebrate, please join us for the reception
immediately following ceremony*

Ornales Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Road

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TABLE SHOWER

There will be a
Wedding Shower
honoring

Josh & Meghan Hone
Sunday, August 3

Selections: Dillard's & Target



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Worship A.M.	551	568	661
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Wed. P.M.	NC	324	358
Contribution	\$20,358.66	\$18,982.53	\$17,683.71
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 27 and Wednesday, July 30, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Don McCune is in Mother Frances. Hoyt Hughes is in ETMC. Frances Broome had arm surgery Tuesday. Kim Jordan had surgery Thursday. Lela Duncan is at home after being hospitalized with heart problems. George Hearne is now at home. Eloise Thompson is ill at home. Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter, is hospitalized in Dallas. Louise Ledford, Frances Moore's sister, had surgery Thursday in Atlanta, Georgia. Frank Cullinan, Dan Cullinan's brother, is seriously ill in Minnesota. Kara Brown & Stephanie Collins, friends of the Scroggins, were seriously injured in a car accident. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Greg Wagner's friend Cecil Burch, Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Jonette Humphrey, friend of Marjorie & Victoria Moriole, Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Penny & Wade McDonald, Daisy Lee Old, Belinda Berryman Smith, Helen Smith, Mary Rogers' mother, Judy Smith, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Jean Walters, Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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				11:30 A.M.		(903) 592-0809	

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Prayer Daniel Morgan
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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture Michael Ragsdale
Dismiss Doug Scroggins

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Alan Montgomery Bob Hackett
Buddy Ray Jeff Blackstone
Hugh Mills Dan Murry

GREETERS

Michael & Candace Hall & Brittany Asbill
Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Betsy Asbill
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Pick up cards July 27: Casey Bellar, Jared Jordan, Sean Denman, Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish.

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VACATIONS ARE VALUABLE

The business community has long recognized the benefit of giving employees paid vacations. Nearly all companies give one, two, or three weeks of vacation annually and some give a month or more to long time key employees. Vacation time is for renewal and relaxation and companies know that an employee will do a better job, produce more, and be happier when he or she has vacation time. Vacations are good! However, there is downside. Someone may take vacation time, drive as far as possible during the allotted time, and return to work near exhaustion and out of sorts with every member of his family. Additionally, vacation time may be counterproductive to one's spiritual life if he becomes so absorbed in his time off that he neglects to pray, to study Scripture, or to attend worship. Also, one may be on vacation and forget that the work of the local church goes on and his regular contribution to the

cause of Christ is needed at home. When we are away from home we remember our house mortgage, our utility bills, and our car payment -- we should also remember the local church. Finally, let each of us know that when we are away we are missed. Each one of us is vital part of the body of Christ and no one should think his presence or absence makes little difference. When the church family meets and your seat is empty, it's somewhat like Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma's house -- there is the great joy of being together, but the disappointment that Uncle Charlie could not be there. Vacations are necessary and good. So, as you have opportunity, go ... go in safety, go to be refreshed, go with God, go remembering the obligations you leave behind, go in the realization that you are missed, and then come back soon.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, July 27, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Now Is The Time"
(Romans 13:11-14)
5:00 P.M. - "How Are You?"
(2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **THANKS!**

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Thanks to the following men who have taught in our absence this summer: Todd Hancock, Ron Lott & John Shaw. Great job!

TEEN SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to all who helped with the Service Project last Friday night. Our teens did a great job baby-sitting and washing cars. Several donations were received going toward Iraqi mission efforts sponsored by the Sunset School of Preaching totaling \$638. Thanks to those adults who worked as sponsors: Pam Lowry, Melanie Murry, Mary Scarborough, & Tim

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

GOD AND YOUR SCHEDULE (part III)

When things are going well with my schedule and I'm able to accomplish most of the things on my "To Do" list, I've noticed I get very confident in myself and I have a tendency to float off from depending on God. I become self-reliant. I have everything under control. Then God steps back into the picture. Then God steps back into the picture to show me just how pompous I have become. If you'll think I'm sure this scenario will be relevant to your own life.

When you and I take our schedule to God in prayer every day, we'll be like that tree planted by the stream. Our burdens will be much lighter. When we rely solely on ourselves we become frustrated and impatient. Life

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In my last week's bulletin article I talked a little bit about *Thomas Connellan's* book entitled **Inside The Magic Kingdom**. In this book Thomas Connellan lays out 7 keys of success that Disney incorporates to aid them in getting people to return to the Magic Kingdom. Last week I mentioned (1) Everyone is considered a custodian, (2) Pay attention to detail, and (3) Everyone walks the talk. This week I want to introduce you to the other 4 keys to success.

Everything walks the talk. This step sounds like step number 3 but is a lot different. Everything at Disney plays into the vision that Walt Disney had for the Magic Kingdom. From paintings to sculptures, it all has a theme that aids you in having a positive experience while attending Disney World. A lot of effort was put into fulfilling this step.

Customers are best heard through many ears. Disney prides itself on assessing their various resorts, attractions, and

Grounds. A very special Thanks to Patti Grounds who headed it up!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As you read this bulletin, 24 of us from West Erwin will be in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We are working with the church teaching children's classes and painting some needy members homes. We will be returning home on Wednesday night. Please pray for our safety, health & success as we serve.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Aug. 31	Family Day

becomes one great big bundle of obstacles. That's when we become that bush in the dry wasteland. We don't see God because we're not praying and we're not praying because we're too busy trying to fix things ourselves. Include God in your schedule and be amazed at the difference.

WANTED:

Married couples interested in strengthening the bonds of their marriage. A new Dynamic Marriage Course is scheduled to start September 9, 2003. The course is an 8 week class designed to challenge and empower couple to transform every aspect of their marriage. There is a limit of 12 couple per class so to reserve your place, or to get more information, please contact Don Crawford at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org. There is a cost of \$130 per couple for books and CDs used in the course. The deadline is August 19th to order the needed materials.

theme parks. They really want to know what the guests think. Each cast member (employee) upon hearing a compliment or a complaint is to follow up on what they hear.

Reward, recognize, and celebrate. Disney has a 3 step approach when honoring their employees. First, they publicly announce any accomplishment of a cast member. Second, they post an award so that all other cast members can read about the honoree. And third, at the next meeting they celebrate (usually by using various characters, i.e. Mickey or Donald) the honoree.

Everyone makes a difference. This last key to success is driven home in all of the previous 6 keys to success. From the cashier to the executive, by working together a difference is made to each guest at Disney. This key to success sums up Walt Disney's vision. He wanted people to enjoy his theme park as much as he enjoyed it. If you were to stop all the guests each day at Disney World and interview them you'd find that 70% of them are return guests.

Next week I am going to once again talk about these 7 keys. In that article I will attempt to summarize how I feel these 7 keys can be applied to the various ministries of the church.

IN APPRECIATION

It is with deep appreciation and love that I write this note of thanks for the many cards, phone calls, and wonderful food provided for Don and I after my recent surgery. Thanks to each and every one who had a part in making my recovery at home go so well.

Wanda Weathers

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Brownwood for Ophelia Fort, Margie Hunt's sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

New phone #: Cheryl & Ember Johnson, ph. 535-9610.

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Wesley Ackerman	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with the following young ladies who were baptized into Christ last week while at Camp Deer Run:

Betsy Asbill, daughter of David and Tammy Asbill, 1305 Woodland Hills Dr., Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-8860.

Mallori Philpot, daughter of Marc and Ginger Philpot, P.O. Box 605, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-8639.

Maggie Ragsdale, daughter of Doug and LaDawn Ragsdale, 19541 Hwy 16 W, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-0220.

TABLE SHOWER

There will be a
Wedding Shower
Honoring

Josh & Meghan Hone
July 27 & August 3

Selections: Dillard's & Target



WEDDING INVITATION

*The honour of your presence is requested
at the marriage of our daughter*

Kimberly Marie

To

Michael Shea Holmes

on Saturday, the second of August

two thousand and three

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

If you are unable to attend

we ask your presence in thought and prayer

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Sublette

To help us celebrate,

please join us for the reception

immediately following ceremony

Ormales Activity Center

3402 Old Omen Road

ALL CHURCH SKATE PARTY

Sunday, August 3, 6:30 - 9:00 at Skateplex. You may bring drinks and finger foods (concession stand will be open).

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you sign up at Albertson's grocery stores and make World Bible School your selected charity your groceries will cost the same, but WBS will get a donation for every purchase you make.

WHAT HAPPENED TO TIME?

When I was a child I laughed and wept, time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed and talked, time walked.

When I became a full grown man, time ran.

And after I older grew, time flew.

Soon I shall find while traveling on, time gone.

- unknown

"The time is always right to do what's right."

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Records	Sunday July 13	Sunday July 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	374	358	422
Worship A.M.	568	517	560
Worship P.M.	313	325	387
Wed. P.M.	324	NC	285
Contribution	18,982.53	\$18,280.15	\$21,774.91
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 20 and Wednesday, July 23, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - George Hearne was dismissed from Mother Frances Tuesday. Valerie Figueroa is doing well after ankle surgery last Friday. Eloise Thompson is ill at home. Zona Crone is at home. Judy Smith is ill at home. Frank Cullinan, Dan Cullinan's brother, is seriously ill in Minnesota. The Greg Wagners have requested prayers for Cecil Burch. Marjorie and Victoria Moriole have asked for prayers for Jonette Humphrey. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Sue Ealy, Carol Armstrong's sister, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Penny & Wade McDonald, Daisy Lee Old, Bonnie Peterson, Carlos Morgan's sister, Betty Pitt, Cathy Krewall's niece, Michael Shreve, nephew of Leah Weatherly (partner at Bryant/Welborn), Patrick Sizemore, Wendy Sanders, friend of Linda Marts, Belinda Berryman Smith, Helen Smith, Mary Rogers' mother, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Jean Walters, Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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Scripture Jordan Lyons
Dismiss Josh Lowry

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Bobby Snyder Scott Hackett
Alan Montgomery Bob Hackett
Buddy Ray Jeff Blackstone
Hugh Mills Dan Murry

GREETERS

Don & Norma Durham & Dru Dawkins
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Jennifer Elzen
Jeff & Pam Fennell & Patrick Garrett
Visitor Center: Jack & Johnnie Stringer
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards July 20 & 27: Casey Bellar, Jared Jordan, Sean Denman, Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, July 20

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ROLE MODELS

All of us need role models and, no doubt, you can immediately call to mind someone who has been an especially good role model for you. My dad was a great role model for me as to how to be a strong, loving, and effective leader in a family. My brother was a great role model in how to be committed to a goal until that goal is achieved. My uncle was a great role model in how to prepare and deliver sermons and how to build a great library. My college professor was a great role model in how to do the work of ministry in a local church. My coach was a great role model in how to have both the will to prepare and the will to win in athletics ... and how to lose graciously. Girls need great role models in their mothers. Boys need great role models in their fathers. According to Current Thoughts and Trends (Feb/Mar 2003), a study was conducted among 679 students in Michigan high schools

which showed that boys without fathers were less likely to maintain good grades in school and exhibited more problem behavior and negative school experiences than those who had fathers in their homes. The study also showed that boys who identified their fathers as role models have higher expectations for themselves than those who did not have fathers as role models. *Boys need their dads and they need their dads to be a positive influence in their lives.* Being a positive influence involves more than providing the material necessities of life -- it involves assuming the role of spiritual leadership in the family. The greatest role model for all of us is Jesus. Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." If we allow our thoughts, our words, as well as our actions to be like Jesus, life will turn out good. Find good role models. Be a good role model.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, July 20, 2003
By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Yes, I Can!"
(Philippians 4:11-13)

5:00 P.M. - "How Are You?"
(2 Corinthians 4:7-10)

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

The West Point, Nebraska Vacation Bible School was a huge success with a high of 90 kids in attendance for the finale on Thursday. Our young people did an outstanding job and represented our church very well. A special thanks to the adult sponsors: Gary and Frances Broome, Debbie Bynum, Danny and Maggie Craddock, Ken Culpepper, Lisa Snell and Eric Thornton. We appreciate your prayers on our behalf. We are already looking forward to next year!

TEEN SERVICE PROJECT

Teenagers, remember you need to be at the Family Life Center by 5:30! This Friday, July 18, the young people of the West Erwin church is extending an offer of free services to every member of the congregation. Bring your children and/or your cars to the Family Life Center. Guys will be washing cars from

6:00 p.m. until dark. Baby-sitting for infants through 5th grade will be available from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. Please bring a sack supper for your children. Snacks will be provided. Please let us serve you! These services are completely free of charge with any donations going toward Iraqi mission efforts sponsored by the Sunset School of Preaching.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

All those planning to go on the Mexico Mission Trip need to meet Sunday, July 20 at 4:00 to work on lessons and discuss the Mexico work project.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 18
July 20
July 25-30

Parents Night Out
Small Groups Meet
Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

GOD AND YOUR SCHEDULE (part II)

I heard a preacher once say, "God is who He says He is, believe it!" So, I have been working in the area of relying on God and I want to share with you what He has shown me I need to do. First, I need to go to Him each day for help with my schedule. As I pray, I acknowledge that this day belongs to Him. I ask Him to rearrange it or even change it completely so that I can do what He wants me to do. God has come through for me so many times. I've had appointments canceled and deadlines extended. He has shown me better ways to do a particular task. He has sent me helpers who volunteer ideas and services. All these things happen after I have prayed. So, why don't we lean on

the Lord? It's His day, not ours. No matter how efficient we are, it's God who is in control.

Judge Sam Griffith came by the office today to drop off vegetables from his garden. He does this all during the growing season to help furnish fresh vegetables for the people who eat at the Karing Kitchen. He calls the garden "God's Garden." Yet he admitted his frustrations at times and confessed he had to remember to hand it over to the Lord. And God never failed him.

A four year old boy whose next door neighbor was an elderly man who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, stepped up on his porch, climbed onto to his lap and just sat there. When his mother later asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing. I just helped him cry."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

To the best of my recollection I have visited Disney World at least 7 times. I love Disney World. Over the years I have wondered why so many of us continue to go back to Disney World year after year. Believe it or not, I am researching that very topic by reading a book written by Thomas Connellan entitled: *Inside The Magic Kingdom*. Thomas Connellan is an executive who was invited to attend a small seminar with just 4 other people who were all interested in learning why Disney had so many repeat guests. After his experience at this seminar, Tom wrote this book focusing on 7 keys to Disney's success. Let me list a few of these keys.

First, everyone who works for Disney (45,000) is considered to be a custodian. That's from the cashiers to the CEO. All employees (or cast members as they are called) are strongly encouraged to pick up all trash that they see and discard it in the appropriate place.

Second, an enormous amount of time and effort is given to the smallest detail. For example, you may be shocked to know that every night (if weather permits) the tops of all 38 hitching posts found in Frontier Land are stripped and repainted. The top of the posts have hand prints from the thousands of visitors each day and because Disney wants to leave a great impression they repaint these posts each night.

Third, another Disney success key is that all the cast members (employees) walk the talk. Disney believed that actions speak louder than words so he expected all cast members to walk the talk. He didn't want his administrators to tell those below them what to do, but rather to show them what to do.

Well, you may wonder why I'm telling you all of these things. As I was reading this book I began to think about the church and how all of us need to be working together as a team. I thought about the facility, the programs, and our philosophy and it clicked. If we are going to be successful as a team here at West Erwin we must all realize that we are custodians who give attention to all the details and who let our actions speak louder than our words. I'll conclude this article in next week's bulletin.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and expressions of sympathy after the death of my brother, Col. Ret. Charles Ready, USAF. He will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery with an Air Force Full Honor funeral. We will be attending this on July 21, 2003.
Jan and Milburn Cook

WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn of the death on Monday of Jimmie Brown, long time West Erwin member and an aunt of Diane Weathers. Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home. Services were held last Friday at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ for Al Fuller, Clay Kirby's brother-in-law. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Prairie Springs Cemetery for Ethel Evelyn McLemee, Ila McLemee's sister-in-law. Travis York, Gary Broome's uncle died this week. (No other details at this time - Tuesday noon). Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

IF YOU WERE

If you were busy being kind,
before you knew it you would find
You'd soon forget to think 'twas true
That someone was unkind to you.
If you were busy being glad
And cheering people who seem sad,
Although your heart may ache a bit,
You'd soon forget to notice it.
If you were busy being good,
And doing just the best you could,
You'd not have time to blame some man
Who's doing just the best he can.
If you were busy being true
To what you know you ought to do,
You'd be so busy you'd forget
The blunders of the folks you've met.
If you were busy being right,
You'd find yourself too busy quite
To criticize your brother long,
Because he's busy being wrong.
- author unknown

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
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Chris Montgomery would appreciate getting mail while he is in Baghdad. His address is: Spc. Montgomery, Christopher,
2 PLT HWB 1/2 LCR
Unit #92373
APO AE 09322-2373

Sorry to lose

Jerry and Diane Kirk have moved to Tennessee. They will be missed but we wish for them much happiness in their new home. Their new address is 1101 West 7th St., Jackson - Box 4, Columbia, TN 38401. They wrote: "Thank you so much for welcoming us into this family. Even though we will be away in distance, this church will always be close in our hearts and prayers, and we await the day when we will be together again in heaven."

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LOVE A CHILD

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.
- author unknown

THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

The Children's Home of Lubbock is currently looking for Christian couples to fill the role of house parent to some of our children. Please see bulletin board in office area for details.

* God has created me to do Him some definite service:

He has committed some work to me,
which He has not committed to another.
I have my mission . . . I am a link in a chain,
A bond of connection between persons.
He has not created me for naught.
I shall do good. I shall do His work. ♣

BULLETIN

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Records	Sunday July 6	Sunday June 29	Year Ago
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Tony Adams Greg Anding
Stevie Blakemore Margarito Barajas
David Blaylock Jim Carty
Jim Armstrong David Asbill

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Hugh & Glenda Mills & Tyler DuVall
Alan & Candy Montgomery & Trisha DeMoss
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Wally & Laurie Dawkins

Pick up cards July 13: Ryan Haws, Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

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REFLECTIONS

I have long held the position that I would consider preaching any place at most any time if I had no restrictions placed upon me as to what should be preached. Therefore, when the invitation came a few months ago to preach at Green Acres on any subject I chose and that I could bring my own song leader who would lead acappella congregational singing, I accepted the invitation after receiving the approval of our elders. Monday night, July 7, was the date and what an occasion it was! *First*, we were warmly and enthusiastically received by the people at Green Acres. *Second*, we had a marvelous turnout from West Erwin and I thank you for that. *Third*, many congregations throughout the area were represented at the meeting and what an encouragement that was. *Fourth*,

Gary Ables was never better as he led the singing for this meeting. *Fifth*, our best information suggests there were about 2000 people in attendance. *Sixth*, a statement for New Testament Christianity, the Lord's church, and obedience to the gospel was made. *Seventh*, we believe that opportunities like this are almost unprecedented and that we should take advantage of them in an uncompromising way. *Eighth*, this is similar to what Paul did when he preached in Jewish synagogues. *Ninth*, we probably will never know what impressions for good may have been made. *Tenth*, I am grateful for the opportunity to preach the gospel of Christ at West Erwin and in many other places, and I am also thankful for everyone who encourages the preaching of truth. Thank you.

- Jay Lockhart



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- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, July 13, 2003

10:00 A.M. - Don Crawford

5:00 P.M. - Tim Grounds

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Things are going well this week in West Point, Nebraska. We've had some major storms but the weather is cool. Attendance is good for Vacation Bible School and enthusiasm abounds. We had 84 present on Tuesday. Workday Monday was spent clearing trails on the "Wilderness Trails." We got to see the Omaha Royals play ball after VBS Tuesday. Our plans are to depart for Branson, Missouri after the VBS Finale Thursday and spend the day there Friday. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel home Saturday.

TEEN SERVICE PROJECT

Please let us serve you! On Friday, July 18, the young people of the West Erwin church would like to extend free services to every member of the congregation. Bring your children and cars to the

COMMUNITY

..... **by Don Crawford**

GOD AND YOUR SCHEDULE

"How can I be better organized?" "How can I use my time more wisely?" "Is there anything that will help me bring balance into my life?" Are these questions that you ask yourself as you pore over your "To Do" list? What do you do when your list contains ten items and each is as important as the other? Overwhelmed? If this sounds familiar then listen to what God has to say about schedules.

Read Luke 10:38-42. Martha was having one of those days where she felt like everything depended on her. She had invited Jesus and the twelve over for dinner. Because of all the work that needed to be done, Martha was upset

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It's time for Vacation Bible School - 2003. I am so excited. Virtually all of our help has been lined up. We will focus our lessons on the life of Joseph while he was living in Egypt. Our teachers will be (1) *Velma Lemons* and her crew for all of our preschoolers, (2) *Nancy Crawford* and her crew, (3) *Carolyn Carruth*, *Linda Marts*, and *Maggie Craddock*, (4) *Jonathan* and *Laurie Stone*, (5) special guest speaker for our 6th -12th graders, *Greg McAdams*, and (6) special guest speaker for our adults, *Murphy Phillips*.

We will also have refreshments for all of our groups. This year the refreshments will be located just outside the east doors of the main foyer. Hopefully, it will be a little cooler on this side of the building and that should give some relief to our refreshment staff. We will have a variety of store-bought cookies and drinks. *Judy Yates* and *Rachel Huff* will oversee the refreshments. I'm sure they would love to have some additional help each night so please see them if you can be of assistance.

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July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip
July 18 Parents Night Out

that her sister, Mary, wasn't helping. Taking care of her guest was at the top of Martha's list. She could listen to Jesus later. Her focus was making the dinner rather than for whom she was making the dinner. The result was that she had worked herself into a "worried and upset" existence. Mary, on the other hand, was doing the better thing. She understood that a relationship with the Lord was the most important thing.

This reminds me of the Scripture that says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Please watch for Part II as we determine some solutions to the "worried and upset" lifestyle and what we can do about packed schedules. It will change the way you live your life.

This year we will have a moonwalk at the refreshment center. This moonwalk will be used by our students only after they have had their refreshments and it will be located at the southeast corner of the building.

Murphy Phillips will once again be our guest speaker for the adult classes. Murphy did an outstanding job last year. Adults, don't miss this class! If you do, you will be sorry.

Greg McAdams is the spiritual emphasis director for East Texas Christian Academy. Greg is a man of many talents and he will be teaching our 6th through 12th grades during VBS. Let me encourage the youth group to take advantage of these classes. We are excited to have Greg and he will do a fantastic job with these classes.

Terry Shaw and a host of volunteers will coordinate all of our crafts for this year. Terry already has everything lined up and she is excited about the theme for VBS.

Well, as you can see, we have everything squared away for VBS-2003. We just need one additional ingredient to make this year's VBS a great success and that is your attendance!

IN APPRECIATION

I wanted to thank everyone for all of the cards, prayers and well wishes that I have received due to recent illness. I don't know what all the doctors have in store for me in the near future but I know with the love and support that I am receiving from all of you I will be okay.

Sincerely,
Carl Stowers

Dear Christian family,

Sincere "thank you's" for all the calls, cards and best wishes sent to me since my recent "spell" with my heart. All is well with me now. God bless everyone!!

Wini Cullinan

The family of Jack Rowe is grateful to God for his life, for your friendship, and for you kindness and prayers. Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent. Your prayers for the Rowe family are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Nita Rowe & family

Thank you for your prayers, and your love expressed in kind words, cards, flowers, and phone calls during our time of grief and sorrow in the loss of Ralph's brother, Jack, on June 17 and Marian's sister-in-law, Wilma, on June 25. The Lord has prepared a place for them and for us. In our Father's house are many mansions. We hope theirs and yours is next to ours.

With love,
Ralph & Marian Rowe

WITH SYMPATHY

Services for Wilma Lemmons, Marian Rowe's sister-in-law, were held June 29 at the Austin Street Church in Brownwood. Valentina Cliver's brother was killed in an accident June 26 in Russia. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Lorene Venable on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Bailey Abigail Milton was born June 27 in Lewisville to Bryan and Carol Milton. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. Carl and Joyce Trimble are proud grandparents.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

Please update us on the status of your loved one serving our country. Just sign the sheet on the Visitor Center with the name and current duty station.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."
- John F. Kennedy, Jan. 20, 1961

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome the **Condor family**, **Chris** and **Miranda** and their children, **Preston** (age 10), **Tabitha** (age 4), and **Keaton** (age 3) into the West Erwin family. Miranda is the granddaughter of Winona Shankle. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 1526 Timber Creek, 75703, ph. 581-0269.

RESPONSES

Tammy Asbill came last Sunday to ask for prayers for strength and understanding for difficult times she is going through, traveling back and forth to see about her critically ill mother in Missouri.

Laurie Pattillo came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for her brother, Bart Williams, as he faces a difficult family situation. She will be flying with him to Indiana to see his daughters and they ask for prayers that the reunion will go well.

57th ANNUAL SINGING SCHOOL

Abilene Christian University, July 13-18
See bulletin board in office area for details

THINK ABOUT IT ...

"How would you feel if your only son died saving someone's life and they went fishing instead of attending his memorial service?"

"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."

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

On Friday, July 18, the young people in the church would like to extend these free services to every member of the congregation. Please let us serve you! Bring your children and cars to the Family Life Center. Guys will be washing cars from 6:00 p.m. until dark. Baby-sitting for infants through 5th grade will be available from 6:00 until 10:00 p.m. Early sign-ups for children are available at the Visitors Center. These services are offered completely free of charge with any donations going toward Iraqi mission efforts sponsored by the Sunset School of Preaching. Children, please bring a sack supper. Snacks will be provided.

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is accepting applications to fill part time openings for an Elementary and Secondary PE teacher and an Elementary Spanish teacher. They are also accepting applications for students age two years through twelfth grade. For more information or for an application, please call 9030561-8642.

COSTUMES FOR VBS

If you have borrowed VBS costumes, please return them as soon as possible as we are needing them for VBS. We especially need the white with gold Pharaoh costume ASAP. Please contact Carolyn Blackstone or Nancy Crawford if you have it.

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Records	Sunday June 22	Sunday June 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	382	380	424
Worship A.M.	525	600	588
Worship P.M.	314	300	384
Wed. P.M.	301	320	285
Contribution	\$19,145.95	\$16,740.80	\$25,076.62
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 29 and Wednesday, July 2, Mark Waggoner, ph. 597-2111. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Judy Smith was scheduled for more tests Wednesday at UTHC. Wini Cullinan is being treated with medication, still not feeling well. Lois DeLay, Nelda Browning's sister-in-law, is recovering in Baylor Hospital in Dallas after surgery on a broken hip. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Sue Ealy, Carol Armstrong's sister, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Warren Gray, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Penny & Wade McDonald, Daisy Lee Old, David Owen, Opal Coop's grandson, Bonnie Peterson, Carlos Morgan's sister, Betty Pitt, Cathy Krewall's niece, Glenda Scroggins, Doug & Cathy Scroggins sister-in-law, Michael Shreve, 25 year old nephew of Leah Weatherly (partner at Bryant/Welborn), Patrick Sizemore, Wendy Sanders, friend of Linda Marts, Belinda Berryman Smith, Judy Smith, Helen Smith, Mary Rogers' mother, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Jean Walters, Susan Wright, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

Please note: There will be no bulletin next week.

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Scripture Tony Adams
Dismiss Roy Bench

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Fred Wingate Cameron Ables
Dan Baldwin Cody Ables
Ray Womack Chris Ables

GREETERS

Dean Brookshire & Ross Weathers
Nelda Browning & Alice Denson & Kristen Yates
John & Ruby Cliver & Daniel Yates
Visitor Center: Bill & Pat Bratcher
Jim & Sue Carty

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THE ELECTRONICS AGE

Some of us are old enough to remember life without TV. When TV came into our house the screen was in black and white and filled with "snow." Only a few channels were available and to change them one had to get out of his easy chair, go to the TV and turn the knob. Today all of us have TVs, they are in living color, there are multiple channels, and the channels are changed remotely -- a favorite "male thing" is to "surf the channels," a practice which drives most females crazy. Then consider our automobiles. When I learned to drive cars had manual transmissions (you had to use a clutch and shift gears from low to second to high) and the only air conditioning was to roll all the windows down (manually of course) and drive fast. However, we now have automatic transmissions, automatic door locks, automatic everything and the stereo systems make the cars rock back and forth at stop lights. They also cost more than your parents paid for their first house. My car has "On-star" so that if I lock myself out the auto can be automatically opened by somebody who is somewhere I've never heard of. "On-star" also tells me where I am should I

get lost and my car phone works through "On-star" as I talk through my radio. Speaking of phones, I remember when calls were placed by audibly giving the number being called to a real live operator on a four-party line so that everyone knew everyone's business. Then came the rotary dial system and the touch tone and private lines. Now we have cell phones so that we can make and receive calls anytime and any place. People can hardly have a quiet lunch any more because the cell phone will ring. In many public buildings one can see signs that say, "Please turn off your cell phone." I suppose there are emergency situations where one needs his cell phone on in public gatherings, but I am like the guy who said, "This phone is for my convenience, so I leave it off most of the time. If someone needs me, they'll call back." Amen. I am not a great lover of the cell phone, but I especially detest hearing the thing ring in public gatherings ... especially in church. Electronics have brought us many blessings and a few curses. Let's keep things in perspective. Life is not about electronics.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, June 29, 2003

10:00 A.M. - Tim Grounds

5:00 P.M. Don Crawford

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Backpacking somewhere like the PECOS WILDERNESS is a special experience not many people get the chance to enjoy. Pictures can never do it justice. The sheer size of everything; the massiveness of the pine and aspen forests, the huge beautiful flowing meadows and streams, and the gorgeous views seen after reaching the top of a ridge. But in the scheme of things, it all adds up to one thing. Still one more way God makes his awesome presence known to us. I'm so thankful for this trip and for the 23 people who I was able to experience it with. Every aspect of the trip makes for a different memory for a different person, yet all of us take away a deeper love for each other and a deeper respect for God's creation. Thank you to everyone who made this trip so special.

Eric

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip will meet @ 4:00 this Sunday to work on classes.

We will have a combined devotional on Sunday, June 29 for all of those going to Nebraska (both sponsors & teens) and all of those in the youth group. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

Just a reminder: Don't forget about your 20 service hours for you to be able to go on the mission trips. They will need to be completed by July 3 for the Nebraska trip. If you have any questions about getting those hours or whether or not certain projects are eligible, please ask ASAP! One good opportunity would be to help with the food pantry on Thursdays from 9:00-12:00. Be watching for additional opportunities for service.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the devotional on Sunday night, July 6 in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to enjoy this great time together.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 29	Combined Devotional
July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 6	Middle School Devotional
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

DON'T SETTLE FOR AVERAGE

"Average" is the top of the bottom, the best of the worst, and the worst of the best. Average means run-of-the-mill, mediocre, and insignificant. Some will be remembered because they tried. Others will be forgotten because they "didn't want to." Jesus called his disciples to "launch out into the deep" (Luke 5:4). Christianity is an Adventure!

Integrity is an important factor in our lives 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 you 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).

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our Wednesday evening dessert fellowships seem to be going great. We are having great attendance for these fellowships and everyone has been very complimentary of these gatherings. I'd like to take a moment to put the spotlight on some of our members who have spent countless hours overseeing this great ministry. First, let me give credit to the person who came up with this idea and who organizes it each year. *Judy Yates* puts a lot of time and effort into this ministry and I am personally grateful to her for all that she does. Second, let me thank *Kim DuPree, Jeff and Melissa Parrish, Terry and Pam Lowry, Donna Maples* and others who have been right there beside Judy scooping ice cream or splitting bananas or doing whatever was necessary to ensure that everyone has been taken care of. I could not even begin to tell you what their help has meant to this ministry. It has made all the difference and all of us at West Erwin are grateful for your labor of love. At this time I would like to ask the congregation

to thank each of the people involved in this ministry the first chance that you get and I'd also like to ask the congregation to get involved in this ministry. I was raised in the church and all of my life I have heard it said that 10% of the members in the church do 90% of the work. If this statistic is correct then the church at the local level has some problems to overcome. A growing church would not allow just 10% of the congregation to do all of the work. There are a thousand ways to be involved in the work of the church. Let me throw out one opportunity that this membership has to be involved. About 50% of the time, for our Wednesday night dessert fellowships, we will be passing around a sign up sheet for a certain type of dessert. We need your help when these sign up sheets come around. Specifically, we need you to sign up. This is a worthwhile ministry that allows us the perfect opportunity to fellowship with each other. Through this period of fellowship the church will be strengthened. Ten percent of the congregation cannot continue to do all of the work with this ministry so please get involved. The success of this ministry depends on *your* involvement.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you all for the cards, food, and prayers during the loss of Mother. The music was so beautiful. Please keep me in your prayers for strength and guidance.

In Christian Love,
Ginger Metcalf

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at the Broad Street Church of Christ for Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin's 12 year old son. Col. Charles Reedy, Ret., Jan Cook's brother, died last week in Florida. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery June 21. Services were held Saturday in League City, Texas for Jack Rowe, Ralph Rowe's brother. Services were held last Saturday in Brownwood for Dick Armstrong, Danny Snell's uncle. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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A CHRISTIAN

If a man would be a soldier he'd expect, of course, to fight;
And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write.
So it isn't common logic, doesn't have the right, true ring,
That a man, to be a Christian, doesn't have to do a thing!
If a man would be a hunter he must go among the trees;
And he couldn't be a sailor if he wouldn't sail the seas.
How strange for any Christian to think he can be right
When he fails to work and worship, and walk daily in the light.

"But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" - James 2:10

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Haskell Church of Christ
July 6-11, 2003

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Tammy Lemons into our West Erwin family. Tammy is married to Marc Lemons and has been attending here since their marriage. Their address is 621 West Heritage Dr., 75703, ph. 561-6484.

RESPONSE

Jay Culpepper came to request prayers that God will work through him to make a further impact and for his safety as he travels to West Point, Nebraska on Saturday the 28th to teach.



