

Dec. 23, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 49
Records	Sunday December 19	Sunday December 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	422	391
Worship A.M.	625	617	605
Worship P.M.	368	NS	389
Wed. P.M.	309	328	310
Contribution	\$18,744.67	\$171,332.91	\$17,434.96
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 26 & Wednesday, Dec. 29: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Faber Cauthen is some improved after suffering a stroke last Saturday. **Tommy Lowrance** is improving in Mother Frances after bypass surgery. **Hutton Moon** is in Mother Frances for tests. **Carolyn Stitt** is now at home. **W.A. Monk** is in Health South Rehab. **Mary Haws** is some improved after a back procedure. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown, Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Marjorie Cox, Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Betty Duncan-Clague; Hallie Durkee**, Betty Sue Harris' sister, **Clelia Faye Elliott, Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother, **Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Rose Florence**, Marjorie Moriole's aunt, **Chuck & Linda Gillam; Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Ruth Hearne; John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy**, Rita Sitton's brother; **Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, **Shirley McClenny, Mary McFadden; Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Kathleen Nowell; Daisy Old, Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, **Marie Parks; Rex Power; Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Doris Snow**, Lara Reynold's cousin, **Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, Nancy Tanksley**, Will's grandmother, **Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister, **Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law, **Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.**

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Wayne Berryman Jay Bynum
Dale Blackstone Adam Bryant
David Blaylock Bill Bratcher

GREETERS

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Milburn & Jan Cook & Patrick Garrett
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
Charles & Linda Westerfeld


Pick up cards Dec. 26 & Jan. 2: Conner Clark, Casey Bellar, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws, & George Ricahrdsen.

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"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, December 26, 2004
by Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Adoption"
(Romans 8:14-17)
5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem"
(Matthew 23:37-39)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny HOLIDAYS...

This time of year brings about special memories for me. I reflect back on my childhood and remember all the good times together with my family. As I reflect, I remember very few of the presents I got. I do however remember the people I was with and the time we shared together. I think there is a lesson there... Let's not forget that people are more important than things. Enjoy this holiday time with your family and friends, for that is what you will remember in the end.

THANKS!

Thanks to Tim & Patti Grounds for sponsoring the Service Project this past Tuesday. Thanks to the teens who put together the program for the nursing home.

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The next quiz will be over Luke 11-18 in January.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who came and helped with the Karing Kitchen. We fed over 130 folks and passed out 72 gift packages. The folks were very appreciative. Thanks to all of you who brought items for the packages. Please continue to pray for this ministry! West Erwin will host again on Jan. 31.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are working on putting our teams together for Video Bible Drama. Video Bible Drama will meet from 7:00-8:00 on Jan. 5. Puppets, Chorus & Drama will begin meeting in January. If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

Family Life Center, 7:00 pm - midnight
Bring finger foods, snacks & games. Everyone invited!

1904: What A Difference 100 Years Make

In 1904:

The life expectancy in the U.S. was 47 years.
Only 14% of the homes in the U.S. had a bathtub.
Only 8% of the homes had a telephone.
A three minute call from Denver to New York cost \$11.00.
The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph.
90% of all U.S. physicians had no college education.
Sugar cost 4 cents a pound.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

One of my favorite Presidents to study was Theodore Roosevelt. He was indeed a very interesting character to say the least. He once said, "It is not the critic who counts nor the man who points out how the strong stumbled or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and falls short again and again. ...Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement...and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

President Theodore Roosevelt was speaking of those who have been tested and found to be true. The Hebrew writer wrote the following to Christians who were neglecting their service to God, "And what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to

Eggs were 14 cents.
The population of Las Vegas was 30.
20% of U.S. Adults could not read nor write.
6% of all Americans graduated from high school.
There were only 230 reported murders in the entire U.S.
The U.S. only had 144 miles of paved roads for their 8,000 cars.
Women only washed their hair once a month, using borax or egg yolks for shampoo.

The five leading causes of death in the U.S. were:

1. Pneumonia and influenza
2. Tuberculosis
3. Diarrhea
4. Heart disease
5. Stroke

Such massive changes can be frightening. But as we factor in the Christian perspective it gets really exciting. Extraordinary times will require extraordinary wisdom, vision, boldness, flexibility, dedication, and a renewed commitment to biblical principles that **never** change. We shall never put the Truth up for grabs! The kingdom of God lasts **forever!**

tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthah; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn assunder, they were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; of whom the world was not worthy..." (Hebrews 11:32-38).

These men and women were definitely in the arena fighting valiantly for the cause of Christ. Are we also valiantly fighting for Christ? - **paraphrased from Mike Yates' bulletin article found in the Quail Ridge Church of Christ in Memphis.**



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards, and especially the prayers on my behalf during my recent surgery and recovery.

Henry McRuiz

Thanks! My sister, Bonnie Peterson and I, would like to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, and concern shown during her recent illness. Thank you so very much.

Carlos Morgan Family

Too many cards and calls of thanks have come in to print them all in the bulletin for the poinsettias delivered during the holidays. David Hammond and James Phillips were overseers of this labor of love. Several deacons helped to deliver them.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, James Hunt, Jay Landon Jones, Kobe Kelley, Joe Kennedy, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Derek McCaghren, Blake McGee, Samuel Mink, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Seth Pace, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Nathan Silvers, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, Jordan White, Nathan Young.

I CORINTHIANS 13 - A CHRISTMAS VERSION

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband or wife. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The annual Year End Citywide Singing will meet this year at the Shiloh Road church on Wednesday, December 29. There will be no services at West Erwin that evening.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Wilmer and Dianne Little and their daughter, **Jessica**, came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. Wilmer grew up at West Erwin and he and Diane were members here early in their marriage. We are very pleased to welcome them and their daughter back home. Their address is 9074 Elm Tree Circle, 75703, ph. 939-9032.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Don and Wanda Weathers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 18. We join their family in congratulating them on this happy milestone in their lives.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Bill & Pat Bratcher, 4365 FM 2137 N, Bullard, 75757, ph. 903-894-4365.

SORRY TO LOSE... Michael & Chandra Bozeman will move 12-29-04 to 5807 Gloucester Court, Arlington, TX 76018-2384, ph. (817) 557-2266.

EIGHT GIFTS THAT DO NOT COST A CENT

1. The gift of really **listening**...but you must *really* listen--no interrupting, no day-dreaming, no planning your response. Just listen.
2. The gift of **affection**. Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and hand holds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for someone.
3. The gift of **laughter**. Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
4. The gift of a **written note**. It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.
5. The gift of a **compliment**. A simple and sincere, "You look great today," "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
6. The gift of a **favor**. Every day go out of your way to do something kind for someone you love.
7. The gift of **solitude**. There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
8. The gift of a **cheerful disposition**. The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really it's not that hard to say "Hello" and "Thank you." - copied

CONGRATULATIONS!

Justin Parrish was awarded the Senior First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwondo on December 9. Quite an accomplishment for an 8 year old! Justin is the son of Jeff and Melissa Parrish, grandson of Don and Nerene Ingram and great grandson of Norene Ingram. He is also the great grandson of Roberta Tindall (omitted by mistake last week).

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible class will resume, Wednesday, January 5, at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no bulletin the last week of December due to postage regulations for second class mail.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 19 & Wednesday, Dec. 22: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Mary McFadden is at home after breaking her neck again. Rex Power is at home after a defibrillator implant Monday. Tommy Lowrance had a heart cath Wednesday at Mother Frances. Mary Haws had a back procedure Monday. W.A. Monk is in Health South Rehab. Calvin Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother, is very ill in Dallas. Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, had skin cancer surgery last week. Continue to remember Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Marjorie Cox, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Betty Duncan-Clague; Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister, Clelia Faye Elliott, Opal Ellis, Glenda Howell's mother, Marsha Farr, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, Rose Florence, Marjorie Moriole's aunt, Chuck & Linda Gillam; Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Mary Haws, Ruth Hearne; John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Iby Livingston, friend of the Carlos Morgans, Ray Martin, Sandie's dad, Shirley McClenny, Kathleen Nowell; Susan Offut; Daisy Old, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables' brother, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Doris Snow, Lara Reynold's cousin, Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, Nancy Tanksley, Will's grandmother, Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.

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Prayer: Paul Hancock
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SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cameron Ables: Tony Adams
Arnold Ables: Kalon Ainsworth
Heath Adams: Jim Armstrong
Stefan Andrews: Greg Anding

GREETERS
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Bill & Judy Wilmeth & Megan Florence
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Lauren Florence
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
Gene & Leah Moon

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"YOUR LIBERALITY CAUSES THANKSGIVING"

Paul encouraged the Corinthians to fulfill their promise to make a financial contribution for helping their brethren who were in need. As a result of their carrying through on their promise, the apostle said in effect, "God will enrich you in every way for your gift, and your liberality causes us to give thanks to God" (see 2 Corinthians 9:11). The liberality of the West Erwin church is made possible by two things: (1) the rich blessings of God, and (2) the willing minds of our people to share what they have for the advancement of the cause of Christ. Last Sunday was the latest example of the outpouring of love and generosity by this great church. We gave and purposed \$480,000 toward our three-phase building program that includes a new benevolent center, an office and classroom complex, and a children's wing. This entire project is to be completed in about twenty four months, and by its completion we hope to have most of it paid for. Like the

Macedonians, you have first given yourselves unto the Lord (2 Corinthians 8:5); you have grown in the grace of giving (8:7); you have demonstrated the sincerity of your love (8:8); you have willing minds (8:12); you have responded to the confidence our leaders have in you (8:24); you have sown bountifully, have purposed, and have given cheerfully (9:6-7); you have positioned yourselves for even greater ability to give (9:8-11); and you have glorified God and made possible the giving of much thanks to God (9:12-15). Now, let us complete what we have begun (9:11). May God richly bless each one who has and will help and may this good church continue to move forward in the grace of God.

- Jay Lockhart

Special Note: Many will be fulfilling their pledges over the months ahead. As you give to our Building Fund, please clearly indicate this on your check.



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, December 19, 2004

by Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Name Above Every Name"
(Philippians 2:5-11)
5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture
"Revisiting Babel"
(Genesis 11:1-9)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS

Thanks to all who came to the party last Saturday. Thanks to all of the adults who helped. We had over 60 people present for that very fun evening!

Congratulations to all of our teens who go to Robert E Lee High School for winning the Football State Championship! Way to go gang!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen again on Dec. 20. This will be the "Christmas Dinner" for the Karing Kitchen. We are also preparing to hand out some "Stockings" filled with goodies for the families. Please bring various personal hygiene items like soap, shampoo, toiletry items (even hotel type items) or other goodies that would go well in a "stocking". We need these items by Sunday evening. Please continue to pray for this ministry!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SMALL GROUP FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

- When:** December 19 after evening worship
Where: Family Life Center
What to bring: A wrapped ornament for each child and for any adult who wishes to exchange an ornament
Food: Bring your favorite holiday finger foods and drink
Who: Everyone! If your small group is not meeting in December, then please join us!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

There are a lot of people who hate to hear the word **organization**. They hate to hear this word because quite frankly they are anything but organized. The word means "to arrange in a desired or appropriate pattern." That definition really shouldn't cause any of us to panic but rather it should motivate us to newer heights. If we were better organized we could (1) be at Bible School on time, (2) be more active in the Lord's work, and (3) be a great influence on those around us. Believe it or not, if we were more organized we might even save someone's life along the way. Let me offer the following illustration to back up my point. In 1879 the British sent a large army into Zulu land to protect their interest in South Africa. As the main army moved deeper into Zulu territory, a rear guard contingency of 100 men was left behind at a small encampment called Rorke's Drift. The main army (within hours of moving deeper into Zulu territory)

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YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Join us on Tuesday, Dec. 21, from 9:30-4:00. Please bring lunch money for Jason's and a Santa Hat. We will be working on gifts and preparing and doing a program for the nursing home. Don't miss it! Sign up by Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

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 Dec. 28-Jan. 2 Ski Trip

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Thank you in advance for the coins you have been saving in behalf of Christian Services of East Texas. I know every can will be appreciated. Please plan to bring your can back to the building during the month of December. You may leave them at the Visitors Center.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

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 Bring finger foods, snacks & games
 Everyone invited!

was attacked by 20,000 Zulu warriors and even though they fought bravely they were completely destroyed within a very short time span. The reason for this devastating defeat was the commander's failure to keep his soldiers in a tight and organized group. Later that night at Rorke's Drift the 100 British soldiers had to also defend their ground against a Zulu army of 4,000. They were outnumbered 40 to 1 but they fought bravely all through the night and early the next morning it became clear that the British had defeated the Zulus in what has gone down in history as one of the greatest last stand battles of all time. Approximately 17 British soldiers died and more Victorian Crosses were given at Rorke's Drift than during any other single battle in Britain's history. The reason for the defeat of the Zulus at Rorke's Drift was that the British soldiers were organized.

There is no telling what Christians could accomplish if we were just a little more organized in our efforts. We could be more faithful in attendance, we could be more involved in the Lord's work and we could better influence those around us. Guess what? Giving God the glory, we could also save a few souls along the way.



IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for all the love and care shown to me and my family in my recent illness. Each call, card, visit, and especially the prayers meant so much to us. Your continued prayers are appreciated.

Mary Haws

Many thanks to my church family for the encouragement and love shown to me and my family before and after my surgery. For your cards, calls, food, visits, and most of all your prayers.

In Christian Love,
 Emma Morgan

With thanks to Danny Snell, Tim and Patti Grounds! They are to be commended for their work with the Service group of our young people -- teaching them by word, and leading by example. I appreciate each and every one who helped me out -- raking and burning the leaves in my large yard. They are tops!

With love,
 Sue Starnes

We want to thank all our Christian friends for your cards, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital. This means so much for your cares!

In Christian Love,
 Larry & Jane Ground

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for every expression of thoughtfulness shown to us at the death of my father. We love and appreciate you.

Rob Hilliard

WITH SYMPATHY

Jean Dees, long time West Erwin member, died last Thursday night. Services were held Monday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Memorial services were held Tuesday in Rockledge, Florida, then services and burial in Huntsville, Alabama on Friday for Raymond Ferrell, husband of Barbara Massey Ferrell (daughter of the late James & Mildred Massey), and brother of Charleen Clayton, one of our Playschool teachers. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Beniley, Ryan Blackstone, Steven Cole, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, James Hunt, Jay Landon Jones, Kobe Kelley, Joe Kennedy, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Derek McCaghren, Blake McGee, Samuel Mink, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Seth Pace, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Nathan Silvers, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, Jordan White, Nathan Young.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All classes will meet as usual on Wednesday, December 22. The annual year end Citywide singing will meet this year at the Shiloh Road church on Wednesday, December 29. There will be no services at West Erwin that evening.

RESPONSE

Jerry Huff came Sunday to request the prayers, love and support of his church family that he might be the Christian God wants him to be and to be the husband and father he wants to be.



WEDDING INVITATION

God has led two loves to take one path

Jennifer Louise Cooley

and

Gary Gene Heath Jr.

Together with their parents

invite you to witness their vows

as they begin their joyful journey on

December eighteenth two thousand and four

at twelve o'clock noon

West Erwin Tyler, Texas

Reception following at Holiday Inn Select

5701 South Broadway

ADDRESS CHANGE: J.D., Anna & Ella Mitchell, 502 Windover, Bullard, 75757, ph. 520-7226/530-2378.

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Melanie Goodson, daughter of Cooper and Mary June Goodson, will graduate from Harding University December 18 with a Bachelor of Science degree. Her major is in kinesiology with a minor in health and missions. Congratulations, Melanie!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Justin Parrish was awarded the Senior First Degree Black Belt in Tae Kwondo on December 9. Quite an accomplishment for an 8 year old! Justin is the son of Jeff and Melissa Parrish, grandson of Don and Nerene Ingram and great grandson of Norene Ingram.

"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 18, 7:30 - 10:30 am, Shiloh Road Church of Christ, Cost: Adults - \$3.00, children - \$1.00

There are four steps to accomplishment:

- Plan purposefully;*
- Prepare prayerfully;*
- Proceed positively;*
- Pursue persistently.*

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Jack Beard, former member and deacon at West Erwin, invites you to help celebrate his 90th birthday Sunday, December 19 with a "come and visit" reception from 2-4:00 pm at the University Church of Christ. Come and help to honor Jack for his lifelong and continuing dedication to family and church.

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Records	Sunday December 5	Sunday November 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	455	403
Worship A.M.	579	616	594
Worship P.M.	351	389	364
Wed. P.M.	303	NC	324
Contribution	\$22,057.24	\$18,875.10	\$22,142.80
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 12 & Wednesday, Dec. 15: Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Jean Dees is in ETMC ICU. **D.L. Thompson** had a pacemaker implant Monday. **W.A. Monk** is in ETMC. **Linda Gillam** had hand surgery Wednesday. **Chuck Gillam** continues to have back problems. **Rex Power** is scheduled for a defibrillator implant Monday. **Betty Duncan-Clague, Henry McRuiz, Emma Morgan, Kathleen Nowell, and Susan Offut** are all recovering after recent surgeries. **Ruth Hearne** is recuperating at her daughter's in Albuquerque. **Buddy Kennedy**, Rita Sitton's brother, had skin cancer surgery this week. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt, Marjorie Cox, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister, Clelia Faye Elliott, Opal Ellis, Glenda Howell's mother, Marsha Farr, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, Rose Florence, Marjorie Moriole's aunt, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Mary Haws, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Iby Livingston, friend of the Carlos Morgans, Ray Martin, Sandie's dad, Shirley McClenny, Daisy Old, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables' brother, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, Nancy Tanksley, Will's grandmother, Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.**

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Ernest Bennett
Scripture: Chris Conder
Dismiss: Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Ernie Gordon

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Cameron Ables, Arnold Ables, Heath Adams, Stefan Andrews, Womack, Tony Adams, Kalon Ainsworth, Jim Armstrong, Greg Anding

GREETERS

Billy & Lynda Terrell & Payton Fedell
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Tanner Fedell
Bill & Barbara White & Austin Fisher
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards Dec. 12 & 19: Trey Jackson, Bryson Bellar, Grant Perkins, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 12:
Nursery a.m.: Kandi Adams; Nursery p.m.: Linda Marts;
Toddlers a.m.: Melissa Parrish & Rhonda Haws; Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables & Pam Lowry; 2's: David & Sharon Hammond; 3's & 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

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Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
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"LET US RISE UP AND BUILD" (Nehemiah 2:18)

Last Sunday our three-fold stage building program was presented to the congregation and was received with the interest, support, and enthusiasm we have come to expect from this great church. The first phase of our building project will be a new Benevolent Center. This Sunday we will launch this program with a groundbreaking for the Center. The second phase will be a new office complex and teen/adult classrooms in the old benevolent building. Then the third stage will be an addition to our Playschool and children's classrooms by the remodeling of our present office area and children's wing. As Bill Mullins, current chairman of our elders, announced Sunday, the total building project will take about eighteen months to complete at a cost of about 1.3 million dollars. This coming Sunday will be a day of celebration as we praise God for His blessings and give a special contribution for our building fund. Following our worship time together

we will assemble on the Bonner Street property to break ground for our new building. After that we will enjoy a meal together in our Family Life Center before dismissing for the day. What can you do in these important days?

- A. In regard to all of our work, you can fervently pray that God will give us success as we seek to further honor Him and better serve people.
- B. Concerning our meal together, you can provide vegetables, salads, and desserts. Everything else will be provided.
- C. As we approach the beginning of our building program, we can prayerfully consider what we can give this Sunday and we can pledge how much we can give over the next year toward this project. Please think about doing both!

The time is now. "Let us rise up and build."
- Jay Lockhart

"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, December 12, 2004
by Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Divine Motivation"
(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)

5:00 P.M. - No Evening Service Today Only

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* YOUTH WORKDAY

Thanks to all the young people who helped with the workday this past Saturday: Alex Mullins, Nathan Grounds, Ashley Fountain, Shannon Snell, Kara Murry, Hannah Grounds, Chris Scroggins, Chelsea Meazell, Jordan Snell, Sarah Grounds, Caleb Grounds, Ashley Laird & Dylan Laird. Thanks to Tim & Patti Grounds for putting this event together and sponsoring it.

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Dec. 12	Ground Breaking and Dinner
Dec. 19	Small Group Meetings
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Dec. 21	Youth Service Day
Dec. 28-Jan. 2	Ski Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SMALL GROUP FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

When: December 19 after evening worship

Where: Family Life Center

What to bring: A wrapped ornament for each child and for any adult who wishes to exchange an ornament

Food: Bring your favorite holiday finger foods and drink

Who: Everyone! If your small group is not meeting in December, then please join us!

NEW YEAR'S EVE GAME NIGHT

Family Life Center

7:00 pm - midnight

Bring finger foods, snacks & games
Everyone invited!

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Thank you in advance for the coins you have been saving in behalf of Christian Services of East Texas. I know every can will be appreciated. Please plan to bring your can back to the building during the month of December. You may leave them at the Visitors Center.

meet in room 111 on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings and we will still have a variety of activities. Really the only thing that will change is the name. I will begin teaching this group on Sunday mornings beginning December 12th and Joe Roach will teach them on Wednesday evenings. So, once these changes were made, that created another problem in my former class. I was scheduled to teach the "Adventurers" class that meets in the Family Life Center on Sunday mornings and since I couldn't be in two places at one time, I asked Don Crawford if he would consider teaching the FLC class. Don agreed and he will begin teaching that class on December 12. Don always does a great job teaching so I know that the Adventurers class is in for a treat. I think that is all of the changes that we've had to make to our format. I am excited about what the potential quarter has to offer us. Let's be sure to pick up a "Class Action" schedule that you will find at the entrances of our building. Make the changes listed above to that program and then select the class of your choice. We are looking forward to great attendance during this quarter. Be present and let's get ready to grow!



IN APPRECIATION

My sincere thanks to all of you for your concern and care for me during my surgery and the days that have followed. I really appreciate your prayers, visits, phone calls, and meals, but especially the love you have shown.

In Christian Love,
Susan Offutt

Just a note to thank you for your prayers and concern. My nephew, Curtis Buckley, is doing much better. His last test results were good. Thank you on behalf of his family.

In Christ,
Marjorie Moriole'

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Louisville Kentucky for Sada Bowman, Carolyn Carruth's aunt. Mary Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's mother, died last Wednesday morning in San Antonio. Memorial services will be held December 12 at the McArthur Church of Christ in San Antonio. (Memorials may be made to missionaries). Services were held last weekend for Sandy Laird, grandmother of Ashley and Dylan Laird. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Ryan Blackstone, Steven Cole, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, James Hunt, Jay Landon Jones, Kobe Kelley, Joe Kennedy, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Derek McCaghren, Blake McGee, Samuel Mink, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Seth Pace, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Nathan Silvers, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, Jordan White, Nathan Young.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

A breath of prayer in the morning
means a day of blessings sure,
A breath of prayer in the evening
means a night of rest secure.
A breath of prayer in our
means a clasp of a mighty hand.
A breath of prayer when we're lonely
means Someone to understand.
A breath of prayer in rejoicing
gives joy and added delight.
For they that remember God's goodness
go singing far into the night.
There's never a year nor a season
that prayer may not bless every hour,
And never a soul need be helpless
when linked to God's infinite power.
- author unknown.

BIBLE HOUR & KIDS FOR CHRIST

The West Erwin Bible Hour and Kids For Christ students will sing for the residents of Garden Estates on Sunday, December 19. We will meet at the Fellowship Hall and leave promptly at 5:00 pm and return by 6:00 pm.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

W.A. Monk, who has attended here for years when he is physically able would like to be identified as a member of the West Erwin family. His address is 15492 Nell Lynn Lane, 75707, ph. 566-6939. He has more recently been living with relatives in Lovelady due to ill health.



WEDDING INVITATION

God has led two loves to take one path

Jennifer Louise Cooley

and

Gary Gene Heath Jr.

Together with their parents

invite you to witness their vows

as they begin their joyful journey on
December eighteenth two thousand and four

at twelve o'clock noon

West Erwin, Taylor, Texas

Reception following at Holiday Inn Select

5701 South Broadway

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Buck and Kathleen Nowell on the celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary on December 2. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 354

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, December 18, 7:30 - 10:30 am

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Cost: Adults - \$3.00, children - \$1.00

HERITAGE ROOM PICTURES

Be sure and go by the Heritage Room and check out the pictures of former Ministers and Elders of West Erwin and other pictures of our history. Thanks to the Young at Heart Group for initiating having the pictures placed back into the Heritage Room and a special thanks to Darryl Hendrix and Forest McFadden for the actual framing and hanging of the pictures.

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All classes will meet as usual on Wednesday, December 22. The annual year end City-Wide singing will meet this year at the Shiloh Road church on Wednesday, December 29. There will be no services at West Erwin that evening.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in our area December 16. We are asked to donate: Honey Bunches of Oats cereal; peaches; laundry detergent; paper towels and GRAPE JUICE.

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Records	Sunday November 28	Sunday November 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	455	396	391
Worship A.M.	616	651	602
Worship P.M.	389	380	335
Wed. P.M.	NC	271	NC
Contribution	\$18,875.10	\$20,708.87	\$20,896.46
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 5 & Wednesday, Dec. 8: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Jean Dees is in ETMC following a car accident. **Kathleen Nowell** is at home after shoulder surgery Tuesday. **Betty Duncan-Clague** is back in ETMC with an embedded gallstone. **Nina Crow, Beverly Hale, Ruth Hearne, Henry McRuiz, Emma Morgan, and Susan Offut** are all recovering after recent surgeries. **Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother, is in Health South after a stroke. **Nancy Tanksley**, Will's grandmother, is recovering after surgery in Hartsville, Alabama. **Rose Florence**, Marjorie Moriole's aunt, is recovering after major surgery in Longview. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown**, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Marjorie Cox, Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Karla Dalrymple**, friend of Michele Kuechle, **Hallie Durkee**, Betty Sue Harris' sister, **Clelia Faye Elliott, Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Mary Haws, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Sandy Laird**, Ashley & Dylan Laird's grandmother, **Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, **Shirley McClenny, Daisy Old, Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, **Bonnie Peterson**, Carlos Morgan's sister, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner**, Esther Wilson's brother, & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

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Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Scottie Hart
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Daniel DuPree
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Curtis Elmore
Scripture Don Crowder
Dismiss Dan Cullinan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
David Wicks Charles Westerfeld
Kyle Willoughby Ira Wilson
Fred Wingate Randall Wilson
Bill White Ray Womack

GREETERS
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Tyler DuVall
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Grant DuVall
James & Connie Sublette & Jamie Ellis
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Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Dec. 5: Casey Bellar, Grant Perkins, Caleb Grounds, George Richardson, Sean Denman.

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DECEMBER 5 AND 12

These dates are "red letter" days for the West Erwin church! First, there is December 5. On this day the sermon time will be divided into three parts: There will be a short video presentation emphasizing who we are, and what we are commissioned by Christ to do, and a vision for fulfilling our mission in a more effective way than ever before; there will be an explanation by Bill Mullins, current chairman of our elders, of our future building plans; and there will be an exhortation from Jay Lockhart. Then on December 12 we will have a variety of activities. First, we will have our regular Bible classes at 9:00 a.m. Second, during our worship time at 10:00 a.m. we will be given the opportunity to participate in our annual end-of-the-year special contribution and this year it will go to our three-phase building project. Third, following worship we will go to the Bonner Street property for the ground breaking for our new Benevolent

Center. Finally, we will assemble in our Family Life Center for a dinner together and a short program before we are dismissed for the day. These will be exciting days and you won't want to miss either of them. Be one of 700 present for worship on December 5!

Some Notes. For more than a year prayerful planning has been going on to see how we can best serve God, our families, and our community from the heart of Tyler. I believe every conceivable plan for enlarging our facilities, for becoming even more children and family friendly, and for continued growth has been carefully examined. Now, with much help from many, we have arrived at a threefold plan to meet our needs and our elders, with vision and faith, are asking for our support. We need your help, your excitement, and your involvement as we "rise up and build" (Nehemiah 2:18).
- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, December 5, 2004
by Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Let Us Rise Up And Build"
(Nehemiah 2:17, 18)
5:00 P.M. - "The Psalms: Portraits of God and Man"
(Psalm 9:1, 2, 11)

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COMMUNITY

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

The devil's specialty is to surround people with condemning thoughts. "You did that! You really messed up again! You are not what you want others to think you are." And then his victims hardly feel like living. He has made us feel unworthy to go to church. He has kept us from opening our Bibles. He has convinced us there is no hope of change. Satan wants to cover up the fact that our God is merciful to everyone who has messed up. In fact, God delights in mercy. God's specialty is forgiving and putting our sins out of His sight (Hebrews 8:12). He delights in taking failures and even weaving them into the ancestry of His own Son.

James said it this way, "Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13). God has shown and continues to show us

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

My favorite holiday of the year, Thanksgiving, just passed and it always causes me to pause and to be extremely thankful for all that I have. I know we should always be thankful but there is something about this holiday that really brings it home. It causes me to reflect on just how good we have it here in the good ole' U.S.A. We are truly blessed. Financially, even though at times it seems like we might be cutting it close, the money has always been there. In this regard (as Jay has often said from the pulpit) we are the richest nation on earth. In fact, you could add up the GNP of all the European economies and when compared to the United States the closest that all of those countries' economies combined get to us is 66%. We have more freedoms than any other nation. We have been a democracy for 228 years with many rights, including the right to worship together without fear of being persecuted by our government. Perhaps we need to remember to thank God for our freedom. Please read carefully the following statements as made by *Dinesh D'Souza* (immigrant

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how we are to live and treat one another. Mercy will always triumph over judgment.

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

This Sunday two Shepherding groups will meet for a potluck lunch at the Family Life Center just after the morning worship. The groups are Don Durham's and Ron Lott's groups. Please make plans to be a part of that gathering. At the same time we wish to invite all our guests to stay and enjoy lunch with these two groups. Afterward a tour of the West Erwin facility will be offered to all who have the desire to learn more about who we are.

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from India to the United States). "America offers a degree of mobility and opportunity unavailable elsewhere. Only in America could the son of an Indian army officer become a billionaire. America's greatness is that it has extended the benefits of affluence, traditionally available to the privileged few, to a large segment in society. America is a country where "poor" people often have a television set, a microwave oven, and where a maid or sanitation worker can drive nice cars, and take nice vacations, even sometimes to places like Europe. When I arrived to America I discovered, to my delight, that everything works. The roads were clean, the plumbing worked, and the telephone always had a dial tone. I could even buy things from the store and if it was damaged or even if I decided I didn't need this item, I could take it back for a refund...I truly am grateful to call myself an American citizen." Let me add one thing that all of us are grateful for that Dinesh D'Souza didn't add: I'm grateful that I can assemble with my brothers and sisters in Christ each 1st day of the week. Let's pray that the world will come to know this kind of freedom soon.



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and especially prayers before and after my surgery. Also thanks for the encouragement given to me. Please keep me in your prayers. I love you all.
Louise Culpepper

Many thanks to my family in Christ for the out-pouring of love and concern shown by you regarding my recent surgery and recovery. The numerous cards, calls of concern, and most of all your prayers will always be remembered.

With the love of the Lord,
Sue Carty

Travis Self, the 17 year old boy (friend of the Seaberrys) who recently had a liver transplant and for whom we have been praying, is back in school. They are very pleased with his progress and they appreciate our prayers.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last weekend in LaDonna, Texas for Rob Hilliard's dad. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jim and Carol Armstrong on the birth of a new grandson! Carson Dale Prinz was born Sunday, November 28, to Greg and Joni Prinz. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. And was 20 inches long.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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BAPTISMS!



Tanner Fedell, son of Rick and Karen Fedell, was baptized into Christ by his dad Sunday. **Jared Jordan**, son of Curt and Kim Jordan, was assisted in putting his Lord on in baptism by his dad also. We rejoice with these two young men in making the most important decision of their lives. They are both from fine families and have "grown up in the church" and they are to be commended for their commitment to live their lives for Christ.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Janice Hardaway and **Louise Harris** came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. We are very pleased to welcome these ladies into our family. Janice's address is 3310 Oak Knoll Dr., 75707, ph. 566-3716. Louise is the mother of Keith and Michael and her address is 2100 Bernice, 75701, ph. 593-8123.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring
Stephanie (Miles) Ruddell
Sunday, December 5, 3:30-4:30
Family Life Center
Selections: Target
(It's a boy!)

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bob Paul and Barbara Weatherman, who were united in marriage Saturday, November 27. Our best wishes for a long and happy life together are extended to them. Their new address is 409 Hide-A-Way Lane East, Hideaway, TX 75771, ph. 903-882-5429.

THE GREATEST GIFT

The greatest gift:
Cannot be purchased in a store.
Cannot be wrapped in a pretty package.
But it can be seen:
In the eyes of a child.
Heard in the words of kindness.
In the embrace of a friend.

The greatest gift is the gift of LOVE.
"Thanks be to God for His unspeakable gift."
- copied

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in our area the week of **December 13-17**. West Erwin is asked to donate: Honey Bunches of Oats cereal; Peaches; Laundry detergent; Paper towels. They also have a shortage of GRAPE JUICE.

LADIES PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m. then will be dismissed until after the first of the year.

Nov. 25, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 45
Records	Sunday November 21	Sunday November 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	396	426	412
Worship A.M.	651	658	633
Worship P.M.	380	400	375
Wed. P.M.	271	281	NC
Contribution	\$20,708.87	\$20,391.08	\$20,437.93
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 28 & Wednesday, Dec. 1: Don Ingram, 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Betty Duncan-Clague had gall bladder surgery Tuesday. **Sue Carty, Nina Crow, Beverly Hale, Ruth Hearne, Henry McRuiz, Emma Morgan, Susan Offut and Sue Starnes** are all recovering after recent surgeries. **Cathy Goodson and Carolyn McCune** are both recuperating at home. **Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother, is in Health South after a stroke. **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister in Houston, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Karla Dalrymple**, friend of Michele Kuechle in North Carolina, is very ill with a spinal infection and meningitis. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Marjorie Cox, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Clelia Faye Elliott, Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Cathy Goodson, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Brittany Hacker, Sondra Ramsour's niece, Leona Hardin, Mary Haws, Doris Hill, Lowrane Canada'a sister-in-law, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Sandy Laird, Ashley & Dylan Laird's grandmother, Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Ray Martin, Sandie's dad, Shirley McClenny, Carolyn McCune, Daisy Old, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables' brother, Bonnie Peterson, Carlos Morgan's sister, Terry Sills, Ron's brother, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Rose Teel, Harley Turner, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.**

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer J.D. Mitchell
Scripture Lee Mink
Dismiss Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Alan Montgomery
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Carlos Morgan
Scripture Alex Mullins
Dismiss Hutton Moon

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

David Wicks Charles Westerfeld
Kyle Willoughby Ira Wilson
Fred Wingate Randall Wilson
Bill White Ray Womack

GREETERS
Fred & Sara Powell & Preston Conder
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Dru Dawkins
Shaun & Joanna Stamps & Caylee Stamps
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Nov. 28 & Dec. 5: Casey Bellar, Grant Perkins, Caleb Grounds, George Richardson, Sean Denman.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 28:
Nursery a.m.: Julie Ables; Nursery p.m.: Candy Montgomery; Toddlers a.m.: Lisa & Shannon Snell; Toddlers p.m.: Judy Yates & Ruth Ellis; 2's: Kenna Kempton & Dr. Monique Mills; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Hale.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.	Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	(903) 592-0809
	11:30 A.M.		

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THANKSGIVING

My friend of many years and a fellow preacher, Clarence DeLoach, submitted these words from Maurice Hall, a man who gave his life to ministry in foreign lands:


- If you own just one Bible, you are abundantly blessed. One third of the world does not have access to even one.
- If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive the week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of the battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.
- If you attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest or torture or death, you are more blessed than almost three billion people in the world.
- If you have food in your refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof over your head, and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.

- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish somewhere, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If you can read this message, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read anything at all.

As you gather in comfortable homes with loved ones and friends to enjoy a bountiful feast during the Thanksgiving holiday, remember your blessings "and be thankful" (Colossians 3:15). Of all the people in all the world throughout all of history, we are the most blessed.

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord!
Let us shout joyfully to the
Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before His Presence
With Thanksgiving (Psalm 95:1-2)

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, November 28, 2004
by Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Lord, Teach Us To Pray"
(Luke 11:1-4)

5:00 P.M. - "New Testament Words For Worship"
(John 4:19-24)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to several of our teens who have some recent accomplishments.

Lindsey Lott was invited to attend a breakfast honoring the top 10 students at Brookhill. Way to go Lindsey!

Patrick Garrett and the Lindale High Band went to the State Marching Contest recently and won 1st Place in the Military Bands and 9th overall. They also went to the National Marching Band Contest and won 3rd place overall. Way to go Patrick!

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Our Middle School Retreat was a huge success. We had 28 of our young people and sponsors who went this year along with 150 others. Eric Thornton spoke to our groups about the things that hold us back from being what God wants us to be. He did a great job. Thanks to the following who served as High School Counselors and sponsors: Cayti Bynum, Scotty Hart, Jordan Rouseau, Barry Scarborough, Shaun Stamps & Wendy Culpepper. Thanks guys, you were a blessing to our teens.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

1 Samuel 10 tells about Saul becoming Israel's first king. Samuel stood Saul before the people and said, "Do you see the man the Lord has chosen? There is no one like him among all the people." And the people shouted, "Long live the king!" (:25) says Samuel explained to the people the "regulations of the kingship."

We are so blessed to live in a democracy of the people, by the people, and for the people, but we must remember the kingdom of God is just that -- a kingdom. It's ruled by a King. The laws of His kingdom are not subject to popular opinion or voting. We do not challenge the laws of the kingdom through protest. His laws are not swayed by what we think would be good for us. Therefore, just as Samuel explained the regulations of the kingship to the

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

My class on Sunday mornings has been involved in a study entitled: *The Irony Of John*. Each week we look at different ironic statements from the book of John and we try to make application to our lives today. I have really enjoyed this study. I suppose this study has made me keenly aware of other ironic events or statements that take place in the world. For example, did you know that Charles Darwin's (the father of evolution) old house in England is being restored? The roof is caving in, the walls of his study are rotting out, and there are woodworms in virtually every room in the house. It's a mess! To me, the irony of all of this is that this man, Charles Darwin, actually became famous and popularized the idea to billions of people that the whole world and the universe that surrounds us it simply made itself. He sold books that said we came from chaos to cosmos and from the simplest to the most complex just by chance. But not all of us bought into this nonsense. It is quite easy to just take a look around and see that the very opposite is true. Everything

KARING KITCHEN

A huge "Thanks" to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We served our Thanksgiving Meal to over 120 people. Please continue to pray for this ministry!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are working putting our teams together for Video Bible Drama. Video Bible Drama will meet from 7:00-8:00 on Dec. 1, 8 & 15. They will also meet Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4:00.

If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details on meeting times.

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be over Luke 11-18 in January. The study sheets are ready.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 28
Dec. 4
Dec. 5
Dec. 11
Dec. 20

Middle & High School-Out To Eat Service Project Day
High School Devotional
Youth Group Holiday Party
West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

people, we too must be instructed in kingdom principles since our culture does not foster us in kingdom ways.

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ" (Rev. 12:10).

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The Benevolent Center is in need of clothing for children to teenage sizes and plus sizes for women. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off anytime during the weekday or after church services. Thank you.

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Thank you in advance for the coins you have been saving in behalf of Christian Services of East Texas. I know every can will be appreciated. Please plan to bring your can back to the building during the month of December. You may leave them at the Visitors Center.

we have has a design, and if it has a design then it must have a designer. In the case of Darwin's house it was designed and created and over the years it has served its purpose and has fallen into ruin. By the way, the fact that things that are new eventually turn old and fall into ruin is known as one of the *laws of thermodynamics*, a concept we can find in the Bible. The elaborate diagrams, drawings and charts that make up the *theory of evolution* attempt to tell us that there is no design to the universe therefore there is no designer. Yet Charles Darwin's own house in England screams out that this theory cannot be true.

Our college class on Wednesday evenings (starting in December) will be looking at the topic of *Christian Evidence*. Joe Roach will be teaching this class. I don't know if he will dive into any of these topics but I do know that he will thoroughly research each and every topic that he presents, so let me encourage all of our college age students to attend these timely classes. Let's continue to pray for our college students as they study to show themselves approved.



IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, and meals after the arrival of our son, Ethan. Your love and care is very much appreciated.

Jonathan & Laurie Stone

Thanks to you, my wonderful brothers and sisters at West Erwin, for your prayers, cards, and expressions of concern during my surgery and recovery. I love you all.

Gene Chandler

I wanted to say thank you for the cards, calls, food, and visits during my surgery and recovery time. I feel blessed especially by your prayers.

In Christian love,
Beverly Hale

Thank you so much for all of expressions of care and concern during my recent surgery and ongoing recovery. A special thanks for the visits, phone calls, cards, and food. Most of all I thank you for your prayers.

Rose Teel

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in our area the week of December 13-17. West Erwin is asked to donate: Honey Bunches of Oats cereal; Peaches; Laundry detergent; Paper towels. Other items collected are also appreciated.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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COUNT WHAT COUNTS

Count your garden by the flowers,
never by the leaves that fall;
Count your days by golden hours,
don't remember clouds at all.
Count the nights by stars, not shadows,
Count your life by smiles, not tears,
and with joy on every birthday,
Count your age by friends, not years.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!



We are very pleased to welcome Ernest and Gail Bennett into the West Erwin family. They will be a great asset to the work of the Lord at this place. Their address is 3700 McDonald Rd., #219, 75701, ph. 565-6019.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Stephanie (Miles) Ruddell Sunday, December 5, 3:30-4:30 Family Life Center Selections: Target (It's a boy!)

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Stefan & Rebecca Andrews, 11345 Preakness, Flint, 75762.

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

Do you love children? If so, the West Erwin Playschool needs you on their substitute teacher list. Please call Terry Shaw if you are interested in helping out on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15. (This is a paid position).

"Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also."

Nov. 18, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 44
Records	Sunday November 14	Sunday November 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	426	424	419
Worship A.M.	658	592	606
Worship P.M.	400	297	363
Wed. P.M.	281	300	310
Contribution	\$20,391.08	\$17,892.56	\$16,781.28
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 21 & Wednesday, Nov. 24: Greg Jones, ph. 565-437. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Emma Morgan had back surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Larry Ground** is in ETMC for tests. **Sue Starnes** had a skin cancer removed from her nose Tuesday. **Beverly Hale** is recuperating after gall bladder surgery. **Sue Carty** got a good report after thyroid surgery. **Morris Hallman** got a good report after recent tests. **Ruth Hearne** is Health South Rehab. **Henry McRuiz** and **Susan Offut** are both recovering after foot surgeries. **Louise Culpepper** will begin radiation treatment. **Cathy Goodson** and **Carolyn McCune** are both recuperating at home. **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, had brain surgery again. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, is in cardiac ICU after recent heart surgery in Dallas. **Bonnie Peterson**, Carlos Morgan's sister, is recovering after recent surgery. **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, cancer is now in her lung. **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is very ill in Longview. **Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother, is in Health South after a stroke. **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister in Houston, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, is having lung problems. **Bill Barnes**, Tommy Price's cousin, needs prayers.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Doug Yates
Prayer: Glen May
Scripture: Jim Mayer
Dismiss: Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Wayne Berryman
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Mike McClenny
Scripture: Jim McDonald
Dismiss: Henry McRuiz

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Greg Walker: Wynne Weathers
Pete Wemmert: Ross Weathers
Leon Welborn: Walker Weathers
Don Weathers: Wade Weathers

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Kaitlyn Carder
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Lacie Carpenter
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Pick up cards Nov. 21: Steven Figueroa, Parker Hall, Bryson Bellar, Zach Skender, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 21:
Nursery a.m.: Candy Montgomery; Nursery p.m.: Julie Ables; Toddlers a.m.: Kandi Adams & Kathy Means; Toddlers p.m.: Freida Starr & Laurie Dawkins; 2's: Jason & Jennifer Paltjon; 3's & 4's: Marc & Ginger Philpot.

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Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
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SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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"ON SILENCE AND CONSENT"

My friend, Lance Cordle, is one of the finest young preachers I know. He has preached for the growing Calvert City, Kentucky church for several years and is an excellent Bible student, preacher, teacher, and writer. I receive many church bulletins in the mail each week, but none do I appreciate more than the one Lance edits. It is filled with good articles written by Lance, Craig Evans, the Youth Minister, and guest writers. Recently Lance printed an article by John Gipson, a prolific writer who has been associated with one congregation in Little Rock for about three decades. In the article John referred to Judge Judy of television fame. It seems that a young man was engaged to house sit for two weeks while the owner went on vacation. The lady left the young man detailed instructions about what he was to do, along with permission to eat any food in the house. During the two weeks the young man did something for which he did not have permission. He drove the owner's car and caused damage of over \$1,000. When he appeared before Judge

Judy his defense was, "She didn't say I couldn't drive her car." Judge Judy asked the young man, "If you saw my car on the street, would you take it for a drive?" No," he replied. "Why not?" The judge asked. "I didn't say you couldn't drive it." The judge's decision? She ruled that silence did not give consent and the house sitter owed for the damage incurred because he drove the car without permission. Is there a lesson here for the religious world? Is it reasonable to argue that in religion we can do anything we want in the service to God because the Bible doesn't say we can't do it? Wouldn't it be better to ask, "Where does the Bible authorize it?" Strange, isn't it? Many folks use arguments in an effort to justify something in religion that they would never use in other areas of their lives. John Gipson's article closes with this question: "Have you ever heard the expression, 'Speak where the Bible speaks, and remain silent where the Bible is silent?'"

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, November 21, 2004
by Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Preach The Word"
(2 Timothy 4:1-5)

5:00 P.M. - "Worship and the Old Testament Prophets"
(Malachi 3:16-18)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Nov. 22 for our annual Thanksgiving meal. If you are interested in helping, be here by 5:00. Please pray for this ministry!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will not meet for the remainder of November. We will resume our Bible Study later. Watch for more details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 19-21 are the dates for the Middle School Retreat. We will have 6 churches from the area at Lakeview Encampment in Lone Star. The theme for this year is ZERO Gravity. We will meet at the church at 5:00 on Friday and return in time for church on Sunday. Call me if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

What uplifting news we read each morning. Tuesday, November 16, we read about the 7,315 babies who were born to girls 10-14 in 2002. As if that was not enough, the writer went on to tell us the numbers were down 38% during the past eight years and the number of girls 10-14 climbed 16% making us think a 54% improvement. The director of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy was quoted in the article which made me wonder where's the National Campaign for Parenting hiding? We are talking about children having children! Then the last statement in the article said, "This is something distressing to everybody." Distressing! This is something that ought to bring every Christian to their knees. If you are having trouble praying, try praying

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

What a wonderful night we had at the Snell's home for our annual preschool through 5th grade hay ride. We had a fantastic turnout and the weather cooperated perfectly. All of our little ones had a lot of fun as they had the chance to fellowship with each other, eat a good meal, hear a lesson from God's Word, and go on a nice, bumpy and sometimes frightening hay ride. The frightening part was compliments of our Junior High and High School students and perhaps a little help from the Hancocks. This was our second annual hay ride and judging from the results (Lord willing) we will have another one next year. I'd like to personally thank the Snells and the Hancocks for letting us use their property and for all the work that they put into this event. It was really a special night for the kids. Hopefully we will have some additional events for this age group in the not so distant future. Let's all work together and let's see if we can grow this group into a successful ministry for the cause of Christ.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are working putting our teams together for Video Bible Drama. Thanks to all of you for signing up in a timely manner. If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details on meeting times.

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to the following young people who did an outstanding job: Nathan, Chloe, Shannon, Sara, Hannah, Brittany, Kelsi, Amye, Daniel, Kaylee, Maselyn, Dalton, Justin, Sara, Jordan, Spencer, Jessica & Brittney. Way to go guys!

The next quiz will be over Luke 11-18 in January. The study sheets are ready.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 19-21	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 21	Small Groups
Nov. 22	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Dec. 4	Service Project Day
Dec. 11	Youth Group Holiday Party

through the daily paper -- maybe that's why all this is printed in the first place. If you have a little girl 10-14 this is your wake-up call to teach her how much God loves her and how much He cares about her and what His plans are for her. Be the parent that she needs.

CLOTHING NEEDED

The Benevolent Center is in need of clothing for children to teenage sizes and plus sizes for women. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Donations may be dropped off anytime during the weekday or after church services. Thank you.

Worship is a Response

**Observing makes you a consumer
Consumers become takers, not givers**

Words cannot express my gratitude to several of our members who have pitched in and have worked many hard hours in trying to form a college ministry. People like Jon Murry, Barry Scarborough, Terry Lowry, and Joe Roach are key to the success of this ministry. We now have a great core group of college students who are extremely active in this ministry. We will use this core group to build upon and hopefully, in the not so distant future, we will have a ministry that is making a difference in the lives of our college students. I can assure you that these college students love to fellowship with each other, but it really goes further than fellowshiping together. They have a great prayer life and they have a great zeal to evangelize the lost. It is not uncommon for them to come by the office or to call me on the phone, or catch me after class, to tell me of someone they are praying for or that they have come in contact with and it is their hope that this particular person will respond to the gospel. We all know the impact that our college students can have on their peers. Let's pray for them continually and offer our support to them as we build this ministry to the glory of God.



IN APPRECIATION

The flowers were beautiful, singing, service, and lunch were wonderful. You are so dear to my heart!

Elaine Roberson and family

Thank you to all our friends at West Erwin. It was good to see so many of you after such a long time. Sad it takes a death to see each other. Much thanks to Jay and the ladies for the food. We love you all.

A.Z. & Pauline Aven

Travis, Sonja, Gary & families

Thanks to everyone who prayed for me during my recent health problems. Your caring and concern was appreciated.

Morris Hallman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Chris Montgomery
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Brad Murrell
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Seth Pace
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Nathan Silvers
Ryan Blackstone	Jay Landon Jones	Robert Songer
Steven Cole	Kobe Kelley	Russell Spicher
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Paul Stambaugh
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Kyle Stowers
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Derek McCaghren	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Jordan White
Scott Gray	Samuel Mink	Nathan Young

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THE GOLDEN RULE

Matthew 7:12

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 signing 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.

Care for others because you need others to care for you.

Forgive others because you want others to forgive you.

Be there for others because someday you will need others there for you.

Compliment 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.

- The Bulletin Digest

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

David and Paula Gravley and daughter, Lauren, came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They come to us from the South Main church in Henderson. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset to the work of the Lord at this place. Their address is 501 East Elm, Overton, 75684, ph. 834-6026.

RESPONSE

Chris Scroggins came to request the prayers of his church family that he might be forgiven of wrong doing in his life and that he might be a stronger Christian example.



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower
Honoring

Jennifer Cooley

Bride-elect of Gary Heath, Jr.

Sunday, November 21, from 3:30 - 4:30

at the Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Linens N Things, Dillard's
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Jeff and Brenda Holland, our missionaries in Togo, West Africa, are expecting their third child in May. Brenda has been having some flu like health problems. Your prayers are appreciated.

WHAT MAKES A GREAT CHURCH?

Not big budgets, but big hearts;

Not money received, but services rendered;

Not tall buildings, but lofty vision;

Not record-breaking attendance, but God's presence;

Not frantic motion, but dedicated action;

Not soft seats and bright lights, but courageous leadership;

Not loud talking, but quiet doing;

Not members in beautiful clothes, but members living Godly lives;

Not preachers telling it their way, but preachers stressing truth,

Not actions in the past, but things being done now!

NEEDED: two more teams for cooking on Tuesday mornings. If you can help, please see Louise Seaberry. (It's a lot of fun!)

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in our area the week of December 13-17. West Erwin is asked to donate: Honey Bunches of Oats cereal; Peaches; Laundry detergent; Paper towels. Other items collected are also appreciated.

FYI - The inside of the bulletin goes to the printer at noon on Tuesdays, the outside (the prayer and care list) is turned in Wednesday at noon. Any information you wish to be included in the bulletin needs to be in the church office no later than Tuesday morning.

Nov. 11, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 43
Records	Sunday November 7	Sunday October 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	424	394	391
Worship A.M.	592	588	598
Worship P.M.	297	376	315
Wed. P.M.	300	300	345
Contribution	\$17,892.56	\$17,892.56	\$19,853.53
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 14 & Wednesday, Nov. 17: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Sue Carty had thyroid surgery Friday. **Morris Hallman** is having more tests. **Ruth Hearne** is Health South Rehab after double knee replacement. **Louise Culpepper** had breast cancer surgery last week. **Henry McRuiz** had outpatient foot surgery Tuesday. **Susan Offut** had foot surgery Thursday. **Les Carruth** had eye surgery Thursday. **Glynn Starnes** had eye surgery Thursday. **Gene Chandler** will have another surgery later. **Mary Haws** is now in Briarcliff Village. **Carolyn McCune** is at home. **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, had additional brain surgery Monday. **Cathy Goodson** is recuperating at home. **Bonnie Peterson**, Carlos Morgan's sister, is in Mother Frances after surgery Tuesday. **Terry Sills**, Ron's brother, is hospitalized in Abilene with pneumonia. **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is very ill in Longview. Continue to remember **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown**, **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Marjorie Cox**, **Clelia Faye Elliott**, **Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**, **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, **Leona Hardin**, **Doris Hill**, Lowrane Canada's sister-in-law, **John & Mabel Holbert**, **Modena Jones**; **Sandy Laird**, Ashley & Dylan Laird's grandmother, **Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Shirley McClenny**, **Daisy Old**, **Buddy Smith**, **Connie Sublette**'s brother, **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Pattie Tate**, **Rose Teel**, **Harley Turner**, Esther Wilson's brother, & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship	Doug Yates
Prayer	David Asbill
Scripture	Nick Blaylock
Dismiss	James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	David Blaylock
Scripture	Gary Broome
Dismiss	Michael Bozeman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Greg Walker	Wynne Weathers
Pete Wemmert	Ross Weathers
Leon Welborn	Walker Weathers
Don Weathers	Wade Weathers

GREETERS

Gene & Leah Moon & Bradley Asbill
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Brittany Asbill
Bill & Donna Mullins & Betsy Asbill
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard
Bill & Judy Wilmeth

Pick up cards Nov. 14 & Nov. 21: Steven Figueroa, Parker Hall, Bryson Bellar, Zach Skender, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 14:
Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon; Nursery p.m.: Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers a.m.: Sharon Ketchum & Shirley Denman; Toddlers p.m.: Suggs Family; 2's: Daniel & Kim DuPrec; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

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"THE REIGN OF SELF"

What shall we do to attract more people to the Christ of the gospel? I am willing to do anything that is right, that does not violate Scripture, and is helpful in getting people's attention. We want our image as a church in the community to be good, our building and grounds to be attractive, our people to be friendly to those who visit. We want our service to those in need to be genuine and helpful, our worship to be upbeat, our attention to young families to be a priority, and our love and unity to be apparent to all. Additionally, we want to provide a friendly atmosphere in which people have a sense of belonging, a place for everyone to serve, and activities that meet the needs of people. However, we must remember our real mission in the world is the salvation of the lost and, to this end, we preach the gospel, build up the church, and care for the needy. We should also remember that we cannot and need not compete with

show business, secular universities, or the National Football League. Further, we want to remember that whatever means we use to attract people, the time comes when everyone must be confronted with the person, the purpose, and yes, the demand of Christ. Christ is the Son of God; He came to seek and save the lost by His death and resurrection; and His demand is still that those who will follow Him must "deny themselves," "take up the cross," "obey," "do," and "become." In the first century multitudes followed Christ when they received loaves and fish, but when He spoke of heaven's demand, many turned away. Jesus is Lord as well as Savior. He is King as well as Benefactor. He is Master as well as servant. He reigns. He rules. He makes His demand. He wants to be on the throne of our hearts. There is room for only one on that throne. Unless we honor His demand, we are recognizing nothing more than the reign of self.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, November 14, 2004

by Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "In Remembrance of Me"
(Luke 22:19-20)

5:00 P.M. - "Who May Ascend Into the Hill of the Lord"
(Psalm 24:3-5)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

We are working putting our teams together for Video Bible Drama. Thanks to all of you for signing up in a timely manner. If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details on meeting times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be over Luke 6-10 on Monday, Nov. 15. Please be at the Shiloh Rd. Church @ 6:45. After the Quiz, we will go to Braum's on Troup Highway for Ice Cream. Parents can pick you up @ 8:30.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Nov. 19-21 are the dates for the Middle School Retreat. We will have 6 churches from the area at Lakeview Encampment in Lone Star. The theme for this year is ZERO Gravity. We will meet at the church at 5:00 on Friday and return in time for church on Sunday. Call me if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will not meet for the remainder of November. We will resume our in December. Watch for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 14	Middle School Devotional
Nov. 15	East Texas Bible Quiz
Nov. 19-21	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 21	Small Groups
Nov. 22	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Dec. 4	Service Project Day

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

How Long Has It Been?

How long since you read Romans 12? Listen to (:6-8) again: *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach, if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."* Paul says we are not all wired the same. We are geared differently and no gear is more important to the body than another. We each have a place in the unfolding mission of our Lord.

Second, our concern is to provide a place so that each Christian will have the opportunity to use his gift and to make sure we are never guilty of standing in the way of God's working.

Perhaps God has blessed you with a gift and for some reason you have not found the place to use that gift. I would be happy to help you find that place so that you may glorify our Father who gave it to you.

Clothing Needed

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Thank you.

Tyler Area College Fair

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www.tylercollegefair.com for colleges coming

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

One person seeking glory doesn't accomplish much. Success is the result of people pulling together to meet common goals. In other words, if we are to be successful, it will take teamwork. During this year's baseball season the Boston Red Sox perhaps displayed the idea of teamwork better than any other team. There seemed to be a genuine atmosphere of working together for a common cause. Of course, that common cause was to win the World Series. It is apparent from the management to the players they all set their sights on winning the prize but when you look at how they assimilated the best team in baseball you might be surprised to find that it came over the course of several years. The groundwork was laid back in 2000 for the success of this team. It was in 2000 that key players were added to the roster and from that moment on things slowly but surely fell into place. It is said that patience is a virtue and in this case their vision finally became a reality. Sometimes I hear Bible teachers say that they don't feel like they are making an impact on their students. I

have been teaching Bible classes for 20+ years now (sometimes as many as 19 classes a week) and I can empathize with those teachers who sometimes wonder if they are making an impact on their students' lives. However, before you give up and walk away you might want to give it a little more time. Being patient was a virtue that I had to learn. Many of my former students are faithful Christians today. Some of them serve the church in leadership roles. Some of them organize and teach in the ladies ministry. Some of them preach the gospel. Many of them are teachers. I feel truly blessed to be called a teacher and I am so thankful that I didn't walk away from this role 20+ years ago.

Not only did I learn that patience is a virtue but I also learned the principle of teamwork. I learned that by myself I could do little, but with others surrounding me I could do much more. Let's rely on our team here at West Erwin and let's make a difference in the lives of our students. Remember what I said earlier: one person seeking glory doesn't accomplish much. Success is the result of people pulling together to meet common goals. Let's succeed!



IN APPRECIATION

To the Church Family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, prepared foods and support that you have given my Dad the his past year and to Dad and Mom through the years. We hold you all dear to our hearts. Thank you.

Because of Jesus,
Elton & Kathy McCoy & family
Ellen McCollum & Family

To thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. You mean so much to all of us. We love you all.
Elaine Roberson & kids

WITH SYMPATHY

George Albright, Leah Moon's grandfather, died last weekend in Shreveport. Services were held Wednesday in Chandler for Jimmy Suggs, Stuart Suggs' uncle. Our sincere sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ron and Otelia Sills on the birth of a granddaughter! Daija Elizabeth was born October 25 and weighed 5 lb. 15 oz.

Address Changes:

Curtis Elmore, P.O. Box 8943, 75711
Scott & Shara Hobson, P.O. Box 485, Hooks, TX 75561

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Chris Montgomery
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Brad Murrell
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Seth Pace
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Demecia Rogers
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Jared Sebastian
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Nathan Silvers
Ryan Blackstone	Jay Landon Jones	Robert Songer
Steven Cole	Joe Kennedy	Russell Spicher
Craig Cooper	Greg Lowe	Paul Stambaugh
Casey Culpepper	Jon Mason	Kyle Stowers
Chuck Freeman	Derek McCaghren	Hank Trimble
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CHRISTIAN SERVICES/NANCY LIEBERMAN DINNER

Christian Services of East Texas presents Nancy Lieberman on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvey Convention Center. You are cordially invited to hear Nancy Lieberman speak and enjoy a delicious meal. As a young woman she converted to Christianity, which left her Jewish family nothing short of stunned. She is a broadcaster for ESPN, coaches young women basketball camps in Dallas and Detroit, and speaks to Fortune 500 companies. Nancy also dedicates herself to many charities such as Special Olympics, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Jimmy V Foundation. For ticket information call 903-509-0558.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Kara Willoughby and baby son, Logan

Sunday, November 14, from 3:30 - 4:30

at the Family Life Center

Selections: Toys'R Us and Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

HAYRIDE FOR PRESCHOOL-5th GRADE & families

Friday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Snell's home

Contact Doug Yates for details

Bring chips, dips & desserts - & games & friends

(If it rains on the 12th, it will be held on the 13th.)

An interview with God: I dreamed I had an interview with God. "Come in," God said. "So, you would like to interview Me?" "If you have the time," I said. God smiled and said: "My time is eternity and is enough to do everything; what questions do you have in mind to ask me?" "What surprises you most about mankind?" God answered:.. "That they get bored of being children, are in a rush to grow up, and then long to be children again... That they lose their health to make money and then lose their money to restore their health... That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live neither for the present nor the future... That they live as if they will never die, and they die as if they had never lived..." God's hands took mine and we were silent for while & then I asked... "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?" God replied with a smile:.. To learn that they cannot make anyone love them. What they can do is to let themselves be loved... To learn that what is most valuable is not what they have in their lives, but who they have in their lives... To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others. All will be judged individually on their own merits, not as a group on a comparison basis! .. To learn that a rich person is not the one who has the most, but is one who needs the least... To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in persons we love, and that it takes many years to heal them... To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness. .. To learn that there are persons that love them dearly, but simply do not know how to express or show their feelings. .. To learn that money can buy everything but happiness. .. To learn that two people can look at the same thing and see it totally different. .. To learn that a true friend is someone who knows everything about...them...and likes them anyway. .. To learn that it is not always enough that they be forgiven by others, but that they have to forgive themselves." I sat there for a while enjoying the moment. I thanked Him for his time and for all that He has done for me and my family, and He replied, "Anytime. I'm here 24 hours a day. All you have to do is ask for me, and I'll answer." People will FORGET what you SAID. People will FORGET what you DID, but people will NEVER FORGET HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.

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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Bible Class	456	394	441
Worship A.M.	637	588	590
Worship P.M.	413	376	447
Wed. P.M.	288	300	287
Contribution	\$19,318.73	\$17,892.56	\$16,928.54
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 7 & Wednesday, Nov. 10: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Ruth Hearne** had double knee replacement Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Gene Chandler** had surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Louise Culpepper** had breast cancer surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Mary Haws** is in Park Place. **Carolyn McCune** is at home. **Cathy Goodson** is hospitalized with pancreatitis. **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is very ill in Longview. **Gordon Smith**, Connie Sublette's dad, is hospitalized in Temple with emphysema. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, is recovering after recent heart surgery. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown, Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **June Chapel, Ruby Cliver, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Dorothy Daugherty, Lela Duncan, Clelia Faye Elliott, Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Joan Harlak, Barbara Henderson, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Sandy Laird**, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, **Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Rebecka Majors**, Bernice Majors' granddaughter, **Shirley McClenny, Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, **Daisy Old, Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables brother, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Rose Teel, Harley Turner**, Esther Wilson's brother, & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

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Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

Prayer Greg Walker
Scripture John Tindel
Dismiss Will Tanksley

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Harvey Strickland Jonathan Stone
Ray Vannoy Billy Terrell
James Sublette Stuart Suggs
Will Tanksley Kevin Sustaire

GREETERS
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Kristen Yates
Alan & Candy Montgomery & Daniel Yates
Hugh & Glenda Mills & Cameron Ables
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
Bill & Pat Bratcher

Pick up cards Nov. 7: Conner Clark, Carter Blackstone, Trey Jackson, Justin Parrish, Austin Millican.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 7:
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"THERE ARE ONLY WITNESSES"

It was Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel who said, "There are no final proofs for the existence of God. There are only witnesses." In probing the deeper issues of faith, things like the existence of God, the inspiration of Scripture, and the deity of Christ, we do not offer proofs. These issues are not so shallow that they lend themselves to proofs like we have in mathematics (2+2=4) and science (H²O is water). The deeper issues are viewed from the standpoint of what is called Apologetics--the defense of Christianity. We defend the existence of God, the inspiration of Scripture, and the deity of Christ not so much by proofs but by offering arguments in the form of evidence whereby we are convinced it is more reasonable to believe than not to believe. As to the existence of God, we offer things like an orderly universe that we believe came from an orderly God and not from the chaos of the "Big Bang," the sense of "ought" by which all men live,

and the longings of the human heart. As to the deity of Christ, we offer His miracles which were undenied by His peers, His perfect life that was recognized by His enemies, and His empty tomb that has never been explained apart from His bodily resurrection from the dead. As to the inspiration of Scripture, we offer its unity, its accuracy, and its fulfilled prophecy. When all is said and done, we so not say, "We have proven the existence of God, the inspiration of Scripture, and the deity of Christ." Rather, we say, "When the evidence is considered, we believe it is more reasonable to believe than not to believe." There are strong, reasonable, and convincing arguments in favor of faith. However, in the final analysis, the best testimony you might ever offer in favor of faith is to be a living witness in word, in thought, and in deed to the power of faith in your life.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, November 7, 2004

10:00 A.M. - Tim Grounds

5:00 P.M. - Danny Snell

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

FALL FESTIVAL

The 12th annual Fall Festival was a huge success. Thanks to all the teens and adults who helped make it happen. Thanks to the food crew, led by Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, for serving the over 400 who came. It was a wonderful evening!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet on Thursday, Nov. 11, from 7:30 till 8:30 p.m. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together as we study the book of Romans.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

It's time again to begin work on LTC. Last call for signing up!!! We need your registration ASAP! Call if you have any questions.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be over Luke 6-10 on Monday, Nov. 15. We will have a study session on Nov. 7. We will eat lunch together at Wendy's and then work until 2:30. Please bring lunch money.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 7	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov. 7	High School Devotional
Nov. 11	High School Bible Study
Nov. 14	Middle School Devotional
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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

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"Heirs Of Life Together"

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

Most high school athletic teams do not make it into the playoffs. It really takes a special team to get to that level. Some teams seem to be playoff bound every year while others are lucky if they ever make it into the playoffs. There are other teams that will advance to the playoffs only to be defeated in the first round year after year. Their coaches are often left wondering, "Why can't we advance beyond the first round of the tournament?" There are probably several reasons for this but perhaps the most prevalent is that some coaches unknowingly have created one-dimensional players. You have a basketball player who is great on offense but who constantly gets burned on defense or you have a volleyball player who is fantastic at spiking the ball but when it comes to diving on the floor to dig a spike doesn't even make the slightest movement in that direction. It has to be frustrating when that happens. Team sports depend on the student athletes being more than just one dimensional. They may win their conference and district every year but when

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I try to take one day at a time -- but sometimes several days attack me at once."

THE SOLUTION IS IN THE WORD OF GOD

Our defenses against Satan's attacks are the same defenses revealed to us in the book of Acts. As you read Luke's writing you will notice the Holy Spirit led the apostle to thwart every battle tactic Satan used and he fled. Instead of following their own wisdom and thoughts they listened to God.

Recognizing the true enemy is the key to fighting without destroying each other. When we decide to follow His Word we, too, will be victorious as the church in the book of Acts. Then maybe, once again, thousands and thousands of lost people will find their way to salvation through Christ.

they are put up against a team whose coach has developed multidimensional players, they will get beat every time. Isn't it great when members of the church come to understand the necessity of being multidimensional? We are so fortunate to have so many of our members involved in so many ministries. I couldn't begin to tell you the difference it makes in my ministry to hear someone say, "I'd be happy to do that." That really lifts me up because I already know that this person is involved in our benevolent ministry, our Karing Kitchen ministry, our educational ministry, as well as other areas. They are truly pressing on toward a mark of excellence.

Of course, it goes without saying that not everyone is multidimensional in their approach to the work of the church, but even so, we need to be grateful for the work that they provide and then encourage them to continue to grow as God would have them to grow. Working together we can make a difference for the Lord. If you're not involved in any ministry, come by to see me because I can almost guarantee you that I can find a place for you in our educational ministry. I'm looking forward to working with you.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

On behalf of our family, we appreciate your many expressions of love and concern for our mother, Chloe Clark, during her illness and at her passing, but most of all, your prayers. We know that she is now with God and with Daddy, her best friend. Mother loved her West Erwin family and the Young at Heart group. The spray of flowers at her service were beautiful and such a sweet memorial to her. Our family also appreciates the lunch provided by the Lockharts, Maples, and Ingrams before the service and the "care package" brought to the house. Thank you for blessing her life and loving her through the years.

In Christian love,
Sherry & Allen Bobbitt, Chris & Whitney
Brenda & Robert Parish & family
Randy & Jenine Clark & family
Wayne & Cyndi Clark & family

Thanks to everyone who helped during our grief at the loss of my son and Glynn's brother. The floral spray was beautiful, the sympathy cards mean so much, the meal served to our family was delicious and proved us an opportunity to visit before we parted again. But most important was the prayers offered for us and for David's comfort in his last days, and we were appreciative of all who attended his memorial honor services.

In Christian love,
Sue Starnes & Glynn & Fran Starnes

WITH SYMPATHY

Roy Roberson, former West Erwin member, died Tuesday morning in Abilene after a lengthy illness. Memorial services were held in Abilene and in Tyler Friday at Memorial Funeral Home. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

As of the end of October, \$1,405,381 had been collected from the Million Dollar Sunday collections. This has allowed EEM to print enough Bibles, Children's Bibles and Newcomers Guides to supply 1,600 schools in the Novosibirsk region. This brings the total number of students studying the Bible in Russian schools to over 1,000,000!

ATTENTION VETERANS: On November 15 at 5:00 p.m. The Golden Corral will have a special free meal to honor all veterans (of any war).



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Kara Willoughby and baby son, Logan
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at the Family Life Center
Selections: Toys'R Us and Target
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

HAYRIDE FOR PRESCHOOL-5th GRADE & families

Friday, November 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Snell's home
Bring chips, dips & desserts - & games & friends
(If it rains on the 12th, it will be held on the 13th.)
Contact Doug Yates for details

New Mailing Address: Robert & Kathy Hilliard, P.O. Box 2624, Lindale, 75771.

GOD KNOWS

God knows when you are tired and discouraged from fruitless efforts ... God knows how hard you have tried. When you've cried so long and your heart is in anguish ... God has counted your tears. If you feel that your life is on hold and time has passed you by ... God is waiting for you. When you're lonely and your friends are too busy even for a phone call ... God is by your side. When you think you've tried everything and don't know where to turn ... God has a solution. When nothing makes sense and you are confused or frustrated ... God has the answer. If suddenly your outlook is brighter and you find traces of hope ... God has whispered to you. When things are going well and you have much to be thankful for ... God has blessed you. When something joyful happens and you are filled with awe ... God has smiled upon you. When you have a purpose to fulfill and a dream to follow ... God has opened your eyes and called you by name. Remember that wherever you are or whatever you are doing ... God knows!! - author unknown

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"Who you are speaks so loudly I can't hear what you're saying." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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Bible Class	394	449	441
Worship A.M.	588	635	590
Worship P.M.	376	370	447
Wed. P.M.	300	328	287
Contribution	\$17,892.56	\$19,353.03	\$16,928.54
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Oct. 31 & Wed., Nov. 3, Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Mary Haws** is now in Park Place for rehab, remains very ill. **Carolyn McCune** is at home with a severe kidney infection, does not need visits at this time. **Rose Teel** is recovering after recent knee replacement surgery. **Harold Denman** got a good report after a heart cath last Friday but is still having some health problems. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, had heart surgery last week at Children's Hospital in Dallas. **Ronnie Boatman**, friend of Velma Lemons, had kidney surgery last week. **Ruth Boykin**, Kim Jordan's aunt who lives in Irving, has a leakage in her brain. Continue to remember **Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Roy Bench, Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt, June Chapel, Ruby Cliver, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Dorothy Daugherty, Lela Duncan, Clelia Faye Elliott, Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Joan Harlak, Leona Hardin, Barbara Henderson, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones, Sandy Laird**, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, **Iby Livingston**, friend of the Carlos Morgans, **Shirley McClenny, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables brother, Roy Roberson, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.**

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Ray Vannoy Billy Terrell
James Sublette Stuart Suggs
Will Tanksley Kevin Sustaire

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Don & Nerene Ingram & Wendy Weathers
Forest & Mary McFadden & Hayley Wilson
Mike & Linda McClenny & Audrey Wright
Visitor Center: Fred & Sara Powell
Glynn & Fran Starnes

Pick up cards Oct. 31 & Nov. 7: Conner Clark, Carter Blackstone, Trey Jackson, Justin Parrish, Austin Millican.