WEDDING INVITATION

Karla Margarita

and

Jason Andrew

together with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Angel

and

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Craddock

request the honour of your presence

when they exchange vows

on Saturday the twenty-eighth of June

two thousand and three

at the three o'clock in the afternoon

University Church of Christ

133 East North Sixteenth Street

Abilene, Texas

Reception following

Sorry to lose ... Jean Oliver is moving Friday, June 27. Jean has taught Bible classes at West Erwin for many years and has impacted the lives of so many. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new home. Her new address is 6600 Brookshire, Fort Worth, Texas 76180, ph. (817) 428-6632.

Addresses Changes: Kevin & Shelly Sustaire: mail: P.O. Box 9312, Tyler, 75711.

Cheryl & Ember Johnson, 3100 State Hwy. 31 E, #124, 75702.

Name change: Sharon O'Steen has taken back her maiden name so she and Lindsey and Allyson are now the Hannah girls.

TAKE TIME

Take time to think: it is the source of power
Take time to read: it is the foundation of wisdom.
Take time to play: it is the secret of staying young.
Take time to be quiet: It is the opportunity to seek God.
Take time to be aware: it is the opportunity to help others.
Take time to love and be loved: It is God's greatest gift.
Take time to laugh: it is the music of the soul.
Take time to be friendly: it is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream: it is what the future is made of.
Take time to pray: it is the greatest power on earth.
- author unknown

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Dismiss Stevie Blakemore

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LOVING ENTHUSIASM

My friend of many years and a faithful preacher of the Word in Mesa, Arizona, David Lusk, recently wrote, "Let me give you a hint for church growth that really works. We should be practicing it now. What is it? Loving enthusiasm." I believe he is right! There are all kinds of things suggested by many that will help a church grow -- good location, great Bible classes, biblical preaching, friendly members, uplifting worship, and on and on. But in the final analysis the afore mentioned things must be under girded with loving enthusiasm. As a matter of fact, loving enthusiasm is a vital part of the other things that contribute to church growth. Let's look closer. Love is to be the number one ingredient in the Christian's life. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind ... and love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus also said, "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you love one another." Love should motivate all that we

do. Love for God and His Word will bring us to Bible classes and worship. Love for others will lead us to be considerate, friendly, and accepting and will cause us to be looking for opportunities to bring others to Christ. Then there is enthusiasm. Break this word down and you have "God within." Enthusiasm is excitement about who we are in Christ, the Word of God, the worship of God, and the church of which we are a part. We have something to be enthusiastic about: we are forgiven, we are living within the providential care of God and we are on our way to heaven. As members at West Erwin we are excited about what God is doing with us at this place, the direction in which the church is moving, and the biblical emphasis of all that we do. Show me a congregation of the Lord's people which is dedicated to the truth of God's Word and which is characterized by people with loving enthusiasm and I will show you a church that grows.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, June 22, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "God's Book of Remembrance"
(Malachi 3:16-18)
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food pantry on Thursdays from 9:00-12:00. Be watching for additional opportunities for service.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

As of this Friday 24 of us are in the Pecos wilderness in New Mexico, climbing the Jicarita peak. We will return home Saturday evening, July 21. Please continue to pray for good weather, our safety, and good health.

Special thanks to David Asbill, Debbie Bynum, Ken Culpepper, Rick Fedell, Tim Grounds, Curt Jordan, Mary Scarborough, Lisa Snell, and Eric Thornton for going as sponsors.

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

HELPING HANDS MINISTRY

Everyone needs a ministry description. Scripture teaches that if we belong to Christ, then we are ministers, a priesthood of believers. Sometimes we need to be "released to serve."

Recently, about 250 Helping Hands packets were anxiously picked up by members of West Erwin. This ministry is an effort to release you to serve by following God's lead in your life. It's designed to help us all become more aware of the needs of people around us each day and to know that there are resources available to reach out to these people.

I pray that you are using your packet of materials and I pray that those of you who signed up to lend a pair of

helping hands in times of need view this as an opportunity of ministry. You have been released to serve!

SMALL GROUPS

Being part of a small group definitely helps a person or family settle into a new congregation. It gives the opportunity to connect on a different level with other families who belong to West Erwin. The elders consider the small group function to be vital to the congregation's success in carrying out its mission, which is

To Glorify God

*Everyone Growing into the Image of Christ
Evangelizing Edifying Encouraging*

If you are interested in putting a group together, or if you would like to be involved in a small group, please contact Don Crawford at 903-592-0809 for assistance.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

We completed *Camp Friendship* on June 13th and it was a great success. I always enjoy how kids respond to the various events that we do at Camp Friendship. All of the campers really enjoyed camp and they all went home with several treats by the end of the week. I'd like to thank *Velma Lemons, Judith Harshbarger, Cindy Pace, Suzanne Linseisen, Rachel Huff, Sara Powell, Martha Waggonner* and *Eric Thornton* for their help in running this camp. They all did a fantastic job. We also had a host of teenagers who pitched in as counselors and I am grateful for their labor of love as well. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago in the bulletin, this year is the last year that we will conduct Camp Friendship. However, next year we will be combining Camp Friendship with our Vacation Bible School. We will have games, cooking center, craft center, Bible lesson center, singing center and a host of additional activities. This transformation is really needed at this time so let's pray for its success. I have

found out over the years that no matter how organized I might think I am that it only takes one monkey wrench thrown into my plan to turn it all upside down in total chaos. I spent countless hours planning the F.A.C.T.S. (Wednesday evening) program and with one unexpected phone call we have had to make some changes. The schedule that I have posted and that some of you have will need to be changed. *James Wilson* could not be with us this past Wednesday evening so *Eddie Rogers* took that spot and we are trying to reschedule James for another date. It is so great to have a servant like Eddie Rogers here at West Erwin. Every single time that I have approached Eddie and asked him to do something for this congregation, he has always jumped right in and seen it through. Eddie, I know it was no small task for you to move your talk so let me thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord and your great attitude of cooperation. Hopefully, the rest of the summer will go without a hitch and this ministry will once again prove its worthiness to all of us. Let's continue to pray for it also and for all of the speakers that we will have the opportunity to hear throughout the summer months..

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, and prayers for my grandson, David Owen. He is now at home and doing better.
Opal Cooper

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday in Imperial, Missouri for Karin Wisely, Doug Yates' cousin. Services were held Saturday at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home for Lorraine Rozell, Ginger Metcalf's mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

PLEASE NOTE: J.N. & Ginger Metcalf have a new ph. # (903) 596-0410. Their mailing address is still 12210 Hwy 31 W, 75709.

CAMP DEER RUN DAY CAMP

The West Erwin van is available for transportation to the Day Camp at Deer Run July 14-17. The camp will be filled up quickly so it is important that you get your registration forms (available at the Visitor Center) in as soon as possible.

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EMERGENCY BENEVOLENT NEED: Men's pants: work, casual, dress, all sizes. Please bring at your convenience. Thanks!

WEST ERWIN NAME TAGS

If you are a member at West Erwin and would like to have a name tag, please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Wesley Ackerman	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
Rowdy Anthony	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Casey Culpepper	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Wagner, Tim
Chad Garner	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Josh Gaspard	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Scott Gray	Seth Pace	
Eric Hass		

Please update us on the status of your loved one serving our country. Just sign the sheet on the Visitor Center with the name and current duty station.

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HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

Haskell Church of Christ, July 6-11, 2003
See bulletin board in office area for details

BAPTISM

Katie Lemons was baptized into Christ by her dad, Marc Lemons, Sunday. We rejoice with her in this most important decision of her life. Katie will be a senior at E.T.C.A. She is the granddaughter of Velma Lemons. Her address is 621 West Heritage, 75703, ph. 561-6484.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

*You are invited
to a Bridal Shower honoring
Kimberly Sublette,*

bride-elect of Michael Holmes

June 21, 2003, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

*Selections: R.L. Davis, Dillard's & Target

*You're invited to a Bridal Shower
Honoring Allison Cauthen*

(granddaughter of Faber and Kathryn Cauthen)

Sunday, June 22, 2003, 2:00 - 3:30

At the home of Cynthia Johnson, 813 Elaine

Selections: Dillard's, Target & Pier 1

WEDDING INVITATION

*Karla Margarita
and
Jason Andrew
together with their parents
Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Angel
and
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Craddock
request the honour of your presence
when they exchange vows
on Saturday the twenty-eighth of June, two thousand and three
at the three o'clock in the afternoon
University Church of Christ
733 East North Tenthth Street, Midland, Texas
Reception following*

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

*Mrs. Naomi Hamilton Flanagan
and
Mr. Frank Woodson Flanagan
announce the marriage of their daughter
Meghan Eileen
to
Joshua Jeffrey Hone
son of Linda Gail Hone
and
Mr. Jeffrey Clark Hone
On Saturday, the seventh of June, two thousand three
San Antonio, Texas*

June 12, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 24
Records	Sunday June 8	Sunday June 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	385	406	405
Worship A.M.	609	618	581
Worship P.M.	390	378	345
Wed. P.M.	332	330	317
Contribution	\$18,176.09	\$18,760.52	\$19,530.05
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 15 and Wednesday, June 18, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Wini Cullinan** had a heart cath Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Bonnie Peterson**, Carlos Morgan's sister, has a malignancy in one eye. **Glenda Scroggins**, Doug & Cathy Scroggins sister-in-law, has breast cancer. **Betty Pitt**, Cathy Krewall's niece, is under hospice care in Weatherford, OK. **David Owen**, Opal Cooper's son, had bypass surgery in Dallas. **Terry Logsdon**, friend of the Marts, got a good report - no cancer! **J.C. Pace**, John's dad, had surgery on a broken leg this week in Sulphur Springs. **Michael Shreve**, 25 year old nephew of Leah Weatherly (partner at Bryant/Welborn), has a brain tumor. Continue to remember **Dick Armstrong**, Danny Snell's uncle, **Lamern Bailey**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, **Edgar Bullard**, **Bobby Clague**, Betty's husband, **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, **Chloe Clark**, **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Jean Dees**, **Sue Ealy**, Carol Armstrong's sister, **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, **Warren Gray**, **Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes**, **Modena Jones**, **Daisy Lee Old**, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Lorraine Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's mother, **Wendy Sanders**, friend of Linda Marts, **Patrick Sizemore**, **Judy Smith**, **Mattie Smithey**, Fern Bench's sister, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Pattie Tate**, **Susan Wright**, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, and **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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ASSEMBLIES	
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Prayer Alan Montgomery
Scripture Jordan Mullins
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Freeman Morgan
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Trey Rousseau
Scripture Eddie Rogers
Dismiss Buck Nowell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Charles Westerfeld Louis West
David Wicks Walker Weathers
Greg Walker Wade Weathers
Leon Welborn Wynne Weathers

GREETERS
Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meghan Wagner
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Monica Starr
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Daniel & Carol Morgan

Pick up cards June 15: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Sean Denman, Cody Frick & Drew Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 15
Preacher: Adam Bryant; Nursery a.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Nursery p.m.: Nerene Ingram; Toddlers a.m.: Rhonda Haws; Toddlers p.m.: Kim Lemons; 2's: Tara Kilgore; 3's: Mike & Kristi Harris; 4's: Adam & Lisa Bryant.

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ONCE UPON A TIME

Once there was a good church in a small Texas town that was flourishing. Oh, it was not doubling each year in membership, but it was a happy, growing, and prospering church. The church had a good preacher who was faithful to the Word and who had been there for several years, a well liked youth minister, a weekday preschool that served many children of the community, and all seemed to be going well. Then some new men in leadership began to say some strange things not found in Scripture ... and the church began to decline. First, the leadership let the youth minister go because of the declining contribution. Then they closed the school. Finally, they began to search for a new preacher because their preacher was, they said, largely responsible for the decline in numbers. The church was thus programmed for additional decline and would drift toward being a community church and would neither seek any longer to be the church of the New Testament nor to be Christians only. The church would be in "no man's land" because it was too liberal to be in the mainstream of the churches of Christ and too conservative to be acceptable to the denominational world. Having lost its

focus upon seeking to be the New Testament church and having lost its balance between extremes, it would continue to decline and the leaders would puzzle over what had gone wrong. The above story is true and to one degree or another similar stories are unfolding all across this land. We can be assured of this fact: when churches are led away from biblical authority for what is believed, taught, and practiced; when churches no longer speak as the Scripture speaks; when churches think of themselves as a protestant denomination born in America in the 19th century; when churches accept the assumption that if the Bible doesn't specifically say not to do something, then it may be done with Divine approval; when churches are more concerned about human thoughts, desires, and perceived needs than they are with what God thinks or says; then those churches will decline and the leaders will be slow to understand why. We have no right, and should have no desire, to be anything religiously other than Christians, to belong to any religious organization except the church Jesus built, and to have any rule of faith and practice other than the Scriptures.

- Jay Lockhart

"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, June 15, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "What's A Father To Do?"
(Ephesians 6:1-4)

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MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

33 of us had a great trip last week to Houston for our Middle School Madness. It got a little wet but was a great trip overall. We spent the week studying the life of David. It was a great week!

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday @ 3:00. Bring all of your gear with you as well as clothes for the trip home.

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It's easy to get discouraged sometimes when things appear to be going badly. But we shouldn't lose heart because God is at work in our lives, even in the midst of pain and suffering. Remember: for all the negative things we have to say to ourselves, God has a positive answer for it.

- You say, "It's impossible." God says, "All things are possible" (Luke 18:27).
- You say, "I'm too tired." God says, "I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30).
- You say, "Nobody really loves me." God says, "I love you" (John 3:16, John 13:34).
- You say "I can't go on." God says, "My grace is sufficient" (II Corinthians 12:9, Psalm 91:15).
- You say, "I can't figure things out." God says, "I will direct your steps" (Proverbs 3:5-6).
- You say, "I can't do it." God says, "You can do all things in Me" (Philippians 4:13).

- You say, "It's not worth it." God says, "It will be worth it" (Romans 8:28).
- You say, "I can't forgive myself." God says, "I forgive you" (John 1:9, Romans 8:1).
- You say, "I can't manage." (God says, "I will supply all your needs" (Philippians 4:19).
- You say, "I'm afraid." God says, "I have not given you a spirit of fear" (II timothy 1:7).
- You say, "I'm always worried and frustrated." God says, "Cast all your cares on Me" (I Peter 5:7).
- You say, "I don't have enough faith." God says, "I've given everyone a measure of faith" (Romans 12:3).
- You say, "I'm not smart enough." God says, "I give you wisdom" (I Corinthians 1:30).
- You say, "I feel all alone." God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

SMALL GROUPS MEET JUNE SUNDAY JUNE 15

minister for almost 17 years and during that time I have had the opportunity of teaching Bible classes at three Christian schools (Atlantic Christian, Central Arkansas Christian, and E.T.C.A.). Because of this, I have had the chance that few have had and that is to see a young person with very little training in Bible come to realize that Jesus Christ died for them and because of this great sacrifice they have committed their lives to Him. Each day the students at E.T.C.A. have the opportunity of studying God's Word. Two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) the students at E.T.C.A. are involved in a chapel devotion. The Word of God is being taught at E.T.C.A. and every student there who has not yet obeyed the gospel is receiving encouragement to take that great step of faith. Even those who have already accepted Christ are drawing closer to God because of the studies and the relationships they are building. West Erwin has at least 6 students who will be enrolled at E.T.C.A. this fall. Please offer a prayer for the school and go one step further and call the school to see if you can help financially. *Steve Arnold* is the person you need to talk to. The school number is (903) 561-8642. We need your help.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

East Texas Christian Academy is a great school and it deserves our attention because of its mission in this area. Basically, the mission statement for the school says "*The mission of East Texas Christian Academy is to provide a Christian environment for quality education with individualized attention by a caring staff. Each student is encouraged to reach his or her full potential as a student, as a citizen, and most of all, as a child of God.*" This mission statement is focused on providing a quality education to each student at E.T.C.A. by a caring staff. Whether or not the academy is successful in fulfilling this mission depends on: (1) the administration of the school, (2) the teacher/staff of the school, (3) the students and parents of the school, and (4) the churches in this community. If the churches in this area do not support this work, then more than likely it will fail. I hope more and more churches will look at this mission statement and come to understand that this school could be an effective tool in reaching out to the Tyler area. I have been a

IN APPRECIATION

To all you loving people at West Erwin,

Thanks for your prayers, calls, and cards when Wes was so very sick. We love you! Please continue to pray for his recovery of the second surgery scheduled for June 10th. Your encouragement means so very much! Love to all,

Alma Faye and Wes Price

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Duncanville for Michael Hyatt, Mary Evelyn Grier's nephew. Services were held last week for Cooper Goodson's aunt. Services were held Sunday at the North Tenneha congregation for Willie Daniels, one of their elders and friend to many at West Erwin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tom and Marjorie Cox on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

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A FATHER'S PRAYER

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak - and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid. One who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, but humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not replace his actions, a son who will know Thee, and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Send him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but in the stress and spur of difficulties and challenges. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fail. Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high - a son who will master himself before he seeks to master others.

One who will learn to laugh, yet never forget how to weep; one who will reach into the future; yet never forget the past.

And after all these things are his - this I pray - enough sense of humor that he may always be serious; yet never take himself too seriously.

Give him humility so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, the meekness of true strength. Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain." - General Douglas MacArthur

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." *Ephesians 6:4*

Happy Father's Day!

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Will and Anna Tanksley in their decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday. Anna is the daughter of Bill and Judy Wilmeth. Will is an engineer with Howe-Baker and Anna is employed at the Texas Spine & Joint Hospital. Their address is 20763 CR 189 N, Flint, 75762, ph. 825-7722.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Cindy Monds and her sons, Kirby and Kolton, into the West Erwin family. They have been worshipping here for some time and have made known their wish to be recognized as members of this church. Their address is 22841 CR 422, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-0670.

Kay Baker came Sunday to make known her desire to be identified as a faithful member of the Lord's church at West Erwin and to worship and work under the oversight of this congregation's elders. We are delighted to welcome her into our family. Her address is 415 Juanita Street, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3218.

Sorry to lose ... Wayne and Stacy Golden are now worshipping with the Broadway congregation.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

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to a Bridal Shower honoring
Kimberly Sublette,

bride-elect of Michael Holmes

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Phil Marts	Joe McBee	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy		
	Leon Welborn		

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Scripture Scott Hackett
Dismiss Dan Murry

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Charles Westerfeld Louis West
David Wicks Walker Weathers
Greg Walker Wade Weathers
Leon Welborn Wynne Weathers

GREETERS
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Sara Scarborough
James & Connie Sublette & Chris Scroggins
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Shannon Snell
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Maggie Craddock

Pick up cards June 8: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Sean Denman, Cody Frick & Drew Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 8

Preacher: Todd Hancock; Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Debbie Bynum; 2's: Kenna Kempton; 3's: David & Sharon Hammond; 4's: Jana Hancock.

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HELPING HANDS AND LOVING HEARTS

Last Sunday we introduced to the church a new ministry opportunity which we are calling *Helping Hands*. This opportunity, developed by the Local Evangelism ministry outreach which is chaired by deacon, *Don Drummond*, gives us the tools to reach out to people in our community who have needs which we, with the Lord's help, can help meet. There are fourteen different areas of need which we have identified and we already have in place trained people who will be taking the lead in ministering to people (see packet of information prepared for each family in the church for details). The key to the effectiveness and success of this ministry is YOU! Each of us knows people with needs. We are asking all of our people to give one of the brochures in your packet to someone you know who has a particular need with which they need help. Be sure to put your name and phone number on the brochure so that

your friend can contact you and you can then put them in contact with the right support group to help them cope with their need. The packet will benefit no one if it is put away in a drawer, but if we will be aware -- have eyes that see -- we can accomplish much good by sharing our concern, our love, and our desire to help others. Some of our people will be involved in the various support groups, but the service we offer is first and foremost designed as a tool to help outside people and to bring them closer to Christ. Surely all of us want to be of assistance to those who are struggling with life, but we sometimes simply do not know how to do it. *Helping Hands* gives us the opportunity to serve others. It now is in our hands. Pray for opportunities. Be diligent in recognizing opportunities. You will want to be involved because you have helping hands and loving hearts.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, June 8, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Becoming The Best"
(Exodus 33:7-11)

5:00 P.M. "The Quest For Wisdom" (4)
(Proverbs 1:20-23)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Wednesday night after class to finalize all our plans. All parents and participants need to be present. Bring your pack and sleeping bag so we can check it out. Be sure you are working out!

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to come to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3.00.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip will meet for a few moments after church this Sunday night in the Family Life Center (before the devo). We will split up class assignments.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

This past week a group of 33 of us spent the week in Houston studying the life of David and having a great time together. It was an awesome week! Thanks to all of those sponsors who went and made this trip possible: Lisa Snell, Judy Yates, Cindy Carruth, Eric Thornton, Jim Russell, Steve Denman & Barry Scarborough.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY/MOVIE NIGHT

All of those in high school are invited to our house for our Bible Study on Thursday night @ 7:00. After our study time together, we will watch a movie. Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 3-6	Middle School Madness
June 8	Middle School Devotional
June 9	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
June 12	High School Bible Study/Movie Night
June 15-21	BackCountry Trek
July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... **by Don Crawford**

West Erwin is a friendly congregation at least that is what our new members tell us. However, there is always room for improvement. Too often we may be found "being friendly" only to a select few and we hardly notice new people. What to do? Follow this acronym -- be NICE!

Notice People. God sends seekers to congregations who draw them in and care for them Look for them.

Introduce Yourself. Go ahead and initiate the conversation! A smile and an extended hand is using what God gave you. If they say, "Yeah, we met three weeks ago," I accept it as training in humility and respond with, "I'm sorry -- my 286 is a little slow," and we crank up a conversation.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Camp Friendship has been a highlight of my summer for the past two years. I am always nervous about it but it always seems to go off without a hitch. The campers are always a joy to work with and the staff always outdoes itself. For 11 years we have had Camp Friendship but recently we have noticed a trend that has developed. Each year we have fewer and fewer campers who are willing to participate, as well as fewer and fewer volunteers willing to staff this program. To several of us it has become apparent that this program has run its course. It was effective and efficient for many years but it is time to say good-bye to it in its present state. So, this year will mark the last year that we will conduct Camp Friendship (at least as it has been conducted in years past). Next summer (2004) we will combine Camp Friendship with our Vacation Bible School. We will have some of the events from Camp Friendship and some of the events from Vacation Bible School. At this time we are not for sure if it will be at night or in the daytime. In fact, as of right now, we are

Connect with People. Sincerity demands that we offer people more than a token introduction. Talk to them. Listen to them. Show interest in them.

Extend an Invitation. The most important message we want to leave with people is that they are welcome here. Invite them back, invite them to your Bible class, invite them to your small group, invite them out to eat, -- your invitation tells them they are welcome and they are important.

Being **NICE** really works!

"At once they left their nets and followed him"
Matthew 4:20

"I am only one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything, but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do,
And what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I shall do!"

not even for sure exactly what we will be calling it. But rest assured, a lot of thought will go into it and it will be a great success. We can't be afraid to evaluate ministries and to make changes to those ministries if they are no longer meeting our needs. Let's pray about this new program and let's get ready for 2004. Once again, to all the staff, thanks for all your help over the years. Please feel free to make any suggestions regarding our new program. Let's build it together.

Our *Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series* (F.A.C.T.S.) is finally here. We have a host of speakers lined up for the summer months. Several are from our own number and several are from the brotherhood. I am excited about the theme: *New Beginnings: God, Man And Redemption* in Genesis. Here is a list of the speakers for June:

Abel Worshipped God (June 11) - Jim Russell
The Ruin Of Man (June 18) - James Wilson
The Fall Of Man (June 25) - Mike Warner
* Remember that we will be serving desserts in the Family Life Center following our F.A.C.T.S. program.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for your visits, calls, cards, food and your encouragement to get well. Your prayers have helped me to get through this illness. God bless you. Sue Ealy

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Emory last Wednesday for Lonnie Williams, Laurie Pattillo's grandfather. Services were held May 27 in Dallas for Fairy Lee Brintle, Clelia Elliott's sister-in-law. Services were held last Saturday in Longview for Boyd Bolton, Claude Sessions' brother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jim and Sue Carty have a new granddaughter! Maddy Louella Carty was born May 23 to Jimmy and Christy Carty. She weighed 8 lb. 4 oz. and is 20 ¼ inches long. Tara Kilgore is a proud aunt.

ALL WEST ERWIN LADIES



Please join us
for afternoon tea
Sunday, June 8, 2003, 2:00 - 3:30
Family Life Center
Hostesses: 4th & 5th grade girls



Address Change: Jonathan & Laurie Stone, 804 Corey Dr., Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9883.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

Camp Friendship - K-5th grade, June 9 -13, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

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GOSPEL MEETING

Jacksonville Church of Christ
June 8 - 11, 7:30 each weekday evening
Robert Burns, guest speaker

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THE CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

The Children's Home of Lubbock is currently looking for Christian couples to fill the role of house parent to some of our children. Please see bulletin board in office area for details.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with **Grace and Ross Weathers** in their decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday. They are the children of Walker and Rhonda Weathers and grandchildren of Don and Wanda Weathers. Their address is 15345 CR 1145, 75704, ph. 593-5723.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charles Rachui was presented the Community Award on May 20, 2003 in grateful appreciation for his outstanding devotion to the students of Chapel Hill High School. Charles has served several years on the Chapel Hill School Board. Congratulations!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

John and Susan Steffee and Ray and Gail Vannoy will be leaving to go to Russia to visit St. Petersburg and the School of Preaching in Barnaul. Remember to pray for a safe and successful journey.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Wesley Ackerman	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
Rowdy Anthony	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Casey Culpepper	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Wagner, Tim
Chad Garner	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Josh Gaspard	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Scott Gray	Seth Pace	
Eric Hass		

Please update us on the status of your loved one serving our country. Just sign the sheet on the Visitor Center with the name and *current* duty station. We will continue to pray for him/her and their family each day.

"Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and the success of Liberty."
- John F. Kennedy, Jan. 20, 1961

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Host families are needed to host international high school exchange students for the upcoming 2003/2004 fall semester or academic school year. Students speak English; have spending money, and medical insurance. Families are able to review student applications and select the student they feel will best match their family and provide a bed, meals and a caring environment. The students, from over 30 different countries, are hoping to arrive in August for enrollment in their new American high school. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at the SHARE! Southwest office at 1-800-941-3738.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you sign up at Albertson's grocery stores and make World Bible School your selected charity your groceries will cost the same, but WBS will get a donation for every purchase you make.

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Records	Sunday May 25	Sunday May 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	319	412	394
Worship A.M.	502	591	610
Worship P.M.	356	309	345
Wed. P.M.	275	310	312
Contribution	\$18,363.05	\$18,451.09	\$18,980.45
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 1 and Wednesday, June 4, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Daisy Lee Old is recovering after recent neck surgery. **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, had a procedure Thursday in Dallas to treat tumors. **Susan Wright**, Glenda Mills' sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Wendy Sanders**, friend of Linda Marts, is recuperating after recent kidney removal in McKinney. **Dick Armstrong**, Danny Snell's uncle, is very ill with cancer. **Lorraine Rozell**, Ginger Metcalf's mother, is under care of hospice in the nursing home. **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, is in M.D. Anderson with pancreatic cancer. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, **Edgar Bullard** (Clairmont), **Louise Burt**, Sharri Brock's aunt, **Bobby Clague**, Betty's husband, **Chloe Clark**, **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Jean Dees**, **Sue Ealy**, Carol Armstrong's sister, **Dorothy Fann**, Tammy Asbill's mother, **Warren Gray**, **Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes**, **Modena Jones**, **Joey Merling**, **Daisy Lee Old**, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Patrick Sizemore**, **Judy Smith**, **Mattie Smithey**, Fern Bench's sister, **Carolyn Stitt**, **Carl Stowers**, **Brice Sustaire**, son of Kevin and Shelly, **Pattie Tate**, **Evelyn White**, Ginger Gilmore's grandmother, and **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Hillard Hughes	Ron Lott	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper 11:30 A.M.		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn				(903) 592-0809	

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Jon Koster
Scripture Jamon Kirby
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jerry Kirk
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Don Ingram
Scripture Jerry Howard
Dismiss Greg Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Harvey Strickland Billy Terrell
James Sublette Walker Waggoner
Greg Wagner Mark Waggoner
Mark Sweeney Ray Vannoy

GREETERS

Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Maggie Ragsdale
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Samantha Richardson
John & Susan Steffee & Krista Russell
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Ken & Cathy Culpepper

Pick up cards June 1: Ryan Haws, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Steven Figueroa, George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, June 1
Preacher: Wade Weathers; Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook; Toddlers a.m.: Karen Fedell; Toddlers p.m.: Ginger Philpot; 2's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; 3's: Diane Weathers; 4's: Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

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WHEN YOU SAY, "I LOVE YOU"

When you say to someone, "I love you," you are saying something significant. It is unlike anything else you might say. Nothing else you say to another so affects them or you. When you tell someone you love them, it makes you vulnerable -- they may not accept or return your love. Telling someone you love them involves the whole self (intellect, emotions and will) and will not leave you the same as you were. When you say, "I love you," you place responsibility upon yourself because love has its demands. God has always said, "I love you" to people. To ancient Israel God said, "I love you" and demonstrated it by bringing the nation out of Egyptian bondage, caring for it in the wilderness, and bringing it into the promised land of Canaan. He loved Israel when no one else did and He took her to be His wife. He faithfully gave His heart to her but she rejected His love and became unfaithful to Him as she followed other gods. Yet God loved her still and begged her to be faithful to Him as she has been in the days of her youth, but she would not and finally God's patience ran out and the nation was judged and destroyed (see Jeremiah

2; Ezekiel 16; and the book of Hosea to see God's love for Israel). God keeps saying to us, "I love you." He gives us what we need to sustain physical life. As the answer to our sin God loved us and gave Jesus to die for our sins. He gathered the saved into a family called the church where He blesses us with all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), answers our prayers (James 5:16), and works in our lives (Romans 8:28). We have professed our love for God. We love Him because He first loved us (I John 4:19); the greatest commandment is to love God (Matthew 22:37); and we would be most ungrateful if we failed to love the One who loves us so (see I Corinthians 16:22). Loving God is more than saying the words! Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). John added, "If anyone says he loves God and hates his brother, he is a liar" (I John 4:20). Saying we love God makes demands upon us -- we must make the will of the Supreme the supreme will of our lives. Do you love God? Do you really or are you just talking?

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

**Sermons for Sunday, June 1, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

10:00 A.M. - "Helping Hands And Loving Hearts"
(Ephesians 4:11-16)

5:00 P.M. "The Quest For Wisdom" (3)
(Colossians 2:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* WELCOME!

Welcome to Eric Thornton, our summer intern. He began his summer with us this week and we are really glad to have him here. Take the opportunity to get to know him. He will be a blessing to us this summer, keep him in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lindsey O'Steen who earned the Presidential Award from Moore Middle School. This means she had the highest GPA for 3 years straight. Way to go Lindsey

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday at 3:45. Bring your pack and sleeping bag so we can check it out. Be sure you are working out!

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to come to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 8:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those currently in school grades 5-7 are invited to participate in West Erwin's Middle School Madness. It is an action packed, fun filled, God centered, faith growing, friendship building 4 days. The dates are June 3-6. Don't miss it!

We will have a special meeting this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:15 for all who are going. You will need to bring your Medical Release and fee. We will have a notary here.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

When Drugs Are A Good Thing

I had a drug problem when I was a youngster. I was "drug" to church on Sunday morning. I was "drug" to church on Sunday night, I was "drug" to church on Wednesday night and I was "drug" to Vacation Bible School. I was also "drug" to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, or failed to speak to them with respect.

Those "drugs" are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in nearly everything I do and say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin. It would do our nation well to have such a reoccurring drug problem.

Things to ponder:

Someone once said, "Life is not measured by the breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath."

Give God what's right -- not what's left.

Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.

He who kneels before God can stand before anyone.

He who angers you controls you.

Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited ...until you try to sit in their pew.

People are funny. They want the front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.

God Himself does not propose to judge a man until he is dead, so why should we?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 **Douglas L. Yates**

Several parents have come up to me recently saying how much they appreciate the church purchasing the *Discovery* magazine for their children. I must confess that I am somewhat partial to this magazine myself. The first time that I looked at it I thought to myself, "What a wonderful magazine!" Not only did I make sure that every child at the church where I was working in Alabama received it, but I ordered one for myself also. Each month it is jam packed with so many biblical stories, applications, illustrations, and activities that a kid just couldn't help but enjoy it. *Dr. Bert Thompson* and the staff at *Apologetics Press* do such an outstanding job with this magazine. Let's continue to learn great lessons from this magazine so that when various questions arise that need to be explained, our youth will be ready to give the answer. Parents, *Apologetics Press* also publishes a magazine called *Reason And Revelation*. This magazine is geared for adults and it is also a wonderful study. If you'd like more information, please see me.

Please let me take this time to extend a great big thank you to some of our adults who have been teaching our youth in some training classes. *Jim Russell* has once again stepped up to the plate and is providing a wonderful service for our 3rd - 5th grade boys. Jim takes these boys each week and helps them to develop leadership qualities. He teaches this class each Wednesday evening in room 207. This class will end May 28th. Also, *Nancy Crawford* and *Donna Mullins*, along with some others, have been working with the 3rd - 5th grade girls on Wednesday evening in room 206. This class is geared more toward various acts of service that our young ladies can perform here at West Erwin. This class will also end May 28th.

Our new quarter begins on June 1st. All of our teachers are ready to go so let's be sure that we are here each and every opportunity that we have. The summer is a hectic time but even so we do not want our attendance to drop this next quarter. I have found that the summer months provide a great opportunity to invite your friends to come with you to church. Let's all make an effort to fill up our classrooms.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATE 2003!

Victoria Moriole, daughter of Victor Moriole and Marjorie Moriole, is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She has been in band since 6th grade, playing the French horn and various Percussion instruments. She was in Concert Band in her freshman year, Symphonic Band in sophomore & junior years, and Wind Ensemble in her senior year. She is also in the Jazz Band and the Lee Drumline. She participated in three U.I.L. Solo and Ensemble competitions, earning the highest ratings, advancing to state level. Victoria was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for superior achievement and excellence in Percussion. She also participated in Art, Theatre Tech. and Spanish Club. She was awarded a band scholarship to TJC, where she plans to attend this fall. She then plans to go to Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. She has helped with the Karing Kitchen, World Bible School and participated in Ladies Bible Class.



IN APPRECIATION

The family of Myra Turner acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

Dear Members of West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for your cards, phone calls, and prayers. I had a blood clot in my leg and I'm doing better now.

Rebecca Center

My Dear West Erwin Family,

There are not enough words in the dictionary to express my love and appreciation for all the kindness and comforting words, your visits and encouragement, contributions, cards, and food and especially your prayers during this sad time. Love to all,
Ernie Tarrant

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LOVE A CHILD

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child. - author unknown

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

Please update us on the status of your loved one serving our country. Just sign the sheet in the foyer with the name and current duty station. We will continue to pray for him/her and their family each day.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Hugh and Glenda Mills** into the West Erwin family. They will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 2405 Woodhaven, 75701, ph. 566-0884.

Change, Addition & Correction:

Charles Garrett, 3110 Towne Park Dr. #2802, 75701, ph. 561-6547

Bobby & Cassie Snyder family, 383 CR 2610, Mineola, 75773, ph. 569-1544

The phone number for Wynne & Kristi Weathers is 597-5028.

Sorry to lose . . .

Ron and Sharri Brock are moving to the Dallas area this week.

Andy and Barbara Fay are worshipping with the Patton Lane congregation.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tony Adams and the Chapel Hill High School technology and drafting students on the recent win of 90 first place awards at State Competition. Chapel Hill qualified 40 students to attend the Texas Technology Student Association Conference in Waco. The students garnered 199 ribbons and awards, including 37 best-in-class, 90 first place, 19 second place and three third place ratings. The school received the Class 3A Championship Award for high point average for points received in the competition. Additionally, the students earned the overall State Championship Award, classes 1A through 5A in engineering graphics for the third year in a row. Tony has taught at Chapel Hill for 31 years.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of June 2-6. West Erwin has been asked to collect: JELLY. Any other items you wish to donate will be helpful. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows the purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

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Worship P.M.	309	310	636
Wed. P.M.	310	315	318
Contribution	\$18,451.09	\$17,477.05	\$19,950.59
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Harvey Strickland Billy Terrell
James Sublette Walker Waggonner
Greg Wagner Mark Waggonner
Mark Sweeney Ray Vannoy

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Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Maggie Ragsdale
Bill & Judy Smith & Michael Ragsdale
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Tanner Philpot
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Jimmy & Wanda Denio

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OUTREACH 100

Outreach 100 got its name from the fact that our goal this year is to reach 100 new members. It was thrilling to announce the coming of twelve new folks to the West Erwin family on May 11 and May 18 and we are anticipating others in the next few weeks. Our theme for this year is based upon Isaiah 6:8 which has the prophet saying, "Here am I! Send me," and we are praying that the Lord will use us to go and glow and grow for Him in 2003. We believe that when we pray and when we make ourselves available for His purpose the Lord will bring opportunities into our lives to influence people for truth and right. It's never enough to wonder what is happening or to simply watch things happen -- we must, with God's help, make things happen. Your involvement in Outreach

100 will give you an opportunity to help make things happen. Tables are set up in the foyer and people will be there before and after our assemblies to acquaint you with what you can do to be involved. *Eddie Rogers* and *Don Crawford* are coordinating this work and will be available to help you and to answer your questions. Visit those tables this week and see how you can be one of those who is saying, "Here am I! Send me," and as we go watch people come! We are seeking 100 and the person you meet or the person you encourage or the person you invite or the person you bring may be 1 of the 100. Are we interested in numbers? We sure are! We are interested in numbers because each number represents a precious soul made in the image of God ... a soul who needs a Savior. Be involved!
- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, May 25, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "I Knew You"
(Jeremiah 1:4-10)
5:00 P.M. "The Quest For Wisdom" (2)
(James 3:13-18)

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

OOPS!

We left Victoria Moriole off from our list of Graduating Seniors. Victoria, we are very, very, very sorry. We will have a write-up and picture next week.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Hayley Wilson who was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society last Tuesday! Way to go Hayley.

Congratulations to Jordan Lyons for receiving the Rotary Club's Young Citizen of the Year Award. Way to go Bubba!

SUMMER TRIPS

Time to make your plans for the summer!

Our BackCountry Trek is coming together and many of you have already talked with me about going. Make sure you are on my list!

If you are interested in going on the mission trips this summer to Nebraska or Mexico, remember that you need to have your **20 service hours** before we leave. Check the calendar below for dates. Sign up ASAP!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school group are invited to come to the combined activity this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those currently in grades 5-7 are invited to participate in West Erwin's Middle School Madness. It is an action packed, fun filled, God centered, faith growing, friendship building 4 days. The dates are June 3-6. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 28. Don't miss it!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 25	Combined Activity
June 1	High School Devotional
June 3-6	Middle School Madness
June 8	Middle School Devotional
June 9	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
June 15-21	BackCountry Trek
July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

It does not take a mammoth meeting in a stadium, nor a grand march to the state capitol, nor towering executive office buildings, nor a fleet of service vehicles, nor a million dollar budget to reach the masses. It's not a matter of programs to work with the poor in the downtown Tyler area. The problem with helping the poor is not a shortage of food, nor the difficulty of finding medical services or adequate housing. Of course, those things are critical pieces and we can't go far without them, but the one thing that is crucial is becoming up close and personal. Helping the poor is just one person at a time, face to face, hand in hand, side by side. That's what our Benevolent Center is all about. We serve the poor because we sense a mandate from God. If you are interested in working in the Benevolent Center once a month on Thursday mornings, please contact Don Crawford. If you aren't sure about what we do, please feel comfortable to just drop in on Thursday mornings to watch

what is being done then make a decision about your involvement.

THANK YOU!

West Erwin was well represented at the annual Letter Carriers Food Drive which ended at the East Texas Food Bank. A great big thank you to Jerry and Becky Howard, Fred and Sara Powell, Judy and Kristen Yates, Elmer and Nila Miles, Linda Gillam, Dan Gillam, Bill and Judy Wilmeth, Charles and Linda Westerfeld, Patti, Nathan, and Hannah Grounds, Carolyn Hays, Ginny and Kelsi Wicks and Carolyn McCune. Your work not only helped the West Erwin Benevolent Center with food grants, but it helped get the food out to the needy all over the East Texas area. Thank you again for your willingness to help.

OUTREACH 100

Outreach 100 started May 11. Dozens gladly took assignments to make contact with our visitors, our sick, our shut-ins, our new members, and those who are in mourning. Thank you for your help and we hope you will seriously consider this ministry each week.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 **Douglas L. Yates**

Recently several people have approached me singing the praises of our *Bible Knowledge 101* classes that we began back in December. As you recall all of our classes, 6th grade through adults, are studying this material. It was written specifically to reinforce basic Bible information for our membership concerning (1) our worship to God, (2) instructions given by the Lord regarding a variety of topics, and (3) an overview of the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. We are fast approaching the completion of the first two objectives (instructions regarding our worship and instructions as given by the Lord). Once June gets here we will be in the last phase of our Bible Knowledge 101 material. This last phase has been entitled *Basic Bible Knowledge* and it will take us from Genesis through Revelation in 26 weeks. All of our teachers are lined up and ready to present this material. Let's make sure we are all present for these classes. Let's also take a few minutes to invite our friends/neighbors/relatives to these classes.

I am always encouraged when I hear one of our teachers asking me about when they will be receiving their material for the next quarter. So you can imagine how uplifted I have been recently because several of our teachers for the summer quarter have been asking, "When are we going to get our materials for the summer?" The good news is, IT'S HERE! And it may be picked up at your convenience in the office. Generally we order this material about one month before the new quarter is to begin. It then arrives about a week after it is ordered. For years we have ordered our material from a family owned bookstore in Dallas. We have always had a great relationship with this bookstore. We could order the material directly from either Gospel Advocate or 21st Century Christian and we would receive it about 10 days earlier than ordering it from the bookstore in Dallas. Teachers, if it becomes necessary to do this, then I will but I need feedback from you concerning this matter. When you have the chance drop me a note or call me, or better yet, just let me know on Sunday or Wednesday. We want to have the best educational program possible so this is a matter we need to address.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

The white flowers and gladiolas sent by the members of the West Erwin church were beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Love to all,
Ernie Tarrant

Dear Christian Family,

Thank you all for your visits, calls, cards, food, encouragement and most of all for your prayers for Mom (Ann McCoy) and for our family. God bless you.

In Christian Love,
The Charles McCoy Family

Thank you for the flowers, cards, prayers and expressions of sympathy upon the death of my sister. We would also like to express our appreciation for the prayers and support given for our daughter Angie. We love all of you.

Elmer & Nila Miles

I can't even begin to express my thankfulness for all of you. Your love, generosity and kindness that you showed to me this past week has been overwhelming! The baby shower was just wonderful and I don't think this baby girl will lack for anything. The Lord promised those who leave father and mother and house will receive 100 fold. I believe He has blessed us with many mothers, sisters, aunts, and grandmothers in all of you ladies at West Erwin. Thank you all so much and may God richly bless you.

In Christian love,
Brenda Holland

(Because of the overwhelming response for the baby shower and their imminent transition back to Togo, the ladies suggested that she not consider writing individual thank you notes. Please consider this your personal thank you.)

Thank you to the Wednesday morning Bible class for the money gift. I was overwhelmed! I plan to buy a new bedspread and curtains for my new room, my new home. I love you so deeply.

Jean Oliver

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Wesley Ackerman	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Wagner, Tim
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Eric Hass	Seth Pace	

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

Pick up a name on the table set up in the foyer of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you sign up at Albertson's grocery stores and make World Bible School your selected charity your groceries will cost the same, but WBS will get a donation for every purchase you make.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Kristi Weathers** into our family at West Erwin. Kristi is married to Wynne Weathers and their address is 2804 Bain, 75701, ph. 597-3464.

ALL WEST ERWIN LADIES

Please join us
for afternoon tea

Sunday, June 8, 2003, 2:00 - 3:30
Family Life Center

Hostesses: 4th & 5th grade girls



NEW ARRIVAL

Wade and Sandra Park, former West Erwin members, have a new baby boy! John Thomas Park was born May 13 in Denton. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP

Parents, don't forget to get your children signed up for Camp Friendship! Applications are available in the office area foyer and should be turned in by June 4. June 9 -13 is the date and times are from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

"Laughter is a tranquilizer with no side effects."

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for infants through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

CAMP DEER RUN DAY CAMP

The West Erwin van is available for transportation to the Day Camp at Deer Run July 14-17. The camp will be filled up quickly so it is important that you get your registration forms (available in office area foyer) in as soon as possible.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL GROCERY DRIVE May 31, 2003

West Erwin has been asked to collect spaghetti, canned mushrooms, pickles, olives, salsa & relish. There is a barrel in the foyer to put items in.

Come for open house, BBQ lunch, & Gospelaire Quartet

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of June 2-6. West Erwin has been asked to collect: JELLY. Any other items you wish to donate will be helpful. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows the purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

20th ANNUAL FOUR STATES SINGING SCHOOL

Camp Bee, Marshall, Texas, June 8-13, 2003

Directed by Tom Chapin and stressing song leading and music theory. See bulletin board in office area for details.

BULLETIN

Thanks to Danny Snell and Candace Hall for updating our church bulletin, *From the Heart of Tyler*, on our web site each week. For access, just go to www.westerwin.org and click on weekly bulletin.

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Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper		11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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Dismiss Phil Marts

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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Scripture D.L. Thompson
Dismiss Harvey Strickland

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Bill Smith Ed Stitt
John Steffee Dennis Stansbury
Tony Smith Jonathan Stone
Kyle Stowers Charles Starr

GREETERS

Freeman & Billie Morgan & Amanda Dobbs
Bill & Donna Mullins & Alex Mullins
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Visitor Center: Bill & Pat Bratcher
Fred & Sara Powell

Pick up cards May 18: Casey Bellar, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, May 18

Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddlers a.m.: Debbie & Cayti Bynum; Toddlers p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; 2's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart; 3's: Mike & Kristi Harris; 4's: James & Ruth Ellis.

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BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Gary Nunn** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday morning. Gary is the husband of Eleanor and has been attending here for some time. Their address is 101 East Sheridan, 75701, ph. 595-6556.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Alan and Candy Montgomery** into our West Erwin family. They recently moved here from Georgia and we look forward to our work together for the Lord. Candy is the daughter of Ray and Carolyn Womack. Their address is 1608 Yosemite, 75703, ph. 561-5227.

We are delighted to welcome **Dan, Lynn, Kristin, and Andra Murry** back home to Tyler. They were a vital part of this family and we're glad they've come home! Their address is 303 Woodhaven, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9963.

Welcome home to **Bobby, Cassie, Candice and Callyn Snyder!** They have been greatly missed and we are very happy to welcome them back home.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Bill & Pat Bratcher, 4015 Lazy Creek, Tyler 75707, ph. (903) 565-0688.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

All You Can Eat Breakfast, Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Saturday, May 17, 7:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Adults \$3.00, kids (10 & under) \$1.00



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, May 18, 2003 by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "All Things To All Men"
(I Corinthians 9:19-22)
5:00 P.M. "The Quest For Wisdom" (1)
(Proverbs 2:1-9)

WITH SYMPATHY

Private graveside services were held Thursday at Bascom Cemetery for Myra Turner. Services were held Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Ann McCoy. These two ladies had been faithful members of this church for many years and they will be greatly missed. Services were held last week in Jasper, Texas for George Herberger, Buck and Kathleen Nowell's brother-in-law. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

You are invited to a Bridal Shower
Honoring
Karla Angel,
Bride-elect of Jason Craddock
Son of Danny and Maggie Craddock
Family Life Center, Saturday, May 17, 2:00 - 3:30
Selections: Target, Dillard's, Foley's & Bed, Bath and Beyond

Table Shower Honoring
Scott & Gayla West Keller
Daughter of Louis and Jean West
May 11 and May 18
Selections: Dillard's & Bed, Bath & Beyond
Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.

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Seniors 2003

Trisha DeMoss is graduating from Bullard High School where she served in the Key Club, one year as treasurer. She took 5 years of high school math, including Calculus AP, while also completing at least 15 hours of college credit at Tyler Junior College. Trisha was involved in LTC, winning a scholarship this year, is a faithful participant in the Karing Kitchen, and has helped in baby sitting for church functions. She plans to major in Education.



Trisha DeMoss

Amanda Dobbs attended Katy High School where she was in Band her freshman year, Brigade in junior and senior years, as well as in choir. She is now attending ETCA where she is on the A Honor Roll. She will complete her high school credits this summer by correspondence course from Texas Tech University I.S.D. Amanda was baptized at West Erwin March 30, 2003 after moving here from Katy. She plans to go to Tyler Junior College, then Texas A & M or ACU. She is the daughter of Doug and Debbie Dobbs and the granddaughter of Freeman and Billie Morgan.



Amanda Dobbs

Cody Fedell is a member of the National Honor Society, was named to Who's Who Among American Seniors, and will graduate with honors from Whitehouse High School. He played on the Golf Team for 4 years and was named to the All-District Team his senior year. Cody was baptized in July 1999 by his dad and has participated in LTC, Youth Service and Nebraska Mission trips. Cody is the son of Rick and Karen Fedell and will attend Texas A & M in the fall.



Cody Fedell

Valerie Figueroa, daughter of Claude and Sheri Figueroa, was in All Region Choir in 2000 & 2001, Solo and Ensemble 2000, 2001, & 2002, worked as a volunteer for the East Texas Food Bank and the Whitehouse Community Library. She has been a Bible class teacher for 3 years and has participated in LTC, Mission trips, summer camps, and Karing Kitchen. Valerie plans to attend Tyler Junior College and hopes to continue to work with the West Erwin Playschool.



Valerie Figueroa

Brandon Lott is the son of Ron and Pam Lott and is graduating from Brook Hill High School. He was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, was on the National Honor Roll, and was selected for Outstanding Students of America. Brandon has been a member of the West Erwin Youth Group for six years and participated in the Nebraska Mission trip 2 years and the back packing trip 1 year. He plans to attend the University of Houston and major in Engineering.



Brandon Lott



Bryce Murry



Pete Wemmert



Joshua Lowry



Kristin Murry

Joshua Lowry played football, was selected as 1st Team All District punter, Honorable Mention All East Texas, Texas Sports Writer All State Honorable Mention, AP All State Honorable Mention, was semifinalist 2002 Male Christian Athlete of the Year for the State of Texas. He participated in the Congressional Student Leadership Conference in 2002. Josh was active in LTC, Habitat for Humanity, and BackCountry Trek. He is the son of Terry and Pam Lowry. He plans to attend Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas on a football scholarship.

Bryce Murry, son of Jon and Melanie Murry, is an Eagle Scout with Troop 354 sponsored by members of churches of Christ for Scouting and earned his Silver Palm Rank. He received the Joyful Servant Award and the Good Servant Award through Scouting. He is a guitarist for the Robert E. Lee Jazz Band and made All Region, placing 8th in the state. He also takes concurrent courses at TJC in Classical Guitar and Guitar Ensemble. Bryce has been involved in numerous service projects totaling almost 250 hours of personal community service hours and organized an additional 432 hours for his Eagle project. He has been involved in LTC for 6 years and also participated in mission trips to Mexico and Nebraska and Wilderness Trek.

Kristin Murry attended the Ivah Albright Childrens Theatre for Speech and Theatre at TJC one year and also attended the John Robert Powers School for Modeling and Acting in Fort Worth 2 years. She participated in LTC 2 years, winning a Gold Medal 2 years in Live Modern Drama, Chorus, and Video Bible Drama and a Gold in Christian Art 1 year. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College. Kristin is the daughter of Dan and Lynn Murry.

Franz Peter (Pete) Wemmert, Jr. is a graduate of Whitehouse High School where he has made the A/B honor roll and completed two years of a medical class, while also completing 13 hours of college credit at TJC. Pete participated in LTC 2 years and the Mexico and Nebraska Mission trips. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College before going on to a 4 year University. He is at this time undecided about a major but is interested in the social work field. He is the son of Pete and Marie Wemmert.

Congratulations!

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John Steffee Dennis Stansbury
Tony Smith Jonathan Stone
Kyle Stowers Charles Starr

GREETERS

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Forest & Mary McFadden & Tanner Philpot
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Samantha Richardson
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
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Pick up cards May 11: Casey Bellar, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, May 11

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REFLECTIONS UPON MISSIONS SUNDAY

What a great day Missions Sunday was! A whole lot of preparation went into making the day a wonderful success. *John Steffee* and the Missions Committee conceived the idea; our elders approved the day of emphasis; *Jan Knight* worked hard on the Poster Session; *Sharon Hammond* did the publicity in her usual professional way; lunch was put together by *Ray* and *Carolyn Womack*, *Don* and *Mary Jo Crowder*, and *Carroll* and *Cherrie Magee*; *Danny Snell* was in charge of the Media Presentation; *John Steffee's* committee set up for lunch; *Jim Russell* was in charge of the cleanup after lunch; and a host of helpers made the day run more smoothly. Then there were the presenters: *Brody Clark* on Miami Atlantic International Bible Institute; *Raphael Falcon* on Nueva Rosita, Mexico with *Claude Figueroa* interpreting; *Jeff Holland* on Togo, West Africa; *Sammy Flannary* on Barnaul Preacher School in Siberia, Russia; *G.W. Cliver* on Summer Camps in St. Petersburg,

Russia; and *Richard Baggett* on Eastern European Mission. Finally, our elders led us in a season of prayer for all the above mentioned efforts and other works in which West Erwin is involved. What a great day! During the day I was impressed by the passion for missions exhibited by the speakers; by the commitment of the West Erwin church to missions; by the world wide vision demonstrated by so many; by the "flesh and bones" put on the various works we have only heard about before Sunday; by the heart for missions which we see in our elders, the Missions Committee, and the church; by the touching stories told of those being reached with the gospel in so many parts of the world; by the vision and dreams of so many for evangelizing the world; and by how, with the hard work of so many, a day with so many activities could run so smoothly. Again, may I say, "What a great day!"

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, May 11, 2003
by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
10:00 A.M. - "The Powerful Influence Of Mothers"
(2 Timothy 1:3-7)
5:00 P.M. Danny Snell and Youth
Leadership Training For Christ Presentation

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* LTC PRESENTATION

Remember, our LTC Celebration is Sunday night, May 11. Everyone who went needs to wear their LTC T-Shirts. We will have opportunity to hear some of what our young people did at LTC. If you did an art project, please bring it Sunday.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you would like to help, come on! We serve from 6:00-7:00 and need help for set up and clean up. Teens, this would be a great opportunity to get in some of your service hours. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

JR.-SR. DAY

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We need your help! Each year we ask for donations to cover the cost of the Jr.-Sr. Banquet. If you would help, please see me.

SUMMER TRIPS

Time to make your plans for the summer! Our BackCountry Trek is coming together. Pray for good weather! Make sure you are on my list! If you are interested in going on the mission trips this summer to Nebraska or Mexico, remember that you need to have your **20 service hours** before we leave. Check the calendar below for dates. Sign-up ASAP.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Middle & high school teens, remember our devo Sunday.

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COMMUNITY

..... **by Don Crawford**

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9).

He was not saying, "Blessed are the peace lovers." Nor did He say, "Blessed are peaceable." He said blessed are those who work for peace - those who actively seek to resolve conflict. Peacemaking is not avoiding conflict. Jesus calls us to settle the turbulence in our relationships with each other.

God wants us to value relationships and make every effort to keep them healthy. In fact, a significant amount of the New Testament is devoted to teaching us how to get along with one another. Christ wants His church to be known for our love for each other. Therefore, if we want God's blessing, and if we want to be known as His church,

we must learn to be peacemakers. Life is about learning how to love and relationships are always worth restoring.

BENEVOLENT WORKERS NEEDED.

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"You will never 'find' time for anything. If you want time you must make it."

OUTREACH 100

Outreach 100 starts this Sunday! I hope you have decided to be a part of this effort. Tables will be set up in the foyer Sunday evening to help make the assignments available.

Each summer we host our annual Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series (F.A.C.T.S.) on Wednesday evenings. This year we have about 50% of our speakers from West Erwin and about 50% from the brotherhood. Please take advantage of these classes. Our theme this year is centered around the thought of God's redemption for mankind. We will pick apart the book of Genesis and attempt to discover that God had a plan for mankind from the very beginning. Let's also remember that immediately following our Wednesday services everyone is invited to the Family Life Center for some fantastic desserts. *Judy Yates* and her crew always do a great job in organizing these fellowships. Not only do we want you and your family to be present, but please invite your neighbors/friends/etc., to come and be a part of the F.A.C.T.S. Program with us.

Those who will be speaking at the F.A.C.T.S. Program from West Erwin are: (1) Jay Lockhart, (2) Jim Russell, (3) Don Crawford, (4) George Jones III, and (5) Tim Grounds. Our guest speakers will include: (1) James Wilson, (2) Mike Warner, (3) Mike Armour, (4) Murphy Phillips, and (5) Chris White. Let's be present for these timely talks.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

As busy as the summer months are for all of us I know we all enjoy the extra time that we have with our families. I was looking over my calendar the other day and realized that I had so much going on that I didn't even have enough time to go on my vacation that I had been planning. It does get hectic, doesn't it?

I hope all of the parents of the kindergarten through fifth grade students will make sure that their kids have the opportunity of attending our annual "Camp Friendship." Camp Friendship is a unique opportunity for our younger ones to be involved in a day camp that allows them to participate in a daily devotional, work on a host of crafts, cook Bible times meals, and sweat in a physical activity. Camp Friendship will be held in the West Erwin Family Life Center June 9th - 13th. It will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. and end right at 11:30 a.m. We always have a great turn out for this camp. Parents, you may pick up your registration forms at any of the entrances to our building.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of Jack Tarrant early Thursday morning. Services were held Saturday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt.

Graveside services were held Sunday in Splendora for Mary Jackson, Kathryn Wallace's sister.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Peggy Waller, Julie Price's grandmother.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

"Friends are quiet angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mark and Melissa Frick on the birth of a baby girl! Tori Kay was born April 30. She weighed 9 lb. 5 oz. and is 21 inches long. If you have any questions, ask proud big brother Cody. David and Wanda Frick and Dudley and Jeannie Brookshire are happy grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

Courtney Craddock, daughter of Danny and Maggie Craddock, will graduate from Harding University May 10 with a Bachelor's Degree in Interior Merchandising. Congratulations, Courtney!

Sorry to lose ...

Curtis and Mary Lu Pruett are moving to Georgetown, Texas.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for infants through pre-k. Call Teryy Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

KILGORE COLLEGE CHRISTIAN CAMPUS CENTER

803 Nolen St. in Kilgore invites you a very special End of the Year Banquet, Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP by May 6 at (903) 984-2928 or (903) 984-3700.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting Medina Children's Home
Tuesday, May 13, lunch at 12:00, tee off at 1:00 p.m.
Pinecrest Country Club, Longview, TX

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be in our area the week of June 2-6. West Erwin has been asked to collect: JELLY. Any other items you wish to donate will be helpful. Cash donations are also appreciated as it allows the purchase of milk, meat, fruit and vegetables for a balanced diet.

CAMP DEER RUN WORKDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003
8:30 AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON

BRIDAL SHOWERS

You are invited
To a Bridal Shower



Honoring
Karla Angel

Bride-elect of Jason Craddock
Son of Danny and Maggie Craddock

Saturday, May 17, 2:00 - 3:30
Family Life Center

Wedding Shower
Honoring

Gayla West Keller

Daughter of Louis and Jean West

(marriage to Scott Keller January 18 in Miami, Florida)

Table Shower May 11 and May 18

Selections: Dillard's & Bed, Bath & Beyond
Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Jay Landon Jones	Brian Parker
Wesley Ackerman	Shelly Henry	Daniel Reynolds
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Craig Cooper	James Hunt	Anthony Sessions
Casey Culpepper	Joe Kennedy	Robert Songer
Chuck Freeman	Clark Lemons	Hank Trimble
Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Wagner, Tim
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Eric Hass	Seth Pace	

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

Pick up a name on the table set up in the foyer of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day. Anyone who is interested in sending an encouraging note or a care package to any of our service men/women may pick up an address at the Visitor Center or on the "military table" in the foyer. There is a list of suggestions at the Visitor Center of needed things to send in a care package. If you would like to contribute items, there is a box at the Visitor Center for you to put these items in and we will see that they are sent.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you sign up at Albertson's grocery stores and make World Bible School your selected charity your groceries will cost the same, but WBS will get a donation for every purchase you make.

PLEASE NOTE: If you have borrowed a wheel chair or walker or any other item *that you are no longer using*, please return it to the Benevolent Center so that we may share with others.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL GROCERY DRIVE May 31, 2003

West Erwin has been asked to collect spaghetti, canned mushrooms, pickles, olives, salsa & relish. There is a barrel in the foyer to put items in.

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Records	Sunday April 27	Sunday April 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	421	294	385
Worship A.M.	621	590	579
Worship P.M.	353	270	382
Wed. P.M.	NC	329	324
Contribution	\$19,244.34	\$15,417.19	\$17,882.00
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 7, Jay Bynum, ph. 839-3133. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Ann McCoy is very ill at home. Myra Turner is now in Hospice. Edgar Bullard is in the Clairmont. Judy Smith is having health problems. Dustin Means, infant son of Stuart and Kathy, is improved and is at home. Sandie Martin has gone to Mayo Clinic for her annual check-up. Sue Ealy, Carol Armstrong's sister, remains in ETMC. Bobby Clague, Betty's husband, had spine surgery Wednesday. David Owen, Opal Cooper's grandson, had a stent implant after a heart attack, will have surgery later. Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, is in M.D. Anderson due to complications from pancreatic cancer. Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother is hospitalized in Missouri. Mattie Smithey, Fern Bench's sister, is recovering after hip replacement surgery. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Gussie Beaty, Dorothy Briscoe, Jean DuVall's mother, Mozelle Brown, Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, Louise Burt, Sharri Brock's aunt, Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Warren Gray, Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes, Joey Merling, Daisy Lee Old, Amber Owens, student of Pam Lott, Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin, Bettye Price, Patrick Sizemore, Fred Sloan, Bob May's nephew, Carolyn Stitt, Carl Stowers, Brice Sustaie, son of Kevin and Shelly, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate, and Angie Ybarra. Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper	TUESDAY AND THURSDAY			
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Brant Prestidge Charles Rachui
Eddie Rogers Trey Rousseau
Barry Scarborough Jordan Rousseau
John Shaw Dannie Skipper

GREETERS

Phil & Linda Marts & Jordan Lyons
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Bryce Murry
Bob & May Helen May & Kara Murry
Visitor Center: Jack & Johnnie Stringer
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards May 4: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Sean Denman, Dalton Harris, Drew Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, May 4
Preacher: Wade Weathers; Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Suzanne Linseisen; Toddlers a.m.: Ginger Philpot & Mallori; Toddlers p.m.: Gail Vannoy; 2's: Candace Hall & Becky Millican; 3's: Diane Weathers; 4's: Adam & Lisa Bryant

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MISSION EMPHASIS SUNDAY

We are planning a big day next Sunday as we will be emphasizing Missions and all of our mission work outside of Tyler will be featured. The schedule and the speakers for the day follow:

The Bible Class Hour - 9:00 a.m.
(all youth and adult classes will meet in the auditorium)

Jay Lockhart - Mission Outreach

Brody Clark - Miami Atlantic International Bible Institute (15 minutes)

Raphael Falcon - Nueva Rosita, Mexico with Claude Figueroa interpreting (20 Minutes)

The Worship Hour - 10:00 - 11:15 (Auditorium)

Children bring money to feed children in Nicaragua 10:00

Jeff Holland - Togo, West Africa (15 minutes)

Sammy Flannary - Barnaul Preacher School, Siberia, Russia (15 minutes)

Lunch - 11:30 - 12:15 in the Family Life Center

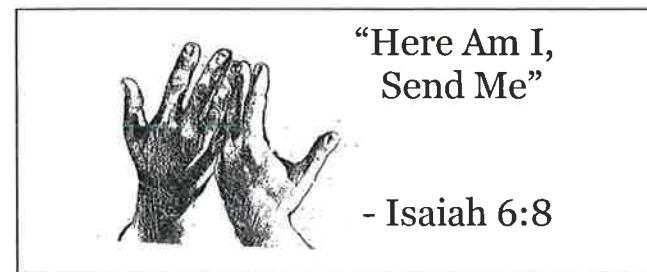
Visits with missionaries/view displays - 12:15 - 1:00

Afternoon Session - 1:15 - 2:15 (Auditorium)

G.W. Cliver - Summer Camp, St. Petersburg, Russia (15 minutes)

Richard Baggett - Eastern European Mission (15 minutes)

Season of Prayer, Recognitions and Wrap-up
Dismiss for the day - 2:15



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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KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who have helped with the Karing Kitchen ministry over the past years. We began in April of 1998. We have just celebrated our 5th Anniversary of serving meals to hungry people. That is over 260 consecutive Monday nights. We estimate that is over 14,000 people served over those years. We continue to plant seeds and God continues to bless this ministry. West Erwin is cooking again on May 12, join us!

LTC PRESENTATION

Remember, our LTC Celebration is Sunday night, May 11.

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May 4	Missions Sunday
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Relevance is the art of using what is timely to illuminate what is timeless. Jesus was the expert. He knew you did not talk to a Pharisee the way you talk to a fisherman. Instead, Jesus embraced WHOEVER he was talking to and used what was timely to teach what was timeless.

Benevolent Workers Needed

May 10 has been designated as the day Tyler mail carriers take up a donation of canned goods to help the East Texas Food Bank. West Erwin has the opportunity to help sort their donation that Saturday afternoon. Work will start at 3:00 and end about 6:00. If you can help, please contact Don Crawford before May 8. Your labor will help our Benevolent Center with grant money to purchase food we

distribute on Thursdays. Thank you in advance for your help.

Also, if you are interested in working once a month on Thursday mornings in the Benevolent Center please contact Don Crawford. If you aren't sure what we do, please feel comfortable to just drop in on Thursday mornings to watch what is being done, then make your decision about involvement.

Skeet Shoot

Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the Tyler Gun Club
Flyers with maps available at the Visitor Center
RSVP to Don Crawford at (903) 592-0809, or
dcrawford@westerwin.org

Did g'ever notice: The closer you live to God, the smaller everything else appears.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Generally, Bible teachers go to great lengths in communicating exactly what the Bible says. They do not want to add to God's Word nor do they want to take away from God's Word. They certainly do not want to be accused of being a false teacher. We all realize that this is not always the case in the secular world. In fact, there are people who make their living "spinning" information in order to make even the worst of news look not so bad for their client, boss, or corporation. Recently, the Iraqi Minister of Information (a.k.a. Baghdad Bob) stood before the international media and proudly proclaimed that the U.S. Troops were not in Baghdad; they had not taken control of the airport and, in fact, they were being slaughtered by the Iraqi troops. Of course, as we watched his press conference we were also watching video of U.S. Troops in one of the palaces, at the airport, and indeed only a block or so away from where he was

holding the press conference. As absurd as this false information was, many Iraqis believed him.

Today, we (Christians) are engaged in a great battle with Satan. Satan is spewing forth disinformation to all that will listen. This approach worked for him in his deceitful communications with Eve in the garden and it continues to work for him to this day. That's why we call him the "prince of liars."

On the other end of that spectrum we find Jesus. We should remember that the Bible says that Jesus is "... the way, the truth, and the life ..." He is full of goodness and He would love for us to follow Him. Unfortunately, millions upon millions will follow after Satan rather than Jesus.