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"IF WE SIN WILLFULLY"

For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins - Hebrews 10:26

The Book of Hebrews was written to Jewish people who lived in the land of Israel and who had been converted to Christ. They were under heavy pressure from their unconverted family members and from unconverted acquaintances to abandon their new found faith and to return to Judaism. The writer of Hebrews confronts this possible apostasy by contrasting the Gospel of Christ with the Law of Moses and by showing that the Gospel is far superior to the Law. The author uses the word "better" or "greater" to describe the Gospel in comparison to the Law. Christ is better than the angels, the ministers of the Law; greater than Moses, the giver of the Law; greater than the tabernacle, the protector of the Law; greater than the priesthood and the sacrifices under the Law; provides greater blessings than the Law; and holds out better hope than the Law. If the Hebrew Christians "willfully"

abandon the Gospel and the blood of Christ, there will be no other sacrifice for sins. To willfully reject the gospel places one in jeopardy of "a certain fearful expectation of judgment" (Hebrews 10:27). A similar statement is found in Hebrews 6:4-6 where the writer says to those who reject the Gospel, "It is impossible...to renew them again to repentance." Why is it impossible? Because they have rejected the very message that offers repentance and acceptance to us today. These statements from Hebrews remind us today of just how dangerous it is to reject the known will of God. To deliberately refuse to hear any portion of the Gospel of Christ, whether it be the words of Christ or the words of epistle, is to reject the only message that brings salvation to us. No wonder that it was the writer of Hebrews who said, "See that you do not refuse Him who speaks...from heaven," but rather "let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (12:25, 28). God's grace has given us everything we need, including the Gospel. Let us hear Him joyfully and respond to Him gratefully.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, October 31, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Come Before His Presence With Singing"
(Psalm 100:1-5)

5:00 P.M. - "The Case For Singing"
(Ephesians 5:15-21)

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FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 31 for the annual West Erwin Fall Festival. Our teens and adults will host this special time for the children. Setup will be Saturday from 10:00-12:00. You will need to check your booth Sunday morning after church and if you need to work on it, be here at 3:00. All helpers need to be here Sunday at 4:00. We are also in need of Cookies & Cupcakes. Sign up at the Visitor's Center.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet on Thursday, Nov. 4, from 7:30 till 8:30 p.m. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together as we study the book of Romans.

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be over Luke 6-10 on Monday, Nov. 15. We will have a study session on Nov. 7.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

It's time again to begin work on LTC. Our sign up was this past Sunday. If you missed that, please turn in your form by Wednesday, Nov. 3. Call if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 31	Fall Festival
Nov. 3	Deadline for LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 4	High School Bible Study
Nov. 7	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov. 7	High School Devotional
Nov. 14	Middle School Devotional
Nov. 15	East Texas Bible Quiz
Nov. 19-21	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Benevolent Center

We are entering the holiday season. It always seems like the annual Fall Festival is the starting gun for a marathon of events that will last through New Years Eve. Let me encourage you to plan ahead so you will be able to participate in every activity. Resolve now not to miss anything! Sign-up sheets will be plentiful. Seize the opportunity to give some of your time and energy as well.

What Is Faith?

We are usually quick to quote Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Simple enough, yet faith is more than just believing that God who we cannot see exists. Faith believes the promise when

the promise is not yet a reality. Faith believes the promise because faith believes the One who made the promise. So, if you can see it -- you don't need faith. It's like a blind man led by a trained dog. When the dog gently pulls him into the street, the man follows -- even though he hears the rumble of traffic, and smells the exhaust fumes, and knows danger is very close, he trusts his companion who is looking after him.

The Psalmist said it this way: "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me." Did he see the Lord? No. Did he touch the Lord? No. But, by faith he knew He knew He was there. Therefore, we walk daily by faith and not by sight.

Thought for the Day

Did you know that 66 percent of Americans cannot do basic math? That's almost half!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It is so difficult to make sure that all of our members are involved and active in the work of the church. Don Crawford does an outstanding job in involving as many as possible in the work of the church but (as I'm sure he would tell you) his job is made so much more difficult because all too often so many of us do not initiate our involvement but rather we wait to be asked to participate. What a mistake! In my work I am constantly adding new teachers or replacing current teachers and I just oversee 120 of our members. A lot of times I go to a new member and talk to them about being involved in the educational program. Periodically, I have someone come up to me out of the blue and ask me if they can be involved in the educational program. What a joy that is! I say all of this to encourage our members to consider becoming involved in one of the following ministries.

As I see it we have two areas (age groups) that need immediate attention. The first is our preschool through 5th grades. This group needs parents/volunteers/etc. who are willing

to plan, organize, and implement activities for our little ones. Recently some of us have focused our attention toward this group and we are in the process of developing a plan for them. We need your brain power as well as your muscle power to make this ministry work. Please see me if you can help us out. The second area of concern is with our college students. I am so proud of the increase in activities that has come about through our college ministry. The college committee has something planned for our college students almost on a weekly basis, but we need to increase our efforts especially as it applies to evangelism within this age group. It really is unfair to continue to ask 3 or 4 people to carry the burden all of the time. I know that there are people out there who would do a wonderful job in working with this age group. I know that there are people out there who would love to support this work by praying for it as well as financially supporting it. Please don't wait to be asked to get involved. Come by my office and let's talk about this work and let's get involved in it so that the Kingdom of God will grow.



WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Charles McCoy, long time West Erwin member. Memorial may be made to Eastern European Mission, Medina Children's Home, East Texas Hospice or Seaton Highland Lake Hospice in Burnet, Texas. David Starnes, Sue Starnes' son and Glynn Starnes' brother, died Sunday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home. Dick Kimball, brother-in-law of Jon and Dan Murry, was killed in a car accident in New Waverly Monday. Dolores Gunter, Judith Harshbarger's aunt died. Pandora Wilson, friend of Michelle Kuechel who was 8 months pregnant, died last week. The baby was airlifted to St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

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12th ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Family Life Center, Sunday, October 31, 2004
Carnival booths for children from birth - 5th grade
Games, prizes & costume contest
Refreshments served. Great fun for the whole family!



Please bring a bag of wrapped candy
Sponsored by the West Erwin Youth Group

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Bill and Barbara White into the West Erwin family. They are the parents of Joanna Stamps and have been attending here for some time and we know they will be a valuable addition to the work of the Lord at this place. Their address is 7100 CR 334, Tyler, 75708, ph. 596-8934.



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at the Family Life Center

Selections: Toys'R Us and Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jonathan and Laurie Stone on the birth of Ethan on October 19! He weighed 7 lb. 14 oz. and was 20 inches long. Larry and Lynne Murphey are proud grandparents.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Edie Young, 21730 S Shore Dr., Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2663

FREE INDEED

In concert Saturday, November 6, at 6:00 p.m. at the Altamesa Church of Christ in Fort Worth. Schedule of events: Lamplighter's Quartet, Best Friends from LCU, & Free Indeed. Tickets may be purchased at www.fostershome.org - \$8.99 in advance (\$10.00 at the door). All proceeds benefit Foster's Home for Children.

40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Pine Tree Church of Christ will be celebrating their first 40 years on November 7. All former members are invited to be part of this special day. Anyone planning to attend and eat lunch will need to RSVP with their lunch order and money.

WHO SHOULD READ THE BIBLE?

The YOUNG - to learn how to live.
The OLD - to know how to die
The IGNORANT - for wisdom.
The LEARNED - for humility
The RICH - for compassion
The POOR - for comfort
The WEAK - for strength.
The STRONG - for direction.
The HAUGHTY - for warning.
The HUMBLE - for exaltation.
The TROUBLED - for peace.
The WEARY - for rest.
The DOUBTING - for assurance.
The SINNER - for salvation.
The CHRISTIAN - for guidance.



Daylight Savings Time
Ends Sunday, October 31.
Don't forget to
Fall back one hour!



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Records	Sunday October 17	Sunday October 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	449	396	370
Worship A.M.	635	558	560
Worship P.M.	370	410	372
Wed. P.M.	328	285	325
Contribution	\$19,353.03	\$20,329.67	\$20,795.20
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - Carolyn McCune is in Mother Frances. Rose Teel is recovering after knee replacement surgery. Mary Haws is in Park Place for rehab. Les Carruth had surgery Tuesday. Dorothy Daugherty is recovering after back surgery. Ruby Cliver is undergoing back injections. David Starnes, Sue Starnes' son, is critically ill. Brittany Hacker, Sondra Ramsour's niece, had heart surgery Tuesday at Children's Hospital in Dallas. Ruth Boykin, Kim Jordan's aunt, has a leakage in her brain. Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister, is undergoing tests after surgery. Continue to remember Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Roy Bench; Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Reba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother; Henry Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; June Chapel, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Clelia Faye Elliott; Marsha Farr, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s; Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad; Leona Hardin, Joan Harlak; Barbara Henderson, John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones, Sandy Laird, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, Iby Livingston, friend of the Carlos Morgans; Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables brother, Roy Roberson; Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Esther Wilson's brother Earlve Wimberly & Ben & Patsy Young

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John Shaw Tony Smith
Dr. Dennis Stansbury Shaun Stamps

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Phil & Linda Marts & Grace Weathers
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Ross Weathers
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Pick up cards Oct. 24: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson.

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"THE FASTER I RUN"

I am concerned about how busy so many of us seem to be. My nine year old grandson, Spencer, called on the phone the other night to tell me what he had been doing. There had been school and homework. I can't believe how much homework a third grader has and what vocabulary words he is expected to be able to define and spell. Also, I'm wondering if what are called "gifted" programs are weighted down with busy work. But that's another story. My grandson told me about school and homework, about entering five areas at Leadership Training For Christ, and about Boy Scouts. Add to that his activities in church and sports and this little guy is a busy boy. It's the same with other families with children. We are busy, busy, busy. Maybe too busy. We are filled with stress and anxiety. We do not have enough hours in the day. After all, there is the job, kid's activities, and all kinds of meetings. Then there are meals to prepare, the house to clean, and laundry to do. No wonder we are tired all the time and leave undone some important things that

we need to do. What can we do to get off this "the faster I run, the behinder I get" merry-go-round?

1. Take inventory. What really needs to be done most right now?
2. Limit your family. Allow your kids to choose a limited number of extracurricular activities.
3. Prioritize. Be sure you do not let your family's spiritual life suffer because of too many other activities draining your time and energy.
4. Slow down. You cannot do everything.
5. Ask God for wisdom to make good decisions for yourself and for your family
6. Ask yourself some questions. Of all the things you do and of all the things that take up your time and energy, which ones will really matter in twenty or thirty years? Does your family eat at least one meal together each day? Is there any quiet time during the day to "be still and know that I am God"?
7. Learn to say "No." Your family will be better off if you do.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, October 24, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Holy And Reverend Is His Name"
(Psalm 111:1-10)
5:00 P.M. - "The Courage Of Their Resolution"
(Luke 14:25-35)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to many of our high school students who went to UIL Marching Contest this past Saturday. We have several students in the following bands: Whitehouse, Lindale, Chapel Hill, Brownsboro & Robert E. Lee. Each of these bands received a 1st Division Rating! Way to go gang!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet on Thursday, Oct. 28th, from 7:30 till 8:30 p.m. at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together as we study the book of Romans.

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our young people who participated in Bible Quiz this past Monday. They did an outstanding job! The next quiz will be over Luke 6-10 on Monday, Nov. 15. We will have a study session on Nov. 7.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

NEED A NEW PERSPECTIVE ON LIFE?

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

If you will sing these words over and over today it will change your entire perspective. You've probably sung them a hundred times over the years, but I'd say you never have sung them a hundred times in one day. Meditate. Sing. Trust.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

There are certain laws found in team structures that have to apply in order for success to occur. One such law is the law of the bench. Any successful sports team has a very deep and well prepared bench. These are the players that often do not have the spotlight placed on them but rather they come off the bench for a few minutes each game to fulfill a role and once they have accomplished this they return to the bench. If a team does not have a deep bench then most often they do not get go too far in tournament play.

John C. Maxwell has written extensively regarding the law of the bench, and his conclusion is that at least 3 principles must occur in order for a team to have a great bench. *First*, the coach must constantly be recruiting. *Second*, the training process never ends. And *third*, replacement efforts are a constant challenge. I often read John C. Maxwell and I am in complete agreement with him concerning the law of the bench. In fact, we have incorporated this approach into our educational program. I am

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Oct. 24 LTC Sign-Up
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Nov. 15 East Texas Bible Quiz
Nov. 19-21 Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

UNFAIR TREATMENT

Peter's first epistle deals with how a Christian is to handle unfair treatment. At one point in his letter he writes, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

The Holy Spirit, through Peter, wanted to remind us that God brings us through unfair treatment to set us up for a blessing. Therefore, we can respond with resentment and hatefulness, or we can, in our hearts, set apart Christ as Lord and receive a blessing. The choice is ours individually.

constantly on the lookout for new recruits (teachers). I am extremely grateful for our current teachers but as I have written before most of our current teachers are so committed to our educational ministry that it would take a team of wild horses to pull them out of their classrooms. My challenge often occurs when one of them can no longer teach (because of health) and I have to find a new teacher. Once I have found a new teacher then there is training that must occur. We have our A.P.E.X. Program which orientates all of our teachers to our program and we have our S.T.E.P. Ministry which allows some of our teachers the opportunity to gain on the job training before they enter a classroom. I've been here 4 years and for 4 years we have been training our teachers. Once the training is over it is into the classroom and generally our teachers stick to it (on a rotating schedule) for years. When you lose a good teacher they are hard to replace. I try to be as careful as possible when replacing a teacher because you really want to have someone of the same quality entering the classroom as the one you just lost. We are constantly striving to improve and I hope we can build a legacy team here through our educational ministry.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank the West Erwin church for the privilege of working with you for twenty years. We also want to express our deep appreciation for the gathering following our worship time on Sunday evening. The program, the money gift, and the words of encouragement were all wonderful expressions of your love. Thank you for all you have done to make these twenty years so pleasant and uplifting for us. May God continue to bless this great church. We love you. - The Lockharts

Dear Church Family,

I've been overwhelmed with your concern, especially the phone calls and cards. - Ernie Gordon

Thank you so much for the beautiful fresh flower basket arrangement. The family of Carmen Rocha (Henry McRuiz's sister) thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy.

For Dorothy's back operation -- thank you for prayers, food, cards, calls, and words. Prayers and the surgeons' skill achieved outstanding success for both parts of the operation.

- Dorothy & George Daugherty

West Erwin family,

Thank you so much for your cards, calls, food, visits, and most of all your prayers. I love you, - Barbara Henderson

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards, food and especially your prayers following my surgery. Please keep me in your prayers as I go through radiation treatment. - Sharon Ketchum

Thank you so much for the plant, cards, and calls of concern during our time of loss. We feel truly blessed to be a part of this loving family at West Erwin. - The Westerfelds

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Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Chris Montgomery
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Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Samuel Mink	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray		Nathan Young

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday at the West Erwin church for Chloe Clark, long time West Erwin member. Chloe passed from this life last Thursday. She will be missed. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Karl and Tara Kilgore on the birth of Alayna Claire on October 14. She weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. She is welcomed by big brother, Jeffrey, and sisters, Miranda and Kelsi. Jim & Sue Carty are proud grandparents.

NEW ADDRESS: Ron & Pam Lott & family, 2314 Kingsmill Circle, Tyler, 75703, ph. 561-2490.

KARING KITCHEN

The Tyler Collegiate Outreach will be involved in the Karing Kitchen on Monday, October 25. If you are college age and can help with this effort, please be present about 5:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulationn to Ray Vannoy on being awarded the Verne Hanan Memorial Community Service Award recently in San Antonio at the Texas Surveyor's Convention!

MARRIAGE MATTERS SEMINAR

Canton Church of Christ, October 24-27

There is no charge and child care will be provided. See bulletin board for details.

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

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CHRISTIAN SERVICES/NANCY LIEBERMAN DINNER

Christian Services of East Texas presents Nancy Lieberman on Tuesday, November 16, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Harvey Convention Center. You are cordially invited to hear Nancy Lieberman speak and enjoy a delicious meal. Ms. Lieberman is a former Olympic Basketball Star. As a young woman she converted to Christianity, which left her Jewish family nothing short of stunned. Today she is a broadcaster for ESPN, coaches young women basketball camps in Dallas and Detroit, and speaks to Fortune 500 companies. Nancy also dedicates herself to many charities such as Special Olympics, Susan G. Komen Foundation and the Jimmy V Foundation. For ticket information call 903-509-0558.

TO HAVE A CHILD LEARN SELF-DISCIPLINE

Look for the good in every child.

Use praise to change unacceptable behavior.

Use discipline that says "yes."

Use non-judgmental language.

Tell them what they "can" do.

Children need to test the rules

- they are insecure if they have no rules.

Set limits and enforce - but not too many rules.

Help them to treat everyone with respect.

Be a model for them.

Reinforce good behavior with praise.

Handle problems in a quiet, direct, positive way.

Be trustworthy - keep your promises.

Hug them a lot.

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Records	Sunday October 10	Sunday October 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	396	428	379
Worship A.M.	558	644	577
Worship P.M.	410	339	362
Wed. P.M.	285	320	335
Contribution	\$20,329.67	\$21,877.05	\$19,357.79
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Oct. 17 & Wed., Oct. 20, Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337.

PRAYER AND CARE - Rose Teel had knee replacement surgery Monday. Mary Haws is at home. Dorothy Daugherty is recovering after back surgery. Modena Jones was hospitalized but is back in Clairmont. Ruby Cliver is undergoing back injections. Clelia Faye Elliott is at home. Joan Harlak is having health problems. Roy Bench has completed infusion treatments. David Starnes, Sue Starnes' son, is critically ill. Roy Roberson, former West Erwin member, is very ill in Abilene. Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad, began radiation treatment Oct. 14. Iby Livingston, friend of the Carlos Morgans, has a malignant brain tumor. Marsha Farr, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, has lung cancer. Continue to remember Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; June Chapel, Chloe Clark, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Lela Duncan, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad; Leona Hardin, Barbara Henderson, John & Mabel Holbert, Sandy Laird, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables brother, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.

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Ron Sills Charles Starr
Keith Skender Glynn Starnes
John Shaw Tony Smith
Dr. Dennis Stansbury Shaun Stamps

GREETERS

Louis & Jane Jones & Walker Waggoner
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Maselyn Walker
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Oct. 10 & 17: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Ricahrdson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 17:
Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette;
Toddlers a.m.: Candy Montgomery & Rita Sitton; Toddlers
p.m.: Frances Broome & Julia Wilshire; 2's: Heath &
Kandi Adams; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

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"WRESTLERS FOR GOD"

Fox's *Book Of Martyrs* lists the apostles of Christ and tells how they supposedly died. Two were beheaded, six were crucified, one was thrust through with a sword, one was speared, two were stoned, and only John escaped a violent death (this list included Matthias, who took the place of Judas who is not included, and Paul the one "born out of due season"). What a price they paid for their commitment to Christ! An old story tells of forty Christian men who were deprived of their clothing on a cold winter's night. The only way they could reclaim their clothing and warm by the open fire was to denounce their faith in Christ. The Roman officer who oversaw the events of that night heard the forty men, far from the warmth of his fire, chanting the words, "Forty wrestlers, wrestling for Thee, oh God, claiming for Thee the victory, asking of Thee the crown." Over and over the soldier heard the chant throughout the night. But, as he listened, he heard a change as the men said, "Thirty-nine wrestlers, wrestling for Thee, oh God ..." The officer thought, "One of them has died!" Just then one of the

prisoners came out of the darkness to say, "I denounce Christ; give me my clothes and let me stand by the fire!" The soldier was so disgusted by the traitor that he threw his own garment over the man and went out into the darkness. In a few minutes the traitor heard the chant, "Forty wrestlers, wrestling for Thee, oh God ..." The soldier had joined the wrestlers. The other day I read the story of brother and sister Zellner who lived twenty miles from Munich, Germany. They arose at 4:00 a.m. each Sunday to get ready for the assembly of the church. They walked 45 minutes to the station and boarded the 6:55 train to Munich, arriving at 7:45. There they took the street car to Lain for the 8:30 prayer meeting. Their Bible study was at 9:00 and their worship at 9:30. Then they made the trip home including the 45 minute walk, and got home about 1:30 p.m. Now, what was it you were saying? Something about why you couldn't make it to Bible study and worship?

"I gave, I gave my life for Thee,
What hast thou given for me?"

- Jav Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

**Sermons for Sunday, October 17, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**10:00 A.M. - "How To Handle Conflict"
(Matthew 18:1-5)**

**5:00 P.M. - "How To Handle Conflict"
(Acts 15:36-41)**

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

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EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will begin in October. The study for this year is the book of Luke. The first quiz will be over Luke 1-5 will be on Monday, Oct. 18 at Shiloh Road. **We will have a study session on Oct. 17.** We will go eat together at Wendy's and return to the building to work until 2:30. Please bring money for lunch. Bible Quiz is a wonderful way to learn God's Word and spend time with others. All 3-12 grade are eligible to participate. Study sheets will be available soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

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Oct. 17	Small Groups
Oct. 18	East Texas Bible Quiz
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Benevolent Center

"Thank You" to everyone who made the September Sock Program a success. Thanks to Gail Vannoy who birthed the idea and carried it through. Thanks to Ray Vannoy's Sunday morning Bible class for setting the pace. Thanks to our Glenwood brothers and sisters who supplied the center with several hundred pairs of socks and several hundred pairs of children's underwear. Thanks to the people who came in each week to hand them out. What a great plan! Most of all, thanks to God for directing this ministry and sending us the people who needed them. We gave out about 1600 pairs of socks in September.

"Never underestimate the power of a kind word or deed."

West Erwin Skeet and Trap Shoot

Saturday, October 23
11 A.M.

RSVP for lunch arrangements
For more information contact
Don Crawford
903-592-0809

Flyer available at the Visitor Center

Small Group Sunday October 17

If you are interested in being in a small group that meets after services once a month, please contact Don Crawford.

"We all want to go - and stay - where somebody knows our name."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently my prayer life has improved dramatically. I have made this improvement because of my teaching the college class on Wednesday evenings. At the beginning of our class we have a time set aside for a prayer to be offered on behalf of those who might be going through some kind of struggle or trial in their lives. I do this in each of the classes that I teach and we generally have good responses but when you're teaching the college class this time of prayer becomes a much more intense time. Our college students pray for everything imaginable. Not only do they offer prayers for the sick but also for those that are well. They offer prayers for struggling ministries (calling these ministries by name) as well as praying for healthy programs. They pray for the proper study habits of their classmates so that when a test comes along they will already be prepared for that test. They even pray for their teachers at college that they might

come to know Christ better. Why has my prayer life improved? Listen, even a 45 year old can still learn lessons and I certainly have learned to put more into my personal prayer life, thanks (in part) to my college class.

One of the things that we pray for each week is that we (the church) can put our minds together and develop a college ministry that will involve area churches in such a way that our college students can move toward a spiritual mark of excellence. I think our college students have their heads on straight and they are solid concerning the Word of God. They love to spend time with each other and they are willing to expand their fellowship to include all of Tyler in an effort to evangelize. I'm excited about their future and the future of the church. I am totally serious about what I am about to say: "If any of you have a thought or suggestion concerning a way that we can make this ministry more productive, please come by my office and let's talk about it." I certainly have my thoughts regarding ways in which we can improve this ministry. Maybe as we share this information we can build a stronger ministry for our college students. Let's work together so we can win together.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family,

Our family extends our sincere thanks for your prayers for our mother, Chloe Clark, over the past few months. She continues to have health problems but our prayer is that God will give her comfort during this time. She has been and continues to be a blessing to us all. We have read her your cards, told her you are thinking of her and praying for her, and she responds with a smile. We especially appreciate those of you who have visited her in the hospital and at Clairmont. It is for certain that she misses the Young at Heart group and the fun times together. So many of you have blessed her life.

In Christian love,
Sherry Bobbitt & family

Your kind words and expressions of sympathy, beautiful cards, phone calls, and the floral arrangement upon the loss of my brother Robie, showed us your love and helped us so very much.

The Carlos Morgan Family

Thanks so much for the lovely flowers sent to Dad's funeral. They were much appreciated.

Family of Robie Morgan

We appreciate the prayers and concern for the loss of my brother Gene. The cards were a big help and we thank you so much.

In Christian Love,
The Larry Ground family

Thanks for all the calls, cards, food, and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. I would also like to thank everyone for the cards, calls and every expression of sympathy at the death of my sister, Carmen Rocha.

Henry McRuiz

Thank you for your care and concern during my recent procedure. The prayers, cards and calls were appreciated.

Opal Cooper

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NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Kyle and Kara Willoughby! Logan Michael joined their family last week. He was born October 6 and weighed 7 lb. 9 oz.

Congratulations to Bill and Donna Mullins on the birth of a new granddaughter! Jayda Mackaelynn was born Wednesday, October 6, in Loveland, Colorado to Kevin and Jessica Mullins. She weighed 8 lb. 21/2 oz.

"A baby is God's way of saying that the world should go on."

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Noel and Jean Parker into the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the Granbury church of Christ and came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the church here. Their address is 6422 Ashmore Lane, 75703.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last week for Gilbert Pool, Winona Shankle's brother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

Sorry to lose ...

Daniel Morgan has accepted the position of pulpit minister at the New Summerfield church of Christ beginning in October. He and Carol will be missed at West Erwin but we know they will be a blessing to the work of the Lord wherever they are.

ATTENTION TEACHERS: There will be a teachers meeting for all K-5th grade teachers on Sunday, October 17, at 4:10 in room 112 (back of the small auditorium). It is important that all present/past/potential teachers of this ages group be present for this meeting.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

University Church of Christ, 11114 Spur 248
October 17-20, Weeknight services at 7:00 pm
Randy Daw, guest evangelist
30 minutes of singing before each evening service
(see bulletin board for details)

Hallsville church of Christ
Sunday, Oct. 17 - Wednesday, Oct. 20
Speaker: Dalton Graves from Mount Vernon
Weeknight services are at 7:00 pm; singing at 6:15 pm

FALL LECTURESHIP

LaPoynor Church of Christ, Larue, TX
October 17-21 - see bulletin board for details

FAMILY SEMINAR

Broad Street Church of Christ, Mineola, Texas
Fri., Oct. 22: 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 23: 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.;
Sun., Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (especially for young people, young marrieds & young families but everyone is welcome!) See bulletin board in office area for details.

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Worship A.M.	644	623	564
Worship P.M.	339	389	311
Wed. P.M.	320	326	326
Contribution	\$21,877.05	\$17,458.10	\$31,879.52
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 10 & Wed., Oct. 13: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Haws is now at home but still not doing well. Dorothy Daugherty went home after back surgery but was taken to ETMC with chest pain Wednesday. Ernie Gordon is at home after shoulder surgery. Clelia Faye Elliott is now at home. Opal Cooper had a back procedure last Wednesday. Earlyne Wimberly suffered a fall, no broken bones but is bruised and abraded. Roy Bench has been undergoing treatment. David Starnes, Sue Starnes' son, is very ill. Roy Roberson, former West Erwin member, is very ill in Abilene. Kyle & Kim Fletcher both got good reports after recent tests. Lilibeth Kennedy, Odie & Dolores' daughter-in-law, got a good report after recent surgery. Continue to remember Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Thelma Bennett, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry Brown, Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; June Chapel, Chloe Clark, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Lela Duncan, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad; Leona Hardin, Barbara Henderson, John & Mabel Holbert, Sandy Laird, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Buford Owens, Agnes Ables brother, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Bob Threadgill, Harley Turner, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.

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Prayer Forest McFadden
Scripture Jamon Kirby
Dismiss Dan Murry

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Ryan Pool Chris Scroggins
Billy Pool Doug Scroggins
Chris Reynolds Barry Scarborough
Tom Ramsour Fred Powell

GREETERS
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Ashlie Sustaire
Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Kate Sweeney
Jerry & Becky Howard & Patrick Sweeney
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Alan & Candy Montgomery

Pick up cards October 10: Jake Skender, Justin Parrish, Caleb Grounds, Grant Perkins, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 10:
Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Debbie Bynum; Toddlers a.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; Toddlers p.m.: Donna Maples & Arlene Lockhart; 2's: Kenna Kempton & Cassandra Estes; 3's & 4's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury.

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"BUT ORNAN CONTINUED THRESHING WHEAT"

In I Chronicles 21 David, King of Israel, displeased the Lord greatly by numbering the armies of Israel. This act, no doubt, suggested that David was trusting more in the arm of flesh than in the power and protection of God. Because of David's action God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. Had it not been for David's contrite heart the city would have perished. As a sign of the king's repentance he went, at the Lord's command, to the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite to erect an altar for sacrifice. As David prepared to sacrifice to the Lord he "saw the angel of the Lord standing between earth and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem" (I Chronicles 21:16). Immediately David and those with him fell on their faces. While all this was happening Ornan and his sons saw the angel and his sons

"hid themselves, but Ornan continued threshing wheat" (verse 20). Remarkable! Ornan saw the glory of the Lord, represented by the destroying angel but "continued threshing wheat." How like modern man! We, too, see the glory of God in His creation, in His powerful word, in transformed lives, in answered prayer, and in the blessings that flow in worship. Yet we seem unmoved. Seeing glory should stop us, change us, and fill us with reverence and awe. The fact that God is God should motivate us to get our priorities straight, and to turn toward God in obedience and worship. Knowing who God is must lead us to confront our casual religion, half-hearted obedience, and worship absenteeism. Isn't it strange that people who are aware of God's presence and glory will often, like Ornan, continue "threshing wheat"?

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, October 10, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Dying To Live, Living to Die" #2
(Hebrews 9:24-28)
5:00 P.M. - "Dying to Live, Living To Die" #3
(Psalm 23:1-6)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to Lee & Camille Mink, Shaun & Joanna Stamps, Chris & Miranda Conder, and many others for hosting the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday.

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

People come into your life for a *reason*, a *season*, or a *lifetime*. When you figure out which it is, you know exactly what to do. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed outwardly or inwardly. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend, and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be. Then, without any wrong doing on your part or an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up or out and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been answered and it is now time to move on.

When people come into your life for a SEASON, it is because your turn has come to share, grow, or learn. They may bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it! It is real! But ... only for a season.

LIFETIME relationships teach you lifetime lessons; those things you must build upon in order to have a solid emotional foundation. Your job is to accept the lesson, love the person/people (anyway); and put what you have learned to use in all other relationships and areas of your life. It is said that love is blind but friendship is clairvoyant.

Thank you for being a part of my life - each of
 "Say I love you today, tomorrow might be too late."
 "If God brings you to it, He will bring you through it..."
 -- borrowed

"Heirs Of Life Together"

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

Wow! What a fantastic trip I had to Harding University this past week. I had the privilege of attending Harding's 81st lectureship series entitled: *He Loves Me*. I heard very knowledgeable speakers deliver wonderful messages on a wide variety of topics. Most of the classes that I attended dealt with educational matters. I also had the opportunity of attending a few leadership classes. The only part of my trip that I didn't really care for was the traveling time. It seems to me that Searcy keeps getting farther and farther away. But while I was at Harding I had a wonderful time. Another neat thing about going to the lectures is the time that I had to visit with old friends. Several times during the week I was tapped on the shoulder and upon turning around I was greeted with a smile and a handshake by an old acquaintance. I even had the opportunity of seeing former West Erwin youth who are now attending college at Harding. They are doing great and are loving the college experience. One of the speakers reminded me that over the years we seem to have

misplaced our emphasis on evangelism in the church. He quoted from a survey that Barna recently conducted in which the membership of several congregations was asked the following question: *What is the purpose of the Church?* The membership (89%) responded that the main purpose of the church is to care for its members. Only 11% responded that the purpose of the church is to win the world for Christ. Barna then surveyed the preachers of those same congregations and asked them the same question and 90+ percent of the preachers responded that the main purpose of the church is to win the world for Christ.

We, as education ministers, really do have our work cut out for us if almost 90% of those surveyed actually think that the church is in place to meet the needs of the saved. Don't get me wrong, edification and benevolence should take place at the local level, but we are here to accomplish the same goal that Christ came to earth to accomplish: *to Seek and Save the Lost*. In order to accomplish this goal, we are going to have to get busy for the Lord. I'm willing to listen to your thoughts on this matter. Please come by and visit with me and let's see if can formulate a plan of growth.



IN APPRECIATION

We greatly appreciate the cards, visits, words of encouragement and especially the prayers - and for the beautiful flowers. Thanks to Jay for your kindness and your call.

In Christian Love,
 The Family of Louise S. Groom
 Ira & Sherrie Groom
 Greg & Sheri Groom
 Gayla Bartlett

Dear West Erwin family,

I am left speechless in my effort to thank you for the reception in my honor. All of you are the ones who should be thanked - each parent that shared their precious children with me and each of the nursery volunteers that made my job so much easier. Over the years I received so much more than I gave. You are in my prayers as I try to settle in my new home and begin my search for a new church family.

Love,
 Fleta Butler

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at Southern Oaks Baptist church for Robert Eubanks, John Portwood, Jr.'s father-in-law. Gene Ground, Larry Ground's brother and Tim Grounds' uncle died last Monday. Vicki Bolton, Connie Roach's sister, died Monday in Dallas. Burial will be in Littlefield. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Scott Gray	Brad Murrell
Wesley Ackerman	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Rowdy Anthony	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Aaron Arcega	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
James Baggett	Robert C. Holt	Nathan Silvers
Jonathan Bentley	Chad Hughes	Robert Songer
Ryan Blackstone	James Hunt	Russell Spicher
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Paul Stambaugh
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Kyle Stowers
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Hank Trimble
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Tim Wagner
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Jordan C. White
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Nathan Young

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to D.L. Thompson and Alice Denson who were united in marriage Saturday, October 1. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

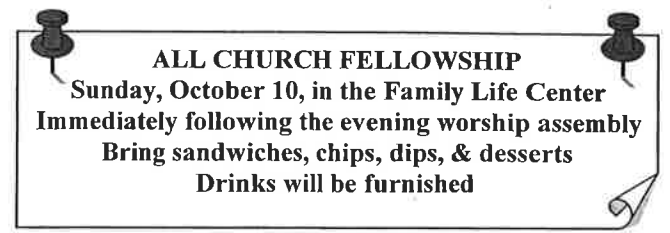
FAMILY SEMINAR

Broad Street Church of Christ, Mineola, Texas
 October 22-24, 2004

Fri., Oct. 22: 7:00-9:00 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 23: 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sun., Oct. 24: 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. (especially for young people, young marrieds & young families but everyone is welcome!)

See bulletin board in office area for details.

"Fear takes ignorance and uncertainty to new depths.
 Faith takes hope and courage to unimagined heights."



ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, October 10, in the Family Life Center
Immediately following the evening worship assembly
Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, & desserts
Drinks will be furnished

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Kathy Cooley** and daughter **Elaine** into our West Erwin family. They live in Lindale and their mailing address is P.O. Box 2192, Lindale, 75771, ph. 903-881-0556.

Larry and Lynne Murphey, parents of Laurie Stone, have made known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome them into our growing family. Their address is 323 Chimney Rock, #715, 75703, ph. (his) 903-316-8254, (hers) 903-316-8259.

ATTENTION MEN:

We need men to help set up tables and chairs for the all-church fellowship on Sunday night. Meet in the Family Life Center immediately after the morning worship assembly. If several can help it won't take long.

"Honor: a gift anyone can give no matter what the occasion."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Special birthday wishes to Edgar Bullard, a special Christian gentleman who is 90 years young as of September 22!

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin has been asked to collect Spaghettios. Other items needed are posted on the bulletin board in the office area. Cash donations are also appreciated.

NATIONAL CALL FOR CHRISTIAN PRAYER

Someone has said that if Christians really understood the full extent of the power we have available through prayer we might be speechless. In W.W.II there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace. There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

There is a national call, starting Friday night, October 1, for 40 days of Prayer. In forty days starting last Friday we will have an election for the President of the United States of America. *No matter which party you support*, please pray each day that the Lord will bless our Nation and place in power the man that needs to be our leader in these troubled years ahead. The Bible uses the 40 days numerous times; maybe this will be good for this nation.