I Thessalonians 5:21 and I John 4:1 encourages us as Christians to test His Word to see if it is true or not. God is not afraid of us testing His Word. God knows that His Word is true! We will know that also if we are willing to put it to the test.

Please be present for our Bible classes on Sunday morning and on Wednesday evening as we study the truth of God's Word. It really does matter what we believe. Let's resolve to be true to the Lord's way and follow after Him.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Fellow Christians,

On behalf of Christian Services of East Texas let me thank each one who participated in the special contribution given at the area wide worship held at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ on April 6. Last year we had 43 children come to us for care and the numbers keep climbing. Because of you, we at CSET can provide the necessities to children who've never known anything but neglect, abuse and responsibilities beyond their years. Thanks for your willingness to share.

Bill Wallis

RESPONSE

Judy Smith came Sunday to ask that her church family pray for her due to health problems she is having.

"Peace, hope, and comfort bloom in the garden of prayer."

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Milburn and Jan Cook on the birth of a granddaughter! Audrey Faith was born April 24 in Victoria to Charlie and Rachelle Cook. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 18 ½ inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Jewel Baker, Jamon Kirby's aunt. Our sympathy is extended to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Garrett Sublette, son of James and Connie Sublette, will graduate May 10 from Abilene Christian University with a B.B.A. in Marketing. He made the Dean's List seven consecutive semesters and is graduating Magna Cum Laude. Congratulations, Garrett!

EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION DINNER

Monday, May 5, at the Sheraton Hotel
Reception at 6:30, Dinner at 7:00

Igor Kozlovsky, former Deputy Minister of Religion in the Ukraine region of Donbass, is guest speaker.
Please RSVP to the church office.

ANNUAL GOSPEL MEETING AND MUSICAL

North Tenneha Church of Christ

Saturday through Wednesday, May 3-7

George Williams, from Austin, guest speaker

Male Chorus Annual Musical Saturday 6:00 pm; Homecoming services on May 5; Sunday: Bible study at 9:00, worship at 10:15, afternoon services at 2:30; weeknight services at 7:00 pm.

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Benefiting Medina Children's Home

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Pinecrest Country Club, Longview, TX

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Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Wagner, Tim
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Jordan C. White
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PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

Pick up a name on the table set up in the foyer of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day. Anyone who is interested in sending an encouraging note or a care package to any of our service men/women may pick up an address at the Visitor Center or on the "military table" in the foyer. There is a list of suggestions at the Visitor Center of needed things to send in a care package. If you would like to contribute items, there is a box at the Visitor Center for you to put these items in and we will see that they are sent.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

If you sign up at Albertson's grocery stores and make World Bible School your selected charity your groceries will cost the same, but WBS will get a donation for every purchase you make.

CAMP DEER RUN WORKDAY

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003

8:30 AM UNTIL 12:00 NOON

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched -- they must be felt with the heart.

— Helen Keller (1880-1968)

PLEASE NOTE: If you have borrowed a wheel chair or walker or any other item *that you are no longer using*, please return it to the Benevolent Center so that we may share with others.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL GROCERY DRIVE May 31, 2003

West Erwin has been asked to collect spaghetti, canned mushrooms, pickles, olives, salsa & relish. There is a barrel in the foyer to put items in.

KILGORE COLLEGE CHRISTIAN CAMPUS CENTER

803 Nolen St. in Kilgore invites you a very special

End of the Year Banquet, Saturday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m.
Please RSVP by May 6 at (903) 984-2928 or (903) 984-3700.

April 24, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 17
Records	Sunday April 20	Sunday April 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	294	386	421
Worship A.M.	590	600	603
Worship P.M.	270	316	276
Wed. P.M.	329	339	300
Contribution	\$15,417.19	\$21,944.87	\$19,997.02
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THE DAYS OF MAY

The next several weeks will bring some extremely significant events to West Erwin. In addition to our regular church meetings, which are always significant, about 140 of our folks (youth and adults) have just returned from the annual Leadership Training For Christ meetings in Dallas. **Danny Snell** does a yeoman's job in bringing many of our people together for this event and he has an important role in making the Dallas program a success. Also, last Sunday brought a host of visitors to West Erwin for our Lord's Day meetings. Saturday evening will bring our Teacher Appreciation Banquet with Dan Manuel as our speaker and entertainer. This Sunday evening we will have the privilege of hearing **Jeff Holland** preach as the Hollands visit from Togo, West Africa for several days. Then comes May with its great opportunities. *First*, on May 1 (Thursday), the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will take place at 6:00 a.m. at the Harvey Convention Center. Men from

West Erwin will help prepare and serve the breakfast which takes place each year in connection with the National Day of Prayer. *Second*, May 4, is the day for our Missions Sunday. All of our missionary works will be featured and it promises to be a great day. Full details will appear on this page next week. *Third*, Monday, May 5, the Tyler Area Benefit Dinner for Eastern European Mission will take place from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Tyler. Igor Kozlovsky, former Minister of Religion, Ukraine, will be the featured speaker. Exciting new stories about the work of Christ in the former Soviet Union continue to come out of Eastern Europe and we encourage you to make your plans to attend this dinner. Doors are open in Eastern Europe and we must continue to take advantage of the opportunities God gives. Sunday evening, May 11, our service will be conducted by **Danny Snell** and the LTC young people. Be involved! - Jay Lockhart



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by **Dr. Jay Lockhart**
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(Romans 1:1-16)
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Youth With Heart... by Danny GO!

This past weekend, thousands of young people and adults from all over the country gathered together for the annual Leadership Training For Christ Conventions. In Dallas, there were over 11,000 at 2 sites. It was great to see all of our group and the awesome job they did preparing and working together to glorify God.

Thanks to all of our sponsors for making it happen! Thanks to our elders and staff for supporting this great ministry.

SUMMER TRIPS

Time to make your plans for the summer!

Our BackCountry Trek is coming together and many of you have already talked with me about going. Make sure you are on my list!

If you are interested in going on the mission trips this summer to Nebraska or Mexico, remember that you need to have your 20 service hours before we leave. Check the calendar below for dates. We will have a sign-up sheet posted soon.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Invite a friend to join us for this special time together.

KARING KITCHEN APPRECIATION DINNER

If you have helped with the Karing Kitchen this past year, you are invited to attend the Karing Kitchen Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday, Apr. 29 at 7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by signing the list at the Visitors Center.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Community requires devotion. Luke pointed this out in the very beginning. He said three thousand people were baptized and added to the church on the day of Pentecost. His next statement says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42). Verse 46 says they met together every day.

Cultivating community also takes frequency. It takes time to build genuine fellowship. That's why the Hebrew writer wrote, "Let us not give up meeting together but let us encourage one another -- and all the more as the see the day approaching."

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Some men of the congregation are planning a skeet shoot at the Tyler Gun Club on Saturday, May 10, at 10:30 a.m.

For more information please contact Don Crawford at (903) 592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org, or pick up a flyer at the Visitor Center in the foyer. RSVP needed!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It has taken a lot of teamwork to pull off this year's *Apples Of Gold* teacher's banquet. So many people have dedicated their time, energy, and in some cases money to this great effort. How can I ever begin to thank them? This church is indeed indebted to you all for this labor of love. Our theme this year is Back To The Basics. I selected that theme because of our Bible Knowledge 101 study that we have been engaged in. *Jane Jones* and her crew are the ones responsible for the decorations in the Family Life Center. They always do a fantastic job. *Traditions* was selected because of its reputation and I have enjoyed getting to know *Robert Owens* and his staff as we have worked together with the menu over the last several weeks. *Dan Manuel* from the Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine, Texas has a special talent and we feel fortunate to have obtained his services. Our elders have been looking forward to this gathering for some time now. These men are dedicated to the teaching of the gospel and

they love all our teachers. Our teachers deserve the biggest round of applause because they are constantly offering their services (working together as a team) for the cause of Christ. Teachers, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the work that you do here at West Erwin. Let me suggest the following four areas that I believe place our teachers on a winning team.

First, they play to win: the difference between playing to win and playing not to lose is often the difference between success and mediocrity.

Second, they have a winning attitude: team members believe in themselves, their teammates, and their dream. And they don't allow negative thinking to derail them.

Third, they keep improving: the highest reward for their efforts isn't what they get for it, but who they become because of it. So they press on toward the mark.

Fourth, they make their teammates more successful: winners empower others. As Charlie Browser says, "Few people are successful unless a lot of other people want them to be."

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all your love, concern, cards, calls, visits, food and prayers during my illness, Bill's surgery, and the death of his nephew, Stephen Taylor. You are the greatest brothers and sisters in Christ! We love you. Bill and Ruth Meazell

Dear Family at West Erwin Church of Christ,

From my little friend in Canada, Joey Merling. I talked to his mother and him. He is doing better but still needing treatment. He wanted to let you know your prayers were helping and would you please keep him on your prayer list. Many thanks from me too. What a wonderful loving family this is.

Sincerely,
Irene Whaley

Thank each of you for your prayers that meant so much to me. Also for the cards and gifts that lifted my spirits. Hope to see you soon at worship. Love,
Jean Dees

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Brenda Holland will speak to the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class on April 30. The class will meet in the Family Life Center and have a brunch following the class period. (*Josiah is expecting a little sister in August so we will also include a baby shower*). Plan to be a part of this Bible study and fellowship!

ADDRESS CHANGES: Michael & Candace Hall, 218 Amanda Court, Whitehouse, 75791.

Doris Kennedy, 1121 Woodland Park Dr., Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9792.

Dwight & Michelle Smith, 1418 Hideaway West, Lindale, 75771.

REUNION!

Attention all former Crescent Heights/Northwest members! The annual reunion will be April 26 from 11:00 - 2:00 at the West Erwin Fellowship Hall. Cost for the catered meal is \$9.00. Please RSVP to (903)593-3092 or (903) 939-3454.

ANNUAL GOSPEL MEETING AND MUSICAL

North Tenneha Church of Christ

Saturday through Wednesday, May 3-7

George Williams, from Austin, guest speaker

Saturday night 6:00 pm, the Male Chorus will be hosting its annual musical, followed by Homecoming services on May 5, Sunday worship will begin with Bible study at 9:00, worship at 10:15, afternoon services at 2:30, weeknight services at 7:00 pm.

"FIGHT THE BATTLES"

The Rusk Church of Christ invites you and your family to a special seminar May 3, from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm, presented by Scott Strother from the Altamesa Church of Christ. This is a teaching/equipping ministry designed to help families and individuals confront the sexual struggles of the new millennium. Please RSVP at (903) 683-4003.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Chad and Lindsey Harbuck! Chloe Harbuck was born April 17 and weighed 9 lb. 14 oz. Billy and Kim Pool are the proud grandparents and Ryan is a happy uncle.

William Ryan Mullins was born April 19 to Ryan and Amy Mullins. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. Big sister, Emily, will call him Will. Bill and Donna Mullins and Earl and Melinda O'Quinn are the proud grandparents and Max and Mary Haws are great grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bob and May Helen May on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 30! We rejoice with them in the this happy milestone!

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MISSION DAY MAY 4TH

A Glimpse of . . . Barnaul - When the Berlin Wall came down, a great opportunity for God's word was created. A field was made ready for the harvest. A branch school of Sunset International Bible Institute was established in Barnaul, Russia. The school was formed to provide Biblical training for those who desire to fulfill God's mission. Through the school young men are in their culture to preach and to teach to their people in their own language.

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THE BOOK OF LIFE

There is no question about it! God has a book which is a register of His people and is called the Book of Life. Moses was aware of God's book as evidenced by the fact that he asked to have his name blotted out of the book for the sake of rebellious Israel (Exodus 32:32). It is interesting that God replied to Moses, "Whoever has sinned against me, I will blot him out of my book" (verse 33). David spoke of those who troubled him when he prayed, "Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, and not be written with the righteous" (Psalm 69:28). This indicates that David knew of God's record of the righteous. Paul said that his Christian coworkers had their names in the Book of Life (Philippians 4:3). Jesus told his disciples to rejoice because their names were written in heaven (Luke 10:20). Jesus said to the church at Sardis that he who overcame evil would not have his name blotted out of the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5). In Revelation 13:8 we learn that those who followed evil did not have their names written in the Book of Life. At the judgment the Book of Scripture will be opened to judge men and another book which is the Book of Life (Revelation 20:12). Those whose

names are not in the Book of Life will be cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15). In Revelation 21:27 we learn that those who enter heaven will be those whose names are in the Book of Life. Those who add to or take away from the words of the book of Revelation will have his part taken from the Book of Life (Revelation 22:19). Finally, the names of those who are members of the church have their names written in heaven (Hebrews 12:23). What do we learn from these Scriptures? We learn that God has a book called the Book of Life which lists the names of His people. God's people in the New Testament are disciples, saints, members of the church. One may have his name blotted out of God's Book by living an unfaithful life. If one's name is not in this Book he will be lost. It is essential that you become a disciple of the Lord (Matthew 28:19-20), that you seek to live in harmony with the Lord's will (Revelation 3:5), that you are baptized into the Lord's body, the church (1 Corinthians 12:13). Then, with the full assurance of faith, you can "rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

- Jay Lockhart



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Sermons for Sunday, April 20, 2003

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "What If?"

(1 Corinthians 15:13-20)

5:00 P.M. "Seasons Of Revival" (12)

(Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5, 8)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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..... by Don Crawford

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God Himself revealed this information to Jeremiah.

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;*

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.

Jeremiah 1:5

Knowing your purpose gives meaning to your life.

A special class to help you find how God put you together and to find your place in ministry will begin

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For more information please contact Don Crawford at (903) 592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org, or pick up a flyer at the Visitor Center in the foyer.

variety of goals that we have reached. I'm extremely excited about the direction that the educational ministry at West Erwin is heading and with your continued support and prayers I am sure that we will continue to see it grow. So be sure to sign up as soon as possible so that we can have an accurate count for April 26th.

It has been a great blessing for me over the last 2 ½ years to be the educational minister for the West Erwin church of Christ. What a great bunch of teachers we have involved in the educational ministry! As we continue to give thanks to God for the increase that we have enjoyed in our Bible School, let me leave you with this thought:

"Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds," says the Lord, "tie them as symbols on your hands, and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

Deuteronomy 11:18-19

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Tom and Beverly Hale on the birth of a new grandson! Riley Noah Hale was born April 10 to Lance and Amanda Hale. He weighed 9 lb. 13 oz.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Brenda Holland will speak to the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class on April 30. The class will meet in the Family Life Center and have a brunch following the class period. (*Josiah is expecting a little sister in August so we will also include a baby shower*). Make your plans to be a part of this Bible study and fellowship!

"If you like yourself and who you are, you will probably like almost everyone you meet regardless of who they are."

GOSPEL MEETING

LaPoyner Church of Christ, 11323 CR 4345, LaRue, TX (Located 1.5 miles west of Poyner on State Hwy 175) April 20-24, with Russel Bell from Topeka, Kansas
Weeknight services at 7:00 pm
(see bulletin board in office area for more information)

ANNUAL SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

Lake Tawakoni church of Christ
Hal Simmons, speaking
April 20-24, 7:00 pm each week night

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Boles Home Annual Golf Tournament
Waterview Golf Club, Rowlett, TX
April 24, registration 11:30 a.m.; cost: \$125 per player

LADIES DAY

Chandler Street Church of Christ, Kilgore, TX
Friday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
Kay Steele of Broken Arrow, OK, guest speaker

SING INTO SPRING

Franklin Church of Christ, 517 Bremond, Franklin, TX
April 25, 2003, 7:00 p.m. - 'til ?
Special Groups: The Lamplighters, The Sounds of Glory, His Harmony, along with plenty of congregational singing.

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME ... is in need of a truck driver immediately! If interested, please contact: Deborah Barnes, Donations Coordinator, Medina Children's Home, 830-589-2878 ext. 121.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY



Scott Ables	Joe Kennedy
Wesley Ackerman	Jon Mason
James Baggett	Chris Montgomery
Jonathan Bentley	Brad Murrell
Craig Cooper	Seth Pace
Casey Culpepper	Brian Parker
Chuck Freeman	Daniel Reynolds
Josh Gaspard	Demecia Rogers
Scott Gray	Jared Sebastian
Eric Hass	Anthony Sessions
Jay Landon Jones	Robert Songer
Shelly Henry	Hank Trimble
Robert C. Holt	Wagner, Tim
Chad Hughes	Jordan C. White
James Hunt	Nathan Young

If you know of others, please notify the church office.

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

Pick up a name on the table set up in the foyer of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day.

ADDRESSES OF CURRENT MILITARY

Addresses of current military will be available at the Visitor Center and on the "military table" in the foyer. We would like to encourage anyone who is interested in sending an encouraging note or a care package to any of our service men/women to pick up an address. There will be a list of suggestions at the Visitor Center of things to send in a care package. If you would like to contribute items, there will be a box in the Visitor Center for you to put these items in and we will see that they are sent.

JESUS, HE STILL LIVES

*He had no servants, yet they called him Master.
He had no medicines, yet they called him Healer.
He had no degrees, yet they called him Teacher.
He had no armies, yet kings feared Him.
He had no school, yet disciples followed Him.
He committed no crimes, yet He was crucified.
He won no victories, yet He overcame the world.
He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today!*



**MISSION DAY
MAY 4TH**

A Glimpse of... Nebraska - Since 1991 the teenagers of West Erwin have traveled each summer to West Point, Nebraska to teach Vacation Bible School to the children of that community of 3,200 people. For ten years West Erwin financially supported Ray and Linda Maxwell as they established the Lord's Church in that place. Even though we no longer lend financial support to the Maxwell's, West Erwin is actively involved in the note payments of the church's building there. Since the beginning, approximately 750 children have been taught God's Word by our teens. How many of our teens have participated? To date, about 96 of West Erwin's youth and 15 adults have made the trip and look forward to many more years to come!

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Records	Sunday April 6	Sunday March 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	391	427	333
Worship A.M.	583	596	531
Worship P.M.	Area-Wide	400	370
Wed. P.M.	335	351	276
Contribution	\$18,807.73	\$18,260.85	\$22,626.03
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 13 and Wednesday, April 16, Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Carolyn Stitt is in Mother Frances after heart surgery last Friday, following a heart attack. **Edgar Bullard** remains in Mother Frances, surgery to be rescheduled. **Roger Knight** was admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday with a heart problem. **Warren Gray** continues to have health problems. **Bettye Price** is recuperating at home. **Sue Ealy**, Carol Armstrong's sister, is now in ETMC. **Louise Burt**, Sharri Brock's aunt, is hospitalized in Texarkana. **Anita Maldonado**, granddaughter-in-law of Gus & Cathy Krewall, had surgery Friday in Ft. Worth. **Faye Barreda**, Sandie Martin's aunt, is beginning a new treatment for liver cancer. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey**, **Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, **Mozelle Brown**, **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, **Chloe Clark**, **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Jean Dees**, **John Duress**, friend of the Magees, **A.G. Figueroa**, Claude's dad, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Tina Haywood**, Lela Duncan's granddaughter, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Hoyt & Elizabeth Hughes**, **Charles & Ann McCoy**, **Joey Merling**, **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, **Daisy Lee Old**, **Amber Owens**, student of Pam Lott, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Patrick Sizemore**, **Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Brice Sustaire**, son of Kevin and Shelly, **Jack Tarrant**, **Pattie Tate**, **Jav Tutt**, and **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter.

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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			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Hillard Hughes	Ron Lott	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper	11:30 A.M.		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn				(903) 592-0809	

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Scripture Roger Howell
Dismiss Leon Welborn

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Tim Grounds
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Joel Knox
Scripture Hutton Moon
Dismiss Jon Murry

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Doug Ragsdale John Pike
Dan Richardson Ryan Pool
Buddy Ray Billy Pool
Chris Reynolds John Portwood

GREETERS

Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Nathan Linseisen
Jerry & Becky Howard & Josh Lowry
Ron & Sharri Brock & Blake Lowry
Visitor Center: Daniel & Carol Morgan
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards April 13 & 20: Ryan Haws, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, April 13

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ON BEING POLITICALLY CORRECT

The English language continues to evolve as words change their meanings (do you remember when "gay" meant "to be cheerful") and new concepts are being born. One of the more recent concepts is "political correctness." To be politically correct is not altogether a bad thing -- we should give up words of bigotry, of slander, and of unrighteous judgment. However, political correctness in our culture is a good concept that has gone to seed. Political correctness today means you should never offend anyone. Of course, this does not include those of us who are offended every day by the syrupy do-gooders who stand for little except their political correctness, but that's another story, so back to my point. I repudiate political correctness when it means that if I lead a prayer at a public gathering I should not pray in Jesus' name for fear of offending those who do not believe in Jesus. Or, if while leading a prayer I should not pray to Jehovah because of

those who believe in another god. Or, if I am asked to translate Scripture in such a way as to remove any reference to genders because of the feminist movement. Or, if I am asked what I think of the Muslim movement and am expected to say that this religion is just another of many ways to approach God and that I should refrain from placing too much emphasis upon Jesus' statement, "I am the Way ... no man comes unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6). Or, if I am expected to pretend how to be saved, how to worship, and how to approach truth is a matter of opinion decided by our individual "traditions." Or, if I am expected to accept the "pluralism" of our culture in which anything goes, everything is truth, and how we live doesn't matter. Political correctness may have its place, but must always be judged by the Truth of Scripture ... not the other way around.

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, April 13, 2003

10:00 A.M. - Richard Baggett

5:00 P.M. Richard Baggett

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* RAMBLINGS

Our young people did a great job this past Sunday night at the City Wide. The choruses were all great! Especially ours!!! Sorry, I am a little biased! Thanks to all of you who came to support us.

All LTC participants & parents & sponsors need to make every effort to be present Sunday night.

Thanks to John Shaw for teaching on Wednesday nights the past weeks.

Thanks to all of those adults who have put a tremendous amount of energy & time into making LTC a success for West Erwin. It could not happen without your hard work.

Thanks to the Elders and Staff for supporting LTC. The benefits are out of this world!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Drama will meet Sunday @ 2:30. Murry's team will meet at 1:00 Sunday.

Choruses will meet Sunday @ 3:30.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday evenings.

All LTC sponsors, participants and their parents need to be at the final LTC meeting on Sunday night, Apr. 13, after church in the FLC.

Please bring \$3.00 for supper.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 13	LTC Meeting for all going to LTC
April 18-20	LTC
Apr. 27	High School Devotional
May 17&18	Jr.-Sr. Day & Baccalaureate
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**

Recruiting has always been difficult. Jeremiah thought he was too young. Jonah was afraid and tried to run away. Moses said he was not the right person for the job because he was not a good speaker. Saul ran and hid because he didn't want to do the job. Gideon knew he could not do the job. As you can see, recruiting was even difficult for the Omnipotent One.

Recruiting is still difficult. I'm not sure if it's because too many of us are hopelessly over committed, or that being out of town on weekends has just become a way of life. I do know the pressures of life have greatly increased. For many, single parenting and blended families have doubled the chores and worries in a household. Therefore, what we do at the church must count for something that we have a passion for. This is why we have a class at West Erwin to

help each of you find that place. We do it through a systematic self discovery class that lasts 5 weeks.

Finding your right place in ministry is so important to your growth process. You'll discover why certain jobs in the past were wonderful and others a nightmare. You'll discover that God has put you together for a specific purpose. Don't miss the opportunity to go through this class! The next class will begin on Wednesday, April 23 in room 114. That room will seat 14 people. Get there early!

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magazine and so after we talked about this and then I presented it to the elders, they were in unanimous agreement that these magazines should be ordered. Not only do I believe that you, as parents, will be impressed, but your children will benefit greatly from this material. Discovery magazine is published by Apologetics Press, which is located in Montgomery, Alabama. Bert Thompson is the editor.

Also, all of our students in kindergarten through 5th grade, please remember that May 4th is fast approaching. This is the due date that we have set aside to make our contribution to the Breakfast For The Children program. This is an ongoing program so we have decided that we will collect money on a monthly basis. On May 4th, as well as each month thereafter, our participants will line up in the foyer and march to the front of the auditorium and place their containers in a basket. That money will then be counted and a check will be cut and sent to the appropriate place. The children of Managua, Nicaragua will benefit greatly spiritually and physically from this effort. Let's continue to pray for this ministry.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Parents, once a month the children in the 3rd through 5th grades will receive a magazine entitled: **Discovery**. Discovery is a colorful, beautifully illustrated, eight-page magazine written especially for kids. Each issue contains faith-building lessons on science and the Bible, as well as fun activities to reinforce the truths presented in each article. Children from seven to thirteen years old will benefit the most from the Discovery magazine. It contains Bible topics, creatures, puzzles, and interesting facts. Believe it or not, I often pick up one of my old Discovery magazines as resource material for my adult class. In recent months I have been approached by several of our members requesting resources that they can order to combat and offset some of the evolutionary teachings that their children are now receiving in their schools. Almost simultaneously with the request of our parents for these resources Jay Bynum approached me with a similar concern. Jay is very familiar with Discovery

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Lloyd George acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy.

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Monday at Memorial Cemetery for Bobbie Ann Gamboa, Elmer Miles' sister. Services were held Wednesday in Abilene for Steven Taylor, Bill Mezell's nephew. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to Thelma Henley and Clifford Nolley who were united in marriage April 3 at our building. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

LADIES DAY

Pittsburg Church of Christ, April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

"This World Is Not My Home"

Jackie Walker of San Antonio will teach on the glory of heaven.

Lunch will be served. For food and seating purposes, please RSVP (903) 856-0815 or 856-2115 **by April 8**

GOSPEL MEETING

Wills Point Church of Christ (Hwy 64)

April 13-16, weeknight services at 7:00

Speaker: Freddie Anderson, of the Huntsville Prison Ministry

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MISSION DAY MAY 4TH

A Glimpse of . . . Miami/AIBI/Cuba - West Erwin supports Armando Alaniz in our efforts to evangelize the lost in South Florida. Armando lives in Hialeah, Florida, which is a suburb of Miami. He is actively involved in personal evangelism to the Spanish speaking people in the greater Miami area. He also is a teacher at the Atlantic International Bible Institute located in Hialeah. AIBI is a satellite school of the Sunset International Bible Institute and was created specifically to train the Spanish speaking people of the region to spread the gospel. Armando is married to Janie and has three children. Brother Alaniz is actively involved in spreading the gospel inside the country of Cuba. Currently, he is involved with a team of Christians who regularly travel to Cuba and hold Bible conferences, Vacation Bible Schools and personal evangelism courses. Armando is working extensively with Cuba to set up a Bible Institute that will help to equip Cubans to spread the word in their own country. The Lord is working wonders inside the nation of Cuba.

TABLE SHOWER

Baby Shower honoring
Lindsey Harbuck and baby girl

Sunday, April 13

Selections: Toys R us, Target, Wal-Mart

BABY SHOWER

honoring Amy Mullins

Sunday, April 13, 1:30 - 3:00

at the home of Jennifer Rosenlieb, 1415 Harvard Dr.

Selections: Target, TLC (It's a boy!)

Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, friend of the Bynum's

Craig Cooper, son-in-law of Allen & Alice Tennison

Casey Culpepper, son of Ken and Cathy, brother of Wendy and Jay, grandson of Clinton & Louise Culpepper (Deployed)

Chuck Freeman, grandson of Billie Bob Hickman

Josh Gaspard, Candace Hall's brother (Deployed)

Eric Hass, friend of the Odie Kennedy's

Jay Landon Jones, Dolores Kennedy's sister's grandson

Shelly Henry, daughter of Larry Henry

Chad Hughes, Don & Norma Durham's grandson (Deployed)

James Hunt, Ed & Margie Hunt's son

Joe Kennedy, Odie & Dolores Kennedy's son (Deployed)

Jon Mason, friend of the Bynum's

Chris Montgomery, Ray & Carolyn Womack's grandson

Brad Murrell, Ron Brock's cousin

Seth Pace, Jack & Johnnie Stringer's grandson-in-law

(Deployed)

Brian Parker, Ginny Wicks' nephew

Demecia Rogers, Eddie & Mary Rogers daughter-in-law

(Deployed)

Jared Sebastian, Mike McClenny's cousin

Anthony Sessions, Claude & Odell Sessions' grandson

Robert Songer, friend of the Odie Kennedy's

If you know of others, please notify the church office.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CURRENT MILITARY

As another way of supporting our troops, we would like to have addresses of your friends and family in the military so that we might send letters and care packages to them wherever they might be. Please call the church office with the address or bring it to the visitor center in the foyer.

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

On Sunday look for the table set up in the foyer where you can pick up a name of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day.

ATTENTION PLAYGROUND USERS!

As you know we have a fenced in playground on the south side of our building which is used primarily by our playschool. Of course, any of our children are welcome to use it but it is imperative that children have adult supervision when the playground is used. This is a safety measure for the children so, parents, when your kids are on the playground please make sure that at least one adult is present. Thanks for your cooperation.

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Records	Sunday March 30	Sunday March 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	427	452	476
Worship A.M.	596	634	791
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Wed. P.M.	351	340	328
Contribution	\$18,260.85	\$36,358.41	\$17,141.15
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PRAYER AND CARE - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances, is scheduled for surgery Tuesday. **Elizabeth Hughes** is now at home. **James Phillips** is doing well after eye surgery Monday. **Mago Barajas, Bill and Ruth Meazell, Bettye Price** and **Warren Gray** are all recuperating at home. **Sue Ealy**, Carol Armstrong's sister, is now in ETMC. **Wes Price**, former minister at West Erwin, is recovering from recent surgery in Dallas. **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter, will have chemo, then radiation treatment. **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Louise Burt**, Shari Brock's aunt, had colon cancer surgery. **Anita Maldonado**, granddaughter-in-law of Gus & Cathy Krewall, is scheduled for surgery April 11 in Ft. Worth. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey, Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, **Mozelle Brown, Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, **Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Jean Dees, John Duress**, friend of the Magees, **A.G. Figueroa**, Claude's dad, **Mary Evelyn Grier, Tina Haywood**, Lela Duncan's granddaughter, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Charles & Ann McCoy, Joey Merling, Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, **Daisy Lee Old, Amber Owens**, student of Pam Lott, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Patrick Sizemore, Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate, Jay Tutt**, and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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Phil Marts	Joe McBee 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
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	Leon Welborn		

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David Frick

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
AREA-WIDE MEETING AT SHILOH

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Charles O'Neal Johnny Owen
John Pace Dr. Jason Paltjon
Jeff Parrish Marc Philpot
Bob Paul Jimmie Philpot

GREETERS
Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Ashley Laird
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Taylor Lemons
Tom & Beverly Hale & Paige Lemons
Visitor Center: Bill & Donna Mullins
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards April 6: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Spencer Shaw, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher.

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AREA WIDE MEETING

For several years churches in the Tyler area have met together periodically for a combined worship assembly. These Sunday evening meeting have been encouraging to all who have participated and the spirit of love and unity has abounded. The first of these meetings took place in Caldwell Auditorium and subsequent meetings have taken place in the auditoriums of the Glenwood, Shiloh and West Erwin congregations. In some of the years past we have had one of these meetings and in other years we have had two. We always have a lot of singing, good preaching, and great fellowship. Beginning this year we plan to have one of these meetings each year in the spring (April) and put emphasis upon these annual meetings so as to make them as helpful as we can. This year, April 6, we will meet at the Shiloh building with the Leadership Training For Christ choruses from various congregations presenting a program beginning at 5:00 o'clock. Then at 6:00 'o'clock John Gipson from Little Rock, Arkansas will be preaching.

John is one of the best known and effective preachers in our brotherhood. He has spent his life in preaching and for many years was the preacher for the Sixth and Izard church in Little Rock, where he also serves as an elder. John is a prolific writer and anyone who sees church bulletins from around our brotherhood is acquainted with his writings because he is probably quoted more than anyone. April 6 promises to be a great evening so make your plans to be at Shiloh for the program at 5 o'clock and the worship period at 6 o'clock. Also, please remember that each spring at these meetings we take a special contribution to be divided among four local works which the congregations of this area support: Camp Deer Run, Christian Services of East Texas, East Texas Christian Academy and Karing Kitchen. (Note: the monies collected will be divided equally among these four ministries or you may designate one or more on your check made out to the Shiloh church).

- Jay Lockhart

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- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, April 6, 2003
10:00 A.M. - "The Same, Yet Not The Same"
(I Corinthians 7:29-31)
Area-Wide Meeting at Shiloh
5:00 P.M. - LTC choruses perform
6:00 P.M. - Worship Assembly

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Cayti Bynum & Lindsey Lott who are serving as Azalea Belles during the Azalea Trails. Way to go ladies!

Congratulations to our young people for doing a great job with Bible Quiz this past year. This group has been studying the book of Matthew and taken tests on the whole book. Congratulations to the following: Sara & Amye Scarborough, Dayne & Dalton Harris, Nathan & Hannah Grounds, Trisha DeMoss, Jordan Lyons, Cayti Bynum, Lindsay O'Steen, Brittany Asbill, Kelsi Wicks, Kara Murry, Daniel Yates & Shannon Snell. A special Thanks to Barry Scarborough & Ginny Wicks for helping with Bible Quiz this year.

CITY WIDE WORSHIP SERVICE

This coming Sunday night, the churches from Tyler are invited to worship together at 6:00 at the Shiloh Rd. Church. The LTC Choruses will sing at 5:00. Parents need to pick up your chorus participants after practice at 4:30 and drive them to Shiloh Rd.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Drama will meet Sunday @ 2:30. Blaylock's team will meet at 1:00 Sunday. Stone's & Hall's 9th & 10th team meet Saturday from 11:00-4:00. Please bring your lunch.

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Puppets will meet on Wednesday evenings.
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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

The closer you live to God, the smaller everything else appears.

This life is not all there is. You will spend far more time on the other side of death than you will here. It's called eternity. At best, you might live a hundred years on earth, but you will spend forever in eternity.

When you live in the light of eternity, your values change. You use your time and money wisely. You place a higher premium on relationships and character instead of fame, or wealth, or achievements, or even recreation. Your priorities are reordered. Keeping up with your peers will not matter any more.

The Apostle Paul said it this way: "I once thought all these things were so important, but now I consider them

worthless in comparison to what Christ has done" (Phil. 3:7).

God has given us a glimpse of eternity in His Word. Right now, the Lord is preparing an eternal home. A place where we will enjoy unbroken fellowship with God for an unlimited, endless forever.

God has a purpose for your life on earth, but it doesn't end here. He offers you eternity beyond your lifetime here. Who in their right mind would go through life on earth unprepared for what we all know will eventually happen. Think more about eternity, not less.

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working class family. After receiving a scholarship to Harvard, he graduated with honors in 1967. (6) Condoleezza Rice has a list of credentials that seem to stretch a mile. It seems to me that these 6 individuals are well educated, intelligent people. They pursued their dreams and have accomplished much. I understand that there are many intelligent people in the U.S. who have never attended college, but by the same token we often use a college diploma as a benchmark toward success. That's why I was shocked when I compared these 6 public officials with some of the Hollywood elite who have been calling our leaders morons. I collected this information from Cindy Osborne who wrote an article entitled "Who's Smarter?" For example: (1) Barbra Streisand never went to college, (2) Cher dropped out of school in the 9th grade, (3) Martin Sheen flunked the entrance exam to enter college at the University of Dayton, (4) Alec Baldwin dropped out of George Washington University after a scandal, (5) Jessica Lange, George Clooney, Michael Moore, Janeane Garofelo all dropped out of college. After reviewing this list, I think I will continue to follow the advice of President Bush and pray for our troops in Iraq.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 **Douglas L. Yates**

President Bush has asked us, as American citizens, to take an active role in the war effort in Iraq by praying for the success of this effort. I'm impressed that we have a leader who would like to see us praying to God concerning the challenges that lie ahead. But because our leadership has asked us to do this, some actors and actresses have labeled them as "ignorant and morons." Well, we certainly should not be shocked that Hollywood is once again out of touch with mainstream America. However, their claim is somewhat amusing. For example: (1) President Bush holds two degrees from distinguished universities: Yale and Harvard. (2) Vice President Cheney earned his B.A. in 1965 and his M.A. in 1966 in the field of political science. (3) Colin Powell is a success story within a success story. He worked his way through the ranks, beginning with ROTC and ending as a retired Four Star General. (4) Donald Rumsfeld attended Princeton University (scholarship) and has served this country in at least three administrations. (5) Tom Ridge was raised in a

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for all the acts of kindness shown to me since my recent surgery. The cards, calls, visits, food and especially your prayers are very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for me during my lengthy recuperation.
Bettye Price

NEW ADDRESS:

Chloe Clark, 2055 Grande Blvd. #1123, 75703, ph. 903-534-0626

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Bill and Judy Wilmeth on the birth of a new granddaughter! Marcie Wilmeth was born March 28 in Winnsboro to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilmeth. She weighed 7 lb. 5 oz.

WITH SYMPATHY

One of our planned speakers for Mission Sunday, Vladislav Remizov, died Sunday, March 23, of an aneurysm. He was studying at Sunset Bible Institute in Lubbock. He was one of the instructors at Sunset's school in Barnaul. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

LADIES DAY

Pittsburg Church of Christ
April 12, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
"This World Is Not My Home"

Jackie Walker of San Antonio will teach on the glory of heaven. Lunch will be served. For food and seating purposes, please RSVP (903) 856-0815 or 856-2115 by April 8

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

ANNUAL GROCERY DRIVE - May 31, 2003

West Erwin has been asked to collect SPAGHETTIOS, CANNED MUSHROOMS, PICKLES, OLIVES, SALSA & RELISH.



**MISSION DAY
MAY 4TH**

A Glimpse of ... Mexico West Erwin has supported Rafael Falcon in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico since 1994. There are three children in his family. He is a graduate of Monterey School of Preaching. He has a degree in psychology in addition to his preacher training. Brother Falcon will be with us for Mission Day on May 4th. The Latin American Bible Institute is located in one of the most visited cities in the world, Tijuana, Mexico. Since 1968 the institute has been preparing ministers for the Lord's work and currently offers free instruction to those seeking a place in the Lord's workforce. Students from the interior are provided with room, board and travel assistance. The three-year course of study covers a variety of subjects including Bible curriculum, effective presentation skills, music, personal computer use, church history and more. Currently, two students benefit from contributions made by West Erwin.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Begins Sunday, April 6
Spring FORWARD 1 hour
Saturday night to be on time for Bible Class



BAPTISM

We rejoice with Amanda Dobbs in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. She is a student at ETCA and is currently living with her grandparents, Freeman and Billie Morgan at 3310 Greenoak Place, 75701, ph. 533-1648.



BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower honoring
Melissa Frick
Sunday, April 6, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.
In the Family Life Center

Baby Girl Frick is registered at Target & Toys R Us Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

TABLE SHOWER

Baby Shower honoring
Lindsey Harbuck and baby girl
Sunday, April 6, & Sunday, April 13
Selections: Toys'R us, Target, Wal-Mart

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, friend of the Bynum's
Craig Cooper, son-in-law of Allen & Alice Tennison
Casey Culpepper, son of Ken and Cathy, brother of Wendy and Jay, grandson of Clinton & Louise Culpepper (Deployed)
Chuck Freeman, grandson of Billie Bob Hickman
Josh Gaspard, Candace Hall's brother (Deployed)
Eric Hass, friend of the Odie Kennedy's
Jay Landon Jones, Dolores Kennedy's sister's grandson
Shelly Henry, daughter of Larry Henry
Chad Hughes, Don & Norma Durham's grandson (Deployed)
James Hunt, Ed & Margie Hunt's son
Joe Kennedy, Odie & Dolores Kennedy's son (Deployed)
Jon Mason, friend of the Bynum's
Chris Montgomery, Ray & Carolyn Womack's grandson
Brad Murrell, Ron Brock's cousin
Seth Pace, Jack & Johnnie Stringer's grandson-in-law (Deployed)
Brian Parker, Ginny Wicks' nephew
Demecia Rogers, Eddie & Mary Rogers daughter-in-law (Deployed)
Jared Sebastian, Mike McClenny's cousin
Robert Songer, friend of the Odie Kennedy's
If you know of others, please notify the church office.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CURRENT MILITARY

As another way of supporting our troops, we would like to have addresses of your friends and family in the military so that we might send letters and care packages to them wherever they might be. Please call the church office with the address or bring it to the visitor center in the foyer.

PRAYING FOR OUR TROOPS

On Sunday look for the table set up in the foyer where you can pick up a name of one of our family or friends in the military so that you and your family can pray for him/her and their family each day.

March 27, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 13
Records	Sunday March 23	Sunday March 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	452	411	420
Worship A.M.	634	593	630
Worship P.M.	378	407	Area-Wide
Wed. P.M.	340	301	310
Contribution	\$36,358.41	\$18,391.53	\$37,690.28
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 30, and Wednesday, April 2, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Bill Meazell** had gall bladder surgery Thursday. **James Phillips** is scheduled for eye surgery Monday. **Mago Barajas, Ruth Meazell, Bettye Price** and **Warren Gray** are all recuperating at home. **Bill Endsley** got a good report, will not require treatment! **Wes Price**, former minister at West Erwin, is recovering from recent surgery in Dallas. **Sue Ealy**, Carol Armstrong's sister, is in Odessa Medical after having a toe amputated last weekend in Pecos. **Tina Haywood**, Lela Duncan's niece in Virginia, had surgery to repair a spinal fluid leak. **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Louise Burt**, Sharri Brock's aunt, had colon cancer surgery. **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, has a mass in her kidney. **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter, will have chemo, then radiation treatment. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey, Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, **Mozelle Brown, Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Jean Dees, John Duress, A.G. Figueroa**, Claude's dad, **Mary Evelyn Grier, Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Charles & Ann McCoy, Joey Merling, Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, **Daisy Lee Old, Amber Owens**, student of Pam Lott, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Patrick Sizemore, Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate, Jay Tutt**, and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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MISSIONS				Morning Worship			
Rafael Falcon		Jeff Holland		Evening Worship			
ELDERS				TUESDAY AND THURSDAY			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Hillard Hughes	Ron Lott	Christian Service Center			
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper	9:00 A.M.			
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn		11:30 A.M.			
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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Walker Weathers
Scripture: Wynne Weathers
Dismiss: James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Wade Weathers
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Dale Blackstone
Scripture: Greg Walker
Dismiss: Todd Hancock

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles O'Neal: Johnny Owen
John Pace: Dr. Jason Paltjon
Jeff Parrish: Marc Philpot
Bob Paul: Jimmie Philpot

GREETERS

Alan & Patsy Fisher & Dayne Harris
Jeff & Pam Fennell & Wesley Hilliard
Michael & Candace Hall & Jamie Jordan
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Ron & Sharri Brock

Pick up cards March 30 & April 6: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Spencer Shaw, Cody Frick, Chase Fisher.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, March 30
Preacher: Jerry Huff; Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Gail Vannoy; Toddlers a.m.: Nancy & Kate Sweeney; Toddlers p.m.: Frances Broome & Julia Wilshire; 2's: Kenna Kempton; 3's: Tara Kilgore; 4's: Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

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THE LORD DOESN'T HAVE A FAVORITE TEAM IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT

It's called "The Road to the Final Four" and "March Madness" -- it's the NCAA college basketball tournament! Every basketball fan watches the 65 teams which are selected to play in the tournament become 32, then "The Sweet Sixteen," the "Final Four," and then one team becomes the national champ. Along the way a team plays a close game and, as members of the winning team are interviewed on TV, one player is heard to say, "The Lord was really with us today!" Was He? Does that mean the Lord was not with the other team? We would agree that athletes have God-given abilities, but I doubt that the Lord is very concerned about who wins a basketball game -- even the national championship game. The Lord doesn't have a favorite basketball team. However, the Lord is concerned about our world and He does rule in the kingdoms of men (see Daniel 4:32). While God doesn't tell us to pray that our favorite team will win, He does tell us to pray for world leaders (I Timothy 2:1-2). God is involved in world events. In a war, such as we are engaged in now, both sides may feel they are in the right, but is there any conflict between nations that may be called "a just war?" Romans 13:1-7 shows that government is ordained of God and that government officials are ministers of God "to execute wrath on him who practices evil." For this reason we support the work of a policeman, and,

yes, a soldier as one who carries out God's plan for the nations. But can we identify the evil doer? In our local environment the evil doer is the one who fails to acknowledge law. On the international scene the evil doer violates the basic laws of human rights and/or the rights of nations to live in peace. During World War II Hitler clearly violated both of these principles and should have been opposed even at the price of war. Today Saddam has done the same and it is just to oppose him for what he has done and for the threat he is to people who love peace and human dignity. If we can identify who is right in a conflict, then we may conclude God is on that side. In some cases wars have no just side, but in the case of a threat to human rights and peaceful existence, Saddam may be stopped. Romans 13 gives us that right. If the U.S. was at war in Iraq to steal its oil fields, she would go beyond the just cause of opposing a ruthless dictator and both sides would be in the wrong. War is always a bad thing, but threats to human rights and world peace is a worse thing. As a nation we must be sure our motivation is right and go on to do what seems must be done. In the meantime, let us pray for peace, for our loved ones in uniform, and for a speedy resolution of the war.

- Jay Lockhart

"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, March 30, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "If God Rules, Why Doesn't He Act?"
(Acts 1:1-5, 8)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (11)
(Ezra 6:3-5)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school are invited to stay for the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will finish @ 8:30. Bring \$3.00 for supper.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All Puppet Teams will meet together all day Sunday. We will eat with the Shepherding groups. Each family needs to bring food for the Potluck.

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BIBLE QUIZ

The last Bible Quiz will be Mar. 31 @ Shiloh at 6:45. Parents can pick you up at the Braums on Troup at 8:45.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in the high school group are invited to be a part of our time together each week. We are studying the Hebrew names of God. Join us from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday for this uplifting time.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Everyone's life is driven by something. To drive means to guide, to control, or to direct. We drive cars, nails, and golf balls. But what is it that drives you?

Some are driven by guilt. They have lived their lives behind regrets and shame. They have always allowed their past to control their future. They have sabotaged their own success for years.

While we are all products of our past, we do not have to be prisoners of it. God's purpose is not limited by our past. He can do amazing things with the rest of our lives if we will let Him. We serve a

God who specializes in giving people a fresh start. Consider this:

"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord does not count against him, and in whose spirit is no deceit."

(Psalm 32:1)

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"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In my office I have several books that were written by one of the leading church growth experts. His name is Donald McGavran and he was a professor at Fuller Seminary in California before he passed away. Donald McGavran was not a member of the church of Christ but he sometimes spoke about the church. Once, during a lecture, he said regarding the church: "For a church to claim to be a New Testament church because it has the right form, as it regards to deacons and elders, and the right ritual in regard to communion and baptism, and the right name is, to be sure, good. But the claims sound a little hollow when the New Testament life and exuberant ability to proclaim the Gospel and propagate churches are lacking. A marble statue of a horse might exhibit all the outward forms of a horse but if it can't run or father colts, then it really can't claim to be a horse. To truly be the New Testament church, the membership must desire to grow." He then added, "The churches of Christ in the United States, with their ardent belief in the Bible as God's

authoritative infallible revelation, with their great stress on the priesthood of all believers and lay leadership, following the simple original form of Christianity so clearly demonstrated in the pages of the New Testament, have a marvelous opportunity to communicate Christ I pray God's richest blessings on the churches of Christ as they surge out to the ripe fields all around, and experience the joy of harvest." You probably noticed that McGavran issued both a warning as well as a commendation to the churches of Christ. First, his warning was simply that because we wear the name of Christ doesn't necessarily mean we are Christians. According to McGavran, what makes us Christians is if we believe so compassionately in what we profess that we are willing to share that message with others. Second, he commended the church for understanding the importance of following God's set standard rule of authority: the Bible. McGavran also writes concerning the way in which we can become compassionate concerning church growth. His thought is that each church should utilize their Bible school program to focus on the Great Commission, which is exactly what we are attempting to do here at West Erwin.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone who remembered me with calls, cards, and good wishes March 17 on my 94th birthday. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Lena Hays

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at the Glenwood church of Christ for Lloyd George, Mary Gaiser's brother and a retired elder at the Glenwood church. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

JOE MCBEE RESIGNS AS ELDER

Joe McBee announced his resignation as an elder Sunday due to continuing health problems. Joe has served faithfully since 1986 and is appreciated for his good work.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

Shepherding Groups 1 (Jay Bynum) and 7 (Bill Mullins) will meet Sunday, March 30, immediately after the morning worship assembly for lunch in the Family Life Center. Please come and share this time of fellowship together. Remember to bring enough food for your family and any guests that we might have.

CONGRATULATIONS

Joe Kennedy, son of Odie and Dolores Kennedy, received the 2002 NCO (Non-commissioned Officer) of the Year Award in March at a banquet at the NATO Base in Geilen Kerchen, Germany.

NEW ADDRESS:

Lea Anne Kennedy, 1401 Westfield St., 75701, ph. 593-8364

GOSPEL MEETINGS

University Church of Christ

Roy Lanier is the guest speaker

April 6-9, 7:00 p.m. each week night

Broad Street Church of Christ

April 6 - 9, week night services at 7:30

Speaker: Willie Tolison of We Care Ministries

(See bulletin board by the office for more details on meetings)

FOURTH ANNUAL LADIES DAY

Swan Church of Christ, CR 471, Tyler

Saturday, April 5 - Registration will begin at 8:30

and the program will start at 9:00.

Lunch will be served immediately following the program. Theme: "Spiritual Development as a Christian Woman" (Titus 2:3-5). Guest speakers are Pauline Harris from Gulfport, MS and Yvette Craig from Longview, TX

W.O.W.

A new Women's Ministry brochure has been prepared and is available at the Visitor's Center for any of our ladies who wish to know more about this ministry.

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(Deployed)

Jared Sebastian

Robert Songer

If you know of others, please notify the church office.



MISSION DAY MAY 4TH

A Glimpse of ... Togo - Out of Harding and into the mission field, Jeff and Brenda Holland, along with a missionary team, went to Togo. As they near their initial commitment for 10 years, they have considered extending their time even more. The people in Togo have been blessed to have Jeff and Brenda. Not only have the Togolese souls been touched, but their lives have been given to people who sincerely love and care about them. All the missionaries go into the villages speaking the language, eating their food and teaching the people about a God that is so foreign to the Togolese. Courage and strength are just a few of the qualities of Jeff and Brenda. The Hollands, along with their precious son Josiah and a baby on the way, are scheduled to be at West Erwin the week of April 27. Let's be sure to give them our encouragement as they are here on furlough. May God be with them!

A Glimpse of . . . Eastern European Mission. Its beginning was in 1961 with seven young American missionary couples moving to Vienna, Austria. For years, E.E.M. printed Bibles and gospel literature in many languages and the materials were smuggled behind the Iron Curtain. God has grown EEM into a ministry producing annually up to 110,000 Bibles and Biblical literature in 20 languages of Eastern Europe. God has opened doors that now make possible the open distribution of Bibles and other material to many thousands of people who are eagerly seeking to learn about God and His plan of salvation.

March 20, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 12
Records	Sunday March 16	Sunday March 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	439	390
Worship A.M.	593	635	584
Worship P.M.	407	371	327
Wed. P.M.	301	346	291
Contribution	\$18,391.53	\$19,583.56	\$17,390.37
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 23, and Wednesday, Mar. 26, Curtis Pruet, ph. 534-5428. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances, room 595. **Mago Barajas** had emergency gall bladder surgery Monday at ETMC. **Ruth Meazell** is at home after being hospitalized for more tests. **Elizabeth Hughes** was in ETMC but is now back home. **Warren Gray** is at home, continuing rehab. **Betty Price** is at home. **Bill Endsley** will begin treatment for non-malignant lymphoma. **Barbara Bryant**, Adam Bryant's mother, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. **Louise Burt**, Sharri Brock's aunt, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. **Betty Capps**, Doug Ragsdale's mother, has a mass in her kidney. **Angie Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter, will begin radiation treatment. Continue to remember **Lamern Bailey**, **Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, **Mozelle Brown**, **Chloe Clark**, **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, **Lela Davis**, Shirley Denman's mother, **Jean Dees**, **John Duress**, **A.G. Figueroa**, Claude's dad, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Robbie Horne**, Tommy Price's sister, **James Hunt**, Ed & Margie Hunt's son, **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, **Charles & Ann McCoy**, **Joey Merling**, **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, **Daisy Lee Old**, **Amber Owens**, student of Pam Lott, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin, **Patrick Sizemore**, nephew of the Morgan's, Rachui's & Rose Teel, **Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Jack Tarrant**, **Pattie Tate**, **Jav Tutt**, and **Ponder Wright Sr.**

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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			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Hillard Hughes	Ron Lott	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.			WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper 11:30 A.M.			420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn		(903) 592-0809			

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Daniel DuPree
Scripture Chad Harbuck
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Dr. Aaron DuVall
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Greg Jones
Scripture Nathan Linseisen
Dismiss Louis Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Freeman Morgan Buck Nowell
Carlos Morgan Bryce Murry
Daniel Morgan Jon Murry
Bill Mullins Alex Mullins

GREETERS

Jimmy & Wanda Denio & Nathan Grounds
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Don & Norma Durham & Hannah Grounds
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette

Greg & Cyndie Wagner

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NOTES OF INTEREST

We are excited about a number of happenings around West Erwin in these days. In addition to the countless acts of service being performed on a daily basis, our attendance at our church meetings is encouraging. As you know we have experimented with some changes in meeting times over the past year or so on Sunday evenings and I want to share with you some of Doug Yates findings.

- Our average attendance on Sunday evenings in 2002 was 366 (excluding one Sunday evening when we hosted an area wide meeting).
- On September 16, 2001 we began meeting at 5:30 on the third Sunday evening of each month to accommodate our Small Groups which met after our worship service.
- From September 16, through October 2002, we met at 6:00 p.m. on Sundays except on the third Sunday when we met at 5:30. During these 51 weeks we averaged 359 and on the third Sunday we averaged 340.
- Beginning in October 2002 we moved every Sunday evening meeting to 5:00 p.m. During the next 21 weeks

we averaged 380 (compared to the 359 average for the previous 51 weeks). On Small Group nights we averaged 402 (compared to the 340 average on Small Group nights when we met at 5:30).

5. Our highest attendance on Sunday evenings has been during the 21 weeks we have met at 5:00 and our lowest attendance was during the time we met at 5:30.

6. Observation - Some of our members prefer meeting at the old time of 6:00 p.m. Those involved in Small Groups need more time after worship than 6:00 allows. However, the 5:30 time on Small Group nights did not work well for us. Our attendance has been consistently higher since we have been meeting at 5:00. This is still an experiment to be further evaluated later this year.

Two things are certain: we will cooperate in what seems to be best for the whole church, won't we?; and a going church for a coming Lord needs to average over 400 on Sunday nights. We solicit your help in prayers and involvement.
- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, March 23, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "The Ancient Landmarks"
(Deuteronomy 19:14)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (10)
(2 Chronicles 34:29-33)

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **COMBINED DEVOTIONAL**

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to stay for the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will finish @ 8:30. Bring \$3.00 for supper. Invite a friend and join us for this great time together.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

All Drama Teams will meet together all day Sunday. Please bring a sack lunch.

Choruses will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Signing For The Deaf will meet at 6:15 on Wed., Apr. 9.

Choruses will perform at the City Wide on Apr. 6.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz practice will be Sunday, Mar. 23. We will meet together for lunch and work until 3:00. The last quiz will be Mar. 31.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

All of those in the high school group are invited to be a part of our time together each week. We are studying the Hebrew names of God. Join us from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday for this uplifting time.

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Mar. 23	Combined Devotional
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Apr. 6	City Wide @ Shiloh Rd.
April 18-20	LTC
May 17&18	Jr.-Sr. Day & Baccalaureate
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**

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible ... everything got started in Him and finds its purpose in Him. Colossians 1:16

It's not about you.

The purpose of your life is far greater than your own fulfillment or happiness. It's far greater than your family, your job, or even your chief ambition. If you want to know why you are here on this planet, you must begin with God. It's not about you -- it's about Him. Only in Him can you discover your purpose, your meaning, and your destiny.

We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

He saved us and called us to a holy life, not because we deserved it, but because of His own purpose and grace. 2 Timothy 1:9

"A ship in the harbor is safe but that's not what ships are made for."

"Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous."

A new Sportsman's Group is forming. If you are interested, please contact Don Crawford, 903-592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Over the years, I have heard a lot of people say, "I wish I had invested \$1,000.00 in Wal-Mart when it first started. If I had, I'd be worth over \$1,000,000.00 today." It is amazing to me that in hindsight we seem to have absolutely no trouble understanding this principle of making an early investment financially and the potential it has to make us rich, yet with our most treasured possessions (our children) we sometimes fail to see the importance of making an early investment with them spiritually. For 16 years I have worked with the church, most of that time as an educational minister. On numerous occasions I have heard parents say, "I wish I had spent more time with my children when they were younger. If I had things might be different today." Whether that statement is accurate or not I do not know but I do believe that we, as parents, must seize every opportunity to train up our children in the way of the Lord and in doing so the foundation will at least be in order for them to build upon for the years to come. Statistically it is scary to raise children in our

day and age. Since 1960 total nonviolent crimes among juveniles has risen by 300% and total violent crime is up 500%. The question we must ask and attempt to answer is "why?" Why have we allowed ourselves, as a nation, to get in such a condition? Perhaps the answer is, "We have forgotten God!" We have forgotten to teach our children as instructed in Deuteronomy 6 (1) when we put them to bed, (2) when they rise up in the morning, (3) when they are working, and (4) when they are at play. Nations have suffered because of inconsistent teachings regarding God. Even though nations have struggled with the training process, the church should certainly be able to rise above such ineptitude. As far as the church is concerned, surely we can have a positive impact on our youth so they can break the inconsistent pattern which seems to exist today. It begins in our homes as godly parents sharing the inspired, inerrant, authoritative Word of God with our children. It continues on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings as godly teachers break the bread of life with their students, and it continues by example as we strive to be Christ like in all that we say and do. Let's put God first for ourselves and also for our children.

IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin Family,

I want to thank each one for the outpouring of love with the cards, calls and visits while I was in the hospital and after I returned home. They were deeply appreciated, especially the prayers - they worked!

In Christian Love,
Johnnie Stringer

We would like to thank everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards given for our niece, Susan Prine. Thank you for all the compassion shown to us in our loss.

Don and Norma Durham

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you very much for all the many acts of kindness offered to our family following the deaths of two family members. West Erwin will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Ray & Carolyn Hughes

"The time is always right to do what is right."

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

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Harold Savage from Snellville, Georgia

March 23-26, 7:00 p.m. Each week night

University Church of Christ

Roy Lanier is the guest speaker

April 6-9, 7:00 p.m. each week night

Broad Street Church of Chrstit

April 6 - 9, week night services at 7:30

Speaker: Willie Tolison of *We Care Ministries*

LADIES DAY

Pittsburg Church of Christ

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

"This World Is Not My Home"

Jackie Walker of San Antonio will teach on the glory of heaven.

Lunch will be served. Call (903) 856-5355 or 856-2115 for details.

LADIES DAY

Chandler Street Church of Christ, Kilgore, TX

Friday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Kay Steele of Broken Arrow, OK, guest speaker

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

Boles Home Annual Golf Tournament

Waterview Golf Club, Rowlett, TX

April 24, registration 11:30 a.m.; cost: \$125 per player

Benefiting Medina Children's Home

Tuesday, May 13, lunch at 10:00, tee off at 1:00 p.m.

Pinecrest Country Club, Longview, TX

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Buddy and Sherry Ray** into our growing family. Buddy is the Athletic Director and football coach for Whitehouse ISD and Sherry is a paralegal. They come to us from Dekalb, Texas. It is our prayer that we will be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 5100 Sweetbriar Lane #428, 75703, ph. 534-3811.

NEW ADDRESS:

Joe & Julie Price, P.O. Box9728, 75711, ph. 903-593-6166

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CAMP DEER RUN

A *Staff Reunion* will be held Saturday, April 19, for anyone who has ever worked on staff at Camp Deer Run since 1958. Camp Deer Run will provide dinner and there will be plenty of singing, fellowship, and several guest speakers. Please RSVP at (903) 629-7165 or e-mail campdeerrun@aol. There is no charge for the meal, however tax-deductible donations to the Camp will be accepted. For more information check our website at www.campdeerrun.com. We are now registering campers for Summer 2003, both for resident and day camps.

BULLETIN

Thanks to Danny Snell and Candace Hall for updating our church bulletin, *From the Heart of Tyler*, on our web site each week. To access it, just go to www.westerwin.org and click on weekly bulletin.



MISSION DAY MAY 4TH

A Glimpse of ... Togo - Out of Harding, into the mission field, Jeff and Brenda Holland along with a missinary team went to Togo. At first it was to be for 10 years. Now as they near their initial commotment they have considered extending their time even more. The people in Togo ahve been blessed to have Jeff and Brenda. Not only have the Togolese souls been touched, but heir lives have been given to peopel who sincerely love and care about them. All the missionaries go into the villages speaking the language, eating their food and teaching the people about a God that is so foreign tot eh Togolese. Courage and strength are jsut a few of the qualities of Jeff and Brenda. Along with their precious son Josiah and a baby on the way, the Hollands are schedued to be at West Erwin the week of April 27. Let's be sure to give the Hollnds our encouragement as they are here on furlough. May God be with them!

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Records	Sunday March 9	Sunday March 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	439	413	392
Worship A.M.	635	596	580
Worship P.M.	371	404	306
Wed. P.M.	346	300	303
Contribution	\$19,583.56	\$22,102.44	\$20,471.74
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 16, and Wednesday, Mar. 19, Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Edgar Bullard is in Mother Frances, room 595. Warren Gray is now at home. Ruth Meazell is recuperating at home. Betty Price is at home after recent surgery. No visits at this time, please. Mary Evelyn Grier is now at the Goodson's home. Betty Capps, Doug Ragsdale's mother, has a mass in her kidney. Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's mother, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles' daughter, is scheduled for additional surgery Friday. Louise Burt, Sharri Brock's aunt, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Dorothy Briscoe, Jean DuVall's mother, Mozelle Brown, Chloe Clark, Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's mother, Jean Dees, John Duress, friend of the Magees, A.G. Figueroa, Claude's dad, Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Deanna Hodge, Jerry Huff's niece, Robbie Horne, Tommy Price's sister, James Hunt, Ed & Margie Hunt's son, Travis Mayer, Jim Mayer's brother, Charles & Ann McCoy, Joey Merling, Johnny Mount, Judy Yates' brother, Daisy Lee Old, Amber Owens, student of Pam Lott, Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin, Patrick Sizemore, nephew of the Morgan's, Rachui's & Rose Teel, Fred Sloan, Bob May's nephew, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate, Jay Tutt, friend of the Favs. Cindy Wilson, friend of Bill & Judy Smith, and Ponder Wright.

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			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Hillard Hughes	Ron Lott	Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper		11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn				(903) 592-0809	

CALL TO WORSHIP
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Call to worship: Danny Snell
 Prayer: David Blaylock
 Scripture: Jeff Blackstone
 Dismiss: Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Dean Brookshire
 5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer: Ron Brock
 Scripture: Gary Broome
 Dismiss: Adam Bryant

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
 Freeman Morgan: Buck Nowell
 Carlos Morgan: Bryce Murry
 Daniel Morgan: Jon Murry
 Bill Mullins: Alex Mullins

GREETERS
 Melvin & Nina Crow & Julie Frick
 Mary Dawson & Anita Peek & Lauren Garrett
 Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Patrick Garrett
 Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
 & Maggie Craddock

Pick up cards March 16 & 23: Casey Bellar, Parker Hall, Steven Figueroa, Drew Harris, Dalton Harris.

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A PRAYER

(Editor's note: so many requested a copy of the prayer from last Sunday morning that we are printing it here for all to have).

Oh, God of Abraham, to whom you said, "I will bless you," please bless us.
 God of Isaac, to whom you said, "I will be with you," please be with us.
 God of Jacob, to whom you said, "I will keep you," please keep us.
 God of Moses, to whom you said, "I will teach you," please teach us.
 God of Hezekiah, to whom you said, "I will save you from your enemies," please save us. Protect us from terrorists, overrule in the lives of men gone mad

and bring peace to our world. If we must go to war, please bring it to a rapid conclusion.
 God of heaven and earth, "protect us by Thy might," and in your promise, "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land," help us as a nation to return to You.
 God of mercy and grace, help us to surrender our lives to Kingdom rule; help us to see clearly, to understand fully, and commit our lives completely to You. "May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to You, oh Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer."

In Jesus name. Amen
-Jay Lockhart

Men's Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, March 18, 7:00 a.m. Fellowship Building



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, March 16, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "Heads And Hearts"
(Romans 12:1-2)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (9)
(2 Chronicles 30:6-9)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to Tammy Asbill and Jo Butler for getting all the LTC Pre-Convention Events sent off this past Monday.

Thanks to Todd Hancock for teaching my class this past Sunday.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven:

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant and a time to uproot,

A time to kill and a time to heal,

A time to tear down and a time to build,

A time to weep and a time to laugh,

A time to mourn and a time to dance,

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,

A time to embrace and a time to refrain,

A time to search and a time to throw away,

A time to tear and a time to mend,

A time to be silent and a time to speak,

A time to love and a time to hate,

A time for war and a time for peace."

(Eccl. 3:1-8)

We have been praying for PEACE,
But it may be time to pray for VICTORY!

CHANGING THE WORLD

"When I was a young man I wanted to change the world. I found it was difficult to change the world, so I tried to change my nation. When I found I couldn't change the nation, I began to focus on my town. I couldn't change the town, and as an older man, I tried to change my family. Now, as an old man, I realize the only thing I can change is myself, and suddenly I realize that if long ago I had changed myself, I could have made an impact on my family. My family and I could have made an impact on our town. Their impact could have changed the nation and I could indeed have changed the world."

- copied

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Try as we may, we will never outrun our responsibility to meet the enemy (Satan) head on and to be prepared to do battle with him. We'd better be prepared because let me assure you, Satan has no intention on giving up on tricking us into sinning. You can run from Satan but no matter where you go he's going to be there also. It reminds me of a Civil War story as told by *Brigadier General E.P. Alexander* just after the signing of Lee's surrender at Appomattox. *Brigadier General Alexander* saw a farmer that he recognized from the first battle at Bull Run (which took place at the beginning of the Civil War). The man's name was *Wilmer McLean*. McLean owned a large farm at Bull Run on which the battle took place. So devastated was that property after the battle ended that McLean decided that he would sell the property and move far away. His prayer was that he would never see another soldier for the rest of his life. After selling the property, McLean moved to a small town 200 miles away, in the

middle of nowhere. And for a few years he was safe from the battles of the Civil War. He thought he had made the right decision but then it happened again. Here came the soldiers with their cannons, guns, and horses. They tore up his property once again and laid his house to ruin. The town that McLean had moved to was Appomattox. The first major battle of the Civil War took place on his property and the last major battle of the Civil War took place on his property. Too often today Christians are a lot like McLean. We try to run but to no avail. We cower down and refuse to make a stand. The Bible doesn't teach such nonsense but instead it encourages us to "*resist the devil and he will flee from us.*" If we want to be victorious in our battles with Satan, it will come (giving God the glory) because we have prepared ourselves for battle. We have put on truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation through a study of His Word (Ephesians 6:11-17). One way in which we can be prepared is by attending our Bible classes. Whether it is on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening, let's make plans right now to be involved in these studies. In so doing, we will be able to resist the devil and cause him to flee.

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks so much for your prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, delicious food, visits at the hospital and at home, and everything you did for me. Thank you for your love, attention and concern for us.