If you would like to participate, every evening at 9:00 pm Eastern Time, 8:00 pm Central, 6:00 pm Pacific, stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for the safety of the United States, our troops, our citizens, for the elections and for peace in the world. Our prayers are the most powerful asset we have. Together, we "CAN" make a difference! Thank You, and God Bless America!
 (shared with us by Buck Nowell)

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Records	Sunday September 26	Sunday September 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	420	428
Worship A.M.	623	637	628
Worship P.M.	389	394	3,868
Wed. P.M.	326	330	326
Contribution	\$17,458.10	\$20,367.99	\$18,205.31
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 3 & Wed., Oct. 6: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Dorothy Daugherty is scheduled for back surgery Friday at Texas Spine & Joint Hospital. **Ernie Gordon** is at home after shoulder surgery Monday. **Clelia Faye Elliott** is Olympic Plaza rehab following back surgery last week. **Robert Stokes** is at home after back surgery. **Opal Cooper** had a back procedure Wednesday. **Chloe Clark** is back in Clairmont. **David Starnes**, Sue Starnes' son, is very ill. **Roy Roberson**, former West Erwin member, is critically ill in Abilene. **Gilbert Pool**, Winona Shankle's brother-in-law, is paralyzed after a fall. **Judy Carol Thomas**, Gloria Thigpen's daughter, had successful kidney surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Paul Lowe**, Sharon Hammond's brother, had another heart cath Wednesday. **Kim Fletcher**, former West Erwin member, is having serious pregnancy problems. Her husband, Kyle, needs kidney surgery also. **Lilibeth Kennedy**, Odie & Dolores' daughter-in-law, had surgery last Friday in Florida. **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables brother, did not get a good report after recent brain cancer surgery. Continue to remember in prayer and care those in our family and relatives and friends of our family who are ill at home, undergoing treatment, shut-in, and in nursing homes.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Randy Farrar
Scripture Brandon Lott
Dismiss Jay Bynum

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

Prayer Faber Cauthen
Scripture Tyler DuVall
Dismiss Rodney Dalton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Ryan Pool Chris Scroggins
Billy Pool Doug Scroggins
Chris Reynolds Barry Scarborough
Tom Ramsour Fred Powell

GREETERS
Tom & Beverly Hale & Shannon Snell
Michael & Candace Hall & Caylee Stamps
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Monica Starr
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards October 3 & 10: Jake Skender, Justin Parrish, Caleb Grounds, Grant Perkins, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 3:
Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddlers a.m.: Karen Fedell & Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Jason & Jennifer Paltjon; 3's & 4's: Marc & Ginger Philpot.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship	5:00 P.M.	(Sept through May)	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
	11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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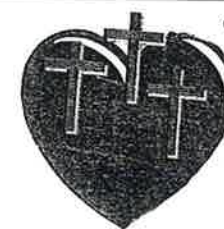
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MALCOLM PARSLEY, MISSIONARY

I love missionaries! They often live far from home and family; they sometimes make great sacrifices to fulfill their dreams; and they spend much of their furlough time raising personal support. Missionaries follow in the footsteps of one of the greatest of all missionaries, Paul of Tarsus. Some missionaries spend a short period of time in the mission field, others spend their lives there. I salute them all. One missionary who has spent most of his life on the mission field is our friend, *Malcolm Parsley*. Nearly a half century ago while serving in the armed forces in Korea, Malcolm made a vow to the Lord -- he would give his life to the spreading of the gospel in Korea. He has kept that vow. Over such a long period of time we would expect that financial support for this work would ebb and flow. Sometimes there has been an abundance of support while at other times support has been sparse. In all these times, through the years of plenty and little, Malcolm has stayed. Like the apostle Paul, he has known "how to live humbly" and "how to live in prosperity;" how "to abound and to suffer need"

(Philippians 4:12). Through it all Malcolm has stayed the course and has lived by the faithful saying, "The Lord will provide." He is probably the best known and most loved member of the church in Korea. He is known by government officials in South Korea. He is known in institutions of higher learning. He is known in training schools for preachers. He is known on the American military bases. He is known in the congregations of the Lord's people. He is known in the streets of South Korea's cities. He has dedicated his life to Christ, the church, and to South Korea. West Erwin has helped Malcolm in the past as our Missions Ministry has allocated funds from its budget for a one-time contribution to his needs. Perhaps we will have opportunity to come to his "aid once and again" (Philippians 4:16). Malcolm and his wife Kwihwa are visiting in the States right now and this Sunday evening he will be preaching at West Erwin during the 5 o'clock service. Meet them. Hear Malcolm. Encourage them as we "help them on their way" (see Romans 15:24).

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, October 3, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
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5:00 P.M. - Malcolm Parsley
Guest speaker

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

All of those in the middle school are invited to join us for the devotional this Sunday night after church. We will be finished 8:30. It will be at the Snell's house. A map will be provided. Please bring \$2 for supper and wear tennis shoes for the activities. Invite a friend and join us!

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DON'T FORGET OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS!

Wesley Hilliard, Webster University
150 Edgar Rd. #133B, St. Louis, MO. 63119-3274

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

How long has it been since you read the words of Jesus from Matthew 11:28? He says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

How long has it been since you read the words of David from Psalm 23?

"The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil. My cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

These words have been framed and hung on hospital walls, scratched in prison cells, quoted by children, whispered by the dying, set to music, and translated into a thousand languages. Surely these words contain the answer to Matthew 11:28. **How long has it been** since you gave your burdens to Him?

2nd ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT

Saturday, October 23, 2004

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Save your coins to help support Christian Services of East Texas

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm always excited when a person comes up to me and volunteers to teach a class. It is so refreshing not to have to go hunting for a quality teacher. Listen, I'm not naive, I know that there are certain times during each quarter that some of you (when you see me coming) will run in the opposite direction. You know that I'm about to ask you to teach a class. Most of you do that jokingly, however, a few of you probably do it purposely. That's just one of the obstacles that education ministers face. Finding quality teachers isn't always easy but when you do find them you have found a great jewel and they are really worth their weight in gold. I'm afraid sometimes there are teachers who are so fearful of their class that they misapply the following quote from Dante's *Inferno*, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here." Believe it or not, I have heard of a teacher who repeated over and over the first part of Revelation 2:10 before he entered his classroom: "Fear not that which you are about to suffer." Again,

he just did this in a joking way but to some there might be some truth in speaking those words.

To me, teaching is a win, win situation. If I am prepared then my students will win, and if my students win, then it makes me feel good and I win. It is a great feeling when both the student and the teacher comes out feeling like a winner. One of the greatest calls that we can answer for the Kingdom is to accept the challenge of being a teacher. Of course, it goes without saying that when you accept the challenge of being a teacher you also accept the fact that you will need to be a student of God's Word, continually preparing and training, and then being as creative as possible in order to reach as many as possible in the presentation of your lesson. The Marine slogan is: "We're looking for a few good men;" at West Erwin, we're looking for a few good men and women who are willing to take on the task of teaching in a serious way and who are willing to aid their students in their great journey of faith." Perhaps our slogan is not as catchy as the Marine's but it is (eternally speaking) more important. Won't you accept the challenge to become a teacher at West Erwin? You won't be sorry.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Chlois McCarty acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement.

The family of Chlois McCarty
(Johnnie Stringer's sister)

Lorene Venable and the Martinez family would like to thank everyone for the prayers and caring for their beloved Stacie Martinez. (She died September 20).

To the West Erwin Members,

Words cannot express how much we appreciate the prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls, expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers at the loss of my mother. Your love has helped so much.

In Christian Love,
Shirley Denman & Family

Thank you so much for the lovely lunch. You have no idea how much burden it took off our shoulders. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

The Sylvia Fuller Family
(relative of the Bill Meazells)

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at the Elm Grove church of Christ near Canton for Louise Groom, Ira Groom's mother. Services were held Tuesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for Robie Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother. Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home for Carmen Rocha, Henry McRuiz's sister. Carol Goodwin, Eleanor Nunn's niece, died Sunday after a car accident. Stacie Martinez, friend of Lorene Venable in Lewisville for whom we had been praying, died last Monday. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

Five of the 10 people killed last week in the wreck in Sherman were friends several West Erwin members. Lisa's husband Mike is the son of Mike Martin, former coach at ACU. Lisa Martin, her mother, Mrs. Woods, and Lisa's 3 children were killed. Mrs. Woods was the wife of Brownsboro school superintendent. The families and friends of these people need our prayers.

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Scott Gray		

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Cheryl & Ember Johnson, 1003 CR 3180 #46, 75706
Carla Lemons, 400 Grande Blvd. #1905, 75703

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Jack and Johnnie Stringer celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary on September 27. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Milburn and Jan Cook on the birth of a new granddaughter! Natalie Grace was born September 20 in Victoria, Texas to Charlie and Rachell Cook. She is welcomed by sisters Carley, Kelsey and Audrey.

Max & Mary Haws have a new great granddaughter! Audrey Marie was born September 14 to Rob and Traci Brown in Washington, PA. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz. and was 20 inches long. (We did not have all the details for last week's bulletin).

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

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HEARTPRINTS

Wherever we go, whatever we touch, we leave a telltale sign,
On walls, on tables, on doorknobs,
smudges that we all leave behind.

My parents, my child, my friends and You, Lord
Have taught me of another kind of touch,

Of heartprints, that's the kind that mean so very much.

As I go through my day today I will do my best to remember

That if I see a good thing, that's what I need to say

And if the thought comes to me I need to share it,

And leave heartprints, not smudges wherever I go ...

Oh, Lord, give me the grace to share my touch with all I see,

That they may come to feel

Your hand touching them, through me.

And at the end of the day if just one person should feel in some

small, tiny way, touched by love, or kindness,

may they be moved to share that heartprint,

and spread Your touch with everything they say.

May my heart touch my neighbors with a smile,

an angry, hurting child, with peacefulness,

A stranger, with unexpected warmth, and my dear friends,

with love that knows no bounds. - author unknown

SIXTH ANNUAL FALL LECTURESHIP

Lake Tawakoni church of Christ

Theme: "Fulfilling My Joy" - October 3-7

See bulletin board for details

ATTENTION LADIES!

North Tenaha Church of Christ 4th Annual Ladies Day

Topic: "It's Not About You!!" (Psalm 100:3-5)

Saturday, October 2, 2004 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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Bible Class	420	406	417
Worship A.M.	637	608	573
Worship P.M.	394	362	348
Wed. P.M.	330	310	321
Contribution	\$20,367.99	\$18,876.94	\$17,738.54
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 26 & Wednesday, Sept. 29: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Chloe Clark** is in ETMC, room 4470b. **Clelia Faye Elliott** had back surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **Robert Stokes** had back surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Sue Carty** had a thyroid biopsy Tuesday. **Toby Kennedy**, Odie & Dolores Kennedy's son, got a good report after a heart check. **Sharon Ketchum** got a good report after breast cancer surgery. **Linda Gillam**, **Henry McRuiz**, and **Kathleen Nowell** are all recovering from recent surgeries. **Barbara Henderson** is recuperating at home. **Jerry Hannah**, Sharon Hannah's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Glynn Lowe**, Sharon Hammond's dad, is in rehab after recent back surgery. **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt, has been diagnosed with scleroderma and they have requested special prayers. **Rob Eubanks**, John Portwood, Jr.'s father-in-law, is hospitalized with ALS. **Sandy Laird**, Ashley & Dylan's grandmother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Lilibeth Kennedy**, Odie & Dolores' daughter-in-law, is scheduled for surgery Sept. 24 in Florida. **Jerry Hannah**, Sharon Hannah's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables brother from Sulphur Springs, had brain cancer surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Shelby Anders**, Joe Anders' 15 year brother, is hospitalized in Longview with pulmonary hypertension auto immune disorder. **Robie Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother, is at home under hospice care.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Joe Roach
Scripture Stefan Andrews
Dismiss Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
John Lacy
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Kyle Willoughby
Scripture Jeff Ruddell
Dismiss Nicholas Blaylock

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John Pike Jimmie Philpot
Jeff Parrish Marc Philpot
Charles O'Neal Dr. Jason Paltjon

GREETERS
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Chris Scroggins
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Hayley Simmons
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards Sept. 26: Zach Skender, Sean Denman, Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 26:
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ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.
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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M.
	11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)	
Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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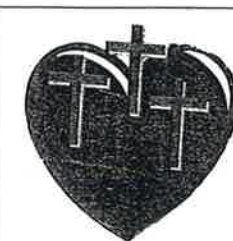
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"WHY CAN'T I HAVE A BABY?"

One of the most interesting things about human beings is their attitudes. Attitudes determine what people do and what they become. Those who promote more active roles for women in church leadership are heard to say, "In Christ there is neither male nor female." The implication is that women should fill many of the same roles as men do. This reasoning is faulty for several reasons. First, the statement above is based upon Galatians 3:28 and is not speaking of roles or service in the church but of access to God. Second, God has stipulated in I Timothy 2:8-15 that women are not "to teach or to exercise authority over a man." This is not a cultural statement pertaining to the first century alone, but is for all time as Paul traced his statement back to the beginning and said, "For it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman ..." Third, the fact that women are not preachers or elders in the church and do not lead worship is not a matter of dignity or

worth, but of roles. Fourth, those who push for women to occupy greater leadership roles often claim deeper insight and more spiritual maturity than others, yet they whine like little children and cry, "Why can't women ...?" God has given certain roles, recognized in Scripture, to men as husbands, fathers, and church leaders and to women as wives, mothers, and teachers of women and children. To be dissatisfied with these God-given roles is much like a man crying, "Why can't I give birth to a baby? Am I of lesser importance and dignity than a woman? Am I assigned to a lesser status than they?" Roles, roles, roles! It's a matter of roles! Men are men and women are women -- both have roles, given by God, to fill. So be what God designed for you to be. Fulfill your role and be satisfied with it, and grow in it. It's God's plan and is good for you, the family, as well as the church

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, September 26, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "How To Be Forgiven"
(Hebrews 10:11-18)
5:00 P.M. - "How To Be Forgiving"
(Colossians 3:12-15)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school are invited to join us for the devotional this Sunday night after church. We will be finished 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes for the activities. Invite a friend and join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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Oct. 31	Fall Festival
Nov. 19-21	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Sunday, October 3, will be a special time to serve all our guests who have visited with us in the past few weeks. Two shepherding groups will be meeting for a potluck lunch in the Family Life Center and they especially want all our visitors to be their special guests for the meal. A complete tour of the West Erwin facility and ministries is provided after the meal for those who are wanting to know more about West Erwin.

2nd ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT

Saturday, October 23, 2004
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CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Save your coins to help support Christian Services of East Texas
Sept. 12 - Dec. 12

Cans are ready for you to pick up in the foyer.

Something to think about

All the water in the world, however hard it tried
Could never, never sink a ship unless it gets inside.
All the evil in the world, the blackest kind of sin,
Could ever hurt you one little bit unless you let it in.
True peace does not come from absence of trouble.
It comes from the presence of God.
The world isn't interested in the storms you've
encountered,
But whether you brought in the ship.
Men do not reject the Bible because it contradicts itself,
But because it contradicts them.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Life has a way of teaching us great lessons whether we are ready for those lessons or not. The circumstances that we find ourselves in are benchmarks as we reflect back over the accomplishments of our lives. One of those benchmarks for me has been my work (as a teacher) with college students. I love teaching this age group. They are eager to learn as well as to share their knowledge. They have respect for their teachers but if they disagree they have the conviction to lay it on the table in an effort to change their teacher's mind. They are somewhat innocent but they are also in the process of formulating their belief system that will be with them for the remainder of their lives. Whether in Arkansas, Alabama, or here in Texas I consider myself extremely fortunate to have been allowed to teach this age group. My question for this congregation is: "Are we doing enough to insure that our college students are firmly planted in the Word of God?" You know, at one time we would pack up our children and send them off to a Christian university and we

were satisfied that they would be grounded in the truth at those universities. Unfortunately, more and more flags of caution are rising up disputing this. We should give ourselves over in prayer that all of our universities (if they are failing to put God first) would return to the path that would benefit the church instead of man. For those who chose to stay in Tyler to get their college degree, we had the Tri-C to help them stay grounded. Our sons and daughters who select a local college no longer have a place that they can go to study, to fellowship, to have a devotional, or to take a class that is associated with churches of Christ. No longer is there a campus organization associated with churches of Christ that will have the opportunity to lead a person to Christ. And evidently, from this point forward, we will no longer hear an alumni say, "I met my spouse at the Tri-C."

I'm proud to be called a teacher for our college students. I know that the area congregations love all of the college students. I hope our college students will not hold it against us that when it was their time to glean from either their attendance at a Christian university or at the Tri-C that we fumbled the ball. Let's pray about this and hopefully help will be on the way.



IN APPRECIATION

Words cannot express the gratitude we feel for everything done for Mother during the last few months. We greatly appreciate the cards, visits, words of encouragement and especially the prayers. Those of you who sat with Mother have a special place in our hearts. The floral easel was beautiful. The music provided by the singers was beautiful and moving. Jay's message was perfect to comfort our heavy hearts. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Mary Evelyn Grier
Mary June & Cooper Goodson
David & Teresa Grier
Matt, Kathy, Caleb & Cole Goodson
Nicholas & Melanie Goodson
David, Jr. & Clifford Grier

Thank you for the many acts of kindness shown to me and Jane during and after my surgery. I really appreciate your prayers and concern for me. Louis Jones

TO BE A FAMILY

To be a family is to love together, to laugh together, to cry together, to share the course of our lives with those who care about us, it is to never face heartache alone, to freely rejoice at our blessings, and to share in the joy of the blessings of others. It is to learn to relate to each other, work out our differences, help each other grow and nurture each other's talents and giftings, it is to hold a hand, share a hug, blow a kiss and know that we are a part of something larger than ourselves, eternal, and a very special gift of God called *our family*. - author unknown

NEW ARRIVAL

Max & Mary Haws have a new great granddaughter! She was born September 14 to Rob and Tracey Brown in Washington, PA. She weighed 6 lb. 13 oz.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Anthony Sessions
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Nathan Silvers
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Robert Songer
Ryan Blackstone	Jay Landon Jones	Russell Spicher
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Casey Culpepper	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Chuck Freeman	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Glenda Gacilos	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Josh Gaspard	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Scott Gray		

DEACONS RESIGN

Mark Frick and Keith Harris have recently asked to be relieved of the responsibilities they fulfilled as deacons. We express our deep appreciation to these two brothers for their faithful service and pray God's blessing upon them as they continue to serve in the Kingdom.

Sorry to lose

Don and Sherry Peek and Anita Peek placed membership with the Shiloh Road congregation.

ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 10, in the Family Life Center
Immediately following the evening worship assembly
Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, & desserts
Drinks will be furnished

CYSTIC FIBROSIS WALK

If anyone is interested in walking for Kalli and other children like her, please contact Jerry or Rachel Huff at 903-534-8549. The Walk is on September 25th.

ATTENTION LADIES!

North Tenneha Church of Christ
4th Annual Ladies Day Program

Topic: "It's Not About You!!" (Psalm 100:3-5)
Saturday, October 2, 2004 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
There will be registration and continental breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00. Lunch will be from 12:00 - 12:30.

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin has been asked to collect *Spaghettios*. Other items needed are posted on the bulletin board in the office area. Cash donations are also appreciated.

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

You can make a difference by learning to pay attention to the little things of everyday life.
Then they become contagious.
And environments improve. For example:
Make few promises, but keep every one you make.
Live within your means, and pay your bills on time.
Do more than your share on any project.
Be grateful for your job, and smile while doing it.
Get to work early, ignore the clock, and give it your best.
Never cheat your company or your customers.
Be faithful to your spouse,
and say only positive things about him or her.
Know what is going on in the lives of your children.
Be especially kind to anyone who appears sad or angry.
Face your problems with prayer - not pills or alcohol.
Give people the benefit of the doubt.
Use "please," "thank you," and "excuse me" often and naturally.
Be generous with praise and stingy with criticism.
Do as many good deeds as you can anonymously.

Apologize when you are wrong.

Appreciate the beauty God has put around you in nature.
Your character is the sum total of the little behaviors you practice in life's daily routine.

"Excellence," said Aristotle, "is habit."

The person who has the potential for being a hero in some gigantic crisis is the one who has learned self-discipline in a thousand minor challenges. To make a big difference, let God teach you to do little things well.

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Sept. 16, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 36
Records	Sunday September 12	Sunday September 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	406	418	416
Worship A.M.	608	562	638
Worship P.M.	362	357	383
Wed. P.M.	310	316	350
Contribution	\$18,876.94	\$23,678.40	\$18,390.86
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 19 & Wednesday, Sept. 22: Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Clelia Faye Elliott's surgery was postponed. Toby Kennedy, Odie & Dolores Kennedy's son, is scheduled for a heart check Friday in Dallas. Louise Culpepper got a good report after a heart cath last Friday. Elizabeth Hughes had oral surgery Monday in Dallas. Kathleen Nowell had carpal tunnel surgery Tuesday. Henry McRuiz had foot surgery Tuesday. Linda Gillam had hand surgery last week. Zona Crone was admitted to Mother Frances last Friday after a fall but is now at her daughter's home. Sharon Ketchum is at home after breast cancer surgery last week. Charles Rachui is at home after being hospitalized with complications from cellulitis. Barbara Henderson is recuperating at home. Chase Fisher is recovering at home. Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. Glynn Lowe, Sharon Hammond's dad, is in rehab after recent back surgery. Sandy Laird, Ashley & Dylan's grandmother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Jerry Davis, Norma Sorrell's brother-in-law, had an emergency appendectomy at Medical City in Dallas. Lilibeth Kennedy, Odie & Dolores' daughter-in-law, is scheduled for surgery Sept. 24 in Florida. Jerry Hannah, Sharon Hannah's dad, has been diagnosed with cancer. Buford Owens, Agnes Ables brother from Sulphur Springs, had brain cancer surgery Tuesday at ETMC.

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Prayer Alan Montgomery
Scripture Gene Moon
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

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

Prayer Daniel Morgan
Scripture Jerry Mitchell
Dismiss Alex Mullins

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Johnny Owen Dr. Stan Perkins
John Pike Jimmie Philpot
Jeff Parrish Marc Philpot
Charles O'Neal Dr. Jason Paltjon

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Amy Scarborough
Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Sara Scarborough
Don & Norma Durham & Miranda Scarborough
Visitor Center: Tom & Beverly Hale
Billy & Lynda Terrell

Pick up cards Sept. 19 & 26: Zach Skender, Sean Denman, Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 19:
Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Julie Ables;
Toddlers a.m.: Debbie & Cayti Bynum; Toddlers p.m.:
Shirley Denman & Carolyn Welborn; 2's: Will & Stephanie
Christian; 3's & 4's: Todd & Jana Hancock.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
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	Bill Mullins	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
	Ray Vannoy		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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THE AMAZING POWER OF ONE

Oliver Cromwell won control of England in 1645 by one vote. King Charles I was beheaded on the basis of one vote. France changed from a monarchy to a republic in 1875 when the vote of the deputies was 353 to 352. During the American Revolution a bill was presented to the Continental Congress which would have changed the official language of the colonies from English to German. The bill was defeated by one vote. In 1845 the Senate voted 26 to 25 to admit Texas to the Union. Indiana's Senator Hannigan changed his mind and voted in favor of its admission (the senator himself had won his election to office by only one vote). President Andrew Johnson escaped impeachment in 1868 by one vote. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President of the United States in 1876 by an electoral vote of 185 to 184. On November 8, 1923 the leaders of the tiny Nazi party met in a Munich tavern and elected Adolf Hitler as their leader by a one vote

margin. A young woman was slowly murdered in a New York residential area while at least 38 neighbors watched from their windows. During the 30 minute assault not one person telephoned the police. What a difference one person can make! By speaking up when others are silent, by voting in a national election when many do not, by attending a church service when many will not, by performing a deed of kindness when others look the other way, by visiting someone in the hospital when others do not have the time, and by teaching someone the gospel when others say no one is interested. We know the names of people like Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, Paul, and Jesus because one person can make a difference. You can too! It takes perception, preparation, observation, persistence, and fortitude, but people who want to make a difference can have an impact on their world. It's the power of one. Make a difference where you are!

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, September 19, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Falling From Grace"
(Galatians 5:1-6)
5:00 P.M. - "How To Manage Anger"
(Mark 6:1-6)

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

West Erwin has been involved in LTC for 14 years or so. This ministry has been a great blessing for our youth group and many of our families. We will have our sign-up on Sunday Oct. 24. Details to follow.

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Sept. 23	High School Bible Study
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

OUR GREATEST CHALLENGE

Jesus put to us the greatest challenge of all when he said, "Love your enemies" (Matthew 5:44).

Jesus instructs those who choose to follow him to overcome their enemies,

not by showing everybody how wrong he or she was, nor by matching their hurtful actions, but by forgiving them.

Forgiving does not come naturally -- it is a decision to make. Forgiveness is not based on feelings

but the fact that it is the right thing to do.

Someone once said, "If you hate someone, you give them your heart and mind. Don't give these two things away."

Decide to forgive and forget.

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THE BIBLE

The purpose of the Bible? Salvation. God's greatest passion is to get His children home. He wants His children to know Him. He wants them to trust Him. The Bible proclaims who He is and His plan of salvation. It's the only book written which describes His passion to save His children.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When I lived in Alabama I knew a lady that was bent and crooked from her battles with arthritis. She struggled every day just to get out of bed, yet every Sunday morning you could find her not only at the worship service but also in one of our Bible classes. She truly was an inspiration to all of us who knew her. We have several members here that I would classify as truly inspirational in their attendance because they are so much like this lady in Alabama and week after week you'll find them in our classes. We even have several teachers who suffer from extreme health conditions who refuse to consider giving up their responsibilities as teachers of the Word of God. I am extremely proud to be associated with them as we labor together for the cause of Christ.

However, you know this begs the question: "When compared to these dedicated teachers and members, what kind of excuse could be offered that would remotely justify our record of attendance to our Bible classes?" After all, we have modern day

transportation that can get us to the building in a matter of minutes. We have all types of gadgets in our homes to insure that we are up and at 'em quicker than we have ever been before. We even have more medicines at our disposal that are supposed to lead us to a better measure of health. Yet, week after week, some of us seem to struggle to make it to the building for our classes.

As I reported last week, I just finished reading *John Ehle's* book: *The Trail Of Tears*, which focused on the forced evacuation of the Cherokee Indians from the Cherokee nation (Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, etc.). In reading about the lifestyle of some of these Indians who accepted Christ, they would travel 10 miles (walking or on horseback) week after week to attend church. If the church building was full, they would open the doors and the windows and they would sit outside (regardless of the elements) to hear great lessons from the Bible. We come to an air-conditioned building, sit on padded seats, in a well lit facility, and struggle to have 75% of our membership here for class. Can't we do better than this? Think on these things. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Sunday morning.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Eubank Funeral Home in Canton for Clois McCarty, Johnnie Stringer's sister. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

RUSSIAN CLASS

The Russian class taught by Valentina Cliver has resumed this fall and will meet in the Benevolent Building each Sunday afternoon at 3:30. She will be teaching the Russian language through interesting short stories by Tolstoy, Puskin and other great Russian writers.

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Chuck Freeman	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
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Josh Gaspard	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young
Scott Gray		

GOSPEL MEETING

Carthage Church of Christ

September 19-24, 7:00 p.m.

Lindell Mitchell from Livingston, Texas

Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"

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North Tenneha Church of Christ

4th Annual Ladies Day Program

Topic: "It's Not About You!!" (Psalm 100:3-5)

Saturday, October 2, 2004 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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TEN RULES FOR HAPPIER LIVING

1. Give something away with no strings attached.
2. Do a kindness and forget it.
3. Spend time with the aged; experience is priceless.
4. Look intently into the face of a baby and marvel.
5. Laugh often; it is life's lubricant.
6. Give thanks; a thousand times a day is not enough.
7. Pray or you will lose the way.
8. Work with vim and vigor.
9. Plan as though you will live forever; you will.
10. Live as though you will die tomorrow; we all must die on some tomorrow.

BAPTISM!



We rejoice with Barbara A. McGuire in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Friday afternoon following studies with Ila McLemee. Barbara is employed at U.T. Health Center. Her address is 891 VZ CR 1317, Grand Saline, TX 75140, ph. 963-8960.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Kyle and Kara Willoughby back home. They have been attending here for some time and they wish to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. Their address is 403 Willingham Road, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9519.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dennis E. Stansbury, D.D.S.

will be honored for 30 years of dedicated service

Tuesday, September 28, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, October 10, in the Family Life Center
Immediately following the evening worship assembly

Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, & desserts

Drinks will be furnished

A FEW RULES TO LIVE BY

- Return everything you borrow.
- Stop blaming other people.
- Live within your means and within your seams.
- Be humble.
- Listen more; talk less.
- Every day, do something nice and try not to get caught.
- Strive for excellence, not perfection.
- Be on time.
- Don't criticize anyone.
- Be kind to other people.
- Be even kinder to unkind people.
- Take time to study God's Word and pray.
- Admit it when you make a mistake.
- Understand and accept that life isn't always fair.
- Let someone cut ahead of you in line.
- Don't argue.
- Know when to say something.
- Know when to keep your mouth shut.
- Don't make excuses.
- Don't sweat the small stuff.

- author unknown

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin has been asked to collect Spaghettios. Other items needed are posted on the bulletin board in the office area. Cash donations are also appreciated.

"One of the ways to have happiness, one of the ways to live it, all day long and every day, is to try each hour to give it."

- anonymous

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Bible Class	418	454	416
Worship A.M.	562	650	613
Worship P.M.	357	429	356
Wed. P.M.	316	303	329
Contribution	\$23,678.40	\$18,265.70	\$23,689.75
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 12 & Wednesday, Sept. 15: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Zona Crone was taken to ER Tuesday but is back home. **Charles Rachui** is in Mother Frances, room 5550, with a staph infection. **Glynn Lowe**, Sharon Hammond's dad, had back surgery Wednesday at ETMC. **Gloria Gilley**, Carolyn Blackstone's sister, is at home after being hospitalized with blood clots in her legs, complicated by diabetes and lupus. **Sandy Laird**, Ashley and Dylan Laird's grandmother, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. **Barbara Henderson** is recuperating at home. **Clelia Elliott** is scheduled for back surgery Sept. 15. **Toby Kennedy**, Odie & Dolores Kennedy's son, is scheduled for a heart check Sept. 17 in Dallas. **Chase Fisher** is recovering at home. **Lilibeth Kennedy**, Odie & Dolores' daughter-in-law, is scheduled for surgery Sept. 24 in Florida. Continue to remember **Buddy & Dorothy Bell**, **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry Brown**, **June Chapel**, **Chloe Clark**, **Marjorie Cox**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Charles & Jean Dees**, **Lela Duncan**, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **John & Mabel Holbert**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Charles McCoy**, **Robie Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother, **Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, **Travis Self**, friend of the Seaberry's granddaughter, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Paul & Signa Stanley**, **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Pattie Tate**, **Bob Threadgill**, **Harlev Turner**. Esther Wilson's brother. & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

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Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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Scripture Ralph Henderson
Dismiss Nathan Grounds

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Gene Moon Freeman Morgan
Bill Mullins Daniel Morgan
Alex Mullins Carlos Morgan

GREETERS
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & George Richardson
Milburn & Jan Cook & Samantha Richardson
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Courtney Russell
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
Gene & Leah Moon

Pick up cards Sept. 12: Conner Clark, Casey McClenny, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 12:
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WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH THE STORMS

There is an old hymn that says, "When you walk through the storm, keep your head up high; and don't be afraid of the dark." It concludes with the words, "Walk on, walk on, walk on through the rain and you'll never walk alone." Other songs speak of storms. For example, you may remember the line, "When storms around are sweeping, when lone my watch I'm keeping, Remember me, O Mighty One!" Another example is, "When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, ..." Life does have its storms and we can face the storms with doubt or faith. Doubt motivates us to ask, "Why is this happening to me?" Or, "Does God care that this is happening to me?" Or, "How can a good God allow this to happen?" On the other hand, faith knows that storms come because we live in a fallen world and believers are not exempt from suffering. Additionally, faith doesn't understand

everything but it does trust God to see us through whatever happens to us. Faith remembers that God has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5), and "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7), and "In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us" (Romans 8:37). Doubt sees the storms, trembles, and collapses. Faith sees the storms, is "knocked down, but is never knocked out" (2 Corinthians 4:9 -- Phillips), and experiences the presence of the Lord. Doubt whines and looks at the storm while faith praises and looks for the good that will ultimately come (see Romans 8:28). Storms will come. They will take many forms. They, at times will be devastating. But, "when you walk through the storm, keep you head up high; and don't be afraid of the dark Walk on, walk on, walk on through the rain, and you'll never walk alone." We have His word on that.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, September 12, 2004

10:00 A.M. - Don Crawford

"I Will Remember Their Sins No More"

(Hebrews 10:11-18)

5:00 P.M. - Doug Yates

"For Every Action There Is A Reaction"

(Hebrews 11:24-26)

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"The Church With Heart"

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

All of those in the middle school are invited to join us for the devotional this Sunday night after church. We will be finished 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes for the activities. Invite a friend and join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet again on Thursday, September 16th, from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together.

FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 31 for the annual West Erwin Fall Festival. Our teens and adults will host this special time for the children. More details to follow.

EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will begin in October. The study for this year is the book of Luke. The first quiz will be over Luke 1-5 will be on Monday, Oct. 18. We will have a study session in October. Bible Quiz is a wonderful way to learn God's Word and spend time with others. All 3-12 grade are eligible to participate. Study sheets will be available soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 12	Middle School Devotional
Sept. 16	High School Bible Study
Sept. 19	Small Groups
Sept. 26	High School Devotional
Oct. 4	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Oct. 18	East Texas Bible Quiz
Oct. 24	LTC Sign-Up
Oct. 31	Fall Festival
Nov. 19-21	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SEPTEMBER'S SHEPHERDING GROUP

POTLUCK

Sunday, September 12
Family Life Center

All West Erwin guests for the past month are invited to attend the lunch and stay afterward for a tour of our facility. The groups meeting this month and providing the meal are Dannie Skipper's, James Sublette's, and Ray Vannoy's.

2nd ANNUAL SKEET SHOOT

Saturday, October 23, 2004
Put it in your calendar

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

Save your coins to help support
Christian Services of East Texas
Sept. 12 - Dec. 12

Cans are ready for you to pick up in the foyer.

PONDER THIS

Ever wonder how folks can look so saintly during a worship service but behave so badly in private conversations? Ever choke on your own pious devotion when you feel like turning around and duct taping the kid behind you who keeps kicking your pew?

What good is the discipline of worship if we remain the same crabby people as before?

Worship the means by which we recover our focus and return to our center

We call it "Living in Transformation."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A lot of times (especially during national elections) we hear people talking about the topic of church and state. It's during these times that you hear both the pro's and con's regarding just how involved the government should be in the affairs of the church. I think we all realize that it would be a big mistake for the government to become entangled in the work of the church, but on the other hand, wouldn't it be great if the government at least recognized the accomplishments of the church and the work that it does. Too often it seems like there is a battle going on between our government and (using the term generically) our churches. The government removed prayer from the schools, restricted the free speech rights of our students/teachers/parents on religious topics in school, held captive the school curriculum to express one viewpoint on topics such as the origin of the earth, and pretty much eliminated our religious rights on school property. All the while, claiming that the constitution authorized them to do so under the heading of "separation of church and

state." If you ever suggest to such authorities that they really should consider the intent of our forefathers, they quickly respond, "there is no way we can know the intent of our forefathers since they are all dead." Let me suggest one way to figure out just what our forefathers meant when they penned the phrase: "separation of church and state." Their intent was that we (United States) should not have a state sponsored church, they did not intend for the government to restrict the message of the church in our schools. *John Ehle*, the author of the classic book on the plight of the Cherokee Indians entitled The Trail of Tears, documented (in detail) letters from our first 6 presidents to a host of religious bodies and the role that the government was willing to play in establishing religious schools throughout the Cherokee nation. Not only did the government promise supplies, but also Bibles, blankets, and farm equipment, if these schools were established. From these documents it is clear that it was never the intent of our forefathers to take a hands off approach to the proclamation of the gospel. Rather than restricting the proclamation of the gospel, from a distance, they were making it easier for the lost to be saved.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and visits during my recent illness. The doctor has given me a February 15 check up date. Please continue to remember me in prayer.

Bob Threadgill

Dear West Erwin Church,

We want you to know how much we appreciate the care and concern and especially the prayers for Kenny during his illness and recent surgery. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and your prayers.

Love,

Kyle, Shirley & Kenny McRuiz

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Carthage for Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's mother. Tim Tarrant, Ernie Tarrant's son, died last Tuesday. Services were held Tuesday in Waco for Elwin Crow, former West Erwin member. Our sincere 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	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Anthony Sessions
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Nathan Silvers
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Robert Songer
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Russell Spicher
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Paul Stambaugh
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Kyle Stowers
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

TODAY I SMILED

Today I smiled, and all at once things didn't look so bad.
Today I shared with someone else a little bit of hope I had.
Today I sang a little song and felt my heart grow light.
I walked a happy little mile with not a cloud in sight.
Today I worked with what I had and longed for nothing more.
And what had seemed like only weeds were flowers at my door.
Today I loved a little more and complained a little less.
And in the giving of myself, I forgot my weariness.
- author unknown

GOSPEL MEETING

Carthage Church of Christ
September 19-24, 7:00 p.m.
Lindell Mitchell from Livingston, Texas
Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"

ATTENTION LADIES!