Henry & Becky McRuiz

I would like to thank all of my Christian friends for their prayers, visits, cards, calls and food during my stay in the hospital and during my move. It meant so much to have friends thinking and praying for you.

Love,

Roberta Tindall

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Bernice Majors address is now 2055 Grande Blvd. #1159, 75703, ph. 903-534-0449.

Tillie, Sylvia & Lacie Carpenter, 2806 Gloucester, 75707, ph. 903-534-5223.

Helen Smith (Mary Rogers' mother) 1515 Rice Rd. #414, 75703

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

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HEALTH FAIR

Free Health Screenings

North Tenneha Church of Christ

Renaissance Center

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Friday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Kay Steele of Broken Arrow, OK, guest speaker

"One of the attractions for dog owners is that 'mans best friend' is ever loyal, no matter how badly one behaves in the world. Dogs don't care how you look, or about the stupid things you say. And they never have to forgive you because they don't ever get mad at you. One pet owner offered the following prayer: 'Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am.'"

RESPONSE

Nathan Linseisen came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might surrender his will to God rather than following his own will.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

It's time for ETCA's annual dinner and auction - "Dock, Dine and Deal" Saturday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m. at the Glenwood Church of Christ Family Life Center. Tickets may be purchased at ETCA or from Gary Ables or Doug Yates.

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- President James Madison

"Religion is the basis and foundation of government"

- President James Madison

Small Groups meet Sunday, March 16



MISSION DAY - MAY 4

Missionaries and representatives from our mission fields all over the world will be here on May 4th for Mission Day. They will spend the day sharing their experiences with us. Lunch will be provided in the Family Life Center for the entire congregation where individual mission exhibits will be displayed. Then a brief afternoon service will close our day of worship. Please be involved with your prayers and your presence.

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Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
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PRAYER AND CARE - Ruth Meazell was admitted to Mother Frances ICU Wednesday after suffering a heart attack. **Bettye Price** is recuperating after hip replacement surgery last week at ETMC. **Brianna Bone**, Ranae's little daughter, is ill at home with pneumonia. **Ponder Wright, Sr.** is at home after a recent heart attack. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is in ETMC Rehab. **Warren Gray** is undergoing rehab again. **Jean Dees** is in Reunion Plaza. **Ann McCoy** is ill at home. **Jon Sorrells** is being treated with medication. **Opal Cooper, Becky McRuiz, and Johnnie Stringer** are all recovering at home. **Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's** mother is in Mother Frances. **Angie Ybarra, Elmer & Nila Miles'** daughter, is at home after surgery Monday. **Barbara Bryant, Adam Bryant's** mother, is having tests on a mass in her pancreas. **Robbie Horne, Tommy Price's** sister, is recovering after a serious car accident in Alaska. **A.G. Figueroa, Claude's** dad, is back in the hospital after a possible stroke. **Patrick Sizemore, nephew of the Morgan's, Rachui's & Rose Teel,** had surgery in Houston last Saturday. **James Hunt, Ed & Margie Hunt's** son, Thelma Bennett's grandson and **Cheryl Johnson's** brother, will be treated with medication after a recent heart attack in El Paso. **Cindy Wilson, friend of Bill & Judy Smith,** had a lung biopsy Monday. **John Duress, friend of Carroll and Cherrie Magee,** had stomach cancer surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances.

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John & Ruby Cliver & Megan Florence
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TECHNOLOGY

What tremendous changes have occurred in technology in our lifetimes! We have been witnesses to man's voyage into space and to his walking on the moon. In military matters there are pilotless planes, smart bombs, and weapons of mass destruction. In churches there is special lighting as well as power points. In business, in homes and in churches there are computers and cell phones. What our grandparents only dreamed about, or never imagined at all, has become commonplace for us. Focus with me upon computers and cell phones. How did we get along before computers? So much of our work depends upon them. They do so many things and store so much information. If you are preparing a document, you can put it in the computer, change it in any way you want, and save it indefinitely. You can do your banking by computer, buy most anything you want, and send pictures of your family to your friends. You no longer have to write letters as you can now send e-mails. There was a time when you were asked for your address or your phone number. Then you were asked for your fax number. Now the question is,

"What is your e-mail?" If you have no e-mail, you must not be with it. Then comes the cell phone. Who needs a standard phone at home when you can make all your calls on your cell phone? Who needs a pay phone in a booth when you have a cell phone hooked on your belt or tucked in your purse? It has gotten to the place that when you attend a meeting, a lecture, or a play a sign may be seen outside the door which reads, "Please turn off your cell phone." We are obsessed with cell phones. We have to have them with us constantly lest we miss a call. People call us at all times and in all places. I have a cell phone in my car. Very few people have the number because that phone is for my convenience. What a novel idea! Technology is great! Computers are great! Cell phones are great! However, most calls we receive on our phones are not emergencies, and if you are not expecting an emergency call, turn off your phone when you are in a public meeting, attending a lecture or play, and ... when you are in church.

-Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, March 9, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "The Kingdom of God
Is Among You"
(Luke 17:20-21)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (8)
(2 Chronicles 15:1-7)

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"From The Heart of Tyler"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **THANKS!**

Thanks to all who came to the high school devotional this past Sunday night. We had a great time playing Bunko and an awesome time singing. It has been many years since we have used the Fellowship Hall for a devo. I am reminded of how blessed we are to have such great facilities. Thanks to John & Terry Shaw and all the other adults for helping with the evening.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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Puppets will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Pre-Convention Events (Essays, Fiction, Video Drama, Radio Minute Message, Song Writing, Poetry & Web page) **deadline** is this Monday. Please make sure you do one of the following: 1) Mail your entry in yourself to the appropriate coordinator. You can find addresses online at www.nltlc.org. 2) Bring your entry up to the church by noon on Monday and we will mail them all together.

COMMUNITY

..... **by Don Crawford**

"What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it -- we're called the children of God! That's who we really are." I John 3:1 The Message

You and I were formed for God's family. He created you to be a part of His family. This was part of His plan even before you were born. The Bible is the story of God building a family who will love Him, honor Him, and reign with Him forever. Long, long ago before He laid down the earth's foundations He decided to adopt us into His family through Jesus Christ. What pleasure He took in planning this! He wanted us to enter into the celebration of His lavish gift-giving by the hand of His beloved Son. (Ephesians 1:4-5)

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We did it! We made it through our first quarter of our **Bible Knowledge 101** material. During the last quarter we had the opportunity of studying lessons dealing with our worship to God. I heard a lot of positive feedback regarding these classes. For the spring quarter we will be covering lessons entitled **Lord Teach Us**. This is a continuation of our **Bible Knowledge** curriculum. Our attendance has been consistent for these classes. Let's continue this trend during the spring quarter. If you haven't been taking advantage of these lessons, please start this quarter. You won't be sorry.

We had several women who recently volunteered their time to do some work in the teacher's workroom. They organized, assembled, and cut out several items for our classes. A great big thank you goes out to **Velma Lemons** and her crew for taking on this responsibility. Your act of kindness will make a tremendous difference in our classes.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Austin Fisher for being selected as Mr. Grand Saline Jr. High School. Congratulations to Ashely Laird and the Company A Dance Group who placed 2nd in Jazz and 3rd overall in the Junior Division at the USA Dance Competition last weekend. Way to go gang!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our group who did an outstanding job at Bible Quiz this past Monday night. Thanks to Barry Scarborough for always being there to help with Bible Quiz.

IMPORTANT DATES

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July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

Because God is love, He treasures relationships. Take some time and let this amazing truth sink in. When we place our faith in Christ, repent of our sins, and are immersed into His death, being raised in a new birth, God becomes our Father; we become His children, other believers become our brothers and sisters ... family. This just has to be the highest honor and the greatest privilege you and I will ever receive.

Whenever you feel unimportant, unloved, or insecure, remember to whom you belong.

Adversity does not build character ... it reveals it.

"We will not waiver, we will not tire, we will not falter, we will not fail. Peace and freedom will prevail."

George W. Bush -- Pray for him often

The time is fast approaching for the kick off date for our **Breakfast For The Children** program. All kindergartners through fifth graders need to be saving up their quarters. Several adults are overseeing this project. The main coordinator is **Marian Rowe** who has already spent several hours organizing this project. Remember, we are saving these quarters to feed the children of Managua, Nicaragua.

Teachers, don't forget to mark your calendars for our upcoming **Apples of Gold** teacher's banquet. The date is April 26th. **Dan Manuel** will be our entertainment and speaker for the evening. **Traditions** will be catering our meal. Let's all be present to celebrate a very successful year in our Bible School program here at West Erwin

Let's remember our annual **Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series (F.A.C.T.S.)** Summer program which will begin the first Wednesday in June. We have a host of speakers who will be presenting lessons this summer. Men like (1) Mike Warner, (2) Mike Armour, (3) James Wilson, (4) Murphy Phillips and (5) Chris White. We will also have several of our own men from West Erwin involved.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Terry and I would like to thank each of you for the phone calls, visits, and prayers expressed on our behalf during the complications I faced in the last months of my pregnancy. Now, we are the proud parents of our healthy baby girl born on February 11. All of our prayers have been answered on this request and we look forward to returning to the West Erwin family with our newest addition, Holley Anne Kiker.

With Love,

Terry, Melanie & Holley

I would like to thank everyone for the care and concern shown to me during my recent illness. The cards, calls, visits, food, and especially the prayers were very much appreciated.

Opal Cooper

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Stuart and Kathy Means on the birth of a baby boy! Dustin Parker was born February 28 at Mother Frances. He weighed 8 lb. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Nicolas and Samantha are the big brother and sister.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Jean Dees, Reunion Plaza, 1407 Rice Rd. #209b, 75703, ph. (903)939-3540

Scott Hackett, 234 Highland Dr., Lindale, 75771, ph. (903)882-8480.

Judith Harshbarger, 2431 Pinkerton Dr., 75701

Marc & Tammy Lemons, 621 West Heritage Dr., 75703

Teen Matysiak, P.O. Box 1859, Chandler, 75758

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

All ladies who are interested in helping with a Ladies Inspiration Day in the fall, please meet Sunday, March 23 at 4:00 in the chapel.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Quitman & Center church of Christ in Gladewater invites you to join them as Dan Manuel presents God's Word in a powerful way for our Spring Meeting, March 7-9. See details on bulletin board across from the office.

University Church of Christ

Roy Lanier is the guest speaker

April 6-9, 7:00 p.m. each week night

CAMP DEER RUN

A **Staff Reunion** will be held Saturday, April 19, for anyone who has ever worked on staff at Camp Deer Run since 1958. Camp Deer Run will provide dinner and there will be plenty of singing, fellowship, and several guest speakers. Please RSVP at (903) 629-7165 or e-mail campdeerrun@aol.com. There is no charge for the meal, however tax-deductible donations to the Camp will be accepted. For more information check our website at www.campdeerrun.com. I We are now registering campers for Summer 2003, both for resident and day camps.

Interesting tidbit: This Sunday, March 9, Jay Lockhart will preach his 900th sermon on our TV program, The Search.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Franz Peter Wemmert, Jr., known to us as Pete, came Sunday to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. Pete has been attending here for quite some time and is a very active part of our youth group. He will continue to be a blessing to the work of the Lord at this place. His address is 18849 Hwy 110 South, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-8486.

RESPONSES

Dan Gillam came give thanks to God for all the good things in his life and to the church for always being there for him. He also asks for prayers that he might live closer to God and find a new job with a better environment.

Danny Snell came Sunday night to ask forgiveness of any he might have offended and to request prayers that he might continue to experience the incredible joy that comes from Christ and working with His people and be transformed into His image.

Shelly Sustaie asked for prayers for safety as she travels to Beijing, China with a group from U.T. Tyler.



BRIDAL GIFT TEA

Honoring

Chandra Gillam

Bride-elect of Michael Bozeman

Saturday, March 8, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Family Life Center

Selections: Dillard's, Foley's, Linen N Things, & Target Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Lloyd James Funeral home for Vivie Canter, sister of Elizabeth Hughes and long time West Erwin member who has in recent years been confined to a nursing home. Services were held Saturday in Haughton, Louisiana for Bill Goodman, Mark Waggonner's grandfather. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is in desperate need of substitute teachers. The times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15-2:15 for infants through pre-K. Our staff consists of Christian women whose goals are to create a loving and caring environment in which to teach children. If you can help in this important and rewarding outreach ministry, please contact Terry Shaw at 839-8377.

"Experience is not what happens to you; it is what you do with what happens to you."

BENEVOLENT NEEDS

We are in need of sheets (preferably white, can use pastels but no prints) to be used to make bandages for Chimala Mission Hospital. Thanks for your help!

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 10-14. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUITY PEBBLES CEREAL, CHICKEN HELPER & DECAF COFFEE. All other items that you wish to donate are greatly appreciated.

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Records	Sunday February 23	Sunday February 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	426	390
Worship A.M.	558	621	574
Worship P.M.	341	392	341
Wed. P.M.	311	314	298
Contribution	\$17,794.09	\$19,016.42	\$17,467.18
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
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Dean Brookshire & Payton Fedell
Ron & Sharri Brock & Tanner Fedell
Visitor Center: Jack & Johnnie Stringer
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Pick up cards March 2: Ryan Haws, Austin Millican, Cody Frick, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Mar. 2
Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Nila Miles; Nursery p.m.: Judy Clark; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie Patillo & Lauren Florence; Toddlers p.m.: Carolyn Welborn; 2's: Mike & Kristi Harris; 3's: Candace Hall & Becky Millican; 4's: Adam & Lisa Bryant.

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THE HOLY SPIRIT

Generally we are more comfortable in talking about God and Christ than we are the Holy Spirit. Most of us in the church believe in the Godhead -- that three persons make up the Deity, namely the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Some reject this idea asking, "How can there be one God and three Persons?" However, the issue may be made clear if we remember that when we say there is one God, we mean one Deity or one Godhood or one God family and that there are three Persons in that one God family. In a human family there may be a father, a mother, and a child comprising one family. While this illustration should not be pushed too far, it does demonstrate how Father, Son and Holy Spirit comprise one God. The problem is, we tend to equate "God" with the Father instead of with "God family." There is one Godhood consisting of three Persons. All three Persons were involved in the physical creation of the world. The Father created, through the agency of the one we know as the Son, and the Spirit gave it order (see Genesis 1:1-2; John 1:1-3, 14; Job 26:13). All three Persons were involved in the Divine plan to save man from his sin as the Father purposed, the Son fulfilled the purpose, and the Holy Spirit made the purpose known (see Ephesians 2:10-11; Acts 2:22-24; I Corinthians 2:13). Questions usually arise concerning the Holy Spirit in regard to the Spirit's

work in the lives of people. For example, the Spirit convicts the world of sin (John 16:8), but how? The Spirit is given as a gift to those who obey the gospel (Acts 2:38), but how? The Spirit strengthens us (Ephesians 3:16), but how? It is always right to speak about any subject in the language of Scripture. So how did the Spirit convict men of sin in Acts 2? It was through the preaching of the Spirit's message by the apostles (see verses 4, 14-35, 36-38). The Spirit is given as a gift to those who obey the gospel (Acts 2:38 and 5:32). This means the Spirit dwells in the Christian's body (I Corinthians 6:19) and He strengthens us by His power in the inner man enabling God to do far above all that we can think or ask through His power at work in us (Ephesians 3:16, 20). If a man desires to know and obey the truth, God in His providence will bring that man and the gospel together (see John 7:17), but there is no biblical evidence that the Holy Spirit comes directly to the non-Christian. As a matter of fact, in every conversion story of the book of Acts, human messengers came to sinners with the gospel. We will never understand completely the workings of God in this world and we must not place limitations upon God which He does not place upon Himself, but in every biblical subject, including the Holy Spirit, let's speak the language of Scripture.



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, March 2, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "Athletes In Training"
(I Corinthians 9:24-27)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (7)
(Jonah 3:1-10)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot for hosting the middle school devotional this past Sunday night. The food was great!

Thanks to our young men for doing an outstanding job in leading our worship this past Sunday. Thanks to the following who participated: Jordan Lyons, Tyler Duvall, Tyler Lott, Jordan Rousseau, Nathan Grounds, Pete Wemmert, Brandon Lott, Kyle Stowers, Bryce Murry & Blake Lowry.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00.

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*** If you need to make any changes in your LTC housing reservations or in your event registration, please do so ASAP.

MISION PARA CRISTO

Remember to bring your donation for our service project for Mision Para Cristo.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. We will be finished at 8:30.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be Monday night at Shiloh Rd. Please be there at 6:45 and we will be finished at 7:50.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 2 High School Devotional

Mar. 3 & 31 Bible Quiz

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The Holy Spirit reminded Luke about baptisms, numbers of converts, growth, preaching, and calling people to repentance. Evangelism was a vital characteristic of the New Testament church. The excitement level at West Erwin has risen several notches because we have included revival and evangelism as a major part of our goals for the future.

The difference between the churches we read about in Acts and the churches today is that we have limited ourselves with a "special program" mentality. It limits us to operating on our own power. It keeps us from calling on the name of the Lord for the increase. It helps us forget we are to plant and water and God gives the increase. It

keeps us from praying, asking our heavenly Father to enlarge our boundaries and increase our numbers.

We have not strapped ourselves with just another "special program." We have dedicated ourselves to seeking people who need the Gospel. We are convinced that people need to be saved. And we are here to share our faith in Christ who saved us and He is willing to save others.

Our goal of 100 this year is very attainable if we all plant and water and pray. Then be ready, for our God who hears and answers prayer will send them into our camp like the quail in Exodus 16!

"Excellence is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

On Wednesday evenings during the spring quarter we will be involved in four adult classes. I'd like to take this space to let you know about these classes. **First**, Jay Lockhart will continue his study on *Rebuilding The Walls*. This study is looking at the Restoration movement that swept through this country in the 1800's and 1900's. This class is conducted in the small auditorium and is our highest attended class on Wednesday evenings. **Second**, I'd like to commend Arlene Lockhart for the outstanding job that she has done in coordinating the ladies class that meets on Wednesday evenings. This class consistently averages in the 20's and they always seem to enjoy their study. During the spring quarter they will be engaged in a study that was written by Prentice Meador entitled *Stories That Astonish*. Various women from the class will be teaching this material as appointed. This class meets in the chapel. **Third**, Jerry Huff will conduct our Sing Joyfully class in the Heritage room. This class

is geared toward "teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs." If you love to sing this is the place for you to be on Wednesday evenings. Evidently many of you do love to sing because this room is always filled. And **fourth**, we will be kicking off a new class entitled *Bringing Up Boys*. I can't tell you how excited I am about this study. This is a video seminar which is geared toward the raising of boys. This class is for men and women/husbands and wives/fathers and mothers/grandfathers and grandmothers or those who work with kids. The fact of the matter is that this class is really for all of us. This study will not only challenge you but it will also shed some light on how our society views men and the battle that often lies ahead regarding the raising of our boys. Please (I'm begging you) don't miss this important class which will be taught by Bill Mullins in room 111. It could possibly change your life. A few months ago I had the opportunity of viewing these tapes and I immediately made a decision to be more involved with my son. Don't let this opportunity pass you by. We all need this class.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all of our wonderful Christian friends in the Tyler area for your generous donations to the Medina Children's Home. Your tremendous efforts in collecting 800 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank You!"

George Rose

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IS YOUR MARRIAGE A BED OF ROSES OR A BED OF THORNS?

The North Tenneha congregation is hosting a seminar Friday 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Feb. 28 - 29. Lunch will be served. Speakers for this event will be Jesse & Jill Trice from Cypress, California where Bro. Trice is a Marriage and Family Therapist and Sister Trice is a physician.

AM I A ROSE OR THORN, FINDING A ROSE FOR ME??

Are you single? Brother and Sister Trice will be presenting ideas and ways to be single and content on Saturday, Mar. 1 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Registration fees for everyone are \$5.00 per person. This seminar is designed to help each one to grow stronger as Christians.

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

Pittsburg Church of Christ

"This World Is Not My Home"

Jackie Walker of San Antonio will teach on the glory of heaven. Lunch will be served. Call (903) 856-5355 or 856-2115 for details.

CHURCH/STATE

"Is it not that the Declaration of Independence first organized the social compact on the foundation of the Redeemer's mission upon earth? That it laid the cornerstone of human government upon the first precepts of Christianity?"

- President John Quincy Adams

"The only sure and permanent foundation of virtue is religion. Let this important truth be engraven upon your heart. Justice, humanity and benevolence are the duties you owe to society in general. To your country the same duties are incumbent upon you with the additional obligation of sacrificing ease, pleasure, wealth and life itself for its defense and security."

- Abigail Adams to her husband, John Quincy Adams (1780)

"Statesmen, my dear sir, may plan and speculate for liberty, but it is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand --- the only foundation of a free Constitution is pure virtue."

- President John Quincy Adams

BAPTISM, WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Scott and Tiffany Gresham into our growing family. We rejoice with Tiffany in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Tuesday. They are a very spiritually minded young couple and will be a vital part of the Lord's work. Their address is 400 Thigpen #403, 75703, ph. 939-0665.

RESPONSES

Charles O'Neal came Sunday to rededicate his life to Christ, to ask for forgiveness of sin and for prayers that he might live as God would have him live.

LaDawn Ragsdale came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might have the wisdom and strength to face the challenges in her life in the right way.



BRIDAL GIFT TEA

Honoring

Chandra Gillam

Bride-elect of Michael Bozeman

Saturday, March 8, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Family Life Center

Selections: Dillard's, Foley's, Linen N Things, & Target Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Kyle and Kim Fletcher on the birth of Carson Kyle on February 11! He weighed 7 lb. 13. oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Reid is the big brother!

John Michael Harris was born February 12 in College Station to Mike and Angie Harris. He weighed 6 lb. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Darryl and Rhonda Hendrix are the proud grandparents and Forest and Mary McFadden are great grandparents!

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Bible Class	426	406	401
Worship A.M.	621	621	591
Worship P.M.	392	378	325
Wed. P.M.	314	253	288
Contribution	\$19,016.42	\$17,521.91	\$22,440.49
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 23, and Wednesday, Feb.26, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Becky McRuiz was admitted to ETMC Sunday with a mild heart attack, was scheduled for an angiogram Thursday. **Johnnie Stringer** was admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday for tests after suffering a mini stroke. **Jean Dees** is now in ETMC Rehab. **Ann McCoy** is ill at home. **Opal Cooper, Frank Steed, and Lorene Venable** are all recovering at home. **Brice Sustaire** will not have results from biopsy for several weeks. **Dixie Boothe**, Shirley Denman's sister, got a good report. **Sallie Anne Peterson**, friend of Bill & Judy Wilmeth's, has begun chemo treatment. **A.Z. Aven**, Gary Aven's dad, had a kidney stone removed in Paris, TX. **Travis Aven**, Gary's brother, had surgery in Sulphur Springs. **Amber Owens**, 9 year old student of Pam Lott, has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Irene Whaley has requested for prayers for **Joey Merling**, 12 year old in Canada, having complications from Crohn's disease. **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, had surgery recently for thyroid cancer. **Faye Freeman**, a member at Shiloh and known to many here, was scheduled for heart valve replacement surgery Wednesday at ETMC.

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	Leon Welborn		
	Dannie Skipper		

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Prayer: G.W. Cliver
Scripture: Will Christian
Dismiss: Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Brody Clark

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Bradley Asbill: Brandon Lott
Tyler DuVall: Tyler Lott
Nathan Grounds: Alex Mullins

Bryce Murry
Jordan Rousseau
Kyle Stowers
Pete Wemmert

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Brandon Lott: Bob May
Ron Lott: Glen May
Phil Marts: Stan Mallory
Jordan Lyons: Carroll Magee

GREETERS

David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Jennifer Elzen
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Valerie Figueroa
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
& Wally & Laurie Dawkins

Pick up cards February 23: Jared Jordan, Ethan Florence, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher, George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Feb. 23
Preacher: John Shaw; Nursery a.m.: Judy Clark; Nursery p.m.: Linda Marts; Toddlers a.m.: Sandra Wingate; Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables; 2's: Debbis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 4's: Terry Shaw & Arlene Lockhart.

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TIME

Benjamin Franklin supposedly said, "Dost thou love life? Then don't waste time; for that's the stuff life's made of." The apostle Paul said, "Redeem (i.e., buy up or make the best use of -- JPL) the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). Time is an important commodity given to all of us one second at a time, 24 hours each day, and 168 hours in a week. Based upon the Bible's "three score years and ten" (Psalm 90:10) or 70 years, Dr. Leslie Weatherhead calculated what time it is for each of us based upon our age: if your age is 15, the time is 10:25 a.m.; if you are 20, the time is 11:34.; if 25, the time is 12:42 p.m.; if 30, it is 1:51 p.m.; if 35, it is 3:00 p.m.; if 40, it is 4:08 p.m.; if 45, it is 5:16 p.m.; if 50m it is 6:25 p.m.; if 55, it is 7:34 p.m.; if 60, it is 8:42 p.m.; if 65, it is 9:51 p.m.; if 70, it is 11:00 p.m. What time is it for you? Another good question is: How do we use our time? If one lives to be 70 and is an average person, he spends: 20 years sleeping; 20 years working; 6 years eating; 7 years playing; 5 years dressing; 1 year on the phone (in Danny Snell's case this is increased to 10 years and something else must give up its time); 3 years in waiting (for married men this increases to 10 years and see above); and 1 1/2 years in church (provided he attends 3 times

a week). Attending church cannot be an accurate measurement of spiritual growth, but think about it: we spend 2% of our time in church, provided we attend all services, without missing a single one, over a period of 52 weeks! With some qualification (realizing we may spend some time in private study and meditation and we may attend special meetings and group sessions) we spend, on the average, little time in developing our spiritual lives in comparison to the other things that occupy our time. Is it any wonder that we continue to emphasize that we must take advantage of every opportunity to enhance our spiritual lives?

*"The clock of time is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To say just when the hands will stop;
At late, or early hour.
Now is the only time we own
To do His precious will,
Do not wait until tomorrow;
For the clock may then be still"*
- selected

-Jay Lockhart



Sunday, February 23, 2003
10:00 A.M. - "Under His Yoke"
(Matthew 11:28-30)
5:00 P.M. - Danny Snell and our High School boys will lead the worship

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Drama will begin meeting Mar. 2.

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MISION PARA CRISTO

As we have talked about in class the past few weeks, our teens are undertaking a service project for Mision Para Cristo. This ministry will fund children's school needs in Latin America. Contact me for more information. We will begin this week.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Invite a friend to enjoy this special time together. We will be finished at 8:30.

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

The little first grader fell and broke his arm. At the hospital they put it in a cast. The principal who was taking him home saw the little boy clutching something in his hand. "What do you have in your hand?" He asked the boy. "A quarter!" He answered. "Where did you get it?" The principal asked. The boy replied, "I found it on the playground today. I've never found a quarter before -- this is my lucky day!"

It's what pulls us out of mediocrity. It's what helps up to think outside the box. It's what brings us great power. ENTHUSIASM. It makes friends. It produces confidence. It shouts, "I can do all things through Christ who is my strength!" (Phil. 4:13). Enthusiasm is the key ingredient that frees us from

BIBLE QUIZ PRACTICE

Bible Quiz practice will be this Sunday. We will eat lunch together at Jason's Deli and come back to the church to study until 3:00. Please bring money for your own meal. If you need to stay at the church until Chorus practice, you are welcome to.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 23	Middle School Devotional
Feb. 23	Bible Quiz Practice
Mar. 3 & 31	Bible Quiz
Mar. 10	LTC Pre-Convention Deadline
Mar. 24	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
April 18-20	LTC
May 17	Jr.-Sr. Day
May 18	Baccalaureate

PLEASE NOTE: 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

that dark confinement of a task. When the odds are against us, the hours long, and the end is not yet in view, enthusiasm calls in fresh troops to rescue us from the temptation to quit, run away, or to complain.

Knowledge is good. Knowledge is essential. But knowledge without enthusiasm is like a tire without air. Remove enthusiasm from the daily whirl of activities and you've created a grinding mill out of a merry-go-round.

Someone said enthusiasm means "God in us." If that's the case, then we must wake up, preach up, stay up, and pay up, but never give up, let up, back up, or shut up till the cause of Christ in His church is built up.

Have a blessed day and remember: Nothing great was ever achieved without the big "E".

Yates has agreed to coordinate the refreshments with Rachel Huff. Terry Shaw will once again coordinate the crafts for VBS. Our preschool program will be overseen by Velma Lemons. Our adults will once again have the opportunity of hearing Murphy Phillips present timely lessons in the small auditorium. Our 6th through 12th graders will have a class in which we will also have a guest speaker. Last year our attendance shot through the roof during our VBS. The reason this happened was because (1) we prayed about VBS, (2) we provided something for everyone, and (3) we invited our friends. Lets rededicate ourselves to these same three thoughts this year. Giving God the glory, let's have the best VBS ever.

Parents of the 5th graders down to kindergartners, let's remember that we will start collecting our quarters to help support the *Breakfast for the Children* program in March. We are in need of 35 mm film containers for this project. As soon as we get an adequate supply of these containers we will place the logo on them and hand them out to the students. Lets all participate in this worthy cause.

IN APPRECIATION



To Our West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for all the calls, cards, food, plants and especially your prayers. A special thanks for the beautiful flower sent to my brother's funeral. We are so blessed to have such a caring church family and so thankful for the elders and deacons who are so attentive when needed. God bless all of you.

Warren & Gaynelle Gray

Thanks to all the ladies who helped to make the Elder's Reception a success. Also thanks to the many people that came out on such a cold dreary afternoon. The words of encouragement and love will never be forgotten. The children who performed the lamb's skit were also appreciated. We ask you to continue to pray for us.

On behalf of the Elders

James Sublette, Chairman

West Erwin family,

Words cannot express my appreciation for your many acts of kindness and love while I was sick. The cards, calls, and prayers have been wonderful. We have been overwhelmed by your love and concern. Thank you for everything.

Julienne Stewart

To our fellow Christians at West Erwin.

We would like to extend out gratitude to you all for your kind expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow following the death of our loved one, Cora Hughes. The cards, letters, flowers and visits you provided down through the years of disability. We would especially like to thank Brother Lockhart for his kind assistance and also those who acted as pallbearers.

With love and gratitude,

The family of Cora Hughes

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Les and Carolyn Carruth on the birth of a new granddaughter! Ashlyn Brooke was born February 14 in St. Louis to Scott and Jill Carruth. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and is 20 inches long. Bryce is the big brother and Cindy Carruth is the proud aunt.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday in Laurel, Mississippi for Susan Prine, Don & Norma Durham's niece. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Jefferson Church of Christ on Hwy 49 W invites you to participate in the *Jefferson Lectureship* March 21-22 - Theme: "What The Church Today Needs."

The Chandler Street church in Kilgore

will present

Ladies Night 2003

April 25 at 7:00 pm.

Kay Keele of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma will be guest speaker. More details later!

Details for all the above events are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Meghan Wagner and her family in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Thursday. She is the daughter of Greg and Cyndie Wagner. Their address is P.O. Box 1475, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2012.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Ginger Gilmore into our family at West Erwin. She is a school teacher and is already involved in the work here. Her address is 400 Grande Blvd. #311, 75703, ph. 581-1617.

Marjorie and Victoria Moriolo have been attending here for some time and came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 19075 Pinedale, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-3549.

RESPONSE

Tommie Price came to request the prayers of her church family that she might be the person Christ would have her to be.

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NEW ASSIGNMENT

After her college graduation and being commissioned as 2nd Lt., Shelly Henry has now been assigned to Fort Sam Houston.

SOLUTION TO WORLD PROBLEMS

When Calvin Coolidge was president of the United States, an organization known as the Pocket Testament League prepared a beautiful, specially bound copy of the New Testament for the president. A committee was sent to Washington to present the little book to Mr. Coolidge. The chairman is said to have made a lengthy and flowery presentation speech while the president listened. Receiving the little volume graciously, Mr. Coolidge, in his characteristic manner of few words, lifting the copy of the New Testament in his hand said, "Gentlemen, in this book will be found the solution of all the problems of the world." - copied

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We kicked off our Vacation Bible School meeting in grand style this past Sunday. I asked our teachers to begin thinking about which area they wanted to coordinate and before we left they had filled almost every slot. Our theme this year is *Treasures of the Nile*. We will focus on three lessons during July 21st through 23rd. These lessons are (1) *A Dream Comes True* (Joseph's rise to power), (2) *Guess Who's Coming To Dinner* (Joseph's brothers come to Egypt), and (3) *Moving Day!* (Jacob's family moves to Egypt). I am grateful to Nancy Crawford for agreeing to coordinate learning center #1, and to Eddie Rogers for agreeing to coordinate learning center #2. This just leaves learning center #3. Gail Vannoy would like to help coordinate this center. If you would like to help Gail in this effort, please see her as soon as possible. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful experience so let's all pitch in and do our part to make it as effective as possible. As far as other areas are concerned, Judy

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PRAYER AND CARE - Ann McCoy is ill at home. Jean Dees is in ETMC. Brice Sustaie was scheduled for a muscle biopsy Tuesday. Opal Cooper is recovering at home. Dolores Kennedy and Josh Lowry both had shoulder surgery last week. Frank Steed is doing better after spleen removal. Eloise Thompson has completed radiation treatment! Lorene Venable is recovering at home. Johnny Mount, Judy Yates' brother, is improving in Mobile, AL. Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, is undergoing treatment after surgery for thyroid cancer. Dixie Booth, Shirley Denman's sister, got a very good report after surgery. Joe Harris, Esther Wilson's brother, was scheduled for surgery Tuesday in Arkansas. Sallie Peterson, Bill and Judy Wilmeth's friend, has begun chemo treatment. Continue to remember Lamern Bailey, Gussie Beaty, Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Sharon Fields, friend of Sandie Martin, Warren Gray, Mary Evelyn Grier, Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Deanna Hodge, Jerry Huff's niece, Travis Mayer, Jim Mayer's brother, Charles & Ann McCoy, Gerald Nelson, Debra Elzen's brother, Daisy Lee Old, Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin's son, Fred Sloan, Bob May's nephew, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, Jack Tarrant, Pattie Tate, Jay Tutt, friend of the Andv Favs and Carev Woods. Dorothy Woods' husband.

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Scripture David Cannefax
Dismiss Jay Bynum

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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Milburn Cook
Scripture Rick Fedell
Dismiss Jeff Fennell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Brandon Lott Bob May
Ron Lott Glen May
Phil Marts Stan Mallory
Jordan Lyons Carroll Magee

GREETERS

Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meggie Wagner
Chris & Cathy Waggener & Dustin Yates
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Tyler Duvall
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
& Carlos & Emma Morgan

Pick up cards February 16: Jared Jordan, Ethan Florence, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher, George Richardson.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Feb. 16

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ELDER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

A wonderful crowd of people assembled in the Family Life Center last Sunday afternoon to express appreciation to our elders for their effective work as shepherds in the West Erwin church. It was a time of reflection, of gratitude, and of love as many of our people moved among the ten tables which served as receiving stations for our elders and their wives. It is evident that this church appreciates the countless hours our shepherds spend in their work, but it was significant that we set aside that time on Sunday to express to each of them our gratitude and allegiance as they continue to lead us in the Lord's work at this place. James Sublette, current chairman, spoke for all the elders in expressing his thanks for the occasion and the words of encouragement you spoke to each elder. A big thank you to the Women's Ministry for providing the decorations and the refreshments and for making everything flow together. A special thank you to Louise Seaberry, Winona Shankle, and Arlene Lockhart for the many hours they spent in setting up the room, preparing the framed message given to each elder, and for taking the lead in the afternoon

activities. Also, thanks to Dale Blackstone for getting the potted plants given to each shepherd, to Sharon Hammond for designing the handout announcement, to Tammy Asbill for providing the copy of the message on leadership, to Greg Walker for having the message printed, and to Danny Snell for providing the posters and power point. Last Sunday afternoon a good thing was done.

ELDERS, DEACONS, MINISTERS MEET

On Monday evening nearly all of our elders, deacons, and ministers met for a dinner meeting at a local restaurant to discuss the areas of ministry in which our deacons serve. All of us were impressed by how seriously all of our deacons take their assigned tasks -- an abundance of work is being done by these good men. All of the elders and deacons and ministers are dedicated to the work assigned and our greatest days as the church of our Lord are before us as each member of the body of Christ in this place does its part in fulfilling our mission in the world. Our thanks to all who care, who work, and who pray. - Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, February 16, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "The Jealousy Of God"
(Exodus 34:10-14)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (6)
(I Kings 18:36-39)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you would like to help with this ministry, come and be a part! We serve from 6:00-7:00, but need help preparing and cleaning up. Join us!

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

"From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." Ephesians 4:16

God never intended for us to experience the roller coaster of life alone. He designed each one of us to need others and to need Him. Our small groups that meet in people's homes on the 3rd Sunday each month offer the best fellowship of sharing life together and helping meet needs on a personal level.

"They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." Acts 2:46b, 47

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I am so excited about a new program that we will be starting within our educational program in the next few weeks. This is a benevolent program that our 5th graders down to our little ones will be participating in. It is entitled The Children's Breakfast Program. This program will feed 140 children in Managua, Nicaragua. Not only will breakfast be provided on a long term basis, but those 140 children will also have the opportunity of hearing Bible lessons during their breakfast time. Can you think of a better program than this for the children of Managua? What an impact we are about to have on those little ones of Nicaragua through our Bible School program at West Erwin.

Marian Rowe will be involved in the collection of the money. She has the addresses and vital information in hand to make sure that the money gets to the proper places. Our mission committee and our elders are solidly behind this program. Basically, the

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the devotional this past Sunday. Thank you for making it special for Lisa's 40th Birthday!

IMPORTANT DATES

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You are not assigned to any group. You are free to choose which group you want to be a part of. You do not have to be a member at West Erwin to be in a group. Anyone can be a part of any group. There are several ways to get connected:

1. Call the church office at 592-0809 or e-mail me at dcrawford@westerwin.org
2. Indicate on the back of your attendance card that you wish to be connected into one of our small groups. There may be one in an area close to your home.
3. Accept and invitation. If someone invites you to visit their group, take them up on it Give the group a test drive.

"My wife and I do not live close to our families. Our small group serves as a local family."

"West Erwin is so big that it's difficult to get to know people very well on a Sunday morning. Our small group is the answer we were looking for."

way the program will work is that each of our participating students will be given a 35 mm film container that will have the children's breakfast logo on it. These participating children will take these containers home and fill them with quarters. Once the container has been filled, or once the due date arrives, these students (just before our worship service begins) will caravan through our auditorium and place them in a specially designed place. That money will be counted and the amount will be announced to the congregation that evening. All of our teachers will be encouraging their students to participate. Eventually we will have displays in some of the classrooms with pictures of the children who are currently taking advantage of this program in Managua. These children are from the poorer neighborhoods of Managua. Most of them do not even have access to proper water supplies, a usable sewer system, or a source of electricity. Even though this program will not deal with providing them with these items, it will deal with providing them with a nutritious meal to start off the day. They will receive physical food as well as spiritual food. Thanks, Marian, for organizing this campaign.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers throughout Paul's illness and upon his death. The flowers and cards are beautiful and greatly appreciated.

Ginger & Nick Davis
Bob & Betty Bray

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, food, and prayers during the first couple of weeks after my accident. Your loving support brought so much comfort to me and my family. I feel so fortunate to be a part of such a loving church family.

Love,
Denise Wilson

Thanks so much for continually remembering John Mount in your prayers. He is improving.

Doug & Judy Yates

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Daingerfield Church of Christ invites you to join them for a gospel meeting February 16-19, week night services at 7:00 pm. Brother Burton Coffman, age 97, will be the guest speaker.

PRAISE THREE

7th Annual New Praise Night

An evening of teaching new a capella music and praise!
Sunday, February 16, 2003, 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Alpine Church of Christ, 610 East Loop 281, Longview

The Jefferson Church of Christ on Hwy 49 W invites you to participate in the *Jefferson Lectureship* March 21-22 - Theme: "What The Church Today Needs." Details for all the above events are posted on the bulletin board across from the office.

The Chandler Street church in Kilgore will present
Ladies Night 2003
April 25 at 7:00 pm.

Kay Keele of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma will be guest speaker.
More details later!

CHURCH/STATE

"And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend? Or do we imagine we no longer need His assistance? I have lived a long time; and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise with His aid?"

- Benjamin Franklin

"As to Jesus of Nazareth ... I think His system of morals as He left them to us, the best the world ever saw or is likely to ever see."

- Benjamin Franklin

"In the days of our contest with Britain we were aware of danger. We had prayers in this very room for divine protection ... I beg we pray here every morning before proceeding business.

- Ben Franklin, Constitutional Congress, June 28, 1778

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Jeff and Rachael Blackstone** and their children, **Maigen and Carter**, back home to West Erwin! Jeff is the son of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and grew up here. He and Rachel attended West Erwin after they were married until they moved away from Tyler. Their address is 8844 Phoenix South Dr., Chandler, TX 75758, ph. 849-6997.

RESPONSES

Bill Bratcher came Sunday to rededicate his life to the Lord.
Dan Baldwin came to ask for the prayers of his church family.
Todd Kempton came to ask his church family for prayers for him and his family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Terry and Melanie Kiker on the birth of Holley Anne Kiker, born February 11 at Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview! She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and is 19 inches long. Monty and Brenda Kiker are proud grandparents and Eric Kiker is the happy uncle.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for Cora Hughes, longtime West Erwin member who has been confined to a nursing home for several years.

Mortan Johnston, Kathy Johnston's dad, died Sunday in St. Louis. Memorial services were held Wednesday in St. Genevieve, Missouri.

Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

Sorry to lose ...

Todd & Lori Roberts are now worshipping with the Broad Street church in Mineola.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 10-14. West Erwin is asked to collect FRUITY PEBBLES CEREAL, CHICKEN HELPER & DECAF COFFEE. All other items that you wish to donate are greatly appreciated.

CHURCH BULLETIN

Any West Erwin member who would prefer to get their bulletin "From the Heart of Tyler" by e-mail link instead of by mail need to let us know by March 1. You may sign your name, along with your e-mail address, at the Visitors Center or on the back of your attendance card. All others will continue to receive the bulletin by mail

We are in the process of updating our bulletin mailing list. If you are not a member of the West Erwin church and wish to continue to receive the bulletin by mail, please send your address label from a current bulletin to Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas 75702. If you wish to receive it by e-mail log on to bulletin@westerwin.org.

We will continue to mail the bulletin to any who wish to receive it.

Feb. 6, 2003	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 34-No. 6
Records	Sunday February 2	Sunday January 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	407	393	386
Worship A.M.	624	541	595
Worship P.M.	365	328	314
Wed. P.M.	294	285	289
Contribution	\$23,451.50	\$17,102.09	\$20,537.99
Weekly Budget	\$21,126.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 9, and Wednesday, Feb.12, Fred Powell, 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Opal Cooper is at home after a stent implant in her kidney Monday. **Josh Lowry** had shoulder surgery Monday. **Dolores Kennedy** had shoulder surgery Wednesday. **Brice Sustaire** is scheduled for a muscle biopsy Feb. 11. **Bill Bratcher** is recuperating at home from injuries received in a car accident. **Frank Steed** is improving after spleen removal. **Eloise Thompson** has completed her radiation treatment! **Carolyn Womack** is recovering from pneumonia. **Denise Wilson** is at home. **Lorene Venable** is recuperating at home. **Daisy Lee Old** is now in the Clairmont. **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, is improving in Mobile, AL. **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, is undergoing treatment after surgery for thyroid cancer. **Dixie Boothe**, Shirley Denman's sister, has aggressive colon cancer. **Joe Harris**, Esther Wilson's brother, will have a heart fibulator implant Feb. 11 in Arkansas. **David Starnes**, Sue Starnes' son, is hospitalized in Quitman. Continue to remember **Jimmie Brown**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Zona Crone**, **Warren Gray**, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, **Charles & Ann McCoy**, **Gerald Nelson**, Debra Elzen's brother, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin's son, **Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Jack Tarrant**, and **Pattie Tate**.

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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
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Phil Marts	Joe McBee	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
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Scripture Forest McFadden
Dismiss Leon Welborn

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Mike McClenny
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Odie Kennedy
Scripture Chris Reynolds
Dismiss Jeff Parrish

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Taylor Lemons Joel Knox
Jon Koster Marc Lemons
Todd Kempton Dennis Kingsbury
Odie Kennedy Jamon Kirby

GREETERS

John & Susan Steffee & Bradley Asbill
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Cayti Bynum
James & Connie Sublette & Lacie Carpenter
Visitor Center: Daniel & Carol Morgan
& Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards February 9: Casey Bellar, Jeffrey Scarborough, Spencer Shaw, Drew Harris & Dalton Harris.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, February 9
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Nursery p.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Donna Wright; 2's: Tara Kilgore & Kenna Kempton; 3's: David & Sharon Hammond; 4's: James & Ruth Ellis.

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TRUTH

I talk with people very often about truth. In our day there are many who follow human reason, especially in religion. Human reason affirms things like: "There is no absolute truth." "Truth is what you believe to be truth." "What is truth to you may not be truth to me." And on and on it goes. This kind of reasoning seems satisfying to lots of people even though it contradicts itself by stating that to these folks their "truth" is that there is no truth. Moreover, this point of view does not hold up in the public school room or the university classroom. After all, if one approached history or math or chemistry or English in this way the result would be chaotic. There is absolute truth. The sun is 93 million miles from earth; H2O is water; "I work" is a verb: Columbus did sail the ocean blue in 1492; Jesus is the Son of God and His Word is religious truth (John 17:17). Human experience points out the folly of following strict human reason -- the airplane pilot who doesn't trust his instruments may crash into a mountain even though he sincerely believed he was flying higher than he was. The Bible warns about the folly of following human reason to the exclusion of truth: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12). So, let us stand for the truth of God's Word and let it be

the standard for all religious matters. We can stand for the truth of God, and do so boldly, without being caustic, belligerent, or hateful. Recently a man wrote to me after seeing a Search program. He disagreed with me on some point. I wrote him a letter and in as kind a manner as I knew how I explained my understanding of the Scripture in question. A few days later he responded to tell me that my explanation had cleared up the matter for him and he understood what he had previously misunderstood. In discussing Scripture with people, we do not always agree, but we nearly always keep a friendship between us. There is a vast difference in pointing out what we believe the Scripture to teach and reasons for believing what we do than in viewing every position that one may have as equally valid. It is amazing to me that so many people can express emphatically their views which clearly contradict Scripture and we are reluctant to state what the Scriptures clearly teach. Let us study Scripture, prayerfully seek to understand and apply it, and then lovingly state in word and deed that the Bible is the standard. Let us seek to agree with God and acknowledge that His word is truth.

-Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, February 9, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "The Little Foxes"
(Song of Solomon 2:15)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (5)
(I Samuel 7:3-6)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Bryce Murry who placed 8th in State for UIL Solo on Jazz Guitar. WOW! Way to go Bryce!

COMBINED ACTIVITY

Join us Sunday night for our activity and devotional time. Invite a friend to join us! Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 9	Combined Activity
Feb. 16	Small Groups
Feb. 17	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Mar. 3 & 31	Bible Quiz
Mar. 10	LTC Pre-Convention Deadline
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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

The 3-8 grade Video Bible Drama will meet all day Sunday. Lunch will be provided.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday evenings.

Pre-Convention Events due Mar. 10.

***If you need to make any changes in your LTC housing reservations, please do so by this Sunday.

MISION PARA CRISTO

As we have talked about in class the past few weeks, our teens are undertaking a service project for Mission Para Cristo. This ministry will fund children's school needs in Latin America. Contact me for more information.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THANK YOU!

A plea was sent out last week for workers to volunteer their time and energy to work at the East Texas Food Bank for 3 hours. The result of their labor would be credit for the West Erwin Benevolent Center. Twenty-five responded to the call: G.W. Cliver, Melvin & Nina Crow, Anna Drawhorn, Norma Durham, Chuck & Linda Gillam, Patti Grounds, Sharon Gordon, Bill Hawkins, Jerry Kirk, Rogelio Martinez, Sherry Peek, Lyndol & Bonnie Popchoke, Curtis & Mary Lu Pruett, Israel & Martha Sandoval, Jose Santibanez, Berta Simon, Norma Sorrells, Harvey & Verla Strickland, and Kris Walker. Thank you so much for your help.

This group did such a wonderful job that the Food Bank wants us to bring another group in to work on Tuesday evening, February 11, from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. If you are willing to help that night, would you please call me so I can give them a count so they can prepare our work place -- Don Crawford 592-0809, or dccrawford@westerwin.org.

The West Erwin Benevolent Center helped 188 families with food during the month of January. Those families represented 356 adults and 435 children. We are building relationships that will reach into spiritual matters as well as meeting the humanitarian needs. Please pray that God will lead us and build this outreach effort for the cause of Christ in our community.

"Within me is infinite power, before me is endless possibility, around me is boundless opportunity why should I fear?"

I originally had scheduled our first VBS meeting to take place on February 9th, but I found out that some of our members have planned an Elder's Appreciation Fellowship for Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. With this in mind I decided that we should move our first planning meeting for VBS to **February 16th**. This meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m. Assignments will be made during this meeting so it is extremely important that all be present. We will be meeting in room 112.

Let me take this time also to remind all of our teachers that our annual Apples of Gold teacher's appreciation banquet will be on April 26th. Please mark this date on your calendar. This year we will have Dan Manuel from the Crockett Road Church of Christ as our entertainment and as our speaker for the evening. I'm also happy to report that Jane Jones and her crew will once again oversee the decorations for the evening. Teachers, make a special effort to be present for this banquet. We have secured the services of the Tea Room to do our catering for this banquet. They have a great menu planned for the evening.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Here we are again, getting ready to plan another Vacation Bible School. I hope everyone is as excited about our upcoming VBS as I am. I came across some interesting material entitled Treasures of the Nile that I thought would make for a fantastic VBS - 2003. Our classes will be geared around the events that took place in Egypt as recorded in biblical history. I have already received various materials (i.e. crafts, games, activities, sing along songs, etc.). The dates have been selected. Our VBS will be **July 21st-23rd**. This is the Monday through Wednesday format that we used last year. We will have classes for our preschoolers, primary, secondary, and adult ages. Murphy Phillips did such an outstanding job last year in our adult class, so we decided to invite him back again this year. Let me encourage all of our adults (who are not already involved in our VBS program) to make plans right now to attend Murphy's class. You will be challenged as well as edified. Remember the dates: **July 21st-23rd**.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family,

Your response to Hillard's sudden death has overwhelmed us. We felt carried in the arms of your love. You are truly a caring, serving congregation of God's people. We love the West Erwin Church and we are so blessed to be a part of it. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you did for Hillard's family.

Jeanine, Kim, Laurie,
Shannon & Trey

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Morris Cemetery near Gilmer for Adie Sustaie, Kevin Sustaie's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Kevin and Shelly and to all the family.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Don and Mary Jo Crowder on the birth of a new grandson! Robin Joel Tacker was born January 21 in Abilene to Susan and Robin Tacker. He weighed 8 lb. 13 oz.

Lorene Venable has a new great grandson! Christian Robert Grogan was born February 3 in Lewisville to Robert and Tereka Grogan. Judy Venable Grogan is the proud grandmother.

YOUNG AT HEART

You're invited to join the Pure Gold group at the Glenwood Church of Christ for a "Tater Supper" with all the fixin's on Thursday, February 13, in their Family Life Center. Please sign the sheet on the Young at Heart bulletin board if you plan to participate in this time of fellowship.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

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THE MAN IN THE GLASS

*When you get what you want in your struggle for self
and the world makes you king for a day,
just go to the mirror and look at yourself
and see what that man has to say.*

*For it isn't your father or your mother or wife
whose judgment upon you must pass.*

*The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
is the one staring back from the glass.*

*You may be like Jack Horner and chisel a plum
and think you're a wonderful guy.*

*But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
if you can't look him straight in the eye.*

*He's the fellow to please - never mind all the rest,
for he's with you clear to the end.*

*And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test
if the man in glass is your friend.*

*You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years and
get pats on the back as you pass.*

*But your final reward will be heartache and tears
if you've cheated the man in the glass.*

RESPONSES

Barbara Weatherman came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for her children and her granddaughter that the best possible decisions might be made for her granddaughter's care.

Eddie Rogers came Sunday to ask for prayers to help him deal with life's difficulties.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cody Ables, son of Gary and Julie Ables, for making the Dean's List at U.T. Arlington for three consecutive semesters! We're proud of you, Cody!

ELDER APPRECIATION RECEPTION

You are invited to attend a reception honoring our elders

Jay Bynum

Don Durham

Ron Lott

Joe McBee

Phil Marts

Bill Mullins

Dannie Skipper

James Sublette

Ray Vannoy

Leon Welborn

Sunday, February 9, 2002, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Center

ADDRESS CHANGES

Daisy Lee Old, Clairmont, 900 Baxter Ave., 75701
Roberta Tindall, Garden Estates, 2055 Grande Blvd. #1209,
75703, ph. 534-9191

FYI

The elders have decided to make the church bulletin "From the Heart of Tyler" available by e-mail link. Any who prefer to get their bulletin in this way rather than by mail need to let us know by March 1. Members may sign their names, along with their e-mail address, at the Visitors Center. Nonmembers may call (903) 592-0809, or e-mail bulletin@westerwin.org.

CHURCH/STATE

"Of all the dispositions and habits which led to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports."

- George Washington

"Let my heart, gracious God, be so affected with your glory and majesty that I may fulfill these weighty duties which you have required of me. I've called upon you to pardon and forgive me of my sins. Thank you for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ offered on the cross for me."

- George Washington's diary

LADIES DAY

The Hallsville Church of Christ invites the ladies to a special day of fellowship, encouragement and edification on Saturday, February 8. Tina Smith from Marshall, Texas will be the guest speaker with a theme of "Giving God My Heart." For more information or to RSVP please contact Peggy Dale at (903) 668-2822 or 660-3154.

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Records	Sunday January 26	Sunday January 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	393	428	422
Worship A.M.	541	624	611
Worship P.M.	328	376	409
Wed. P.M.	285	303	250
Contribution	\$17,102.09	\$19,225.97	\$17,098.72
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 2, and Wednesday, Feb. 5, Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Bill Bratcher was injured in a car accident Tuesday but is at home. **Frank Steed** had surgery at Mother Frances last week, is having additional tests. **Opal Cooper** is at home but will have a stent put in her kidney in a few weeks. **Eloise Thompson** is undergoing radiation treatment. **Bryce Sustaie** is scheduled for a muscle biopsy Feb. 11. **Denise Wilson** is at home and doing well. **Lorene Venable** is recovering at home. **Daisy Lee Old** is now in the Clairmont. **Roberta Tindall** has moved to Garden Estates. **Misty Hatcher**, Velma Lemons' granddaughter, is in ETMC due to injuries in a car accident. **Julienne Stewart**, Jo Butler's daughter, is now recuperating at home. **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, is some improved in Mobile, AL. **Ruth Ann Cox**, Donna Mullins' niece, is undergoing treatment after surgery for thyroid cancer. **Mortan Johnston**, Kathy Johnston's dad, is very ill. Continue to remember **Jimmie Brown**, **Mozelle Brown**, **Zona Crone**, **Sharon Fields**, friend of Sandie Martin, **Warren Gray**, **Mary Evelyn Grier**, **Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrance Canada's brother and sister-in-law, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, **Charles & Ann McCoy**, **Gerald Nelson**, Debra Elzen's brother, **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin's son, **Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, **Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, **Jack Tarrant** and **Pattie Tate**.

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				(903) 592-0809	

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Prayer Bob Paul
Scripture Jim Mayer
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Freeman Morgan
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jon Sorrells
Scripture Glynn Starnes
Dismiss John Steffee

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Taylor Lemons Joel Knox
Jon Koster Marc Lemons
Todd Kempton Dennis Kingsbury
Odie Kennedy Jamon Kirby

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Maselyn Walker
Bill & Judy Smith & Kristen Yates
Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale & Michael & Maggie Ragsdale
Visitor Center: Bill & Donna Mullins
& Charles & Linda Westerfeld

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WAR AND PEACE

Through the years world events have forced people to contemplate the reality of war and peace. As the dark clouds of war have loomed, some world leaders have worked hard to keep the peace while others have been determined to go to war. In times of impending war, believers have struggled with the issue of whether a Christian can participate in carnal warfare. Some have responded affirmatively saying a soldier is an instrument of the state and is ordained by God to punish evil doers (Romans 13:1-8). Other responded negatively saying the command to love one's enemies prohibits a Christian to go to war and he can have nothing to do with it. Still others occupied a position somewhere between those two extremes. During World War II there were Christians who entered the armed forces as combatants and Christians who served, but as noncombatants. The fact is that in world conflict everyone contributed to the war effort on some level from the soldiers who fought to the farmers and industry workers who supplied the war machine. However, questions remained: Can a Christian be a soldier? Can a Christian support his government in a war effort? Who are the good guys and the bad guys in a war? Is a "just war" to be justified? And, what is a "just war"? Many grappled with these issues during World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Gulf War, and now in midst of the prospects of going to war with Iraq. It is not our purpose here to debate the wisdom of going to war with Iraq or whether or not we should overthrow that government. Our purpose is to discuss the question of whether or not a war is ever justified and whether or not a Christian can

actively support any war. *First*, government is ordained of God and a soldier or a policeman is an instrument of the state to insure an orderly society (Romans 13). *Second*, because a soldier or a policeman is an instrument of the state and is not responding to an evil in a personal way he does not violate the command to love enemies, turn the other cheek, or go a second mile. *Third*, all war is bad, but sometimes we do not choose between good and bad but between bad and worse. Many believe going to war with Hitler was bad, but to allow him to conquer the world was worse and he had to be stopped. Today there are those who believe Saddam is a legitimate threat to the western way of life and that it is better to topple him now than to risk the destruction he will bring upon the world later. Before World War II Britain's Chamberlain negotiated with Hitler to achieve "peace in our times" but history shows the difficulty of negotiating with a ruthless madman. History also shows that had Great Britain and the rest of the free world listened to Winston Churchill and moved to stop Hitler early, countless thousands of lives would have been spared. The issue of war is bad. A nation going to war against her neighbors to take what isn't hers or to expand her borders, or to gain an illegitimate advantage is one thing. But, for a nation to go to war to defend itself against an evil aggressor is something quite different. What is a Christian to do? Through all the rumblings of a possible war, let us pray for peace. In the face of attack, let us negotiate. When negotiations fail, let us rise up and defend our free rights.

-Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, February 2, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "To Whom Much Is Given"
(Luke 12:42-48)

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (4)
(Judges 6:11-14)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

CONGRATULATIONS!

As I look at this stack of Newspaper clippings of our teens accomplishments, I am reminded of how talented and smart all of our teens really are! You would be amazed at how many of them are on the A/AB Honor Roll each 6 Weeks. I wish we could list them all each time, but the list has exceeded our available space and so will honor them all as a group and say, Congratulations and Way To Go! We do however want to congratulate those who go beyond the classroom with great accomplishments and we will try to honor them in this column.

Congratulations to Julie Frick who won 10 Medals at the Academic Decathlon last week in Duncanville! Way to go!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our 3 teams who did a great job this past Monday at Bible Quiz. The next 2 Bible Quiz dates are March 3 & 31. The study sheets are ready to be picked up.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

**Dynamic Marriage Course
Starts Thursday, February 20**

Limited to 12 couples!

The course has been delayed in starting until February 20 because we wanted to make sure we had a full class of twelve couples. We only have three more openings so if you are considering it, please let me know as soon as possible.

For information on how to enroll,
contact Don Crawford, 903-592-0809, or
Dcrawford@westerwin.org

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Vacation Bible School has come a long way since our childhood days when we had morning classes highlighted with songs, drinks and cookies. What does it take to launch a successful VBS today? The *Gospel Advocate* quarterly update suggests that a successful VBS begins by implementing *The 4 P's Of A Spectacular VBS*. The 4 P's are: Prayer, Planning, Preparation, and Participation. If we can implement these 4 P's I believe we will have a successful VBS this summer. Vacation Bible School is a powerful educational tool for our members, but it can also be an effective outreach tool to our friends, family, and neighbors. In order for us to be successful with our members, we must make sure that our children are here for VBS. In order for us to use VBS as an outreach, we must make sure that we are inviting our church and unchurched friends, family and neighbors. There really isn't an appropriate excuse for not inviting people to share this time together. All it takes is a minute of your time and we

SERVANT RETREAT

This past weekend about 24 of us from West Erwin joined 13 other churches for the annual Servant Retreat. This was West Erwin's 15th year to participate. It was a great weekend of spiritual growth and renewal. We were blessed by this time together.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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

The Older Video Bible Drama team will meet all day Sunday.

The Younger Video Bible Drama will meet @ 4:00.

Puppets (3rd-5th grade & beginners) will meet on Wednesday evenings in the Bible Hour Room.

All Drama, Chorus, and Puppet team Leaders need to meet at 4:15 Sunday to talk about the schedule.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 2 Bible Hour Homecoming
Feb. 9 Combined Activity
April 18-20 LTC

Please take a moment to read the 4th chapter of 2 Corinthians. This chapter is very inspiring to the Christian who realizes that he is not capable of doing everything by himself. God gave us the light to carry for Him so that others could see that light. But we cannot boast in our own ability to shine. Only in God's power and strength do we accomplish anything!

"Rain and sun are to the flower as praise and encouragement are to the human spirit."

Make it a practice to fill your day with praise and encouragement to all those around you and surely you will recognize the change.

are set to have the best VBS in our history. But, remember to pray, plan, prepare, and participate. Let's see how we do this year with these four objectives in mind.

Our Vacation Bible School format will be just like last years. We will dedicate Monday through Wednesday evening (sometime during the month of July) in which we will have 3 lessons being taught, crafts being made, and refreshments being served. All of our youth will gather for a brief devotional period of singing and words of encouragement. Our teachers will teach their lessons on a rotational basis for 3 consecutive nights. Our adults will have the opportunity of attending a class specifically geared to their interests. We want our VBS to be geared to our youth but also to be a family affair. Let's all make plans to attend this year's VBS.

With all of this in mind, we will have a VBS meeting on February 9th at 4:00 p.m. in room 112. Last year we had approximately 40 people to attend this meeting and it was from that gathering that we set our VBS in motion. Teachers, helpers, etc.. we need you at this meeting.

IN APPRECIATION



Dear West Erwin family,

Thanks so much for the love and concern shown me during my illness and for the lovely flowers, cards, food, visits, and your prayers.

Love,
Merle Lane

To our West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate your calls, lovely cards and food during the time of Dad's death. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

The Harold Denman Family

To our West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you so much for loving and comforting our family during this time. Although we feel such a sense of loss, we also feel God's peace and prayers lifted on our behalf. I am reminded of just how special our church family is to us. It truly is a family. Thank you for showing your love.

Sincerely,
Trey and Janis Hughes

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and concern for our daughter and sister, Julienne Stewart, while she was so ill. Those prayers are being answered and she is now on the road to recovery. Thank you.

Jo Butler & Marisa Suggs

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday near McKinney for Barbara Scott, former West Erwin member. We extend our sympathy to her husband, Eldon Scott and to all the family and friends.

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"If you like yourself and who you are, you will probably like almost everyone you meet regardless of who they are."

RESPONSE

Debbie Baldwin came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family to help her deal with the difficult times in her life.

TABLE SHOWER

*There will be a table shower
honoring*

Melanie Kiker (and baby girl)

Sunday, February 2

*Selections: TLC, Wal-Mart, Penney's
(The shower scheduled for January 26 was
cancelled due to some health problems
Melanie was having)*

CONGRATULATIONS

Courtney Craddock, daughter of Danny and Maggie Craddock, is to be commended for making the Dean's List this past semester at Harding University. We're proud of you, Courtney!

LADIES DAY

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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

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Records	Sunday January 19	Sunday January 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	428	415	388
Worship A.M.	624	619	555
Worship P.M.	376	401	322
Wed. P.M.	303	310	300
Contribution	\$19,225.97	\$19,289.15	\$17,899.07
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 26, and Wednesday, Jan. 29, David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Frank Steed is having tests at Mother Frances this week. Opal Cooper is at home but will have a stent put in her kidney in a few weeks. Denise Wilson is recovering at home and doing well. Lorene Venable expects to go home this week. John Holbert got a good report after recent surgery. Roberta Tindall is at home, plans to move to Garden Estates soon. Eloise Thompson is undergoing radiation treatment. Julienne Stewart, daughter of Jo Butler, is in the hospital in Snyder. Kattie Wacaser's mother is having lung problems. Continue to remember Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Mary Evelyn Grier, Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Deanna Hodge, Jerry Huff's niece, Travis Mayer, Jim Mayer's brother, Charles & Ann McCoy, Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin's son, Sue Skipper, Fred Sloan, Bob May's nephew, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, and Jay Tutt, friend of the Andy Fays. Johnny Mount, Judy Yates' brother, is some improved in Mobile, AL. Sharon Fields, friend of Sandie Martin, had brain surgery Wednesday. Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, had thyroid surgery for cancer and is now undergoing treatments. Gerald Nelson, Debra Elzen's brother in Little Rock, is having heart problems. Vera Lee, sister of Jean Oliver & Thelma Henley, had breast removal surgery Tuesday in Bossier City.

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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Dannie Skipper	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809	
		Leon Welborn			

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship George Jones III
Prayer Dean Brookshire
Scripture Bob Clemmons
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Brody Clark
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Danny Craddock
Scripture Clinton Culpepper
Dismiss Jim Carty

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Curt Jordan Roger Howell
Greg Jones George Jones III
Robert Hilliard Jerry Huff
Darryl Hendrix Dick Higginbotham

GREETERS
Bill & Donna Mullins & Alex Mullins
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Fred & Sara Powell & Walker Waggonner
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
& Melvin & Nina Crow

Pick up cards January 26: Ryan Haws, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 26
Preacher: Jeff Fennell; Nursery a.m.: Ranae Bone; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Toddlers a.m.: Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers p.m.: Freida Starr; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins; 4's: Jeff & Pam Fennell.

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INDEBTED TO MANY

Recently during a sermon, which I called "The State Of The Church", I discussed our great past, our gratifying present, and our glorious future as a church. During the presentation of that message I asked for a show of hands by those who had been at West Erwin for eighteen years or less and then by those who have been here more than eighteen years (I chose eighteen years as the dividing line because my ministry here has covered that length of time). Perhaps to the surprise of many, more than 50% of the people in that Sunday morning audience of about 600 have been here less than eighteen years! We have accomplished much, with the blessings of God, in these years including five building projects, mission outreach, television, greater service to our community, spiritual and numerical growth, and more than a 100% increase in our giving. However, the work done in Tyler since the planting of the church here in 1885 was significant and we are indebted to many who have gone on before us. Most of us may have only heard names like Lemmons, Dunn, Mathis,

Etheridge, and McKenzie, but these men filled vital roles in the early years of this church. In later years names like Mackey, Metcalf, Holland, A. Rasco, and Thompson are remembered by old-timers as vital forces in the church. Still later in this church's history there were names like Rushing, Haws, Walker, Hardin, O'Bannon, Carpenter, Richey, and Massey remembered for faithful service. Of course there have been many others who have made great contributions to the work of Christ at West Erwin, but these who have been mentioned are some of those who were on the cutting edge of the progress of this church through the years and who have "all died in faith", but being "dead yet speak." What a tremendous debt of gratitude is owed to them by those of us who even now benefit from what they did! And now, to this list of great soldiers of the cross, we add the name of a dear brother, a faithful servant, a loving elder, Hillard Hughes. To them all we say, "Thank you. We honor your memory and pledge to leave a legacy as honorable as yours." -Jay Lockhart

"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, January 26, 2003

10:00 A.M. - "Here Am I, Send Me"
(Isaiah 6:1-8)
Leon Welborn and Jay Lockhart

5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (3)
(Joshua 24:14-18)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

SERVANT RETREAT JANUARY 24-26

This weekend about 32 of us from West Erwin will be participating in the area wide Servant Retreat. We have been a part of this retreat for 15 years. It will be a great weekend of spiritual renewal and growth. Please pray for us. We leave at 5:00 on Friday and return for church on Sunday. Please bring money for supper.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We served between 80-100 folks who were hungry. We had a great turnout of helpers too! Please pray for this ministry.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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

Video Bible Drama will meet on Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets (3rd-5th grade & beginners) will meet on Wednesday evenings in the Bible Hour Room.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

All of those in the youth group are invited to stay after church Sunday night and watch the SuperBowl with us. Please bring snacks and finger foods. We should be done when the game is over.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will be January 27 (This Monday) from 6:45 -8:00 at Shiloh Road.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 24-26	High School Servant Retreat
Jan. 26	SuperBowl Party
Jan. 27	Bible Quiz
April 18-20	LTC

PLEASE NOTE: 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

Dynamic Marriage Course Starts Thursday, February 6 Limited to 12 couples!