North Tenneha Church of Christ
4th Annual Ladies Day Program

Topic: "It's Not About You!!" (Psalm 100:3-5)
Saturday, October 2, 2004 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

There will be registration and continental breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00. Lunch will be from 12:00 - 12:30.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Modena Jones on the celebration of her 96th birthday on September 4th.

Congratulations to Clinton and Louise Culpepper on the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Ray and Carolyn Womack on their 52nd wedding anniversary on September 7. They also celebrated 40 years of service with the West Erwin church in August.

We rejoice with these families in the significant milestones in their lives

It was good to see Kyle Stowers at church Sunday! Kyle has completed his basic training with the USMC and is home for a time of rest and relaxation before going to his next assignment.

NEW ARRIVAL

Ernie and Sharon Gordon have a new grandson! Noah Brian Spicer was born to Brian and April Spicer in Flower Mound, Texas on September 6. He weighed 9 lb. 3 Oz.

The Best Day of My Life

by Gregory M. Lousig-Nont, Ph.D.

Today, when I awoke, I suddenly realized that this is the best day of my life, ever! There were times when I wondered if I would make it to today; but I did! And because I did I'm going to celebrate!

Today, I'm going to celebrate what an unbelievable life I have had so far: the accomplishments, the many blessings, and, yes, even the hardships because they have served to make me stronger. I will go through this day with my head held high and a happy heart. I will marvel at God's seemingly simple gifts: the morning dew, the sun, the clouds, the trees, the flowers, the birds. Today, none of these miraculous creations will escape my notice.

Today, I will share my excitement for life with other people. I'll make someone smile. I'll go out of my way to perform an unexpected act of kindness for someone I don't even know. Today, I'll give a sincere compliment to someone who seems down. I'll tell a child how special he is, and I'll tell someone I love just how deeply I care for her and how much she means to me.

Today is the day I quit worrying about what I don't have and start being grateful for all the wonderful things God has already given me. I'll remember that to worry is just a waste of time because my faith in God and his Divine Plan ensures everything will be just fine.

And tonight, before I go to bed, I'll go outside and raise my eyes to the heavens. I will stand in awe at the beauty of the stars and the moon, and I will praise God for these magnificent treasures. As the day ends and I lay my head down on my pillow, I will thank the Almighty for the best day of my life. And I will sleep the sleep of a contented child, excited with expectation because I know tomorrow is going to be the best day of my life, ever!

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 25-29. West Erwin has been asked to collect Spaghettios. Other items needed are posted on the bulletin board in the office area. Cash donations are also appreciated.

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Bible Class	454	423	507
Worship A.M.	650	642	810
Worship P.M.	429	385	NS
Wed. P.M.	303	318	286
Contribution	\$18,265.70	\$22,739.63	\$15,700.98
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00	(Special EEM \$26,877.06)	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, September 5 & Wednesday, Sept. 8: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Chase Fisher is in Mother Frances due to injuries in a 4 wheeler accident. Rex Power is at home after a heart procedure Tuesday. Ponder Wright, Sr. is now at home. Clelia Elliott is scheduled for back surgery Sept. 15. Ben Young is in Methodist Hospital in Houston. Kenny McRuiz, Henry & Becky's grandson, is doing well after brain surgery. Buddy Bell is recuperating after surgery on a broken hip and leg. Robie Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother, is undergoing chemo treatment. Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, is very ill in Houston. Travis Self, friend of the Seaberry's granddaughter in Coppell, is doing well after a liver transplant. Joan Everett, Bob Center's cousin, is doing well after recent brain surgery. Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is undergoing aggressive chemo due to cancer spread. Continue to remember Thelma Bennett, Henry Brown, Lowrane Canada's sister, Kay Carnes, Cindy Pace's aunt, June Chapel, Chloe Clark, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Charles & Jean Dees, Lela Duncan, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, John & Mabel Holbert, Sharla Keuhn, Lowrane Canada's niece, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Bob Threadgill, Harley Turner. Esther Wilson's brother. & Ben & Patsy Young.

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Prayer Greg Jones
Scripture Todd Kempton
Dismiss James Sublette

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

Prayer Odie Kennedy
Scripture Dennis Kingsbury
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Hutton Moon Larry Moore
Gene Moon Freeman Morgan
Bill Mullins Daniel Morgan
Alex Mullins Carlos Morgan

GREETERS

Ray & Carolyn Womack & Michael Ragsdale
Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Maggie Ragsdale
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Jordan Rousseau
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Sept. 5 & 12: Conner Clark, Casey McClenny, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 5:
Nursery a.m.: Rita Sitton; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome;
Toddlers a.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; Toddlers p.m.: Frances Phillips & Martha Waggoner; 2's: Heath & Kandi Adams;
3's & 4's: Chris & Miranda Conder.

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LEADERSHIP

It has been said that everyone is a leader. This is true if we consider the fact that everyone has influence upon leaders because of abilities, circumstances, or desire. Some unlikely leaders have had leadership thrust upon them and became great leaders. I think of Abraham Lincoln who, after entering politics, lost more elections than he won, but he became one of America's greatest leaders because of the responsibilities that were his during the War between the States. I think of Franklin D. Roosevelt, a man who was severely handicapped physically, who inherited as president of the United States a depression and then a World War, yet he went down in our history as a great world leader. Leaders are made more than they are born and many rise to the occasion as they become great leaders. History bears out the fact that there have been men with great ability to become wonderful leaders, but they chose to remain on the sidelines and their decision made their world poorer. Leaders in the church may be poor leaders, talented

leaders, great leaders, or mediocre leaders. What makes the difference? Men who are effective leaders as elders, deacons, preachers, or teachers, and women who are great leaders in teaching women and children, in taking food to the sick or bereaved, and in serving the needs of others in countless ways, all have something in common. What is that something? It is caring. Elders make great shepherds, not so much because of great aptitude, but because of the care they have for the sheep. Preachers and teachers provide effective leadership when they care. Great servants in the church, both young and old, and men and women, are successful because they care. The greatest of the virtues is love and to love is to care. Show me a leader with superior abilities and resources for success, but a leader who does not care, and I will show you an inept leader who never reaches the potential that is possible. Thank God for so many leaders around West Erwin who are great leaders because they love ... and care.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, September 5, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Loveliness Of Grace"
(Acts 20:32-38)
6:00 P.M. - "How To Deal With My Fears"
(Matthew 14:22-27)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We served about 135 people. This ministry continues to grow and serve the community. West Erwin's next serving dates are Oct. 4, Nov. 22 and Dec. 20. Mark these on your calendars and plan to help. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle and high school and their families are invited to go out to eat with us this coming Sunday night after church. We are planning to go to Ken's Pizza in the French Quarter. We should be finished 8:00. Join us!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet again on Thursday, September 9th, from 7:00 till 8:00

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"The man who admits his mistakes is better than a sage; he has both wisdom and courage." - author unknown

We cannot turn back the clock and transform our mistakes into good; therefore, we must learn to do it right the first time. Doing things right the first time has its advantages. It will improve our performance and our confidence. It will eliminate redoing the same work. It will reduce wasted time and energy associated with the prevalence of errors. It will improve our morale as well as the morale of those who work with us. It will develop a more positive outlook on life in general. And finally, it will free us to accept greater responsibilities and new challenges.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Here is a list of our Sunday morning adult classes, which will begin September 5th.

20's Class: This class will be studying critical verses from the Bible. It is taught by *Todd Hancock* and it meets in the FLC on the west side of the building.

Adventurers: This class is taught by *Doug Yates* (east side of the FLC) and it will study the topic of *The Irony Of John*

Seekers: This class will continue their study on the Message Of the New Testament Books. They meet in the Fellowship Hall. *Jay Lockhart* is their teacher.

Searchers: will continue their study taken from the book of Acts entitled *The Church We Love*. *Stan Mallory* is their teacher.

Discoverers: *Brody Clark* will teach this class that meets in room 112. He will take his thoughts from the book of Jude.

Inquirers: *Ray Vannoy* will begin a new series of lessons and they will be meeting in the chapel. He has titled this study: Tool Time: Renovations of the Heart.

p.m. at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together.

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WRITE OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Make an effort to write or e-mail our college students. They need our encouragement!

Julie Frick, P.O. Box 192165, Arlington, TX 76019

Ph. (817) 272-6593 e-mail jewel585@earthlink.net

Our mistakes need not be a fact of life. We can train ourselves to make fewer of them by simply learning to do it right the first time.

"Success is not permanent. The same is true of failure."

THANK YOU

On behalf of those who work in the benevolent center and those who come to seek assistance I say THANKYOU!

We salute you for participating, promoting, and accomplishing such an outstanding project as the *Sock It To Me* program. The total number of socks that we have on hand to give away in September is 1,964! Many adults as well as all the children will be blessed by your generosity.

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

Explorers: *Forest McFadden* will teach the main auditorium class from the book of Luke. He will gear his thoughts toward the parables that are found in the book of Luke.

Conquerors: The subject for this class will focus on a study of the Holy Spirit. *Roy Bench* will teach this class in the Heritage Room.

Ladies Class: will continue to meet in room 114 and will focus their study on the *Power of Jesus*. These thoughts will be presented by *Carol Morgan* and will be from the book of Mark.

College Class: *Jon Murry* will teach the college students in room 111.

Please make every effort to be present for these classes. You won't be disappointed.

I'd like to conclude my article this week by thanking *Pam Lott* for her hours of service this summer as she prepared and organized our desserts each Wednesday evening. These fellowships provided us with a time to get together and to share our experiences. Thanks, Pam, for your labor of love.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian friends,

There are not enough words to express our appreciation for your prayers and concern for our family during my dad's illness. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent and to those who attended the visitation on behalf of the church. We love you all.

Cindy & Cassidy Pace &

The family of Wayne Mitchell

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home for Mary Evelyn Grier, long time West Erwin member and mother of Mary June Goodson. Services were held last Friday at Memorial Mausoleum for Dorothy Crawford, Don Crawford's aunt. Our sincere 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	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Anthony Sessions
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Nathan Silvers
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Robert Songer
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Russell Spicher
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Paul Stambaugh
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Kyle Stowers
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

NEED A PLACEMENT AGENCY?

Try Medina Children's Home first! Why? We are free; we have had the best program for group care levels 1, 11, 111 since 1958; we can usually place in 24 hours. Recently Medina Children's Home has been able to implement a counseling program to cover all children in group care. We also have a long-range plan for single mothers with children and no resources of their own. Services such as support groups, counseling, education, and licensed day care are available to enable the single mother to grow individually, to restore emotional stability in the family, and to become a productive part of society. Please contact Anna Pruitt at 830-589-2871 or apruitt@medinachildrenshome.com if you have a placement need. For more information visit our website at medinachildrenshome.org.

HELP WANTED

Medina Children's Home is currently seeking ministry-oriented couples to serve as house parents. Applicants should be spiritual, mature Christian couples with high school diplomas. The annual salary for a couple without experience is \$28,000. For couples experienced in house parenting the salary is \$34,000. Non-taxable compensation fully paid by Medina Children's Home includes health insurance, lodging, food, utilities, and telephone. In the pension plan, the employer matches up to 7% of the employee's annual salary. If interested, please contact Anna Pruitt at 830-589-2871 or apruitt@medinachildrenshome.com.

We also need a truck driver to run our weekly clothing routes in Texas. Starting salary is \$20,000 annually, plus benefits. Heavy lifting is required. If interested please contact Ernie Mize at 830589-2871 or emize@medinachildrenshome.com.

BAPTISM!



We rejoice with **Maselyn Walker** in his decision to live his life for Christ. He is the son of Greg and Kris Walker and was baptized into Christ by his dad last Wednesday night. He is in the 7th grade at Brook Hill School. Their address is 12434 FM 344 W, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-4571.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Elizabeth Glass and her son **Dylan** (age 2) have been visiting here for some time and we are very pleased to welcome them into the West Erwin family. Their address is Route 7, Box 44, Jacksonville, TX 75766, ph. 586-3376.

We are delighted to welcome **Tim** and **Beverly Perry** and their children, **Tanner** (age 6) and **Hunter** (age 3) back home to West Erwin. We know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 2334 Hwy 110 N, 75704, ph. 526-0331.

We are very happy to welcome **Lynnlie Tuschoff** into our growing family. She is the sister of Anna Mitchell and her address is 8300 South Broadway, #12B, 75703, ph. 561-3940.

Address Changes: TSgt. Joe M. Kennedy, USCENTCOM (CCCJ8) APO AE 09365

Dick & Shirley McClenny, 20598 CR 4126, Lindale, 75771.

Rick & Karen Fedell, 4545 Old Jacksonville Rd. 75703

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Larry and Jane Ground on the arrival of a new great granddaughter from Siberia! Marina Jane is 14 months old and is the daughter of Jeff and Jana Roach in Franklin, Tennessee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charles and Jean Dees in the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on August 25! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and good and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely, and dwell on the fine, good things in others. Think about all you can praise God for and be glad about." - Philippians 4:8

KIDS FOR CHRIST

Congratulations to Cade Suggs! Cade's T-shirt design was selected and will be worn by our *Kids For Christ* group this year. Way to go, Cade!

ATTENTION LADIES!

North Tenneha Church of Christ

4th Annual Ladies Day Program

Topic: "It's Not About You!!" (Psalm 100:3-5)

Saturday, October 2, 2004 - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

There will be registration and continental breakfast from 8:30 - 9:00. Lunch will be from 12:00 - 12:30.

GOSPEL MEETING

Carthage Church of Christ

September 19-24, 7:00 p.m.

Lindell Mitchell from Livingston, Texas

Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"

August 26, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 33
Records	Sunday August 22	Sunday August 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	423	411	410
Worship A.M.	642	638	604
Worship P.M.	385	416	374
Wed. P.M.	318	338	338
Contribution	\$22,739.63	\$17,939.83	\$20,200.27
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 29 & Wednesday, Sept. 1: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Ponder Wright, Sr. is in Methodist Hospital in Houston. Mary Evelyn Grier is in Colonial Manor. Chloe Clark is in Clairmont. Lela Davis, Shirley Denman's mother, is now in hospice. Ben Young is in Methodist Hospital in Houston. Kenny McRuiz, Henry & Becky's grandson, is doing well after brain surgery Monday in Dallas. Buddy Bell is recuperating after surgery last week in Dallas. Robie Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother, has begun chemo treatment in ETMC. Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, is very ill in Houston. Travis Self, friend of the Seaberry's granddaughter in Coppell, is doing well after a liver transplant last week. Joan Everett, Bob Center's cousin, had brain surgery Tuesday in Houston. Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, cancer has spread, has begun aggressive chemo. Continue to remember Thelma Bennett, Henry Brown, Lowrane Canada's sister, Kay Carnes, Cindy Pace's aunt, June Chapel, Marjorie Cox, Wini Cullinan, Charles & Jean Dees, Lela Duncan, Clelia Elliott, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, John & Mabel Holbert, Sharla Keuhn, Lowrane Canada's niece, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Robert & Pat Stokes, Pattie Tate, Bob Threadgill, Harley Turner. Esther Wilson's brother. & Ben & Patsy Young.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark
Prayer Tim Grounds
Scripture Tom Hale
Dismiss Bill Mullins

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

Prayer Keith Harris
Scripture Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Mark Frick

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Shane Millican Stuart Means
Alan Montgomery Hugh Mills
Kirby Monds J.D. Mitchell
Kolton Monds Jerry Mitchell

GREETERS
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Andy Murry
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Tanner Philpot
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Hugh & Glenda Mills

Pick up cards August 29: Trey Jackson, Bryson Bellar, Drew Harris, Jake Skender & Zach Skneder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 29:
Nursery a.m.: Linda Marts; Nursery p.m.: Judy Clark;
Toddlers a.m.: Lisa & Shannon Snell; Toddlers p.m.:
Dolores Kennedy & Shelly Sustaire 2's: John & Terry
Shaw; 3's & 4's: Wade & Diane Weathers.

MINISTERS
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit Doug Yates - Education
Don Crawford - Involvement Danny Snell - Youth

MISSIONS
Rafael Falcon Keith Hodges Jeff Holland

ELDERS
Jay Bynum Don Durham Ron Lott
Phil Marts Bill Mullins Dannie Skipper
James Sublette Ray Vannoy Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY
Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)
Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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\$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR EEM

This coming Sunday is the day! Churches of Christ across the nation will be given the opportunity to participate in putting the Bible in the hands of thousands of teachers and students in the public schools of Russia. Bibles have already been placed in the schools of two regions in Russia representing 3800 schools and 655,000 students. Now plans are made to cover a third region with 1600 schools and 386,000 students. The grand total is 5400 schools and over 1,000,000 students! What about costs? \$3 provides material for one child, \$30 for 10, \$90 covers a whole class, and \$725 delivers materials for an entire school library (materials include: 30 age appropriate Bibles, 30 books -- *A Newcomers Guide to the Bible*, 30 sets of biblical morality lessons, and 30 booklets detailing Bible stories). We believe God has opened the door into Russia and we are determined, with God's help, to go boldly through that door. This Sunday

all of us can participate in this exciting work as we make a special contribution to finance Bibles and religious literature for Russia. Come prepared to do what your heart prompts you to do. Bring two checks: one for your regular contribution and one for the special contribution for Russia. Two collections will be made this Sunday.

A TRIBUTE

For twenty-seven years she has been a part of the nursery at West Erwin. For twenty-seven years she has been a permanent fixture in child care. For twenty-seven years she has been at her post. As she brings to a close her long service to children, we salute Fleta Butler for her faithful, dedicated, and effective care of one of our most precious possessions -- our little children. Thank you, Fleta, for a job well done and best wishes to you in your new home.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, August 29, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Power Of Grace"
(2 Corinthians 12:1-10)
6:00 P.M. - "How To Get Along With Others"
(Matthew 7:7-12)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Aug. 30. We serve from 6:00-7:00. If you would be interested in helping, come at 5:00 and help us get things ready and serve the people. We can always use a little extra help in cleaning up too. Be a part of this great ministry!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet again on Thursday, September 9th, from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. at the Snell's home. Invite a friend to be a part of this inspiring time together. We will not meet on Sept. 2 because of the Whitehouse & Chapel Hill football game.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All high school students are encouraged to join us at the Family Life Center after the evening worship assembly Sunday, August 29. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 29 High School Devotional
Aug. 30 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Sept. 9 High School Bible Study
Nov. 19-21 Middle School Retreat

WRITE OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Make an effort to write or e-mail our college students. They need our encouragement! Following are a couple of names with more to follow:

Jordan Lyons jcl04a@acu.edu
Wesley Hilliard wesley@hilliard.ws

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"The very purpose of Christ's self-giving on the cross was not just to save isolated individuals and so perpetuate their loneliness, but to create a new community whose members would belong to Him, love one another, and eagerly serve the world."
John R.W. Stott

SEPTEMBER SOCK PROJECT

For our Benevolent Center
Goal: 1200 pairs of socks
Children and adult sizes
A new pair of socks might just open the door so that the gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared. You are the ones who make this possible. Thanks for your help!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

This Sunday, August 29, will mark our annual "promotion day," and we are looking forward to seeing the faces of our little ones as they leave their old classes and move up to their new classes. This is a big deal to each of them so please make sure they are here on time and ready to go. The bell will ring once at 9:35 for those being promoted to go to their new grade. It will ring at 9:45 to dismiss class. If at all possible, all new teachers (Sunday and Wednesday) please be in your classroom to greet your new students. If you have any questions regarding this please call me at your convenience. While we are on that subject, let me give you my new phone number, please record this number in your directory and call me any time you have a question regarding the educational ministry here at West Erwin. My number is: (903) 894-3386. My address is: 18078 Briarcrest Drive, Flint, Texas 75762. Several have asked for this information, sorry for any inconvenience

THANK YOU!

Thanks to Carlos Morgan for building and hanging our new member picture board. You did a great job!

Thanks to J.D. Mitchell for taking pictures of our new members - they are excellent!

Thanks to Frances McBee and Jo Butler for their help in getting the new pictorial directory into the hands of all our members. The church appreciates you both for all you do.

"Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something, and if everybody does something, everything will get done."

I was reading an article the other day and to tell you the truth, I was a little bit shocked by what it said. Basically, it was an article dealing with Bible School classes and I couldn't disagree more with the suggestions that the author made. She conveyed that **kids don't want to be indoors, they want to be outdoors!** It is true that many kids would rather be outdoors than indoors, however, it isn't always true. In fact, I have found that if you can bring your Bible stories alive, whether you are outdoors or indoors really doesn't matter. She also conveyed, **kids do not want to read out of the confusing Bible!** I think we should be really careful in writing such thoughts. If the Bible is so confusing, it is because we have made it that way. The fact of the matter is that the Bible can be easily explained by our teachers in such a way that it will make an impression on them for the rest of their lives. The gist of her article (to me) conveyed an attempt to do away with classes that are designed to lead students to a deeper understanding of the Word of God and to replace those classes with games and crafts that are solely for the enjoyment of the students. There is a time and place for such activities but not at the expense of the Word.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at Bailey-Foster Funeral Home in Palestine for Wayne Mitchell, Cindy Pace's dad. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Cindy and Cassie and all the family and friends.

EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION \$1,000,000 Sunday, August 29, 2004

For more than forty years Eastern European Mission has been involved in printing Bibles and biblical literature for the nations of Eastern Europe. Opportunities for penetrating these countries have never been greater. Through the years West Erwin has been deeply involved in this ministry and we will have the privilege on April 29 to make a special contribution to this important work. On April 15 Richard Baggett will visit West Erwin for a brief presentation on the fields of Eastern Europe. Be preparing to give what you can on the \$1,000,000 Sunday to the spread of the gospel in Eastern Europe!
- Jay Lockhart

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Anthony Sessions
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Nathan Silvers
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Robert Songer
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Russell Spicher
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Paul Stambaugh
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Kyle Stowers
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Church of Christ at Valley View
Sunday, August 29 - Wednesday, Sept. 1
Sunday: 10:35 a.m., lunch served at 12:15, p.m. service at 2:15
Mon. - Wed. 7:30 p.m.
See bulletin board for details.

12th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP

"What Saith The Scriptures?"
New Testament Christianity in the 21st Century
Longview Church of Christ
1401 Eden Drive, Longview, ph. 903-236-0988
Speakers: Jay Lockhart, Joe Chase, Eddie Cloer, Johnny Ramsey,
Lee Rottman, Denny Petrillo & Paul Hillier
August 27 - August 29 - see bulletin board for details

Carthage Church of Christ
September 19-24, 7:00 p.m.
Lindell Mitchell from Livingston, Texas
Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"

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

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Nicholas Blaylock, son of David and Lori, made known his desire to place membership with the West Erwin church. He has been away in college but is now in school and working in Tyler. He is employed with Anixter-Pentocon and is also a student at Tyler Junior College. His address is 715 South Chilton, 75701, ph. 316-8955.

Pamela Bynum wishes to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. She has been worshipping in Henderson but has visited from time to time. We are pleased to welcome her to the West Erwin. Her address is 110 East Hawkins Parkway, #2615, Longview, 75605, ph. 936-850-8308.

Joe and Connie Roach have been attending here for some time and we are delighted to welcome them into the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the church in Mount Vernon. Their address is 3606 Cloverdale, 75701, ph. 581-1381.

We are also pleased to welcome **Earlyne Wimberly**, the mother of Connie Roach. She resides at Pinehurst, 5403 Plantation Drive, 75701, room 102, ph. 581-1083. She enjoys cards and visits.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower
honoring
Laurie Stone

(due in October - It's a boy!)

Sunday, August 29, 4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Toys'R Us, Wal-Mart

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING

Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

All 1st-5th grade boys are invited to a special meeting to learn about cub scouts. Please come and join the fun of scouting.

Sponsored by members of the churches of Christ. For more information call Keith Harris (596-0096, Jeff Regian (561-3480), or John Shaw (839-8377).

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary Carol Fox, Winona Shankle's granddaughter and Miranda Conder's niece, played in the World Championship Girls Little League softball play-offs last week. Her team won 18 to 5!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Larry and Jane Ground on the celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary on August 24! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

GRADUATION

Congratulations to Kyle Stowers upon his completion of his basic training for the US Marine Corp. Graduation ceremonies will be September 3, then he will come home for a few days. Do not continue to send mail to him there as his address will be changing.

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?"

August 19, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 32
Records	Sunday August 15	Sunday August 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	411	397	462
Worship A.M.	638	583	618
Worship P.M.	416	360	387
Wed. P.M.	338	313	321
Contribution	\$17,939.83	\$20,954.12	\$18,539.19
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 22 & Wednesday, Aug. 25: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Faber Cauthen had surgery Friday. **Chloe Clark** is now in Clairmont. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is in Colonial Manor. **Louis Jones** is recovering after recent surgery. **Charles Dees** has been dismissed after being hospitalized with bleeding ulcers. **Clelia Elliott** is having back and hip problems. **Thelma Bennett** is having problems with congestive heart failure. **Buddy Bell** had surgery Tuesday in Dallas due to a broken hip and leg. **Robie Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother, is awaiting cancer test results. **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, is very ill in Houston. **Travis Self**, friend of the Seaberry's granddaughter, is scheduled for a liver transplant Wednesday. Continue to remember **Henry Brown**, **Lowrane Canada's** sister, **Kay Carnes**, **Cindy Pace's** aunt, **June Chapel**, **Marjorie Cox**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, **James Phillips' sister**, **Charles & Jean Dees**, **Lela Duncan**, **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **John & Mabel Holbert**, **Dan Howell**, **Dorothy Babb's** nephew, **Sharla Keuhn**, **Lowrane Canada's** niece, **Shirley McClenny**, **Charles McCoy**, **Kenny McRuiz**, **Henry & Becky's** grandson, **Wayne Mitchell**, **Cindy Pace's** father, **Jane Morrow**, **Priscilla Mayer's** cousin, **Crystal Murray**, **Sue Starnes' granddaughter**, **Buddy Smith**, **Connie Sublette's** brother, **Paul & Signa Stanley**, **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Pattie Tate**, **Bob Threadgill**, **Harley Turner**, **John Wagner**, **Gree Wagner's** dad, **Esther Wilson's** brother. & **Ben & Patsv Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
Call to worship Brody Clark
Prayer Chris Reynolds
Scripture Lee Mink
Dismiss Ron Lott

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

Prayer Chuck Gillam
Scripture Dan Gillam
Dismiss David Frick

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER
Shane Millican Stuart Means
Alan Montgomery Hugh Mills
Kirby Monds J.D. Mitchell
Kolton Monds Jerry Mitchell

GREETERS

Glynn & Fran Starnes & Hutton Moon
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Alex Mullins
James & Connie Sublette & Kara Murry
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Daniel & Carol Morgan

Pick up cards August 22 & 29: Trey Jackson, Bryson Bellar, Drew Harris, Jake Skender & Zach Skeder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 22:
Nursery a.m.: Judy Clark; Nursery p.m.: Linda Marts;
Toddlers a.m.: Shirley Denman & Kenna Kempton;
Toddlers p.m.: Pam Lowry; 2's: Stuart & Kathy Means; 3's & 4's: Mike & Kristi Harris.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
	(903) 592-0809

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\$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR EEM

August 29, 2004 has been designated as the \$1,000,000 Sunday for Eastern European Mission. What has been and will be accomplished for Christ in the former Soviet Union is one of the most exciting adventures for the church in our lifetimes. Who would have thought just a few years ago that the Bible would be taught in the public schools of Russia? Who would have dreamed that the superintendents of school districts in Russia, representing thousands of teachers and students, would be asking churches of Christ to supply the Bible and Bible related literature to the young people of Russia? God has placed before the church "an open door" into Russia and we are determined to go through that door at full throttle. West Erwin has been a partner in this work from the beginning and on August 29 we will have the privilege of making a special contribution to supply copies of Scripture and other printed materials to the Russian people. In a recent advertisement EEM representatives stated:

Just imagine. The vast changes in Russia. From Communism to turning to God's Word for learning. Right now, Eastern European

Mission has the opportunity to place Bibles in all 1600 public schools in the Novosibirsk Region in Russia. The very same schools that once taught communism not long ago. With the completion of the third school region, we will have reached over 1,000,000 Russian children. And more. While we can't even pray in American schools, 1,000,000 Russian children will be studying the Bible in their public schools. For only \$725 you can provide an entire Biblical Library for a Russian public school. Imagine what God can do. Just imagine what you can do.

On Sunday, August 29, we will take two contributions: our regular and a special for Russia. Be prayerful. Bring two checks that morning -- one for the work here and one for Russia (make both checks to West Erwin and mark one for Russia). Thank you for your help.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, August 22, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Standing In The Grace Of God"
(Romans 5:1-11)

6:00 P.M. - "How To Have A Positive Attitude"
(Philippians 4:4-13)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

There are many opportunities available to make a difference in your youth group, your school, your church and your community. Following is a list of opportunities to be involved in:

Bible Class **Devotionals**
Worship **Bible Studies**
East Texas Bible Quiz **Service Projects**
Karing Kitchen **Middle School Retreat**
Servant Retreat **Family Ski Trip**
Leadership Training For Christ

(Concerning the Family Ski Trip, we are now working on dates. See Danny for more details).

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet Thursday, August 26th, from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. at the Snell's home. Help us begin the new school year with a time of focusing on God. Together with God, this can be a great school year!

COMBINED DEVO

All middle & high school students are encouraged to join us at the Family Life Center after the evening worship assembly Sunday, August 22. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 22 **Combined Devotional**
Aug. 26 **High School Bible Study**
Aug. 29 **High School Devotional**
Aug. 30 **West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen**

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

New Pictorial Directories Are Here!

Please pick up only the copy that has your name on it. Extra copies may be purchased for \$7.00 each in the office during week days.

Watch for New Members Pictorial in the hallway by the offices

SEPTEMBER SOCK PROJECT

For our Benevolent Center
 Goal: 1200 pairs of socks
 Children and adult sizes
 Thank you for making this possible.

The Dynamic Marriage Class

(His Needs, Her Needs)
 September 14 - November 9
 Www.familydynamics.net
 Contact: Don & Nancy Crawford

An old Cherokee is teaching his grandson about life. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil. He is anger, envy, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, lies, and pride.

The other is good. He is joy, peace, hope, love, humility, kindness, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight is going on inside you, and inside every person.

The grandson thought about it for a moment and then asked his grandfather which wolf won.

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

As we approach the fall quarter, let me take a moment of your time to update you on our ladies classes here at West Erwin. We presently have 4 coordinators who develop our ladies classes. They all do a fantastic job. *Fern Bench* oversees the Wednesday morning ladies Bible class. The ladies gather here each Wednesday morning and begin their class at 10:00 a.m. It is very well attended. The topic they have chosen for this fall (September through December) will be: The Barnabas Factor: Realizing Your Encouragement Potential. This class will meet in the Heritage Room and will begin on September 8th. Thanks, Fern, for all the work you put into this class.

Arlene Lockhart coordinates one of our Wednesday evening classes. Arlene has done this for several years and she is as reliable as they come with her subjects and her teachers. I deeply appreciate all the work that she puts into these studies. She also uses a host of teachers in her classes. During the fall quarter she will be teaching on the subject of Why Am I? Charlotte Mize

wrote this book attempting to lead the reader to practical conclusions on how to deal with the good and bad circumstances in your life in a God pleasing manner and with a Christ-like attitude. Ladies, remember this class meets at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Gail Vannoy is coordinating a new ladies class which will meet in the Family Life Center each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Gail has entitled her class: Stand By Your Man, and it is geared for our ladies who have been married 1 to 15 years. Gail has enlisted the services of *Donna Mullins* as a co-teacher. I know that Gail and Donna will do a great job with this class. Let's help to get it off to a great start.

Sue Starnes has been involved in the ladies ministry for many years. Sue is a great blessing to have at West Erwin. I'm thankful for her years of service to the Lord and I hope she continues to serve the Lord for years to come. Sue has asked *Carol Morgan* to teach sometime during the fall quarter and Carol has agreed. She will be teaching: The Power Of Jesus, using the book of Mark. This class meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in room 114.



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring Laurie Stone (It's a boy! - due in October) Sunday, August 29, 4:30 p.m. Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Toys'R Us, Wal-Mart

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Heath and Kandi Adams on the birth of a new baby daughter! Frances Rose Adams was born August 14 and weighed 8 lb. 7 oz. and was 21 inches long. James and Katie are big brother and sister. Cherry Arcega is the proud grandmother.



RECEPTION

You're invited to a reception honoring Fleta Butler for her many years of service to the mothers and babies of the West Erwin church Sunday, August 22, 5:00 - 5:45

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"The ability to love is the heart of the matter."

GOSPEL MEETINGS

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 Sunday, August 29 - Wednesday, Sept. 1
 Sunday: 10:35 a.m., lunch served at 12:15, p.m. service at 2:15
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Carthage Church of Christ
 September 19-24, 7:00 p.m.
 Lindell Mitchell from Livingston, Texas
 Theme: "The Cost of Discipleship"

BAPTISMS!



Scottie Hart put on his Lord in baptism Sunday morning after some further study. We rejoice with him in making this most important decision in his life. His address is 9100 CR 2170, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 561-0721.

Miranda Scarborough is to be commended for her decision at a young age to live her life for Christ. Miranda is the daughter of Tara Kilgore and the granddaughter of Jim and Sue Carty. She was baptized into Christ by her grandfather Sunday. Her address is 1505 Pearl Street B, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8769.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are delighted to welcome **Jeff Ruddell** into the West Erwin family. Jeff is married to the former Stephanie Miles and has been attending for some time. He has two young children, Alexa and Addison. Their address is 215 South Vine, 75702, ph. 570-2295.

RESPONSE

Archie Kennard came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might have the strength to overcome the stumblingblocks in his life and that he might live as God would have him to.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Casey Haws on his recent graduation with a degree in Communications/Marketing from Dallas Baptist College. He will be working for Maxum Health Corp. He is the son of Matt and Rhonda and the grandson of Max and Mary Haws.

50th ANNIVERSARY

Roger and Jan Knight recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married August 21, 1954. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Sorry to lose....

Daryl Anderson has moved to Bastrop where he will be serving as head tennis coach at the high school.

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Worship P.M.	360	365	408
Wed. P.M.	313	300	390
Contribution	\$20,954.12	\$32,258.38	\$21,984.69
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 15 & Wednesday, Aug. 18: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Evelyn Grier is in Mother Frances. Louis Jones is now in ETMC rehab. Frances Phillips had eye surgery Monday. Charles Dees is in ETMC with bleeding ulcers. Marjorie Cox, Kristi Harris, and Pat Stokes are all at home after recent surgeries. John Wagner, Greg Wagner's dad, is in ETMC. Ruth Galbraith, Betty Barajas' friend, had breast cancer surgery Aug. 3. Ellen Lawson, friend of Alice Tennison, is hospitalized with a lung fungus in Conroe. Lowrane Canada's sister is in Mother Frances ICU after bypass surgery. Sharla Keuhn, Lowrane Canada's niece, has been diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Continue to remember Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Dorothy Briscoe, Jean DuVall's mother, Henry Brown, Kay Carnes, Cindy Pace's aunt, June Chapel, Chloe Clark, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Charles & Jean Dees, Lela Duncan, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, John & Mabel Holbert, Dan Howell, Dorothy Babb's nephew, Ray Martin, Sandie Martin's dad, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Kenny McRuiz, Henry & Becky's grandson, Wayne Mitchell, Cindy Pace's father, Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Paul & Signa Stanley, Pattie Tate, Bob Threadgill, Harley Turner, Allen Vickers, Susan Offutt's dad, Birdie West, friend of the Mills, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.

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Dismiss Ron Lott

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Prayer Don Crowder
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Pat Malone Henry McRuiz
Phil Marts Mike McClenny
Jim Mayer Joe McBee

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Fred & Sara Powell & Walker Waggoner
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Tyler Lott
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Haylee Lowry
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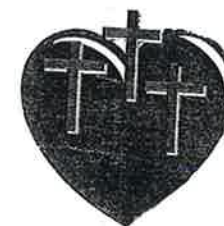
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IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN OR PAGAN?

In the August, 2004 issue of *Christianity Today* two authors argued the merits of their cases: one, Leith Anderson, a nationally known community church leader, argued that the evangelical community is making a tremendous impact upon America; the other, Harold Brown, a seminary professor in North Carolina, stated that the Supreme Court decisions of Roe vs. Wade (legalizing abortion) and Lawrence vs. Texas (declaring sodomy laws unconstitutional) declared that America is pagan. Both authors backed up their assertions with notable facts. Anderson pointed out that many in high places in the United States, including our President, are professed Christians and 9/11 turned the nation back to God -- this is a Christian nation. On the other hand, Brown gave evidence that America worships the gods of Sodom and Gomorrah, our universities are basically anti-religious, and that churches have forgotten their calling -- this is a pagan nation. Who is right? Is America Christian or pagan? The real answer is: neither. America is neither Christian nor pagan. The nation was in fact built upon biblical principles but we have moved far from those principles and have interpreted our Constitution to mean many things that

the founding fathers never intended. However, Christianity is lived out in the lives of individuals and so is paganism. Even a majority of the people being one or the other does not make the nation either. Iraq may be called a Muslim country because the laws of the land are based upon the Koran, much like ancient Israel was governed in every aspect of life -- religion, social, civil -- by the Law of Moses. The fact is that America will never be a Christian nation, as such, and as long as believers keep believing, standing for the right, and living out the message of the gospel, it will never be pagan. Even a minority of "salt" and "light" can save a nation from paganism or destruction (consider Sodom and Jerusalem in Jeremiah's day). Christianity is individual and personal -- God still calls men by the gospel one at a time. Let's be more concerned about doing the right thing personally; let's elect to public office people who hold Christian values; and let's stand opposed to paganism in every form. By doing these things we are convinced that God will continue to bless America, even though as a nation she is neither Christian or pagan.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, August 15, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Grace Abounding"

(Romans 5:19 - 6:6)

6:00 P.M. - "How To Deal With Judging Others"

(Matthew 7:1-5)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

FINAL NOTE FROM ERIC

It's tough to sum up a summer in a paragraph. Then again, it's also tough to say goodbye to so many people. I've been so blessed to spend the last two summers here with you, and I pray that I was able to make an impact on this church and youth group as well, just as I will leave a changed person for the time I spent here. And a special thanks to Danny for sharing his office, his ministry, and his wisdom with me. Where ever life takes me, I know that I will be a better soldier for Christ thanks to my time here at West Erwin. Please keep me in your prayers, and the church here is constantly in mine.

Eric Thornton

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study will meet Thursday, August 19th, from 7:00 till 8:00 p.m. at the Snell's home. Help us begin the new school year with a time of focusing on God. Together with God, this can be a great school year!

COMBINED DEVO

All middle & high school students are encouraged to join us at the Family Life Center after the evening worship assembly Sunday, August 22. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 19 High School Bible Study
 Aug. 22 Combined Devotional
 Aug. 29 High School Devotional
 Aug. 30 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The oysters are on of God's most wonderful creations.

When a grain of sand enters their shell, they don't even try to eject the irritation. Instead they embrace it, pull it close, and surround it with their very essence. In time their ability to wrap beauty around trouble results in a pearl.

COMING SOON!

SEPTEMBER SOCK PROJECT

For our Benevolent Center
 Goal: 1200 pairs of socks
 Children and adult sizes

A new pair of socks might just open the door so that the gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared. You are the ones who make this possible. Thanks for your help!

&
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For the past couple of weeks I have been going into our classrooms and observing the classes. I love doing this because it provides me with an opportunity to see how our teachers are meeting the challenge of proclaiming God's Word. The approaches they use and the responses they receive are fascinating to observe. To sum it all up, our classes are in fantastic shape. From our youngest to our oldest class, our students are getting a good dose of the Scriptures that should help them not only to mature in Christ but also motivate them to want to share that message with others. I have always said that the way to have a successful Bible School ministry is to make sure that you have quality teachers, a solid curriculum (which edifies the believer and evangelizes the lost), and the proper space and equipment for conducting these classes. Believe me, we have quality teachers and a solid curriculum and soon we will have even more space to work with. With all of this in our favor, let's continue to grow as God would have to grow. Giving God

the glory (over the last 4 years) we have grown. We've met the challenge of remodeling our educational wing. What a difference that project has made for our ministry. We added the Fellowship And Christian Training Series during the summer months. That program not only provides a world of information regarding a particular theme (i.e. Job), but it also stabilized our attendance during the summer months. We also added the dessert fellowships which take place each Wednesday night immediately following our services. Many have complimented this time of fellowship that we share together. We revamped the Vacation Bible School ministry, doing everything from renaming it, to lengthening it, to including not only children but also the entire family which has more than doubled our attendance. In 2000 we began two teacher training programs. The Adult Preparation for Educational Excellence is designed to orientate our teachers into our program here at West Erwin and the Student Teacher Education Program was designed as an on the job training program which eases new teachers into a classroom. All of these programs have been effective because of your willingness to work. Thanks for your labor of love.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

My second phase of training is nearly complete. I have the crucible this week and then I will be a 3rd phase recruit. Thank you all for your cards, letters, prayers, and support. Please continue to write and pray.

In His love,
 Kyle Stowers

EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

\$1,000,000 Sunday, August 29, 2004

For more than forty years Eastern European Mission has been involved in printing Bibles and biblical literature for the nations of Eastern Europe. Opportunities for penetrating these countries have never been greater. Through the years West Erwin has been deeply involved in this ministry and we will have the privilege on April 29 to make a special contribution to this important work. On April 15 Richard Baggett will visit West Erwin for a brief presentation on the fields of Eastern Europe. Be preparing to give what you can on the \$1,000,000 Sunday to the spread of the gospel in Eastern Europe!

- Jay Lockhart

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ADDRESS CHANGES: John & Phyllis Lacy, 18456 CR 1286, Flint, TX 75762

Laura McClenny Casey & Bryson, 404 York Street, Lindale, 75771, ph. 903-520-8191.

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is in need of a Pre-Kindergarten teacher with an Early Childhood Certificate or experience, and a 2'3 and 3's teacher aide. For more information please contact Fonda Wilmarth at fwilmarth@etca.org or by phone at 903-561-8642.



BAPTISM!

We rejoice with Brent Carder in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. Brent is the son of Tom and Pam Carder and was baptized by his dad. Their address is 15051 Wagon Wheel Circle, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2121.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Lee and Camille Mink and their children, Mollie and Chase. They also have an adult son in the Marines, who is married and lives in Hawaii, and a daughter who is married and lives in Las Vegas with her husband who is in the Air Force. Their address is 5565 CR 219, Tyler 75707, ph. 566-0781. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset in our work for the Lord.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

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MY LITTLE CHILDREN

My maternal grandfather was fifty years old when I was born. As a child I thought of him as being an old man even though he was only sixty when I was ten years old. As the years have flown by I have noticed that sixty year old people are not so old and thirty year olds are kids. Now I am among the older members of the church but I don't feel old -- hopefully I do not act or think old either. However, I look out over the West Erwin church on a Sunday morning, a church for which I have preached for twenty years, and I see a congregation that is made up of fifty percent of people who were not here twenty years ago. Additionally the congregation is filled with children and teens who were not even born when I arrived. We have shared much in these twenty years -- births, new births, weddings, illnesses, funerals, and hopefully, spiritual growth. I am beginning to understand what Paul and John meant when they addressed the people with whom they worked as "little children." I say to you, as Paul said to the Galatians, "My little children, ... I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you" (Galatians

4:19). With John I say, "My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous" (I John 1:1). Or again, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them (false prophets -- JPL), because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world" (I John 4:4). And finally, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols (keep yourselves from everything that will come between you and God -- JPL) (I John 5:21). Thank God for all the "little children" who fill our classrooms, hallways, and auditorium "for of such is the kingdom of God" (Luke 18:16). Thank God for "little children" who have obeyed the gospel, whose sins are forgiven and who know the Father (I John 2:12). Thank God for young men and women who have overcome the wicked one, who are strong, and in whom the word of God abides (I John 2:13, 14). And thank God for older men and women who know God (I John 2:13, 14). You are all the children of God and in a loving, precious meaningful sense "my little children." - Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

**Sermons for Sunday, August 8, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**
10:00 A.M. - "The Gift Of God's Grace"
(Hebrews 2:6-10)
6:00 P.M. - Summer Youth Missions
**Danny Snell, Eric Thornton
and the Youth Group**

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Thanks to all of the teens and sponsors who made our Mexico Mission Trip such a success. The VBS went very well with many (60-80) children from the community. We also worked at a Children's Home, painting and cleaning up. We were touched by these children and look forward to helping again in the future. Thanks to our adult sponsors & translators: Doug Scroggins, Jim Russell, Ken Culpepper, Kelli Malone, Pat Malone, Leah Russell, Henry McRuiz & Daniel Morgan.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study/movie night will meet Thursday, August 12th, from 7:00 till 10:00 p.m. at the Snell's home.

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

SEPTEMBER SOCK PROJECT

For our Benevolent Center
Goal: 1200 pairs of socks
Children and adult sizes

A new pair of socks might just open the door so that the gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared. You are the ones who make this possible. Thanks for your help!

COMING SOON!

New Pictorial Directories
&
New Picture Display Board of our newest members
&
The Dynamic Marriage Class
September 14 - November 9

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I could just write the words "thank you" how ever many times it would fit in the space below and I wouldn't even begin to convey my feelings toward our teachers here at West Erwin. We have a wonderful group of about 120 teachers involved in the educational ministry at West Erwin and they do an outstanding job. I especially want to take a moment to thank our summer teachers (Sunday and Wednesday). You know, schedules during the summer months are hard to coordinate; a lot of our students are in town one week and gone the next. Attendance is so sporadic that in some of our children's classes there might be 2 students one week and 10 the next. I can tell you from personal experience that summers are often tough. Yet we filled all of our spots this summer with quality teachers who love to teach. It is a pleasure working with dedicated instructors who have found a way to teach and reach their students. Yes, as frustrating as the summer months can be, you all have done a great job!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO

All high school students are encouraged to join us at the Family Life Center after the evening worship assembly Sunday, August 8. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m. This will be the last Devotional for our Seniors... Let's make it great!

YOUTH PRESENTATION

This coming Sunday night, Eric and our teens will have a special presentation about the trips from this summer. Teens need to wear one of the Summer Trip Shirts. Guys who are participating need to be here by 5:30 Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 8 Youth Missions Presentation
Aug. 12 Middle School Goofy Game Day
Aug. 12 High School Bible Study/Movie Night
Aug. 30 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

"Prayer does not equip us for greater works - prayer is the greater work." - Oswald Chambers

I learned a new word last week at the ACU Teachers Workshop. The word is **missional**. A missional church is a church that is "on mission" in its setting. A missional church is willing and eager to engage the culture with the truths of the gospel. As I reflected on this new word I realized how much easier it is to support missions than to *be* missional. To become missional is not to simply rework our programs. We must rediscover our mission.

I'd also like to thank *Dale* and *Carolyn Blackstone* for coordinating the trip to Abilene Christian University for their annual workshop. We had about 10 of our teachers take advantage of this program and I'm sure they had a wonderful time. Not only did Dale and Carolyn present classes at this year's workshop but Nancy Crawford (accompanied by Don) also presented classes. Our teachers do such an outstanding job that they are sought as instructors by other churches. I know of at least 5 of our teachers who have pitched in to make other programs at other churches of Christ more successful. The great blessing regarding ACU's workshop is that it not only refreshes our teachers but it also allows them the opportunity to gain new insights into a variety of teaching methods. Our program greatly benefits from this workshop. It is my understanding that ACU is striving to get this workshop back on the same format that it was a few years ago. If they do this (and I should know soon) then we will promote it more and perhaps once again take a group of 20+ to it. It always falls on the same week of July so we can plan ahead, promote it more vigorously, and let's see if we can increase the numbers.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the prayers, food, cards, calls, visits, flowers, gift donations and every expression of sympathy you have given us during Belinda's illness and especially since her death. We appreciate so much the genuine concern you have shown us during the time we have been here. Your concern and sympathy means so much to us and it has been very comforting. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving, caring and giving fellowship.
- Wayne & Bitsy Berryman

Dear Church Family,

Thank all of you for your concern shown me during my recent health problems. Things are looking better for me now. God bless you!
- Lela Duncan

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and cards for my aunt, Nina Greer, during her illness. Thank you for your prayers, kind words, and cards since her passing. I love you all.

- Nettie Potts

Thanks for the care and concern shown to me during and after my recent surgery. Your prayers, cards, calls, and food were very much appreciated.

- Ray Womack

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
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Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
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No moving parts, no batteries,
No monthly payments and no fees;
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In fact, it's quite relaxable.
It can't be stolen, won't pollute,
One size fits all, do not dilute.
It uses little energy, but yields results enormously.
Relieves your tension and your stress,
Invigorates your happiness;
combats depression, makes you beam,
And elevates your self esteem.
Your circulation it corrects
without unpleasant side effects.
It is, I think, the perfect drug.
May I prescribe, my friend ... The hug!
(And, of course, fully returnable)
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SCHOLARSHIP FUND

A scholarship fund has been set up in Belinda Berryman Smith's name at Abilene Christian University. Donations may be sent to: ACU, Attn: Phil Boone, ACU Box 29132, Belinda Berryman Smith Scholarship Fund, Abilene, TX 79699.

NEW ADDRESS: Debbie Baldwin, 702 Shippen St., Royalton, PA 17057.

CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

For the first time in our local area, federal employees, including postal employees and military who are friends of Christian Homes and CSET, can support Christian Services through their local Combined Federal Campaign (CFC of East Texas #9197).

ATTENTION LADIES!

You are invited to a special program at the Central Church of Christ, 711 N 2nd St., Lufkin, TX 75901 on Saturday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. Sue Cox and the "Women of the Bible" group from the Daingerfield Church of Christ is presenting "I Was There" in drama and song. Lunch immediately following the program deliciously catered by MarTeres Tea Room @ \$7.50 per person. Pre-registration necessary by September 3 (registration forms are available in the church office).

SOCK IT TO ME!

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12th ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP

"What Saith The Scriptures?"

New Testament Christianity in the 21st Century
Longview Church of Christ
1401 Eden Drive, Longview, ph. 903-236-0988
Speakers: Jay Lockhart, Joe Chase, Eddie Cloer, Johnny Ramsey,
Lee Rottman, Denny Petrillo & Paul Hillier
August 27 - August 29 - see bulletin board for details

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

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Bible Class	303	379	379
Worship A.M.	577	570	531
Worship P.M.	284	364	331
Wed. P.M.	336	NC	390
Contribution	\$18,356.05	\$16,788.97	\$19,160.39
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 1 & Wednesday, Aug. 4: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Pat Stokes had a pacemaker implant Monday at ETMC. Mary Evelyn Grier is in Mother Frances. Kristi Harris is scheduled for surgery August 3 at ETMC. Frances Phillips is scheduled for eye surgery Aug. 9. Jon Sorrells is recuperating after recent back surgery. Ray Womack is doing well after knee surgery. Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, is being treated for lymphoma. John Wagner, Greg Wagner's dad, is in ETMC. Gary Hanning, Judith Harshbarger's cousin, had cancer surgery Wednesday. Ruth Galbraith, Betty Barajas' friend, is scheduled for breast cancer surgery Aug. 3. Dorothy Briscoe, Jean DuVall's mother, is recovering after knee replacement surgery. Continue to remember Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Henry Brown, Chloe Clark, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Charles & Jean Dees, Lela Duncan, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Wanda Hawk, Jay Bynum's aunt, John & Mabel Holbert, Dan Howell, Dorothy Babb's nephew, Ray Martin, Sandie Martin's dad, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Kenny McRuiz, Henry & Becky's grandson, Wayne Mitchell, Cindy Pace's father, Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, Doris Neal, Carolyn Stanglin, Debbie Bynum's aunt, Paul & Signa Stanley, Pattie Tate, Bob Threadgill, Harley Turner, Allen Vickers, Susan Offutt's dad, Birdie West, friend of the Mills, Esther Wilson's brother, & Ben & Patsy Young.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Jay Culpepper
Prayer Bryce Murry
Scripture Joshua Lowry
Dismiss Jay Bynum

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

Prayer Brady Dawkins
Scripture Cody Fedell
Dismiss Russell Fedell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jordan Lyons Wesley Hilliard
Pete Wemmert Curtis Elmore
Jordan Mullins Brandon Lott
Cody Ables Chris Ables

GREETERS
Gene & Leah Moon & Dylan Laird
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Jared Jordan
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Taylor Lemons
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard
Bill & Judy Wilmeth

Pick up cards August 1: Steven Figueroa, Parker Hall, Bryson Bellar, Zach Skender, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 1:
Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Welborn;
Toddlers a.m.: Barbara Henderson & Donella Jackson;
Toddlers p.m.: Judy Yates & Ruth Ellis; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's & 4's: Kenna Kempton & Tara Kilgore.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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HE WHO IS SPIRITUAL

The greatest need of every accountable human being is to be a Christian. The greatest need of every Christian is to mature, to grow up, to be spiritual. When we became Christians we were spiritual babies (see I Peter 2:2). It was and is necessary that we grow up from spiritual childhood to spiritual adulthood because God desires that we grow (2 Peter 3:18) and our spiritual life depends upon it (see I Corinthians 11:30). To grow spiritually we need the proper food (the Word of God -- I Peter 2:2), the proper exercise (Hebrews 5:14), and the proper environment (I Corinthians 15:33; I Thessalonians 5:22). According to Paul, in I Corinthians 2:14 - 3:3 there are three kinds of people in the world: *natural people* (those who have never become Christians); *carnal people* (Christians who are not growing but are still living like natural or fleshly people); and *spiritual people* (Christians who are growing to maturity). In Romans 8:6 Paul said, "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." So we need to be growing. The question is: "Are we?" The Corinthians were not and Paul indicted them for their arrogance, childishness, and selfishness as proof. These "baby" characteristics kept them from becoming spiritual people. If I am so arrogant that I cannot be taught or so

childish that I must have my own way or so self-centered that I cannot see the needs of others, am I not like the Corinthians? On the other hand, Paul lovingly showed the Corinthians how to grow up to maturity. There were four suggestions offered by Paul, four things that would help them, and us, to be mature Christians. First, he said they should be united (1:10). They were to speak the same message lest they be enslaved by attitudes belonging to babies and lose their glory. They were to be united upon the Word spoken to them by loving each other and forgiving each other lest Satan bind them and limit their usefulness. *Second*, they were to imitate Paul (4:16), as he imitated Christ (11:1). They were to treat others as Christ would treat them. *Third*, they were to accept what he wrote to them as the "commandments of the Lord" (14:37). *Fourth*, they were to acknowledge, encourage, and help their leaders (16:5, 10-12, 15-17). These were all signs of maturity, of growth, of spirituality. To these Corinthians Paul would later say, "Examine yourselves to make sure you are in the faith; test yourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5 NIV). Self-examination and self-testing may well be the beginning of being spiritual people.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, August 1, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Word Of God's Grace"
(Titus 2:11-15)
6:00 P.M. - "How To Form Good Habits"
(Luke 4:14-21)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We had a very successful VBS in Mexico with over 80 kids participating on Tuesday. We painted and cleaned the Children's Home. The rain each night helped to cool things down a bit. Thanks for your prayers

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All middle school student are encouraged to join us at the Family Life Center after the evening worship assembly Sunday, August 1. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished by 9:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATE

August 8 Youth Missions Presentation

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night high school Bible study/movie night will resume Thursday, August 5th, from 7:00 till 10:00 p.m. at the Snell's home.

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.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
THANK YOU

Thank you for making the Child Care Appreciation Day a blessing. Your enthusiasm and interest in what is being done in each of the child care facilities really came shining through. It was a great day!

I WISH FOR YOU

Comfort on difficult days, smiles when sadness intrudes,
Rainbows to follow clouds, laughter to kiss your lips.
Sunsets to warm your heart, gentle hugs when spirits sag,
Friendships to brighten you being,
beauty for your eyes to see,
Confidence for when you doubt,
faith so that you can believe,
Courage to know yourself, patience to accept the truth
And love to complete your life.

SEPTEMBER SOCK PROJECT

Our goal is to have 1200 pairs of socks to give away in the month of September. This will only be one pair per person in each of the families that visit the Benevolent Center that month. Think of it this way A new pair of socks might just open the door so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ can be shared. You are the ones who will make this possible. Thanks for your help!

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

This Sunday, August 1, is our Welcome to West Erwin event. All our guests are invited to attend a potluck lunch in the Family Life Center. The lunch is provided by two shepherding groups, the Durham's and the Lott's. Afterward, a tour of the building is offered to those who desire to know more about West Erwin. As you meet our guests next Sunday, please encourage them to be a part of this event..

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The other day I needed to look up a scripture. I didn't have my Bible handy so I asked my son, Daniel, if I could borrow his. As I was looking up the scripture I came across a passage that he had marked. As I read that passage I thought, "What a wonderful passage for a 13 year old to mark in his Bible!" The passage says, "You are of God, little children, and have overcome the world; because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). What a powerful scripture! The fact of the matter is, when we accept Christ and put Him on in baptism we no longer accept the ways of the world, but we accept a new way of living.

There is another scripture in the Bible that I often look at and I think it goes hand in hand with I John 4:4. Just as important as I John 4:4 is in telling us that we need to obtain a life that has been transformed from our old sinful ways, is Matthew 28:19, which tells us one of the steps that we have to take to show the world that we are truly transformed. It says, "Go ye therefore,

and teach all nations ..." I purposely underlined the word "teach" in Matthew 28:19. You see we all can't "preach" but all of us can "teach." You can teach people about Christ in a classroom or when you are sitting across a table from them with a cup of coffee in your hand. You can teach a total stranger, who just happens to cross your path, the gospel or you can teach a close friend or relative that you have specifically targeted. You can teach the truth of God's Word using modern technology or you can teach God's Word with just your Bible in your hand.

There are lots of ways that we can teach, but my question is simple: "Are we teaching God's Word to those we come in contact with?" If not, why not? We desperately need the Great Commission rekindled in our soul. Please accept the challenge to "go and teach..." Let's get busy for the Lord. Let's be transformed just like I John 4:4 tells us to be and let's prove this transformation by teaching others about Christ.

P.S. - By the way, just in case I forgot, let me publicly thank my son Daniel for letting me use his Bible; with it he aided me in writing this bulletin article.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers. Your kind expressions of caring will never be forgotten by me. Thank you.
Norma Durham

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Robert and Pat Stokes on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Avery Nicole Myrick was born July 22 to Robert and Kelly Myrick and weighed 6 lb. 11 oz.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
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Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

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

COLLEGE KICK-OFF BANQUET

There will be a banquet honoring all our college students, including those just graduated from high school, on Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 pm in our Family Life Center. Please sign up or contact Jon Murry at 597-0420 so we can know how many to plan for.

"Good intentions spoil if not used."

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

There are sign-up sheets to bring desserts for the Wednesday evening summer fellowships circulated in all the adult classes and also on the Visitor Center. Your help is appreciated.

FRIENDS OF KIDS

Dale Smith, long time friend of West Erwin who conducted the *Every Kid A Winner* seminar here two years ago, has a new website for parents, grandparents, teachers and others who care about children. He sends warm regards and invites you to visit: Everykidawinner.com.

WHAT MONEY CAN BUY....

Money will buy: a bed but not sleep, books but not brains, food but not appetite, finery but not beauty, a house but not a home, medicine but not health, luxuries but not culture, amusements but not happiness, a crucifix but not a Savior, a church pew but not heaven. What money cannot buy Jesus Christ can give freely without charge.

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BABY SHOWER

Ladies and gentlemen
you are invited to a baby shower
honoring David and Monique Mills
and their new son, Aaron (age 2)
Selections: Target (size 4T)
Sunday, August 1, 4:30 - 5:30
West Erwin Family Life Center
Please consider this your personal invitation

"Your love for God is shown only by your love for man."

Sorry to lose ... Debbie Baldwin has moved to Pennsylvania. She will be missed but we wish her well in her new home.

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GRADUATION!

Tyler Junior College
announces the Commencement Exercises
for Carla Elizabeth Lemons
with the 2004 graduating class
of Radiologic Technology
August fourteenth, ten o'clock a.m.
Wise Auditorium



Congratulations to Carla on this achievement and best wishes as she begins a new phase in her life. Carla is the daughter of Marc Lemons and granddaughter of Velma Lemons.

SPECIAL SENIOR CITIZENS EVENT

The Diamondaire senior citizen ministry at the North Tenneha congregation will be hosting a fellowship on Wednesday, August 4, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This will be a wonderful opportunity for area senior citizens to get to know each other better and have a good time enjoying one another. Please RSVP to 903-593-6868 so that we can make arrangements for enough refreshments.

Oakwood Church of Christ

"Growth And Development" with Hartsell Johnson
July 30 - August 1, 7 pm Thurs. - Sat., 9:45 & 10:45 Sunday

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Christian Homes/Christian Services is accepting applications for the position of Maternity/Adoption Intake Worker in our Abilene office; and Case Manager and group Foster Home Parents in our Tyler office. Competitive salary and benefits offered. For an application and job description, please contact Cindy Miller at cmiller@christianhomes.com, 915-677-2205, or 800-592-4725.

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Bible Class	379	401	355
Worship A.M.	570	633	551
Worship P.M.	364	304	344
Wed. P.M.	NC	288	NC
Contribution	\$16,788.97	\$20,068.55	\$20,358.66
Weekly budget	\$20,588.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Evelyn Grier is back in Mother Frances. **Ray Womack** had a partial knee replacement surgery Wednesday. **Roy Bench** got a good report after a heart cath Monday, will be treated with medication. **Bob Threadgill** is at home after recent surgery. **Norma Durham** is recovering from complications after a car accident. **Leona Hardin** is back in Park Place after surgery on a broken hip. **Lela Duncan** is recovering after recent surgery. **John Holbert** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, is in California for analysis and possible treatment for cancer. **John Wagner**, Greg Wagner's dad, is in ETMC. **Dorothy Briscoe**, Jean DuVall's mother, is recovering at their home after knee replacement surgery. **Gary Hanning**, Judith Harshbarger's cousin, is scheduled for cancer surgery July 28. **Ben Young** is now at home. **Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is at home but is still very ill. **Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, is recuperating after recent colon surgery. **Terry Norris**, friend of Billy & Lynda Terrell, had cancer surgery in San Antonio. **Stacie Movtinez**, friend of Lorene Venable in Lewisville, is a young mother with a recurrence of cancer, needs prayers. **Ray Martin**, Sandie Martin's dad, is much better and is at home. **Wayne Mitchell**, Cindy Pace's father, will begin cancer treatment. Esther Wilson's brother, is hospitalized in Texarkana with heart problems and cancer. **Birdie West**, friend of the Hugh Mills, is having heart problems.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Don Crawford
Prayer Don Crawford
Dismiss Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Doug Yates

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Don Durham
Dismiss Curtis Elmore

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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

GREETERS

Alan & Candy Montgomery & Colt Keeney
Hugh & Glenda Mills & Jessica Keeney
Daniel & Carol Morgan & Ashley Laird
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Dick & Sue Higginbotham

Pick up cards July 25 & August 1: Steven Figueroa, Parker Hall, Bryson Bellar, Zach Skender, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 25:
Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook;
Toddlers a.m.: Karen Fedell & Beverly Hale; Toddlers p.m.: Marisa Suggs & family; 2's: Michael & Candace Hall; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
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MISSIONS		
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11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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ASLEEP AT THE SWITCH

It is almost unbelievable how ill prepared this country was in the years preceding World War II for the defense of our country. America had experienced a deep economic depression and the emphasis of the government was upon economic recovery. A policy of isolationism pervaded the political front as the leaders of the United States, with the support of her citizenry, wanted to mind our own business and hope against hope that other nations would do the same. However, the fact that the world is a community doomed this policy of isolationism and Hitler was showing in Europe that nations would not mind their own business. Additionally, America's policy of embargo toward Japan in the Far East was forcing the Japanese to look with tempting eyes on territories around them in order to obtain needed materials to keep that nation running. Add to this the fact that Japan was experiencing a gigantic military buildup and the United States found itself facing military powers from Europe and Asia which were real threats to us. We had an antiquated military, we were helping England in the European war through the lend-lease program, we had agitated Japan, and we overlooked every sign that war with

Japan and ultimately with Germany was imminent. Additionally, Japan thought we were a paper tiger and thought we would do little as that nation developed the policy of expansionism. Then came Pearl Harbor and the rest is history. One wonders what difference there might have been if we had placed more emphasis upon our military, had read the signs that Japan would attack us, and had been prepared. The sad fact is that we were sleeping at the switch. In the church today we hear strange sounds from many quarters, we see Christian University graduates exploiting unaware congregations with non-biblical emphasis, we see the faith of our fathers ridiculed and rejected, and with our heads in the sand, we sleep at the switch. One wonders what it will take for us to see that the church of the New Testament and the New Testament itself is under attack from without and from within. Where are the people who will stand upon the New Testament and say, "Enough!" We slept at the switch as our country's morality, goodness, and conscience vanished. Now, will we be salt and light to bring some reason to our insanity or shall we wait and see? One wonders.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, July 25, 2004

CHILDREN'S HOMES APPRECIATION DAY

Hear representatives from all the Child Care programs we support from West Erwin

9:00 A.M. - 6th grade through adult Bible Class

10:00 A.M. - Morning Worship

6:00 P.M. - Evening Worship

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We will be leaving for our annual Mexico mission trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico this Saturday morning at 4:30 am. It will be a week filled with VBS, time spent working at a home for children, and fellowship with the Christians at the church there. We ask that you please keep us in your prayers this week as we are in another country, for our safety there and on the long trip to and from, as well as that we are able to plant seeds in the children there that Jesus loves them, and that we do too. Please keep all of us in your prayers this week. Those making the trip are Jamie Jordan, Krista Russell, Brittany Asbill, Hannah Grounds, Shannon Snell, Kaitlyn Carder, Jordan

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"SOCK IT TO ME" PROJECT

Remember the "Sock It To Me" program for September. Our goal is 1200 pairs of socks to be handed out in the West Erwin Benevolent Center. Watch the chart and the boxes in the foyer to see how well the collection is going. If you would rather donate money to be used to purchase socks, then give it to Melvin Maples or Don Crawford. Thank you for all your help!

CHILD CARE APPRECIATION DAY SUNDAY, JULY 25

West Erwin supports seven different homes on a monthly basis. A representative from all seven will be present to give a brief update about their ministry with

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The Church Offers Hope

On July 31, 1945 (just before midnight) the U.S.S. *Indianapolis* was struck by two torpedoes. The first torpedo tore the bow off the ship and the second one slammed into the fuel tanks. The ship sank within 12 minutes of the torpedo strike. There were 1,196 men on board the *Indianapolis* that night, 300 went down with the ship, leaving approximately 900 who abandoned ship. Of that 900 virtually all of them thought they would be picked up within a matter of hours. But four days passed and there was no sign of help on the way. These men were without food and water for those four days and they were baking in the blistering sun. Those 900 became so delusional that it wasn't uncommon for one of them to say, "I'm going to go below to rest a little while," and with that they would dive into the ocean never to return. One seaman, even though he saw a crate of potatoes below him, left the group that he was with,

Rousseau, Nathan Grounds, Dayne Harris, Blake Lowry, Danny Snell, Eric Thornton, Ken Culpepper, Doug Scroggins, Pat Malone, Kelli Malone, Jim Russell, Henry McRuiz, Curt Jordan, Daniel Morgan, and Leah Russell.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night Bible study/movie night will be put on hold until August 5th after the group returns from Mexico.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 24-29 Mexico Mission Trip

children. Each will have a display in the foyer to share their stories.

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Sunday, August 1, 2004, two shepherding groups, Don Durham's and Ron Lott's, will meet for a time of lunch and fellowship in the family Life Center. If you are in these groups you will receive a reminder notice to bring your favorite foods to share. All West Erwin guests during the past month receive an invitation to lunch and the opportunity to take a tour of our facilities. It's an excellent time to learn about the different ministries and activities that are available. Plus, it's a great time to get to know a few people around the table. See you there!

To be happy in life you need three things:

- Something to love
- Something to do
- Something to look forward to.

submerged himself and never returned. If that wasn't enough, then came the sharks. They began to pick off the men one by one. When rescuers finally made it to the oil slick there were only 316 survivors. The sinking of the U.S.S. *Indianapolis* and the events that transpired over the next four days has been recorded as the Navy's greatest sea disaster. Many of these men simply gave up. In their mind there was no hope of being rescued.

The events that took place on July 31 through August 3, 1945 were horrific to say the least. It must be an awful feeling to have no hope of being rescued. As I read the book that detailed the events that these men went through (*Abandon Ship!* by Richard Newcomb) I wondered if there were any Christians on board who might have lost physical hope of being rescued but maintained their spiritual hope of being saved. That's exactly what the church offers mankind, the assurance of being rescued. God's plan for the church provides us with a safeguard of being saved. Unfortunately, too many of us today aren't on board with God's plan of salvation. Let's rethink our priorities and let's realign ourselves with God's plan. Let's have hope for salvation. I'm



IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin family,

Thank you very much for all the calls, visits, and meals following the birth of our son, Ethan. We are so grateful for your thoughts and prayers on his behalf. Ethan is doing great and we are anxious to introduce him to you soon. Sincerely,

Jason & Jennifer Paltjon

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for your months of thoughtfulness and concern while Kathryn was still with us. Your kind words, smiles, encouragement, food, and visits meant so much to us. Thank you to Jay, Dean, and Wes for the beautiful service and to Gary for leading the song service. Your illustrious words were a wonderful tribute to someone we loved deeply. Thank you to Carolyn and the others who prepared the delicious meal for the family the day of the funeral. What a blessing! Finally, thank you for your words of comfort, shared tears, beautiful flowers, abundance of cards, and show of friendship during our recent loss. Kathryn loved West Erwin and your love for each other was one of the reasons why she did! Having a loving church family has meant so much to us.

Love, Faber, Chuck, & Mark Cauthen & families

Thank you for the lovely cards and your wonderful words of encouragement -- delicious food, and especially for your prayers.

Sincerely, Mary McFadden

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Houston for Belinda Berryman Smith, daughter of Wayne and Bitsy Berryman. Belinda died Saturday after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Services were held last Thursday at Restland in Dallas for Nina Greer, Nettie Potts' aunt. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Seth Pace
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Demecia Rogers
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Jared Sebastian
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Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray	Brad Murrell	Nathan Young

COLLEGE KICK-OFF BANQUET

There will be a banquet honoring all our college students, including those just graduated from high school, on Saturday, July 31 at 7:00 pm in our Family Life Center. Please sign up or contact Jon Murry at 597-0420 so we can know how many to plan for.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

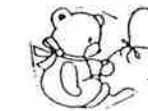
There are sign-up sheets to bring desserts for the Wednesday evening summer fellowships circulated in all the adult classes and also on the Visitor Center. Your help is appreciated.

BAPTISM!



We rejoice with Katie Bell and her family in her decision to live her life for Christ at an early age as she was baptized into Christ by her dad last Friday. Katie is in the 5th grade and is the daughter of Jim and Kelly Bell, former West Erwin members now living in Wichita Falls. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Mary Beth O'Neal.

BABY SHOWER



Ladies and gentlemen you are invited to a baby shower honoring David and Monique Mills and their new son, Aaron (age 2) Sunday, August 1, 4:30 - 5:30 West Erwin Family Life Center Please consider this your personal invitation

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Gene and Gwen Chandler on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 18. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tara Kilgore on her graduation from nursing school in May. She is now a licensed Registered Nurse and is employed at East Texas Medical Center.

SOCK IT TO ME!

A project of the Inquirer's class - join us through the month of August in collecting new socks and/or money to purchase socks for school age children. These will be distributed through Don Crawford and the benevolent programs at West Erwin. For more details, see Don Crawford or Ray Vannoy.

University Church of Christ

11114 Spur 248, Tyler
Vacation Bible School for children and adults!
"Discovering Bible Treasures" with Ferman Carpenter
July 23, 24, Fri. - 6:00 p.m. Sat. - 9:00 a.m.

Oakwood Church of Christ

"Growth And Development" with Hartsell Johnson
July 30 - August 1, 7 pm Thurs. - Sat., 9:45 & 10:45 Sunday

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA is in need of a part-time Chemistry teacher and a preschool aide. For information please contact Kay Bellar at kbellar@etca.org or Fonda Wilmarth at fwilmarth@etca.org or both can be reached at 903-561-8642. **Open Enrollment** - If you would like to enroll your child as a student at ETCA, please call Kerri Alexander at 561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

Sunday evening worship time is 6:00 p.m. for the summer months through August.