"This course has truly changed our marriage. In just three short weeks, we went from not speaking at all to truly communicating and working on our marriage. This interactive course is better than any counseling we ever attended...it goes beyond voicing differences, hurts, and trials. If a couple is committed to healing their marriage, this course will do it."

Evelyn, 8-week class participant

"We decided to divorce ten weeks ago. Even in the two weeks prior to the class, we didn't think we'd make it. I can tell you honestly that I have a permanent smile on my face when I look at or think of my husband. We are truly in love again...the respect level and all of the pleasures of marriage have risen tremendously. Thank you again!"

Andrea, 8-week class participant

For information on how to enroll,
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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Reelfoot Lake is located on the western side of the state of Tennessee. It was created during the New Madrid earthquake in the early 1800's. The lake is known for a lot of things, one of which is that at particular times throughout the year several eagles will take up residence around this lake. Eagles are so beautiful and majestic as adults, however, the little ones are often clumsy, awkward and tend to cling to their mothers. The mothers aren't always patient with their little ones especially when it is time for them to learn to fly. The mother eagle will coax her offspring toward the edge of the nest and then without warning, nudge the young eagle over the side of the nest, which forces them to start flying. That push over the edge of the nest might seem cruel to some but in essence, it is the greatest gift she could ever offer her offspring. If the mother eagle doesn't do this act of love, her offspring would never discover the power which lies within their wings and ultimately they would perish.

All of us, throughout our lives, have needed a push from a friend or family member. Sometimes those pushes seemed cruel but as we have had time to reflect we now realize just how necessary they were. Those pushes (along the way) have motivated us and created an attitude of being the best that we can be. I, for one, am proud of the nudges I have received along the way.

Here at West Erwin, we have so many wonderful ministries that we can be involved in. Sometimes we fail to get involved because we haven't been properly nudged. Let me nudge you right now by asking you to become involved in our educational program. If you are a Christian and if you would like to work with our various children's ministries, be involved in our VBS program, or participate in our annual Camp Friendship program I would love to submit your name to our elders to be considered for one of these important jobs. We need your involvement within our educational program. Even though I can't always guarantee a successful reaction to your involvement, I can say that more than likely it will cause you to soar to new heights.

IN APPRECIATION

To Our West Erwin Family,

The flowers you sent to Mama's funeral were beautiful. The calls, cards, notes, kind words and prayers meant so much to us during this time.

Debra & Ken Elzen & Family

A small note of thanks for your generous support of Christian Services of East Texas. Your "gifts" to the kids reflect a spirit of service and sacrifice. We are truly blessed to have the support of local Christians in this community. Please know that you continue to make a difference in the lives of children.

David Asbill

Director of Services

Jeff, Brenda, and Josiah Holland will be with us in April. While here, our elders and the mission committee will be meeting with them to plan their remaining time in Togo. They are now scheduled to return to the USA permanently in 2004. Also, we have learned that Brenda is expecting their second child in August! More details on their visit will be available later.

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Address Correction

Betty Duncan-Clague

802 East Duval, Troup, 75789, ph. 842-2348.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Patrick McGuffey in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday afternoon. He is the husband of Paige (Hadjison) McGuffey and their address is 1123 East Dulse, 75701, ph. 526-2202.

WELCOME!

Bob & Pat Hackett and Scott Hackett placed membership this past Sunday. They formerly worshipped with the Pritchett church.

Bob & Pat Hackett

6383 FM2685, Gilmer, TX 75645. Ph# 734-5955

Scott Hackett

5100 Sweetbriar Lane Apt.# 426, Tyler, TX 75703

RESPONSE

Chris & Lara Reynolds responded this past Sunday asking for us to pray for them as they rededicate their lives

Baby Shower Honoring Melanie Kiker

Because Melanie has experienced some health problems, the baby shower scheduled for Sunday, January 26, has been cancelled. Instead there will be a table shower January 26 and February 2.

Selections: TLC, Wal-Mart, Penney's.
(It's a girl)

TEACHERS WORKROOM

If you checked out the 1977 Gospel Light Bible Story coloring book, please return it to the teachers workroom as soon as possible. Several teachers use this for their classes.

SYMPATHY

Funeral Services for Paul Davis, husband of Ginger Bray and son-in-law of Bob & Betty Bray were this week in Oklahoma City. Funeral Services for Hubert Gray, brother of Warren Gray were also this week in Dallas. We extend our sympathy to these families.

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YOU ARE SPECIAL

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the \$20 dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this." And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled, and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went in the air. "My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20."

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you. The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or whom we know, but by WHO WE ARE. We may never know the lives we touch, the hurting hearts we speak to, or the hope that we can bring, or the smiles we can share. Count your blessings, not your problems. Never be afraid to try something new. And remember... **You are special** - Don't EVER forget it. Have a great 2003! Enjoy each DAY!"

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Worship A.M.	619	561	653
Worship P.M.	401	NC	326
Wed. P.M.	310	NS	302
Contribution	\$20,728.18	\$19,289.15	\$16,297.81
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 19, and Wednesday, Jan. 22, Curtis Pruett, ph. 534-5428. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Charles O'Neal is in Mother Frances after a heart cath and stent implant. Opal Cooper was taken to Mother Frances Wednesday with chest pains. Denise Wilson is in Mother Frances due to a badly broken leg after being thrown from a horse. Lorene Venable is in HealthSouth Rehab after knee replacement surgery. John Holbert got a good report after surgery last week, will not require treatment. Roberta Tindall is at home, plans to move to Garden Estates soon. Eloise Thompson is undergoing radiation treatment. Valerie Figueroa is doing well after ankle surgery. Kattie Wacaser's mother is having lung problems. Continue to remember Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Mary Evelyn Grier, Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's brother and sister-in-law, Deanna Hodge, Jerry Huff's niece, Travis Mayer, Jim Mayer's brother, Charles & Ann McCoy, Chris Pope, Leah Russell's cousin's son, Sue Skipper, Fred Sloan, Bob May's nephew, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's aunt, and Jay Tutt, friend of the Andy Fays. Johnny Mount, Judy Yates' brother, is some improved in Mobile, AL after being hit by a car December 23. Sharon Fields, friend of Sandie Martin, had brain surgery Wednesday. Ruth Ann Cox, Donna Mullins' niece, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Gerald Nelson, Debra Elzen's brother in Little Rock, is having heart problems.

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Scripture David Hammond
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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Curt Jordan Roger Howell
Greg Jones George Jones III
Robert Hilliard Jerry Huff
Daryl Hendrix Dick Higginbotham

GREETERS
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Bryce Murry
Gene & Leah Moon & Jordan Rousseau
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Monica Starr
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
& Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Pick up cards January 19 & 26: Ryan Haws, Parker Hall, Austin Millican, Justin Parrish, Devin Brock.

Childrens Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 19
Preacher: Brody Clark; Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Philpot;
Nursery p.m.: Ranae Bone; Toddlers a.m.: Cindy Carruth;
Toddlers p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; 2's: Rachel Huff & Kristi Harris;
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DYNAMIC MARRIAGE

Here are some things we all know. *First*, marriage is a gift from God and is designed to be an answer to man's loneliness. God said, "It is not good for man to be alone" (Genesis 2:18). *Second*, God intended for a man and a woman to enter marriage as a permanent commitment, so permanent, so lasting that God said they "became on flesh" (Genesis 2:24). *Third*, God, therefore, intended that only death should break this relationship. *Fourth*, many marriages (some authorities say nearly half) end in divorce. There was a time when we hardly knew anyone who was divorced. Now we all have seen divorce affect people close to us. Since the Bible says God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16), something must be done to help troubled marriages. Too often we treat the effects of divorce when it would be wiser to seek to prevent divorce. That's where our Dynamic Marriage course comes in. This course, which will be offered at West Erwin beginning February 6, targets couples who want to grow love in their marriage, no matter what the present level of that love is. The course blends helpful, practical materials with powerful interactive tools to create new habits in marriage. Dynamic Marriage is an eight week, two and one-half hours per session, interactive class designed for 12 couples, led by a professionally trained facilitator. It focuses upon skills needed to build strong, healthy relationships and seeks to raise the level of good marriages and to rescue marriages that are in trouble. See Don Crawford for more details and strengthen your marriage!
- Jay Lockhart

"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, January 19, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Salvation And Rewards"
(Ephesians 2:4-10)
5:00 P.M. - "Seasons Of Revival" (2)
(Exodus 32:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

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KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you are interested in helping, let me know. We set up about 5:00, serve the meal at 6:00 & finish up before 7:30. Please pray for this ministry.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Dynamic Marriage Course Starts Thursday, February 6 Limited to 12 couples!

"Thank you for putting this incredible material together. I came because I am a minister. I thought, 'Why not? I probably could help others.' In just three days such arrogance came crashing down around me as I realized the needs of my wife. I am more excited about my marriage now than I was the day of my wedding! I will never be the same, and neither will the church that I minister to." - Mike Crowley, Jr., Modesto, CA

"Heirs Of Life Together"

1 Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The Gospel of Matthew records the account of Jesus walking on the Sea of Galilee. Peter sees Jesus and desires to walk on the water with the Lord. The Bible says: "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." So he said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out saying, "Lord, save me!" And immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him, and said to him, "O ye of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:28-31).

What we find here is that Peter loses focus of his goal and begins to fail. His intentions were good and the Lord allowed him to walk on the water, but when he stopped focusing on Jesus he began to sink.

The Bible tells us some will challenge our focus on living for Christ. In fact, Paul writes in 2 Timothy 3:12 that "... all who

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

Video Bible Drama will meet on Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets (3rd-5th grade & beginners) will meet on Wednesday evenings in the Bible Hour Room.

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"Your course has opened our eyes and our hearts. We felt our marriage was as good as it could be, but over the last eight weeks we have learned so much about each other and our needs that now we are even closer and more in tune than I ever thought possible. This course has truly been a blessing."

Shelda, 8-week class participant

For information on how to enroll, contact Don Crawford, 903-592-0809, or dcrawford@westerwin.org

desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." We can know and accept that there will be difficulties in following Christ. We must be prepared to meet these challenges along the way.

II Corinthians 5:7 gives us at least one solution. Paul tells us, "we walk by faith, not by sight."

The West Erwin church of Christ wants to help its membership to walk by faith. Several programs have been specifically designed to help us come to a better understanding of the Word of God and then to put into practice those biblical instructions. Our Bible School program is one such program. Let's be dedicated to coming together on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday evenings to study God's Word. On Sunday mornings we are engaged in a study that we have entitled **Bible Knowledge 101**. This study has been specifically designed to help us come to a better understanding of what we believe and how we can share that information with the world around us. Please make every effort to be present for this period of study.

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts are heavy with sorrow at the untimely and unexpected death of Hillard Hughes, one of our elders. Hillard has meant so much to this church and to the lives of many people and he will be greatly missed. Our love and sympathy is extended to Jeanine, Kim Lemons and family, Laurie and Wally Dawkins and family, Shannon and family, Trey and Janis and family, his parents, Hoyt and Elizabeth Hughes and all the rest of the family and friends. Services were held Monday at our building.

Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Aubrey Denman, Harold Denman's dad and Steve Denman's grandfather. Mr. Denman was a long time West Erwin member who had in recent years been confined to a Nursing Center. Our love and sympathy is extended to all this family.

Services were held last Friday in Daingerfield for Norma McMichael, sister of Margaret Montgomery who is a former West Erwin member. Our sincere sympathy is extended to this family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Jack Taylor Clark was born January 7 to Brody and Kimberly Clark. He weighed 10 lb. 2 oz. and was 21 ¼ inches long. Connor is the big brother and Stan and Judy Clark are the proud grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

Ken and Cathy Culpepper celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on December 31. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives!

Unfolding The Rosebud

It is only a tiny rosebud, a flower of God's design; but I cannot unfold the petals with these clumsy hands of mine. The secret of unfolding flowers is not known to such as I. God opens this flower so sweetly, when in my hands they fade and die. If I cannot unfold a rosebud, this flower of God's design, then how can I think I have wisdom to unfold this life of mine? So I'll trust in him for His leading each moment of every day. I will look to Him for His guidance each step of the pilgrim way. The pathway that lies before me, only my Heavenly Father knows. I'll trust Him to unfold the moments just as He unfolds the rose. - author unknown

SPECIAL EVENTS

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An open invitation to any who want an intensive study of I Peter. Next meeting time: Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10:00 am at the Eastern Hills church of Christ, 2705 East Travis, Marshall, Texas. Afterwards, join us for a "Dutch-treat" lunch at one of the local restaurants. For more information, please call Tim Smith at (903) 938-4422.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with Kristen Yates, her family, and the angels in heaven in her decision to be baptized into Christ. Kristen was baptized by her dad last Wednesday evening. She is a student at East Texas Christian Academy and is the daughter of Doug and Judy Yates. Their address is 700 Quail Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1094.

RESPONSE

Stevie Blakemore came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might be restored to a right relationship with his Lord.

BABY SHOWER

You're invited
to a baby shower
(It's a girl!)

Honoring
Melanie Kiker



Sunday, January 26, 3:30 - 4:30

Selections: TLC, Wal-Mart, Penney's
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. And Mrs. Louis Earl West, Jr.

Have the honour of announcing
The marriage of their daughter
Gayla Lynn

To Mr. Scott Andrew Keller

Saturday, the eighteenth of January

Two thousand and three

Vizcaya Museum and Gardens

Miami, Florida

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

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Worship A.M.	561	602	606
Worship P.M.	NC	345	390
Wed. P.M.	NS	NS	NC
Contribution	\$19,289.15	\$20,089.05	\$23,117.66
Weekly Budget	\$21,069.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 12, and Wednesday, Jan. 15, Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation			

PRAYER AND CARE - Hillard Hughes is now at home, is being treated for pericarditis. **Lorene Venable** had knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Roberta Tindall** is now at home. **Valerie Figueroa** is doing well after ankle surgery Monday. **Eloise Thompson** is undergoing radiation treatment. **Kattie Wacaser** had all four wisdom teeth removed last Friday. Continue to remember **Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Mary Evelyn Grier, Olyn & Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada's** brother and sister-in-law, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, now in a rehab hospital in Lake Jackson, **Charles & Ann McCoy, Mertie Stanley, Leah Moon's** aunt, and **Jay Tutt**, friend of the Andy Fays. **Samuel Johnson**, 18 month old grandson of Cathy Scroggins' cousin, got a good report after surgery, will not require chemo. **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin's son in Alba, is very ill. **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, is hospitalized in Arlington. **Fred Sloan**, Bob May's nephew, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, remains in serious condition after being hit by a car in Mobile, AL.

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	
Dori Crawford - involvement	Danny Shell - 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	Ray Maxwell	Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.	
ELDERS			TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Dannie Skipper	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
					(903) 592-0809

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Todd Hancock Dave Hanley
Matt Haws Charles Harris
Bill Hawkins Chad Harbuck

GREETERS
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Jade Moon
Bob & May Helen May & Hutton Moon
Forest & Mary McFadden & Alex Mullins
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Pick up cards January 12: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Cody Frick, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher.

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A GREAT SUNDAY NIGHT IS PLANNED!

This Sunday evening, January 12, we have a special treat in store at West Erwin. At 5:00 pm we will be led in worship by students from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas and our speaker will be Dr. Jack Evans, President of the school. Following our evening worship the chorus from Southwestern will present a musical program at 6:00. After the program we will host a sandwich and dessert supper for the Southwestern folks in our Family Life Center. So be planning for a great day at West Erwin with our morning Bible classes at 9:00 and our family worship time at 10:00. Then return in the evening for a great time of worship, the singing program, and the meal which will wrap up the day. Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, desserts, etc. for yourself and our guests. Drinks will be furnished. Dr. Ben Foster, Vice President of Student Affairs at Southwestern has arranged for the young people to visit with us and will accompany them to Tyler. You will have an opportunity to give to the support of the good work being done by Southwestern and to purchase recordings the chorus has made, so come prepared.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT DATE

Sunday afternoon, January 19, from 3:30 to 4:30, will be the time for an appreciation reception in the Family Life Center for our elders. Since we have recently appointed four additional elders, this will be a wonderful opportunity to greet them on an individual basis and to express appreciation for the important work they do as shepherds. This will be a busy day with the reception followed by worship at 5 o'clock and Small Groups meeting at 6 o'clock, but take advantage of the opportunities!

OUR WORK FOR 2003

On Sunday morning, January 19, our new program of work will be presented during our worship hour. Our plans for the new year are better than ever!

- Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sunday, January 12, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Into His Presence"
(Hebrews 10:11-18)

5:00 P.M. - Dr. Jack Evans

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COMBINED DEVO

January 12 - Please bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

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"Of all the commandments, which is most important?" The teacher of the law asked Jesus. "The most important one," he said, "is this: Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."

As we begin to prioritize our lives for 2003 and make all the new resolutions, here is where we find our foundation. More than anything else this year, let's love God and love each other. Let's make 2003 a year of caring and reaching out even in ways we may have been afraid to do as individuals in the past. May His blessings lead West Erwin to a wonderful 2003.

Thursday Morning Benevolent Center

If you would like to help we are making out a new work schedule and this would be a great time to jump in. If you aren't

sure let me invite you to visit the benevolent center any Thursday morning to see what we do, then you can decide how often you want to help. Call me at 592-0809 if you have questions.

Pray daily for the unchurched. Reaching the lost qualifies as spiritual warfare, therefore, prayer is required, not optional.

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There will also be a Vacation Bible School meeting sometime during the month of February. Yes! It is that time of year already. All of our annual events, such as VBS and Camp Friendship, seem to rush up on me but we always manage (mainly due to the coordinators and the staff) to pull these events off without a hitch. Let's continue to pray for these efforts. Once again we will have our Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series during the summer months. The F.A.C.T.S. Program went over very well last year and we are attempting to put together some excellent speakers for this year's program. Our theme will be: New Beginnings: God, Man, and Redemption in Genesis. Not only am I looking forward to a wonderful series but Judy is already planning the dessert fellowships which will follow. Since she is a chocoholic, I am sure it will be heavily tilted in that direction. These fellowships have been a tremendous blessing to our midweek services. It is a time for us to come together and hear great lessons from God's Word and then to spend quality time together in fellowship. Please don't miss out on any of these events throughout the year. Let's work together and grow together in 2003.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I am looking forward to a great year here at West Erwin. There will be many surprises along the way and there will be some struggles, but if we set our mind to it we could have the best year ever. As the minister of Education here at West Erwin I want to assure the membership that I plan on doing everything within my ability to have the best year possible in 2003. Already we have coordinated the curriculum for 2003 and we are attempting to develop a rotation (as requested by the elders) that will line up all of our teachers for this upcoming year. Hopefully this will be completed by April 1st. With this in mind, I will need to meet with all kindergarten through fifth grade teachers on January 12 at 4:15 in room 112. I'm not asking to meet just with those who are presently teaching, but will all who teach within this area throughout the year. During this meeting we will set the schedule for 2003, so please be present. I will be sending you a reminder in the mail within the next few days so be looking for it.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the cards and prayers for us this holiday season.
Carl & Kyle Stowers

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my recent illness. Your care and concern are very much appreciated.

Jon Sorrells

NEW ARRIVAL

Daniel and Carol Morgan are proud grandparents of a new grandson! Daniel Owen Morgan was born December 26 in Wimberly, TX to Nathaniel and Tammie Morgan. He weighed 8 lb. 2 oz.

WITH SYMPATHY

Mozelle Cash, long time West Erwin member, died Monday in a Tyler nursing center. Graveside services were held Wednesday. Services were held last Wednesday in Stephens, Arkansas for Marie Nelson, Debra Elzen's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

*"Someone needs your smile today, your hug, your listening ear,
Someone needs encouragement and gentle words of cheer.
Someone needs your helping hand, your letter and what's more,
Someone needs your visit to make their spirit soar.
Someone needs affection when they're feeling blue,
Listen, someone's calling for a special friend like you."*

SPECIAL EVENTS

You're invited to join the Oakwood Church of Christ for *Three Unusual Days* with Earl Williams. Friday, Jan. 10, at 7:00 pm, (snacks); Saturday, Jan. 11, 10:00 - 12:00 (lunch), 7:00 pm, (snacks); Sunday, Jan. 12, 9:45 am - 12 noon. For more information you may call (903) 545-2809 or e-mail CHOFCHRIST@WMCONNECT.COM

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome **Betty Duncan-Clague** into our church family. She came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church and to request our prayers. Her address is 802 West Duval, Troup, 75789, ph. 842-2348.

RESPONSE

Chuck Gillam came Sunday to rededicate his life to Christ and to request the prayers of his church family that he might have the wisdom to do greater works.

SHARING

*Is someone happier because you passed his way today?
Did you bring a smile to a clouded face when you did not turn away?*

*Is someone's burden lighter for just a little lift,
a pleasant word, a little boost, or perhaps some little gift?
Do you feel content and happy when you settle down at night
because you found a troubled friend and helped to set him right?
A load is always lighter when a friend walks by your side.
You cannot cure all ills, but at least you know you tried.
Let not one single day go by at home, at work, at play ...
unless someone is happier because you passed his way.*

- author

TEACHERS WORKROOM

If you checked out the 1977 Gospel Light Bible Story coloring book, please return it to the teachers workroom as soon as possible. Several teachers use this for their classes.

One of the attractions for dog owners is that "mans best friend" is ever loyal, no matter how badly one behaves in the world. Dogs don't care how you look, or about the stupid things you say. And they never have to forgive you because they don't ever get mad at you. One pet owner offered the following prayer: "Lord, please make me the kind of person my dog thinks I am."

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Church Marque Signs

*The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.
Under the same management for over 2000 years.
Soul food served here.
Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's your's?
Worry is the interest paid on trouble before its due.
Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place.
Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.
It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.
What part of "thou shalt not" don't you understand?
A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.*

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Worship A.M.	602	615	615
Worship P.M.	345	311	300
Wed. P.M.	NS	285	297
Contribution	\$20,089.05	\$17,334.79	\$25,097.50
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PRAYER AND CARE - Jon Sorrells was admitted to Mother Frances ICU last Monday with a heart problem, is scheduled to go to Houston Monday for surgery. **Phyllis Rachui** got a good report after an angiogram last Thursday. **Eloise Thompson** has begun radiation treatment. **Gussie Beaty** expects to go home from the nursing home Monday. **Frances Broome, Mary Evelyn Grier, Gloria Thigpen** and **Merle Lane** are all recuperating at home. Continue to remember **Jimmie Brown, Mozelle Brown, Zona Crone, Warren Gray, Olyn & Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister and brother-in-law, **Deanna Hodge**, Jerry Huff's niece, **Travis Mayer**, Jim Mayer's brother, now in a rehab hospital in Lake Jackson, **Charles & Ann McCoy, Mertie Stanley**, Leah Moon's aunt, and **Jay Tutt**, friend of the Andy Fays, undergoing treatment for throat cancer. **Samuel Johnson**, 18 month old grandson of Cathy Scroggins' cousin, got a good report after surgery, will not require chemo. **Chris Pope**, Leah Russell's cousin's son in Alba, is very ill. **Johnny Mount**, Judy Yates' brother, was seriously injured after being hit by a car last Monday in Mobile, AL. **Reagan Phillips**, son of James and Frances had an emergency appendectomy last Thursday in Jacksonville.

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	
Hillard Hughes	Phil Marts	Joe McBee	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Christian Service Center..... 9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809	

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Call to worship George Jones
III Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Bill Hawkins
Dismiss Joe McBee

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Tim Grounds
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Todd Kempton
Scripture Terry Lowry
Dismiss Louis Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
David Hammond Daryn Hanley
Todd Hancock Dave Hanley
Matt Haws Charles Harris
Bill Hawkins Chad Harbuck

GREETERS
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Josh Lowry
Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Bryce Murry
Phil & Linda Marts & Jordan Lyons
Visitor Center: Gene & Leah Moon
& Dannie Skipper

Pick up cards January 5 & 12: Ethan Florence, Jared Jordan, Cody Frick, Steven Figueroa, Chase Fisher.

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

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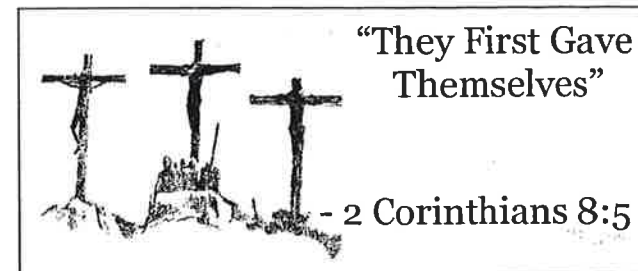
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"AS HIS CUSTOM WAS"

We know little about the early life of Christ upon the earth. Except for the birth narratives of Matthew and Luke and a brief look at Jesus by Luke when he was twelve years old, the first thirty years of Jesus' life are silent. Yet we believe we know what was happening in his life from his birth until he began his ministry. We know the family of Jesus was poor because Joseph and Mary offered a sacrifice of doves or pigeons when they presented Jesus to the Lord at the temple (see Luke 2:24 and Leviticus 12:8). We know Joseph, the legal guardian of Jesus, was a carpenter (Matthew 13:55) and would have taught Jesus his trade (the rabbis said, "He who does not teach his son a useful trade is bringing him up to be a thief"). The home life of Jesus gave him a balanced development as the "increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52). Jesus also might have attended one of the synagogue schools for children that scholars believe existed all over Palestine in the period of his youth. We know this for sure: when Jesus was growing to manhood and preparing for his personal ministry, he attended the

synagogue on the Sabbath day. Luke says, "so he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day and stood up to read" (Luke 2:16). Some scholars believe his reading was the custom, but the message is the same: he could not read regularly in the synagogue unless he was in attendance, so Jesus attended synagogue services on a regular basis. It wasn't a matter of convenience or take-it-or-leave-it or sometimes, but it was a matter of commitment: "as his custom was." Jesus felt the need to be in worship assemblies of his day and it was a "habit" (something repeated regularly) with him. If the Son of God felt this need, how much more should I, needy as I am, feel the compulsion to meet with God's family, the church, on a regular basis. God knew I would benefit from the church assemblies, so he said, "Nor forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" (Hebrews 10:25). If you are not in the "habit" or you are out of the "habit" why not make the commitment as we being a new year to assemble regularly with the saints.

- Jay Lockhart



Sunday, January 5, 2002
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The State Of The Church"
(Ephesians 1:15-23)
5:00 P.M. - "Special Seasons Of Revival"
(Genesis 35:9-15)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

REFLECTIONS ON 2002...

The year 2002 has been a good year. As I look back on the events of last year, I am amazed at what our teens have done. They have served, taught and influenced people all over this country and Mexico. They planted seeds that will impact peoples lives for generations to come. We can never fully know the extent of this impact. When the Lord said to "Go" our teens heard and did. Congratulations West Erwin teens, we are proud of you! May 2003 be even more fruitful in our service to the Almighty God.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Charlie Scroggins for making the Dean's List at SFA School of Business. Way to go Charlie!

NOTES...

There will be no youth activity on Sunday, Jan. 5.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We will begin meetings and practices soon, so watch the announcements for more information. Video Bible Drama will meet on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 4:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 12	Combined Activity
Jan. 19	Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 24-26	High School Servant Retreat
Jan. 27	Bible Quiz
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

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

One of the most important ministries at West Erwin is our Monday Night For the Master. Our main objective is to visit our visitors from the day before. We want to thank them personally for worshipping with us. We make sure they receive a visitor packet (including fresh baked cookies).

Other activities involve members who are struggling with health problems or bereavement. We spend time in prayer for each and send notes of encouragement.

Hear what some of the workers have to say about MNFTM:

Julia Wilshire says, "I make all the cookies that go out and I do it because it helps other people."

Faye Kennard says, "I love it. I really love it! It gives me great satisfaction that I'm doing something for the Lord."

Don Durham says, "West Erwin is a great place to be in service of our Lord and visitation is so important to encourage people to return."

Bill Mullins says, "Acknowledging a person's presence or absence at West Erwin is an important way to communicate our concern for them."

Bob Paul says, "It's a wonderful opportunity to touch the lives of our church family to let them know they are not forgotten and that they are family."

Ray Womack says, "Carolyn and I enjoy visiting people!"

MNFTM will be expanding in 2003 through our Bible classes. Plan to take advantage of that opportunity when it comes your way

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

What a great year we have had within our educational program here at West Erwin. I am so pleased with all the comments and compliments that our educational program has received. Of course, we should pay honor where honor is due and so to all of our teachers a great big thank you is extended from me to you on behalf of the membership of the West Erwin Church of Christ. I think it would be appropriate to close out this year with the following poem, which suggests the important role that our teachers play within the lives of all of their students.

*A builder built a temple he wrought with care and skill
Pillars and joints and arches were fashioned to meet his will
And men said when they saw its beauty:
"It shall never know decay.
Great is thy skill, O builder, Thy fame shall endure for thee."*

A teacher built a temple; he wrought with skill and care

*Forming each pillar with patience,
laying each stone with prayer.*

*None saw the unceasing effort;
none knew of the marvelous plan;*

for the temple the teacher built was unseen by the eyes of man.

*Gone was the builder's temple; crumbled into the dust,
Pillar and joint and arches food for consuming rust;
But the temple the teacher built shall endure while the ages roll;
for that beautiful, unseen temple was a child's immortal soul.*

Our educational program is a mammoth undertaking and it is quite rewarding to see all the pieces fall into place in such a precise and calculated way. I realize that without the involvement of some 100+ teachers, it would fall to pieces in a matter of seconds. The backbone of this work is today, and always will be, our teachers. Teachers, we applaud your efforts in 2002 and we are looking forward to even bigger and better things in 2003. May God continually bless you in this labor of love.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Members,

Thank you so very much for all the things you have done for us as Sue had surgery and as she recovers. The visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and especially the prayers have meant so much to us. Your love and concern strengthens us daily.

Dannie & Sue Skipper

I wish to thank you for all the kind words, the cards, the prayers and the delicious food during my recent illness. I am very thankful that the cancer has not spread. Radiation will be used on the cancer on the side of my neck. Please keep me in your prayers. Thanks again.

Eloise Thompson

We have received many phone calls and too many notes of appreciation to print from those who received poinsettias and fruit baskets delivered by our deacons during the holidays. James Phillips was the coordinator for this token of love from the West Erwin church. Following are excerpts from some of the notes: "This is the most thoughtful, caring and sharing family I have ever known;" "The love and spirit the lovely poinsettia represents is so much appreciated."

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Tulsa, Oklahoma for Kenneth Chambers, Helen Cannefax's father and David Cannefax's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Shelley Lynn Henry, daughter of Larry Henry, on being commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army and her graduation from Stephen F. Austin State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology.

Congratulations to Mary Adams on being chosen to be honored in "Who's Who Among Americas Teachers 2002." Mary teaches English at Tyler Junior College.

THE SCULPTOR'S ATTITUDE

I woke up early today, excited over all I get to do before the clock strikes midnight. I have responsibilities to fulfill today. I am important. My job is to choose what kind of day I am going to have. Today I can complain because the weather is rainy or - I can be thankful that the grass is getting watered for free. Today I can feel sad that I don't have more money or - I can be glad that my finances encourage me to plan my purchases wisely and guide me away from waste. Today I can grumble about my health or - I can rejoice that I am alive. Today I can lament over all that my parents didn't give me when I was growing up or - I can feel grateful that they allowed me to be born. Today I can cry because roses have thorns or - I can celebrate that thorns have roses. Today I can mourn my lack of friends or - I can excitedly embark upon a quest to discover new relationships. Today I can whine because I have to go to work or - I can shout for joy because I have a job to do. Today I can complain because I have to go to school or - I can eagerly open my mind and fill it with rich new tidbits of knowledge. Today I can murmur dejectedly because I have to do housework or - I can feel honored because the Lord has provided shelter for my mind, body, and soul. Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped. And here I am, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping. What today will be like is up to me. I get to choose what kind of day I will have!

- selected



50TH ANNIVERSARY

*Our love precious as Gold!
Wanda and Ronder Wright
Their family cordially invites you*

To join them in a

Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration

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

In the Parlor at the West Erwin Family Life Center

No gifts, please!

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Carlos and Emma Morgan on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 2. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

This is pretty good advice....

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop;" the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things. When the children are young, that is all that you can afford. When they are in college, that is all that you can afford. When you are on retirement, that is all that you can afford!
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. Laugh so much that you can be tracked in the store by your distinctive laughter.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be alive while you are alive, don't put out a mailbox on the highway of death and just wait in residence for your mail.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Go to the mall, the next county, a foreign country, but not to guilt country.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

May God Bless You,

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

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.

We wish you a Happy and Healthy 2003!