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Records	Sunday July 11	Sunday July 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	335	374
Worship A.M.	633	554	568
Worship P.M.	304	292	313
Wed. P.M.	288	311	324
Contribution	\$20,068.55	\$17,358.95	\$18,982.53
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 18, & Wednesday, July 21: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Roy Bench is scheduled for a heart cath Monday at Mother Frances. **Bob Threadgill** is at home after surgery Monday. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is now in Clairmont, room 118. **Norma Durham** is recovering from complications after a car accident. **Leona Hardin** is back in Park Place after surgery on a broken hip. **Lela Duncan** is recovering after recent surgery. **John Holbert** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Ben Young** is now at home. **Belinda Berryman Smith**, Wayne & Bitsy's daughter, continues to show some improvement. **Theron Kuechle** got a good report after a heart cath. **Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is now at home but remains very ill. **Rebekah Majors**, Bernice Majors' granddaughter, got a good report after recent surgery for a brain tumor in Dallas. **Dorothy Henderson**, Sandie Martin's aunt, is recovering after recent bypass surgery in Longview. **Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, had colon surgery in Longview. **Terry Norris**, friend of Billy & Lynda Terrell, had surgery in San Antonio for cancer of the jaw bone and throat. **Stacie Movtinez**, friend of Lorene Venable in Lewisville, is a young mother with a recurrence of cancer, needs prayers. **Ray Martin**, Sandie Martin's dad, is hospitalized with a blood clot in his lung. **Wayne Mitchell**, Cindy Pace's father, is having more tests. Esther Wilson's brother, is hospitalized in Texarkana with heart problems and cancer. **Mary Morales**, grandmother of the Stefan Andrews family, is ill.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark
Prayer Jay Bynum
Scripture Bradley Asbill
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

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

Prayer Chris Conder
Scripture Melvin Crow
Dismiss Milburn Cook

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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

GREETERS
Don & Nerene Ingram & Dalton Harris
Forest & Mary McFadden & Dayne Harris
Mike & Linda McClenny & Patrick Garrett
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards July 18: Conner Clark, Carter Blackstone, Trey Jackson, Justin Parrish, & Austin Millican.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 18:
Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Donna Wright;
Toddlers a.m.: Dolores Kennedy & Candy Montgomery;
Toddlers p.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; 2's: John & Terry Shaw; 3's & 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

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Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
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CHILDREN'S HOMES APPRECIATION DAY, JULY 25, 2004

Next Sunday, July 25, 2004, we will have representatives from all the Children's Homes we support visiting with us for a special day. Our congregation has limited opportunities to hear about the important work of child care and that Sunday will give us first hand reports by those who work most closely with these homes. The schedule for the day follows:

Combined A.M. Youth & Adult Classes:

- 9:10 - 9:25 - Everett White from Albuquerque
- 9:30 - 9:45 - Delton McGuire from Cherokee

A.M. Worship:

- 10:30 - 10:45 - Joe Waugh from Tipton
 - 10:45 - 11:00 - David Asbill
- from Christian Services

P.M. Worship

- 6:15 - 6:30 - David Arnwine from Boles
- 6:30 - 6:45 - Burl Butler from Westview
- 6:45 - 7:00 - Richard Brown from Medina

Please help us show our support for these good works.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

**Sermons for Sunday, July 18, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

- 10:00 A.M. - "The Wonder Of God's Grace"**
(I Peter 5:6-11)
- 6:00 P.M. - "How Can I Be Happy?"**
(Matthew 5:1-12)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Hola hermanos! Mexico is less than two weeks away now, and we are hurriedly preparing for another blessed trip to Nueva Rosita working with the church there and brother Raphael Falcon. We will be conducting a VBS and doing some work projects this year during our stay. Please remember those on this trip in your prayers as we go down to Mexico to fulfill Christ's Great Commission to go to "all nations" and make disciples of God.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Thursday night Bible study/movie night continues this week at Danny's house. We hope all of you can make it for a night of fun, fellowship, and study. We should finish up around 10 pm.

SUCCESS!!!

Our Nebraska Mission Trip was once again a huge success this year. On Wednesday of our VBS we had over 100 children in attendance! A great blessing this year was seeing the city of West Point begin to acknowledge the work that our church does there in conjunction with the West Point congregation. We praise God for the hearts that are being touched there because of the efforts of this church to evangelize and show Christ's love, and pray that God continues to work in the hearts and lives of the citizens of West Point.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 20	Ballaz For Christ
July 22	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEWS

Remember the "Sock It To Me" program for September. Our goal is 1200 pairs of socks to be handed out in the West Erwin Benevolent Center. Watch the chart and the boxes in the foyer to see how well the collection is going. If you would rather donate money to be used to purchase socks, then give it to Melvin Maples or Don Crawford. Thank you for all your help!

SUNDAY, JULY 25

This day has been set aside for the church to learn more about the children's homes we support. West Erwin supports seven different homes on a monthly basis and we are planning to have a representative from all seven to be

at West Erwin on that day. Each will have a designated time to tell about their work. Each will have a display in the foyer to share their stories. Come expecting a blessing!

NAME TAGS

If you need a West Erwin name tag, or repairs on the one you have, call Frances at the church office or leave your old name tag at the Visitor Center.

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups meet once a month after the Sunday evening services. We are looking to expand the number of groups in September. The groups are formed on a volunteer basis. We will need a little time to work out the details so please contact me as soon possible at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org if you want to be in a group, or are willing to lead a new group.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Why I Love To Teach

I do not believe that I have set any record in longevity in teaching the Bible in a classroom setting. There are many who have taught a lot longer than I have. I am proud that God has allowed me the opportunity to teach the Bible not just on Sunday mornings but for several years 3 classes a day for 5 days a week. I am also proud that God has allowed me the opportunity of teaching on Sunday morning and Sunday night as well as Wednesday night. I really count it a blessing to be called a teacher. There are many reasons why I love to teach. The **first** reason may seem a little selfish but I like to teach because it helps me to be a better student of God's Word. I love digging through the scriptures researching a particular topic. My office is filled with materials that I have put together due to the fact that I was assigned a certain topic to teach. The **second** reason may seem a little arrogant though I don't mean it to, but through my investigation of the scriptures I now have the

opportunity of sharing what I have learned with others. There is a certain delight that occurs within our teachers when they share biblical information with their students and then see in their students face the understanding of what was just explained to them. It makes it all worthwhile. The **third** reason why I love to teach is because it is a fantastic way for me to fulfill the Great Commission. Through teaching I have found a very fulfilling way to reach out to the lost. Not only can I be evangelistic through my teaching but I can also build up (edify) those who already believe. The **fourth** reason I love to teach is because it makes me happy. I really enjoy teaching! It's not something that I get to do. I can't imagine what my life would be like today if I was not a teacher. There are many teachers serving the Lord's church today who feel exactly like I do. They are diligent in their service to God. They give of their time, energy, effort, and often financially to be the best teacher that they can possibly be. I'm going to try my best to never take these wonderful people for granted. I'm going to listen to them. I'm going to involve. I'm going to hold them up as a jewel in the crown of Christ. To our teachers, **Thank You** for serving God.



IN APPRECIATION

The family of Kathryn Cauthen would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, prepared food, and for every expression of sympathy. It is so great to have friends who care.

Faber, Mark, & Chuck Cauthen
Brother & Sisters of Kathryn

Thank you for your prayers and concern while Robin was hospitalized in Tyler, She has been moved to a hospital in Arlington. (Mary Richey's niece) The Family of Robin Gill

Dear Church Family,

First of all I want to thank all of you who have been praying for me. Second, I've started to receive everyone's letters. It's been a long, hard path so far and it is only supposed to get harder because mountains are about to be involved. Please continue to write and pray.

In Christ's love, Kyle Stowers
Kyle's address: Recruit Stowers, Kyle S. - SSN 0922, 2nd Bn. Fox Co. Plt. 2099, 36001 Midway Ave., MCRD, San Diego, CA 92140.

I want to thank everyone at West Erwin for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, and flowers during the last two surgeries I've had. I know your prayers are what got me through all the pain and now I'm on my way to recovery. Love, Maxine Ray

I just wanted to thank you for my graduation gift. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered and appreciated.

Casey Sitton

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Winnsboro for Jack Cross, Shannon Kingsbury's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to Dennis and Shannon and to all the family.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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BAPTISM!



We rejoice with Jake Higginbotham and his family in his decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday. He is son of Steve Higginbotham, the grandson of Dick and Sue Higginbotham and was baptized by his uncle, Rick Higginbotham. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends were here to share this important occasion with him as he committed his life to Christ.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Kalon and Sharon Ainsworth and their children, Chloe and Keaton into the West Erwin family. They have already made themselves invaluable to the work here and we look forward to our work together for the Lord. Their address is 3305 McDonald Road. 75701, ph. 566-5633.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dick and Sue Higginbotham on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 6! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

NOTE: Henry McRuiz reports that a lady was baptized last week at the church in Nueva Rosita.

ACU TEACHER WORKSHOP

Registration is underway for the annual summer Teachers Workshop at ACU July 29-31. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone are making a presentation at the workshop. Please see them for more details if you are interested in attending. The church will pay the registration fee for any teachers or those who are interested in teaching to attend.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Christian Homes of Abilene is accepting applications for the position of Maternity/Adoption Intake Worker. Responsible for handling all maternity and adoption inquiries/intakes and rotating on-call for the agency's maternity program. Minimum requirement: B.S.W., B.S., or B.A. in social work or related field, child-placing or related social work experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Location: Abilene, Texas. For an application and job description, interested persons should contact Cindy at 325-677-2205 or 800-592-4725.

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Sunday evening worship time is 6:00 p.m.
for the summer months.

July 1, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 26
Records	Sunday June 27	Sunday June 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	387	348	362
Worship A.M.	538	598	571
Worship P.M.	348	328	282
Wed. P.M.	320	NC	NC
Contribution	\$21,246.36	\$18,083.64	\$18,300.78
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 4, & Wednesday, July 7: Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Mary Evelyn Grier** is now in room 4418 in ETMC. **Leona Hardin** is in Mother Frances after surgery Tuesday on a broken hip. **Ben Young** is in Memorial Herman Fort Bend Hospital in critical but stable condition due to internal bleeding. **Debbie Baldwin** has a compressed fracture in her neck. **Maxine Ray** is doing well after surgery last Wednesday. **Lela Duncan** had carotid artery surgery Monday. **Mary McFadden** is at home after another hospitalization. **John Holbert** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. **Belinda Berryman Smith**, Wayne & Bitsy's daughter, is some improved in Houston after brain surgery. **Theron Kuechle** had a heart cath Tuesday. **Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. **Rebekah Majors**, Bernice Majors' granddaughter, got a good report after surgery for a brain tumor in Dallas. **Dorothy Henderson**, Sandie Martin's aunt, had bypass surgery last Friday in Longview. **Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, is scheduled for colon surgery Friday in Longview. **Terry Norris**, friend of Billy & Lynda Terrell, has cancer of the jaw bone and throat. He will have surgery next week in San Antonio to remove the jaw bone and part of his tongue. Also, pray for his mom who is having a very difficult time. **Stacie Movtinez**, friend of Lorene Venable in Lewisville, is a young mother with a recurrence of cancer.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark
Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture Heath Adams
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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

Prayer Caleb Bynum
Scripture Jim Carty
Dismiss Will Christian

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jerry Huff Joel Knox
Greg Jones Jamon Kirby
Curt Jordan Dennis Kingsbury
Todd Kempton Odie Kennedy

GREETERS
Louis & Jane Jones & Megan Florence
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Nathan Grounds
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
Gene & Leah Moon

Pick up cards July 4: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 4:
Nursery a.m.: **Mary Jo Crowder**; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot;
Toddlers a.m.: Cassandra Estes & Valerie Figueroa;
Toddlers p.m.: Greg & Debbie Jones; 2's: David & Sharon Hammond;
3's & 4's: Mike & Kristi Harris.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Weilborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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GOD AND THE NATIONS

The Bible affirms "that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (Daniel 4:32). God created the world and is involved in the world He made. This fact was seen again and again as God chose the nation of Israel to be His own, nurtured and blessed that nation, and judged her for her sins. However, God was active in other nations as well. He stirred up the Assyrians to invade and take Israel captive (2 Kings 17:23). God brought the Babylonians to Judah and Jerusalem to judge her for her transgressions (2 Kings 24:2-4; 2 Chronicles 36:15-21). God went on to judge other nations because of their cruelty to Judah (Jeremiah 25:15ff.; 30:16; 46:1ff.). After the seventy years of Judah's captivity in Babylon God worked through Cyrus the king of Persia to bring the captives home (Isaiah 22:28; 2 Chronicles 36:22-23). He also made promises that He would judge any nation that does evil (Jeremiah 18:7-10) and bless any nation that seeks Him (Jeremiah 12:16-17). David was sure that the Lord would deliver those who trust in Him from wicked men (Psalm 37:40). Does God still work among the nations? Is God still angry with the

wicked? Does God still bless those nations that seek to do right? The United States is a nation built upon the principles of the Word of God. The founding fathers were mostly religious men who recognized that America would become great because America was good. Throughout our nation's capital the name of God and the words of God are found in many public buildings. Congress still opens its sessions with prayer. However, many in our country wish to leave our moorings, to live without God, and to practice lifestyles that clearly violate Scripture. Removing God from schools, shedding the innocent blood of unborn children, and same sex marriages all speak of our departure from God and of our decline. God has truly blessed America, but the question remains: will He continue to bless a nation whose actions betray its motto, "In God we trust"? Perhaps He will if (and that's a big "if") enough of our people will be actively involved in opposing evil. Why not begin by writing or calling (before July 15) our senators from Texas to insist that they vote for the Federal Marriage Amendment (SJ Res. 30) which defines marriage as being between one man and one woman?
- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, July 4, 2004

**10:00 A.M. - "People Who Make A Difference"
(Jeremiah 39:15-18)**

**6:00 P.M. - "The Amazing Nature Of Faith"
(Jeremiah 32:8-11. 13-15)**

"The Church With Heart"

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Youth With Heart... by Danny NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Thirty-four West Erwin members will be leaving Thursday for our annual Nebraska Mission Trip. This is one of the highlights of our summer, not only for everyone that is a part of our group, but also for the community of West Point, NE. Each year the turnout for the VBS that we conduct there is so encouraging, and as many as 150 children can be expected to be in attendance during our week there. Please keep our teenagers as well as the children of West Point in your prayers this week. It is a great opportunity for everyone involved to grow spiritually, and for us to show God's love to those who sometimes can't seem to see it.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Our first Mexico meeting will be July 11th at 5pm here at the building. This will be an important meeting for everyone going to Mexico, as we will be doing a VBS this year, and will have a lot of preparation work to do. Make plans to be there. Es muy importante!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night Bible study/movie night will be put on hold until July 15th, after we return from Nebraska.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 15	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
NAME TAGS

If you need a West Erwin name tag, or repairs on the one you have, call Frances at the church office or leave your old name tag at the Visitor Center.

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEWS

We had four new volunteers to work in the Benevolent Center on Thursday. They were Helen Prather, Pat Stanley, Ann Wade and Phil Matthews. Thanks for your time and energy to help a growing ministry.

Keep the clothing donations coming. We are always in need of children's clothing and men's clothing. This is how we supply the needs for many is through your generosity. Everything you bring in is greatly appreciated.

Watch for the "Sock it to me" project that will be unveiled soon.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Those of us who have been trained as teachers realize the importance of the following quote by George Barna, "Real truth is always worth digging for." The teachers of the West Erwin church of Christ are constantly digging into God's Word trying to extract the truth of His Word in order to share it with their students. I just want to take a moment to remind our teachers that we have several resources available to them to aid them in their quest to share this truth.

First, let's remember our library. There are many commentaries, resource books and topical books available to enrich your understanding on virtually any subject matter.

Second, we have a wonderful children's library, which is located on the second floor in our educational wing. The books in this library are used frequently by our primary teachers as a resource for their classes.

Third, periodically we offer a training series for our teachers (A.P.E.X. Program). Please take advantage of this program.

SUNDAY, JULY 25

This day has been set aside for the church to learn more about the children's homes we support. West Erwin supports seven different homes on a monthly basis and we are planning to have a representative from all seven to be at West Erwin on that day. Each will have a designated time to tell about their work. Each will have a display in the foyer to share their stories. Come expecting a blessing!

SMALL GROUPS

Small groups meet once a month after the Sunday evening services. We are looking to expand the number of groups in September. The groups are formed on a volunteer basis. We will need a little time to work out the details so please contact me as soon possible at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org if you want to be in a group, or are willing to lead a new group.

Fourth, we have one of the best workrooms around. It is fully stocked and is available to all of our teachers. If we use this workroom correctly we can produce instructional material for all of our classes.

Fifth, periodically we have the opportunity (as a group) to attend workshops that deal specifically with the topic of how to be more effective in the classroom. Let's remember these workshops and let's attend them when the opportunity presents itself.

The West Erwin educational ministry seeks to promote knowledge, application, response, and evangelism through a study of God's Word. Whether we are successful at this endeavor will depend heavily on the teachers that we use as well as the resources that we use. It is not always easy to find just the right mix between these two entities, especially when we all learn in different ways. However, it is our objective to succeed with our students and so with the resources available to us and with the wonderful teachers that we have, let's all remember to pray to God for success and let's get ready to dig into the truth of God's Word.



IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone for their concern and prayers for our daughter, Sharon Bryan. She is better and is at home.

Larry & Jane Ground

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

The family of Irene Fowler

WITH SYMPATHY

Kathryn Cauthen, long time West Erwin member, died Monday afternoon. Memorial services were held Wednesday at the West Erwin church. Our love and sympathy is extended to Faber, Bettye Sue Harris, Charles Payne and to all the family.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Brad Murrell
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Seth Pace
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Demecia Rogers
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Jared Sebastian
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Anthony Sessions
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Nathan Silvers
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Robert Songer
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Russell Spicher
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Paul Stambaugh
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray		Nathan Young

CONGRATULATIONS

The Chapel Hill High School drafting students, taught by Tony Adams, won their second consecutive State Championship this year. Tony's drafting classes have made a name for Chapel Hill through the years. Congratulations!

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Each Wednesday evening during the summer we have a dessert fellowship following the evening class periods. Your help is appreciated. There are sign-up sheets to bring desserts circulated in all the adult classes and also on the Visitor Center.

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.

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"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

WEDDING INVITATION

This day I will marry my best friend
The one I laugh with, live for, love



Candice Ivey Hartsfield
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and

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son of

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Wagner

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NOTE FROM KYLE: I don't get much time to write but I need as many letters as possible. I'm having a rough time here, please pray for me. I love you all. Corrected Address: Recruit Stowers, Kyle S. - SSN 0922, 2nd Bn. "Fox" Co. Plt. 2099, 36001 Midway Ave., MCRD, San Diego, CA 92140.

Addresses Changes:

Bob & Pat Hackett, 5401 Carmel Court, Tyler, 75703
Stuart & Marisa Suggs, 8937 Pleasant Hill Circle, 75707,
ph. 903-561-9637

Doug & Judy Yates, 18078 Briarcrest, Flint, 75762,
ph. 903-894-3386

Ben & Patsy Young, The Terrace #1325, 16900 Lexington
Blvd., Sugarland, TX 77479-2367

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JULY 11-16, 2004

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PLEASE NOTE:

There will be no church bulletin the week of July 4 due to postal regulations for second class mail.

The church office will be closed Monday, July 5.

Sunday evening worship time is 6:00 p.m.
for the summer months, June, July & August.

June 24, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 25
Records	Sunday June 20	Sunday June 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	348	422	382
Worship A.M.	598	595	525
Worship P.M.	328	336	314
Wed. P.M.	NC	299	301
Contribution	\$18,083.64	\$22,960.74	\$19,145.95
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 27, & Wednesday, June 30: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Kathryn Cauthen is now in hospice. Mary Evelyn Grier is now on the 5th floor at ETMC. Belinda Berryman Smith, Wayne & Bitsy's daughter, is some improved in Houston after brain surgery. Maxine Ray had surgery Wednesday. Lela Duncan is scheduled for surgery June 28. John Holbert has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Charles Rachui had surgery for a detached retina last week. Lois Smith, Connie Sublette's mother, is at home after surgery for breast cancer Monday. Reba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother, is recovering after recent back surgery. Bob Adams, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Baylor Hospital. Robin Gill, Mary Richey's niece, is in UTHC. Continue to remember Dan Baldwin's mother, Buddy & Dorothy Bell, Sharon Bryan, Larry & Jane Ground's daughter, Carol Boatwright, friend of the Ramsours, Henry Brown, Chloe Clark, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Charles & Jean Dees, Vicki Ellis, Joan Everett, Bob Center's cousin, Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Brittany Hacker, Sondra Ramsour's niece, Wanda Hawk, Jay Bynum's aunt, Mabel Holbert, Dan Howell, Dorothy Babb's nephew, Bill McCain, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Kenny McRuiz, Henry & Becky's grandson, Doris Neal, Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, Carolyn Stanglin, Debbie Bynum's aunt, Paul & Signa Stanley, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, & Allen Vickers, Susan Offutt's dad.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer David Blaylock
Scripture Bill Bratcher
Dismiss Bill Mullins

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

Prayer Roy Bench
Scripture Jeff Blackstone
Dismiss Gary Broome

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dick Higginbotham Jerry Howard
Matt Haws Rob Hilliard
Mike Harris Robert Hilliard
Charles Harris Wesley Hilliard

GREETERS

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Austin Fisher
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Chase Fisher
Jerry & Becky Howard & Lauren Florence
Visitor Center: Billy & Linda Terrell
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards June 27 & July 4: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 27:
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Toddlers p.m.: Kim Lemons; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot;
3's & 4's: Todd & Jana Hancock.

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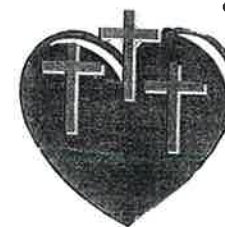
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WHAT WAS INTENDED?

A basic rule of Bible study is that to correctly understand a passage of Scripture one must seek to understand the writer's intention. What truth did the writer, guided by the Holy Spirit, intend to convey? The fact is that the postmodern world, the world that emphasizes human reason over Divine revelation and that denies there is such a thing as truth except its truth, would reject the statement and parts of the question which introduce this essay. Postmoderns would reject the idea that the Holy Spirit guided the writers of Scripture and they would deny that what the writers intended has relevance today. Postmoderns look at the Bible as a smorgasbord where one may choose what appeals to him, apply it as he sees fit, and reject the rest of it. How can they do this? They can do it because to them there is no absolute truth, truth is what one believes to be truth, and one can accept just about anything he wants. This way of thinking does not just apply to religion, but to all areas of life. In America our congressional leaders are trying to

decide what constitutes marriage. How can one say that marriage between two people of the same sex is acceptable? How can one say that homosexuality is right? How can one say that the Constitution of the United States is a "living document" that must be interpreted in light of today's culture and that the writers of the document never intended for its wording to be taken literally? It's the thinking of the postmodern world. Why do some of the highest courts in the land make laws for the people instead of interpreting the laws of the land? It's the postmodern world. The words of the founders of our country and the words of Scripture are given meanings foreign to what the founders or God intended. Why? It's the postmodern mind. This thinking is detrimental to the country, to the church, and to the survival of what most all of us hold dear. We need to respect our Constitution. We need to respect the Word of God. We need to respect the meaning of words and the intentions of those who wrote them.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, June 27, 2004

**10:00 A.M. - "The Burnt Scroll"
(Jeremiah 36:22-24)**

**6:00 P.M. - "A Letter To The Exiles"
(Jeremiah 29:4-7)**

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **BACKCOUNTRY TREK**

This past week, 24 of us from West Erwin headed to New Mexico for our annual Trek. We went to Trampas Lakes and climbed Jicarilla Peak. Thank you for praying for us. It was one of the most successful Treks ever!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to meet at 4:30 this Sunday to work on classes. All parents need to meet at 5:15 to sign forms and get all the information. Please bring a record of your service hours. After the evening worship assembly, we will meet together for our "Nebraska Devotional." This is a special time for all of those going as well as the rest of the youth group to pray about special needs on this mission trip. We

will finish at 9:00. Please bring \$3 for supper. Remember, you need to be working on your classes as we have only a few weeks left.

NEBRASKA DEVOTIONAL

This Sunday is a very important devotional time to prepare our Nebraska Mission Team. This devotional is for all our teens. See note above.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night Bible Study/Movie Night will meet again on July 15th at the Snell house. We will start at 7:00 and conclude around 10:00. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 27	Nebraska/Combined Devotional
June 29	Ballaz For Christ
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 15	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

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

NAME TAGS

If you need a West Erwin name tag, or repairs on the one you have, call Frances at the church office or leave your old name tag at the Visitor Center.

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEWS

A big THANK YOU to Elmer Miles and Chance Moore for helping load and unload groceries from the Food Bank on Wednesday.

Additional volunteers are always needed. If you would like to be a part of a growing ministry that helps lots of people, contact Don Crawford or James Phillips.

The areas needing help are quilting, rolling bandages, sorting and hanging clothing, stocking groceries and

helping with the distribution of food and clothing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

SMALL GROUPS

We currently have about 20 small groups that meet in homes for closer fellowship once a month after the Sunday evening services. Our plans are to birth some new groups in September. If you want to be involved in a small group, let me know. If you want to help start a new group, let me know. If you want to make a change in the group you are in, let me know. Our groups are formed on a volunteer basis. We will need a little time to work out the details so contact me as soon as possible at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm very proud of my heritage. When my forefathers left England they settled in Onslow County, North Carolina (Camp LeJeune area). My great, great, great, great grandfather was a Colonel during the Revolutionary War. After a few generations in Onslow County, my relatives moved to West Tennessee. My great, great grandfather married a lady named Margaret Delaney (who was half Cherokee Indian). Her grandfather, John Delaney, Sr., also served in the Revolutionary War in the Shenandoah Valley. Margaret and my great, great grandfather (James) had a son named John Wesley Yates. Even though John W. was from a southern state (Tennessee) he fought for the north and served as a sergeant under Ulysses S. Grant.

If you think I'm telling you all of this to bore you, you'd be wrong. The reason I'm telling you this is to show you a common thread within my ancestors and more than likely a common thread among your ancestors too. This common thread was their

military background. These men served their country and evidently did it with much grace and honor.

I sometimes wonder if we haven't forgotten our soldiers in harms way today. We have some brave men and women who are serving this country in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places and their adversaries would love to see their lives ended. A little over a year ago we were praying every opportunity that we had that the conflict would end, then all of a sudden, we were victorious and it seems that the prayers for our soldiers, little by little, have faded away. Our soldiers are still involved in bringing freedom to those who for decades were oppressed. There is so much that we can do to help them through this conflict, one of which is to continually offer prayers on their behalf. Let's not forget them when we pray. Who knows, some little boy or girl, one hundred years from now might reflect back on their grandfather's life and say with pride, "My grandfather, who lived to be 93, helped to restore freedom to Iraq and Afghanistan." Let's remember that the fervent, effectual prayers of the righteous still avails much.



IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for the graduation gift. The bible is very beautiful and will serve me well in the future. I appreciate your thinking of me as I graduate. Love always,
Julie Frick

WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn of the death of Peggy Monroe last Wednesday. Graveside services were held Saturday at Hopewell Cemetery. Services were held Thursday at Kingwood Funeral Home with burial in Hillsboro for Moselle White, former West Erwin member more recently living in Kingwood. C.L. Braly, great uncle of Shaun Stamps and friend of many here, died last Wednesday. M.R. Grier, Jack Grier's brother, Mary Evelyn's brother-in-law, and Mary June Goodson's uncle, died last weekend in Arizona. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Brad Murrell
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Seth Pace
Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Demecia Rogers
Aaron Arcega	Robert C. Holt	Jared Sebastian
James Baggett	Chad Hughes	Anthony Sessions
Jonathan Bentley	James Hunt	Nathan Silvers
Steven Cole	Jay Landon Jones	Robert Songer
Craig Cooper	Joe Kennedy	Russell Spicher
Casey Culpepper	Greg Lowe	Paul Stambaugh
Chuck Freeman	Jon Mason	Hank Trimble
Glenda Gacilos	Blake McGee	Tim Wagner
Josh Gaspard	Chris Montgomery	Jordan C. White
Scott Gray		Nathan Young

Sorry to lose ...

John & Susan Steffee have moved to Houston. John and Susan were long time faithful members here and John served this church well as a deacon for many years. **Shannon & Lacey O'Bryan** have moved to South Carolina. **Louis & Jean West** have moved to Houston. These families will be deeply missed but we wish them much happiness in their homes.

FRIENDSHIP

There's a miracle called friendship that dwells within the heart
And you don't know how it happened or when it gets its start
But the happiness it brings you always gives a special lift
And you realize that friendship is God's most precious gift.

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Honoring
Ivey Hartsfield
bride-elect of Wesley Wagner
Sunday, June 27, 4:00 - 5:30
Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Pier One, Linens'N Things,
& Bed, Bath & Beyond
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation

WEDDING INVITATION

This day I will marry my best friend
The one I laugh with, live for, love
Candice Ivey Hartsfield
daughter of



Mr. & Mrs. John Hartsfield
and

Jonathan Wesley Wagner
son of

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Wagner
hope that you will join in this celebration

on Saturday, the tenth of July
Two thousand and four
at six o'clock in the evening
First Assembly of God
840 North Broad Street
Chandler, Texas

Reception following ceremony at
Roseland Plantation

NEW ADDRESS: Recruit Stowers, Kyle S., 2nd Bn. Fox Co.
Plt. 2099, MCRD, San Diego, CA 92140-5140 (He cannot
receive packages, stamps, etc., but mail is appreciated).

"Greet the dawn with enthusiasm and
you may expect satisfaction at sunset."

Every Kid A Winner

Dale Smith, long time Friend of West Erwin, who conducted the *Every Kid A Winner seminar* some time ago has a new Website for parents, grandparents, teachers, and others who care about children. He sends warm regards and invites you to visit: Everykidawinner.com.

ACU TEACHER WORKSHOP

Registration is now underway for the annual summer Teachers Workshop at ACU July 29-31. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone are making a presentation at the workshop. Please see them for more details if you are interested in attending. The church will pay the registration fee for any teachers or those who are interested in teaching to attend.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Christian Homes of Abilene is accepting applications for the position of Maternity/Adoption Intake Worker. Responsible for handling all maternity and adoption inquiries/intakes and rotating on-call for the agency's maternity program. Minimum requirement: B.S.W., B.S., or B.A. in social work or related field, child-placing or related social work experience preferred. Competitive salary and benefits offered. Location: Abilene, Texas. For an application and job description, interested persons should contact Cindy at 325-677-2205 or 800-592-4725.

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Records	Sunday June 13	Sunday June 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	429	380
Worship A.M.	595	624	600
Worship P.M.	336	406	300
Wed. P.M.	299	310	320
Contribution	\$22,960.74	\$21,524.81	\$16,740.80
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 20, & Wednesday, June 23: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Kathryn Cauthen is in Mother Frances ICU after suffering a stroke. **Mary Evelyn Grier** is in ETMC ICU. John **Holbert** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer, may have surgery later this month. **Belinda Berryman Smith**, daughter of Wayne & Bitsy, had brain surgery Tuesday in Houston. **Charles Rachui** had emergency surgery for a detached retina Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Maxine Ray** is scheduled for surgery June 23. **Lela Duncan** is scheduled for surgery June 28. **Mary McFadden** is at home after being hospitalized last weekend. **Greg Wagner** is at home. **Paul & Signa Stanley** need our prayers. **Theron Kuechle** got a good report after tests. **Lois Smith**, Connie Sublette's mother, will have surgery for breast cancer. **Bob Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Baylor Hospital. **Robin Gill**, Mary Richey's niece, is in UTHC with pneumonia. Continue to remember **Buddy Bell**, **Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Henry Brown**, **Chloe Clark**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Charles & Jean Dees**, **Vicki Ellis**, **Joan Everett**, Bob Center's cousin, **Warren Gray**, **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Dan Howell**, Dorothy Babb's nephew, **Hunter Kiker**, infant son of Terry and Melanie, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Charles McCoy**, **Peggy Monroe**, **Doris Neal**, **Carolyn Stanglin**, Debbie Bynum's aunt, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, & **Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship
Prayer
Scripture
Dismiss

Doug Yates
Chuck Gillam
Ernie Gordon
Phil Marts

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

Prayer
Scripture
Dismiss

David Hammond
Michael Hall
Scott Hackett

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dick Higginbotham
Matt Haws
Mike Harris
Charles Harris

Jerry Howard
Rob Hilliard
Robert Hilliard
Wesley Hilliard

GREETERS

Alan & Patsy Fisher & Payton Fedell
Tom & Beverly Hale & Tanner Fedell
Michael & Candace Hall & Lauren Garrett
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Alan & Candy Montgomery

Pick up cards June 20: Jake Skender, Justin Parrish, Caleb Grounds, Drew Harris, Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 20:
Nursery a.m.: Wanda Weathers; Nursery p.m.: Judy Yates;
Toddlers a.m.: Laurie & Dru Dawkins; Toddlers p.m.:
Freida Starr; 2's: Heath & Kandi Adams; 3's & 4's: Stan & Suzanne Perkins.

MINISTERS
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit
Don Crawford - Involvement

Doug Yates - Education
Danny Snell - Youth

MISSIONS
Rafael Falcon

ELDER'S
Jay Bynum
Phil Marts
James Sublette

Keith Hodges
Jeff Holland

Don Durham
Bill Mullins
Ray Vannoy

Ron Lott
Dannie Skipper
Leon Welborn

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Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.
11:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY
Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
(Sept through May)
Bible Class 7:00 P.M.

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SMARTY JONES

The story of Smarty Jones came on the national scene when he won the Kentucky Derby. He wasn't the biggest horse and he wasn't Kentucky bred, but at the Derby he was the winner and became a national favorite. If he could win the Belmont Stakes and the Preakness he would be the first triple-crown winner in thirty years. Sure enough, he won the second race and won it big -- by eleven lengths! While other horses, several in recent years, had won the first two of these races, Smarty Jones seemed to have the best chance at the triple-crown. Only nine horses ran in the last of the three races because Smarty Jones looked unbeatable. He had run equally well on dry and wet tracks and he was undefeated in all his races. The third race was the longest of the three and the most grueling for the horses -- it had taken its toll on other would-be triple-crowners. So the day came. Smarty Jones had pleased his trainer, owner, and jockey in his workouts. As the time for the big race approached sportscasters commented that Smarty Jones had on his "game face" -- he was ready. The record crowd in attendance cheered him when he entered the track. He went into the starting gate easily. Then they were off. Smarty Jones built his lead to four links coming into the stretch. Would it happen? Would there be a triple-crown winner? Smarty Jones didn't have the final burst of speed he had in his other races. He had spent his strength in

taking the lead and he ended up losing by a length and a half. No triple-crown winner ... again! Some things to remember about this race and the lives we live include:

1. It was just a horse race. Important to many, but only a horse race. Hardly to be compared to the race God wants all of us to run (Hebrews 12:1-2).
2. It is important to start out right, but more important to end up right. Smarty Jones led for most of the race, but he was behind at the finish. God says, "Run with endurance the race that is set before us."
3. Hype is not as important as substance. No horse could beat Smarty Jones, but one did. In religion it is easy to say the right thing, but are we doing the right things? That is the issue.
4. To be popular is not so important as performance. Smarty Jones was the most popular horse ever, but races are won on the track.
5. Sentimentalism is not the same as reality. We may be sympathetic toward Christianity or lean in its direction, but the question is, "Are we real?"
6. While only one horse can win a race, in the Christian race we can all be winners. "Run in such a way that you may obtain it (the crown - JPL)" (1 Corinthians 9:24).

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, June 20, 2004

**10:00 A.M. - "Living Above The Crowds"
(Jeremiah 35:8-10)**

**6:00 P.M. - "Great Is Your Faithfulness"
(Lamentations 3:22-24)**

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All those going to Nebraska need to meet at 5:00 this Sunday to work on classes. Remember that you need to be working toward the 20 service hours needed to go on our trips this summer. Info on more opportunities to come.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night Bible Study/Movie Night will meet June 24th at the Snell house. We will start at 7:00 and conclude around 10:00. Hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 24	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

GOD'S VOCABULARY

A: ABIDE

The book is John. The chapter is fifteen. The disciples were very disturbed. Jesus had met with them in the upper room where he told them that He was going to be leaving. For three years He had taught them, protected them, and fed them. Now He was leaving.

John 15 is part of the Master's last message to his closest followers. In these words He explained how He would care for them even in His absence. So, almost a dozen times He used the word "abide." He illustrated the meaning of abide with a word picture of a vine and its branches. He is the vine. God is the Gardener. We are the branches. The branches draw life and strength from the

Vine. All the branch has to do is ABIDE. Stay connected. Stay in contact with the Vine and we will bear fruit. We don't bear the fruit -- HE DOES! We simply stay connected.

Here's how we can know for sure that we are connected. He said, "If you "abide" in me and my words "abide" in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you" (7). Stay connected to the Vine and His Word then when you pray, God Himself will answer.

Abide. Dwell. Continue. Remain. Endure.

Help Wanted

Tuesday morning Benevolent Center

Quilting

Rolling Bandages

Sewing

Call Reba Sorrells for the inside scoop

903-581-6593

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When We Hurt is our theme for this year's Fellowship **And Christian Training Series** (F.A.C.T.S.). Of course, our lessons will come straight out of the book of Job as we study the struggles of that great man of God and how he overcame so many trials and tribulations in his life. None of us would want to go through any of those adversities in our own life and yet Job did battle and in the end remained faithful to God. Whenever I start feeling sorry for myself all I have to do is turn to chapters 1 and 2 of the book of Job and it doesn't take long before my circumstances seem minor to what he went through. I'm thankful that God saw fit to include this great book in the Bible. We need this book and the practical lessons it provides for us today. Please try your best to be with us each Wednesday evening as we examine the life of Job. We will be meeting the small auditorium at 7:00 p.m. sharp. Our first lesson will be on June 16th. I'm looking forward to having a great summer.

Thank you isn't really all that hard to say. It's just two words side by side and when used properly convey to another person or group of people that they did a good job at fulfilling a task or assignment. I am extremely thankful for all the teachers that we have here. Last week we completed our *Summer Extravaganza* and we had a host of teachers involved in that great program. **Thank You!** Before that we finished our Spring quarter and began our Summer quarter and again I say to all who participate in our educational ministry, **Thank You!** Each Wednesday evening throughout the summer we will have different speakers involved in our F.A.C.T.S. presentations and to that group of people I say, **Thank You!** Immediately following our Wednesday evening presentations we all gather in the FLC for desserts. Several of our members work extremely hard in coordinating this fellowship and again let me say, **Thank You!** When an assignment is given and the job is fulfilled we might not be able to give silver or gold but the least we can do is say, **Thank You!** Let's all try harder to obtain the heart of a true servant and in doing so let's notice how much easier it is to say these two words: **Thank You!**

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful Bible. I wanted to say thank you for everything. I think that was my best graduation gift.

Meggie Wagner

I want to thank the church for my Bible. I will cherish and study it and I will never forget the lessons I have learned and the wonderful things I have witnessed of God's great works. I love West Erwin.

Wesley Hilliard

Thank you for the cards, food, calls, and most of all for your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recuperation time. A special thank you to D.L. Thompson for making his electric chair available to West Erwin for needs such as mine. It has been a real life saver. It is so very nice to have caring brothers and sisters like all of you at West Erwin. You have truly been a family to us since Judy and I first came to West Erwin almost four years ago.

With Christian Love,

Bill Wilmeth

Dear Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin,

It has been quite a long time since I have been there. I miss it every day. First and foremost, Danny, you have been there to help me and everyone around you for a long time. God bless you for that! To my extended church family I thank you for the prayers and support given to my family during these hard times. The contributions for me and my unit are greatly appreciated, more so than can be put into words. It is wonderful to belong to such a loving family in faith. I feel that God is with me and is keeping me safe. I love and miss you all, and I hope to be back with you soon.

Sp. Christopher Montgomery

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Green Acres Baptist church for **Irene Fowler**, Ann Hardin's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Ann and James and to all the family.

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50th ANNIVERSARY

Freeman and Billie Morgan will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 20. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amanda Broome, daughter of Gary and Frances Broome, on her acceptance into the NASA Graduate Student Research Program (Kennedy Space Center) for the 2004-2005 academic year! She will be doing her research at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Her address is 5702 50th St. #46, Lubbock, TX 79414.

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Open Enrollment - ETCA has opened enrollment to new students. If you would like to enroll your child, please call Kerri Alexander at 561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

ETCA is in need of Secondary Math and Science teachers. For more information, please contact Kay Bellar at 903-561-8642 or kbellar@etca.org.

THE 23rd PSALM

"The Lord is my Shepherd - That's relationship!

I shall not want - That's supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures - That's rest!

He leadeth me beside still waters - That's refreshment!

He restoreth my soul - That's promise!

He leadeth me in paths of righteousness - That's guidance!

For His name's sake - That's purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death -

That's testing!

I will fear no evil - That's trust!

For Thou art with me - That's faithfulness!

Thy rod and They staff, they comfort me - That's discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies

- That's hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil - That's consecration!

My cup runneth over - That's abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life -

That's blessing!

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord - That's security!

Forever - That's eternal!"

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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer David Asbill
Scripture Greg Anding
Dismiss Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jim Armstrong
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Tom Carder
Scripture Adam Bryant
Dismiss Michael Bozeman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

David Hammond Bob Hackett
Todd Hancock Chad Harbuck
Tim Grounds James Hardin
Nathan Grounds Tom Hale

GREETERS
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Shaun & Joanna Stamps & Caylee Stamps
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Preston Conder
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Hugh & Glenda Mills

Pick up cards June 13 & 20: Jake Skender, Justin Parrish, Caleb Grounds, Drew Harris, Carter Blackstone.

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MISSIONS		
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ELDERS		
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D-DAY

The dictionary defines "D-Day" as "an unspecified day on which a military operation is to take place." There have been many "D-Day" operations, but the most famous is June 6, 1944 when the Allied armies, navies, air forces and marines shelled, bombed, and invaded the shores of Normandy in France ushering in the end of the Nazi regime and the end of World War II. Our world has not experienced a war like that one. First, the United States wanted to exist in isolation and not be drawn into the war at all. When it became apparent that the free world needed the United States to enter the war if it were to survive, Britain and Russia held the Axis powers at bay while the United States military machine could be enlarged. Second, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, the United States had no choice but to declare war on Japan and the other Axis powers. Third, the outcome of the war was uncertain until near the end. There was no certainty that D-Day would be successful. One of the most interesting things about history is how the outcome of wars often was decided by what seemed insignificant events or decisions at the time. D-Day was like that. However, there is more: there is reason to believe that God's providence decided the outcome of World War II. After all, human rights, the sacredness of life, and the freedom of men

were all on the side of the Allies, and the United States acknowledged the decency, the morality, and the God of Scripture in the school house, the State House, both Houses of Congress, and among our citizenry. Now read carefully these Scriptures and answer this question: "Is the United States a nation 'under God' today?"

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord - Psalm 33:12

"The instant I speak concerning a nation ... to pluck up, to pull down, and to destroy it, if that nation ... turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it. And the instant I speak concerning a nation ... to build and to plant it, if it does not obey my voice, then I will relent concerning the good with which I said I would benefit it." - Jeremiah 18:7-10

"The most High rules in the kingdoms of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses." - Daniel 4:32

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, June 13, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "The Purpose of Religion"
(Jeremiah 20:7-9)

6:00 P.M. - "Confessions Of A Prophet"
(Jeremiah 15:19-21)

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

What a great time we had in Houston at our Middle School Madness. The weather was nice and the atmosphere was super! "Real Faith" was the subject for the week and our young people were very blessed with these lessons from Eric. A special thanks to all of those who went and especially those who served as sponsors: Lisa Snell, Kelley Malone, Ginger Philpot, Mary Scarborough, Steve Denman & Eric Thornton.

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All of those going to Nebraska need to meet at 5:00 this Sunday to work on classes.

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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our Thursday night Bible Study/Movie Night will meet again on June 24th at the Snell house. We will start at 7:00 and conclude around 10:00. Hope to see you there!

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This next week, 24 of us from West Erwin will be headed to New Mexico for our annual BackCountry Trek. We will be going to Trampas Lakes and climbing Jicarilla Peak. Please pray for our safety, good weather and especially spiritual growth. All of those going need to be here at the building ready to go at 3:00 Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

June	13-19	BackCountry Trek
June	24	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
July	1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

No doubt you've seen some of the new billboards. I'm talking about the "God speaks" billboards. They are simple. No fine print. Black background and white lettering make them easy to read. Here are a few of my favorites:

Tell the kids I love them. - God

We need to talk. - God

Keep using my name in vain, I'll make rush hour longer.
- God

That "Love Thy Neighbor" thing I meant it. - God

I love you and you and you and - God

(and my personal favorite ...)
Need Directions? - God

Being a male with the genetically famous reputation of never stopping to ask for directions, I found this one to hit me the hardest. So many of us men would rather drive around in circles before stopping to seek directions. We really don't do it to frustrate the women in the car It's the "pioneer" running through our veins.

Spiritually, many men wander in and out of life wondering what it's all about, yet refusing to seek directions. Peter wrote to remind us that "God's divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3). The Bible we carry contains the directions to life **Abundant Life.** Why not use it? No one has ever "pioneered" his way into eternal life.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

1 Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Let me take a moment to thank all of our staff who helped with this years *Summer Extravaganza*. We had a host of volunteers who did everything from serving refreshments to participating in dramas. I couldn't begin to name everyone who helped out with our Summer Extravaganza but I can tell you that their labor of love has not gone unnoticed. I believe that they've laid up great treasures in heaven for the work that they've done this past week. Thanks once again for your involvement.

Well, the ice cream scoopers were out in full force last Wednesday evening as we started our Wednesday evening dessert fellowships. *Pam Lott* has agreed to coordinate this effort this year so let's be ready to jump in and support these fellowships. More than likely you will be hearing from Pam sometime this summer. These fellowships only work if the congregation supports them. Our next fellowship will be June 16th. Our dessert fellowships coincide with our Fellowship And

Christian Training Series presentations. Our first speaker, Glenn Pemberton, will be here on June 16th. Glenn will be giving us an overview of the book of Job. We are all looking forward to his presentation. Let's all come together to study this fascinating book as we delve into the topic of **When We Hurt.**

Several people have asked me about the teacher's workshop at Abilene. A few years ago we took a large group of our teachers to this workshop but over the past two years the format was changed and only a few of our teachers have gone. I have received absolutely nothing regarding this year's event but it is my understanding that it will be more like the workshop of four years ago rather than those of the past two years. Some of you are showing an interest in going. I will not be able to coordinate this event because I will be attending Freed Hardeman's workshop entitled *Christian Training Series*. It is my understanding that *Dale Blackstone* will be making a presentation at Abilene's workshop so you might visit with him regarding the details. Since we haven't been attending this workshop I didn't budget for it, but we may be able to come up with enough money to pay the registration. Let me know if you are interested.



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to say thanks for all the cards, calls, food, and prayers during my recent surgery. I feel so blessed being a member of such a loving and caring congregation. Love,
Doris Neal

To my West Erwin Church family,

Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and concern during the illness and passing of Mary Dean. The visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and prayers were sincerely appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Bob Paul family

Our family wishes to thank everyone for everything that the church has done for Kyle. Kyle has turned into the young man he is today in large part because of everyone's prayers and guidance. I know Kyle will succeed in whatever he does and wherever he goes by what he has learned at the West Erwin Church of Christ. We are very thankful to belong to such a church that has God's blessings.

Sincerely,
Carl Stowers

To our loving family at West Erwin,

Thank you for all the calls, cards, words of concern during my recent health problem. Your love has been a great encouragement to me.

In Christian Love,
Roy Bench

I want to take this time to thank everyone for the many expressions of love shown to me and my family during my illness and surgery. The food, calls, cards, and visits really lifted my spirits. I love you all.

Kenna Kempton

WITH SYMPATHY

Irene Fowler, Ann Hardin's mother, died Tuesday morning. Services are pending at Lloyd James Funeral Home at this writing (Tuesday). Our love and sympathy is extended to Ann and James and to all the family.

"People don't need our advice as much as they need our love."

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Brad Murrell
Wesley Ackerman	Harry Hayes	Seth Pace
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		Nathan Young

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Each Wednesday evening during the summer we have a dessert fellowship following the evening class periods. There will be sign-up sheets circulated in all the adult classes and also on the Visitor Center. Your help is appreciated. June 16 will be homemade ice cream.

BAPTISMS!



We rejoice with **Gary G. Heath, Jr.** and fiancé, **Jennifer Cooley** as they put on their Lord in baptism last Thursday afternoon. They plan to be married December 18 and they are to be commended for their decision to begin their life together in Christ. Jennifer is a teacher for Jacksonville ISD and lives at 2003 Parklen, 75701, ph. 520-2393. Gary works for Stone Container and lives at 913 Moorehill Dr., 75701, ph. 592-7794.

Steven Figueroa was baptized into Christ Monday night by his dad. Steven is the son of Claude and Sheri Figueroa and has been taught the Bible all his life. Their address is 1701 Onyx Cove, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 871-2072.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **John** and **Phyllis Lacy** into the West Erwin family. They formerly worshipped with the Northside church of Christ in Wichita, Kansas. Their address is 6016 Brynmar Court, 75703, ph. 903-581-8228.

We are also delighted to welcome their son and his family, **Stefan** and **Rebecca Andrews** and their children, Faith, Craig, and Jerad. They formerly worshipped with the Alpine church in Longview and now live in Tyler at 13329 Rhudy, 75703, ph. 903-581-6044.

RESPONSE

Kyle Stowers left Sunday to go San Diego to begin training in the U.S. Marines. He wanted to thank everyone for the support and kindnesses to him and to request that everyone continue to pray for him and keep in contact with him.

SORRY TO LOSE ...

Danny and Maggie Craddock are moving this week to be closer to his parents. They will be greatly missed but we wish them well in their new home. Their new address is 2455 North Jeremiah Place, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704-8650, ph. 479-444-6429, e-mail craddockmd@cox/internet-com



BRIDAL SHOWER

Honoring
Molly Gribble

Bride-elect of Chris Ketchum
Sunday, June 13, 4:00 - 5:30

Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Pier One, & Linens 'N Things
(Chris is the son of Sharon Ketchum, has grown up at West Erwin and is a faithful member).

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to Clifton and **Marjorie Cox** on the celebration of their 62nd anniversary on June 6. **Ed** and **Margie Hunt** will celebrate their 48th anniversary on June 15. **George** and **Dorothy Daugherty** will celebrate their 58th anniversary June 30. We rejoice with these couple in these happy milestones in their lives and wish for them many more happy and healthy years together.

"Offering advice may be noble and grand,
but it's not the same as a helping hand."

The Sunday evening worship time will be 6:00 p.m.
for the summer months, June, July & August.

June 3, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 22
Records	Sunday May 30	Sunday May 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	393	424	406
Worship A.M.	600	629	618
Worship P.M.	333	330	378
Wed. P.M.	323	345	330
Contribution	\$18,555.74	\$17,588.00	\$18,760.52
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 6, & Wednesday, June 9: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Evelyn Grier is in ETMC due to complications after surgery. **Kenna Kempton** was hospitalized again after surgery due to complications. **Thelma Bennett** had some complications after a pacemaker implant last week. **Chloe Clark** is recuperating at Reunion Plaza. **Peggy Monroe** is being treated for phlebitis and sleep apnea. **Jane Clemmons** is in Scott & White Hospital with a heart problem. **Chris Scroggins** had surgery Thursday on a badly broken nose. **Doris Neal** had surgery, will begin radiation. **Buddy Bell** was hospitalized, is now in recuperating in a nursing home in Dallas. **Mae Lee Edgar**, Mary Gaiser's daughter in Ohio, is at home after a heart attack. **Joan Everett**, Bob Center's cousin from Jacksonville, is scheduled for brain surgery June 7 in Houston. Continue to remember **Dan Baldwin's** mother, **Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Henry Brown**, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Charles & Jean Dees**, **Vicki Ellis**, **Warren Gray**, **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Dan Howell**, Dorothy Babb's nephew, **Hunter Kiker**, infant son of Terry and Melanie, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Charles McCoy**, **Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Carolyn Stanglin**, Debbie Bynum's aunt, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, & **Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship - Doug Yates
Prayer - Danny Craddock
Scripture - Kyle Stowers
Dismiss - Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Dannie Skipper
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer - John Shaw
Scripture - Royce Simmons
Dismiss - Keith Skender

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

David Hammond - Bob Hackett
Todd Hancock - Chad Harbuck
Tim Grounds - James Hardin
Nathan Grounds - Tom Hale

GREETERS
Melvin & Nina Crow & Cayti Bynum
Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Kaitlyn Carder
Don & Norma Durham & Tyler DuVall
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
Bill & Pat Bratcher

Pick up cards June 6: Zack Skender, Sean Denman, Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 6:
Nursery a.m.: Kathy Means; Nursery p.m.: Candy Montgomery; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie Pattillo & Lauren Florence; Toddlers p.m.: Arlene Lockhart; 2's: Wade & Diane Weathers; 3's & 4's: Michael & Candace Hall.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

With the coming of summer we have some significant happenings on our calendar. The first is our Summer Extravaganza, formerly called VBS. June 7-9 are the dates and 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. are the times. In addition to rich learning experiences for young people of all ages, our adults will be privileged to hear Murphy Phillips from Weatherford for the third straight summer. Murphy endeared himself to us two summers ago when he spoke at our VBS. He was invited to return last year and, because of his outstanding presentations, we have asked him to return this year. Murphy is well known in the East Texas area in that he has been the local preacher for churches in the Gladewater and Center and has preached in meetings through the years for numerous congregations in this part of Texas. He has been working with the Main Street church of Christ in Weatherford for twenty years and the church has prospered during his ministry. As adults we will benefit greatly by putting our Summer Extravaganza in our schedules. We will be blessed.

TIME CHANGE

Beginning June 6 we will change our Sunday night worship time to 6:00 for the summer months. The 5:00 p.m. time served us well over the past year in that families with young children had more time for times of fellowship following our evening services and, at the same time, school age children could get home for a good nights rest before returning to school the next day. During the summer, with longer daylight hours and no school, 6:00 p.m. should work very well for us during June, July and August. We need to give added emphasis to these times of worship on Sunday evenings and we know we can count on the cooperation of all as we make this time adjustment. Be fully involved!

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, June 6, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "The Potter And The Clay"
(Jeremiah 18:1-6)

6:00 P.M.

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"The Church With Heart"

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

We will be in Houston, TX this week with 34 middle school students for our annual "Middle School Madness" trip. Please pray not only for our safety while we're gone, but also that hearts will be reached with the message of "Real Faith" that we will be talking about throughout the week.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Thursday night Bible Study will resume on June 10th at the new and improved Snell house. Also resuming will be our summer movie night following the study. We will start at 7:00 and conclude around 10:00. Hope to see you there!

SUMMER TRIP MEETINGS

Our high school summer trips are getting closer and closer. We will be having another Backpacking meeting

this Sunday at 5:15 pm, as well as a Nebraska meeting at 4:30. If you are planning on going on either of these trips, please plan on being at these meetings.

SERVICE HOURS

Keep in mind that you need to continue to be working toward the 20 service hours needed to go on our trips this summer. Info on more opportunities to come.

REJOICE!!

Maigen Blackstone was baptized this past Sunday morning by her father. We are so happy for her decision to put on Christ! We love you Maigen!

IMPORTANT DATES

June 5	Combined Devo
June 10	HS Bible Study/Movie Night
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Ask For The Old Paths

It was last week's sermon topic. It made me think about all the changes that have taken place in my life. What happened to all those words we used? Words like "store-bought." It was once a thing to brag about, having a "store-bought" dress. Now all dresses are store-bought.

"Wall to wall" described how we put new carpet down over our hardwood floors. Now we take up our "wall to wall" carpet to put in wood flooring.

"Coast to coast" was a phrase that expanded our imaginations. Now we even take "world-wide" for granted.

Think with me now what ever happened to words like curb feelers, steering knobs, fender skirts, continental

kits, emergency brake, foot feed, slide rules, bobbie socks, Dime Store, percolator, castor oil, or "fill 'er up with ethel"?

And when was the last time you heard anyone use the phrase "in a family way"? Pregnant was far too graphic a word limited to professional clinical use.

"Divorce" was always whispered.

And who among my readers can remember talking about those "unmentionables"?

I'm thinking some of you younger readers may need to ask a more mature person about some of these words. I'm sure they can describe the "old paths" and how grand they were.

Yet the one that I can't seem to leave out in the cold is the word "supper." That still has the warmest of meanings. Wouldn't it be nice to go back to that "old path" and invite someone over for "supper."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Ready or not, here we go! The summer is upon us and we have several very important events that will occur in the next 3 months. All of these events are extremely important but perhaps the most important one is our *Summer Extravaganza*. Remember, it starts June 7th-9th. Each night we will gather here at the building between 6:30-8:00 for a period of study for our members and guests. Our preschoolers will meet in the Heritage Room as *Velma Lemons* and her staff teach their students great lessons concerning the fruits of the spirit. Across the street in the Family Life Center our kindergarten through 5th grades will gather and be divided into four learning centers. We will have: (1) crafts, (2) cooking, (3) sports activities, (4) Bible lessons. I am extremely excited about this new format. Our Junior High and High School classes will meet upstairs for their class, which will be taught by *Greg McAdams* on Monday and Tuesday and then

on Wednesday they will be treated to a wonderful lesson by *Eric Thomson*. All of our adults are encouraged to attend a class in the small auditorium which will be conducted by *Murphy Phillips*. So, as you can see there will be classes for everyone. Our *Summer Extravaganza* has been planned with the entire family in mind, however, all of our students (from the youngest to the oldest) are encouraged to bring their friends with them. The success of our program really depends on it. Over the past three years we have slowly been implementing a host of changes to our VBS program. Each year our attendance has dramatically increased from the previous year. This year will be the first year we have all the changes in place. I would really like to see a staggering rise in our attendance from our membership as well as their guests. This will only happen if each of our members make a commitment to be present and to bring someone with them. Let's all work together in this great effort and we will see our summer get off to a great start. Once again, remember the dates are June 7th-9th at 6:30 to 8:00. I'll be looking forward to seeing you then.



IN APPRECIATION

I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for the surprise party and the gifts. It was truly overwhelming. Everyone here in the church has meant something special to me in one way or another. I have enjoyed my time with you all. I look forward to getting letters from most of you while I'm in boot camp. I had no idea how many people are watching out for me. I appreciate all of the guidance and support that all of you have shown me. Thank you all so very much. In His love, Kyle Stowers

WITH SYMPATHY

Mary Dean Paul died early last Wednesday morning. Graveside services were held Saturday at Mount Zion Cemetery. Our love and sympathy is extended to Bob and to all the family.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Brant and Jeri Prestidge on the birth of Kaylee Dee and Corey Wayne on May 27! They each weighed just over 7 lb. Jaci is the proud big sister, John & Kathy Portwood are happy grandparents and Gussie Beaty is great grandmother.

Congratulations to David and Tara Haney on the birth of Ryan Cage on May 18. He weighed 7 lb. and was 19 ¼ inches long. David and Cathy Haney, former West Erwin members, are the proud grandparents.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables	Eric Hass	Brad Murrell
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Rowdy Anthony	Shelly Henry	Demecia Rogers
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		Nathan Young

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

West Erwin's annual Summer Extravaganza (formerly VBS) will be June 7th-9th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Classes for all ages!

"Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect. It means you have decided to look beyond the imperfections."

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.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Open Enrollment - ETCA has opened enrollment to new students. If you would like to enroll your child, please call Kerri Alexander at 561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

ETCA is in need of Secondary Math and Science teachers. For more information, please contact Kay Bellar at 903-561-8642 or kbellar@etca.org.

BAPTISM!



We rejoice with **Maigen Blackstone** as she was baptized into Christ Sunday morning and committed to living her life for Him. She is in the 7th grade. Maigen is the daughter of Jeff and Rachael Blackstone and was baptized by her dad. She is the granddaughter of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone. Their address is 8844 Phoenix South Dr., Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-6997.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McClenny
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Leigh Ann

to

Adam Shane

son of *Mr. and Mrs. Clay Parker*

on Saturday, the fifth of June, two thousand and four
at two o'clock in the afternoon

River Creek Ranch

2215 Roy Road, Tyler, Texas

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

Each Wednesday evening during the summer we have a dessert fellowship following the evening class periods. There will be sign-up sheets circulated in all the adult classes and also on the Visitor Center. Your help is appreciated. June 16 will be homemade ice cream

"The best vitamin for making friends - B1."

RUSSIAN LEVEL ONE

The class for Russian Level One will not meet during the summer months. They will begin a new class, Russian Level Two, in the fall for all returning students.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 31-June 4. West Erwin has been asked to collect ALUMINUM FOIL. They also appreciate cash donations.

CAMP DEER RUN

If your child, age 5 (by Sept. 1) through age 9 would like to attend Camp Deer Run Day Camp, please fill out the application form at the Visitor Center and turn it in to Doug Yates by May 30th. Also, if you can transport children to Camp Deer Run for this day camp, please see Doug.

39th ANNUAL HASKELL SINGING SCHOOL

JULY 11-16, 2004

See bulletin board for details

SINGING SCHOOL

Abilene Christian University, July 11-16, 2004

For more information contact Joe Ed Furr in Sherman, Texas at (903) 892-9635, or (903) 868-1240 or joefurr@aol.com. Visit their website at www.singingschool.org. Check the bulletin board for details.

The Sunday evening worship time will be 6:00 p.m.
for the summer months, June, July & August.

May 27, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 21
Records	Sunday May 23	Sunday May 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	424	442	319
Worship A.M.	629	688	502
Worship P.M.	330	320	356
Wed. P.M.	345	342	275
Contribution	\$17,406.78	\$21,820.48	\$18,363.05
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 30, & Wednesday, June 2: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Mary Evelyn Grier** is in ETMC rehab, room 408. **Chloe Clark** is in ETMC, room 3533. **Kenna Kempton** is at home after recent surgery. **Henry Brown** is at home after being hospitalized with a light stroke. **Doris Neal** had surgery Tuesday, will have radiation treatment. **Hunter Austin Kiker**, infant son of Terry and Melanie, remains in Good Shepherd Hospital. **Bill Wilmeth** is recuperating at home. **Mae Lee Edgar**, Mary Gaiser's daughter in Ohio, is in ICU due to a heart attack following surgery. **Joan Everett**, Bob Center's cousin, is scheduled for brain surgery June 7 at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston. **Dan Howell**, Dorothy Babb's nephew & Dennis Stansbury's cousin, had thyroid cancer surgery. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, had heart surgery at Children's Hospital. Continue to remember **Dan Baldwin's mother, Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Sharon Bryan**, Larry & Jane Ground's daughter, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Charles & Jean Dees**, **Warren Gray**, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Charles McCoy**, **Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, **Jane Morrow**, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Judy Smith**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Michelle Smith**, **Carolyn Stanglin**, **Debbie Bynum's aunt, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, & Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad.

NOTE: Mary Dean Paul died Wednesday morning.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: John Steffee
Scripture: Harvey Strickland
Dismiss: Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Bob Threadgill
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Glynn Starnes
Scripture: Shaun Stamps
Dismiss: Ira Wilson

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Payton Fedell: Jerry Frick
Cody Fedell: David Frick
Rick Fedell: Mark Frick
Ernie Gordon: Cooper Goodson

GREETERS

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Maigen Blackstone
Milburn & Jan Cook & Brittany Asbill
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Betsy Asbill
Visitor Center: Jack & Johnnie Stringer
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards May 30 & June 6: Zack Skender, Sean Denman, Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 30:
Nursery a.m.: Candy Montgomery; Nursery p.m.: Ruth Ellis; Toddlers a.m.: Kenna Kempton & Kandi Adams; Toddlers p.m.: Frances Broome & Julia Wilshire; 2's: Stuart & Kathy Means; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

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ELDERS		
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In the early 1800's some fundamentally sound and altogether biblical pleas began to be heard among religious people in the United States. In Kentucky Barton W. Stone and others, upon seeing the division in the churches contrary to Jesus' prayer of John 17 and the general apathy toward religion, began to plead for the unity of believers based upon the New Testament and a return to New Testament Christianity. As time went on a similar plea was being made in Virginia and Pennsylvania by Thomas Campbell and his son Alexander and many others. Within twenty years the plea to restore New Testament Christianity, to be Christians only, and to be members of the church Jesus built had spread like wildfire into Ohio, New York, Michigan, Indiana, Wisconsin, Maryland, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Alabama, Illinois, and Missouri. On January 1, 1832 a most significant meeting was held in Lexington, Kentucky to determine if the churches calling for the restoration could work together in their common cause. The result of the meeting was that they could work together as brethren committed themselves to searching the words of the Holy Spirit as revealed in Scripture and to keeping matters of opinion to themselves. Their motto was: "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak; where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent." They said, "In matters of faith, unity; in matters of opinion, liberty; and in all things, love." In order to identify themselves with the New Testament church, it was decided at the suggestion of Thomas M. Allen, a

man held in high esteem by the entire brotherhood, that instead of calling themselves an *Association* or *Reformers* they would be designated by a biblical description for the church: "the churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16). They understood that this was not the only identifying designation found in the New Testament for the church but it was biblical and it did identify the movement. Within seventy years a segment of the movement, influenced by *German Higher Criticism*, began to doubt the inspiration of Scripture and the Bible as being the basis of unity. So, in 1906 the movement divided from one group to three: the Disciples of Christ (very liberal), the Christian churches (more conservative but allowing for unscriptural innovations), and the churches of Christ (conservative in that they asked for biblical authority for beliefs and practices). The arguments made in the early 1900's for approving non-biblical innovations (human reason, "I see no harm in ...," and "the Bible doesn't say not to") are again being made in our day by well meaning but misguided brethren. It seems appropriate to remember again: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways," says the Lord" (Isaiah 55:8); "It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). "There is a way that seems right to a man but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12); "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, May 30, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "The Harvest Is Past"
(Jeremiah 8:18-20)

5:00 P.M. - "Balm In Gilead"
(Jeremiah 8:21-22)

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

The "madness" is just around the corner. We will be leaving from the building Tuesday, June 1st at 9:30 am for four days in steamy Houston, TX. We're going have a blast, and this year we will be learning about developing our own faith throughout the week.

SUMMER TRIPS

Our high school summer trips are rapidly approaching as well. We will be having a Backpacking meeting this Sunday at 4:15 pm, as well as a Nebraska meeting directly following church before our high school devo. If you are planning on going on either of these trips, please plan on being at these meetings. And ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS plan on being at the devo!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

We, the people of the United States, set this day aside as a remembrance for all who have fought to keep our country free and help other countries find freedom from oppression.

I am mindful of that song called "God Bless the USA." Remember the line "and I won't forget the men who died to give that right to me"? All men have the right to be free but the cost of freedom is very high. Let's enjoy our Bar-B-Que's this weekend. Let's have fun. But let us never forget the men who died to give us the freedom we enjoy in this great country.

If we change a few words in that song it will remind us of an even greater freedom -- the freedom from the consequences of sin that come through Jesus Christ. Sing

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I had a wonderful educational meeting on Sunday evening. The committee that helps me with our educational ministry are fantastic to say the least. These men (Daniel DuPree, Aaron DuVall, Jon Murry, Jeff Parrish, Barry Scarborough, John Shaw, and David Wicks) are men of great integrity; they don't just sit around and make plans for me to carry out, instead they roll up their sleeves and get down in the trenches. They understand that the purpose for the committee's existence is to aid me in my work as I plan the educational ministry here at West Erwin. We are all committed to having the best educational ministry that we can have and I am extremely grateful to these men for their labor of love.

Recently these men have been working on various aspects of the educational program and they have assimilated a report, which I will present to the elders as soon as it is convenient. I have also asked Dale Blackstone and Nancy Crawford to write a

SERVICE HOURS

Keep in mind that you need to continue to be working toward the 20 service hours needed to go on our trips this summer. Info on more opportunities to come.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Our weeknight Bible Study will resume again in June. Watch for details.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kelsi Wicks was awarded the Female All Around Mustang of the Year by the Moore MST teachers. Way to go Kelsi!!!

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I will do more than belong, I will participate.

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I will do more than forgive, I will forget.

I will do more than give, I will serve.

I will do more than believe, I will practice.

I will do more than be fair, I will be kind.

I will do more than teach, I will inspire.

I will do more than love, I will grow.

I will do more than love, I will work.

report regarding their work in our Bible Hour ministry. Dale (who works with our K-3rd grader) and Nancy (who works with our 4th and 5th graders) have a lot of experience in this area and their input is vital to our success. This congregation should be pleased with the work ethic of these men and women.

The educational committee is responsible for the following programs here at West Erwin: (1) Bible School ministry (Sunday and Wednesday), (2) Bible Hour program: Tots For Christ (2's through 5's), Senior Bible Hour (K-3rd) and Kids For Christ (4th and 5th), (3) Summer Extravaganza (formerly VBS), (4) Worship Training (preschoolers), (5) Children's Leadership Training (3rd through 5th grades -- spring). Of course, within these headings you would find a host of areas of involvement in which our committee and many of their spouses are working diligently to fulfill. Please keep the educational ministry in your prayers and let's continue to grow as God would have us to grow. Also, as the opportunity presents itself to you, please express to each member of this committee just how grateful you are for the work that they are doing. It does make a difference. Thanks. - DLY



IN APPRECIATION

To our friends and family at West Erwin, we want to thank you for all the calls, tapes, visits, food and prayers. God's healing touch comes to us through His daily blessings and we have really been blessed by all of you. Hope to be back to services soon. We love you.
Warren & Gaynelle Gray

I would like to express my thanks for all the cards, calls, food, and especially the prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation. I appreciate being a part of such a loving, caring congregation.
Henry McRuiz

My father, S.L. Ellis, is doing very well. I want to thank everyone for their prayers. Our prayers were answered. Thank you again.
Glenda Howell

Thank you for the beautiful plant in honor of my husband's passing,
Love, Deloris Pigue
Debbie Jones' mother

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jason and Jennifer Paltjon on the birth of Ethan Michael on Friday, May 21. He weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and was 19 inches long. Evan is the proud big brother.

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CLEAN-UP DAYS MAY 27 - JUNE 1

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WEDDING INVITATION
Mr. and Mrs. Mike McLenny
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Leigh Ann

to

Adam Shane
son of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Parker
on Saturday, the fifth of June, two thousand and four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
River Creek Ranch
2215 Roy Road, Tyler, Texas



50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Charles and Fredda DuPree (Daniel DuPree's parents) will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 29, from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at the Bullard Church of Christ Fellowship Building.

WITH SYMPATHY

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Records	Sunday May 16	Sunday May 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	442	434	412
Worship A.M.	688	662	591
Worship P.M.	320	311	309
Wed. P.M.	342	313	310
Contribution	\$21,820.48	\$19,256.93	\$18,451.09
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 23, & Wednesday, May 26: Jerry Howard, ph. 839-4009. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Mary Evelyn Grier** is in ETMC, room 3515, after surgery on her leg last Thursday. **Mary Dean Paul** is now in Hospice. **Henry McRuiz** is at home after surgery Monday. **Les Carruth** is at home after surgery Tuesday. **Kenna Kempton** had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Doris Neal** will have additional surgery later. **Barbara Henderson** had successful surgery last Wednesday. **Bill Wilmeth** had surgery on his foot last week. **Bitsy Berryman** is being treated with medication. **Peggy Monroe** is undergoing tests. **Michelle Smith** is undergoing outpatient therapy. **Dan Howell**, Dorothy Babb's nephew & Dennis Stansbury's cousin, had thyroid cancer surgery. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, was scheduled for heart surgery at Children's Hospital. **Sharon Bryan**, Larry & Jane Ground's daughter in Michigan, is very ill. **Jane Morrow**, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Teena Roberson**, Roy & Elaine's daughter in Minnesota, got a good report after tests. Continue to remember **Dan Baldwin's mother, Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Charles & Jean Dees, Warren Gray, Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert, Bill McCain, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Judy Smith, Belinda Berryman Smith, Carolyn Stanglin**, Debbie Bynum's aunt.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Troy Gailey
Scripture: J.D. Mitchell
Dismiss: Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Bob Hackett
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Rob Hilliard
Scripture: Chris Conder
Dismiss: Tom Ramsour

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jeff Fennell: David Demic
Daniel DuPree: Don Durham
Aaron DuVall: Steve Denman
Tyler DuVall: Harold Denman

GREETERS
Heath & Kandi Adams & Kristen Yates
Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Daniel Yates
Bill & Pat Bratcher & Bradley Asbill
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards May 23: Conner Clark, Casey McClenny, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws & George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 23:
Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon; Nursery p.m.: Barbara Henderson; Toddlers a.m.: Sue Skipper & Shirley Denman p.m.: Donna Maples; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot; 3's & 4's: Chris & Miranda Conder.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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RESPECT

Following World War II when General Douglas MacArthur had accepted the surrender of the Japanese and had overseen the rebuilding of Japan, war broke out on the Korean peninsula. General MacArthur was given the United Nations Command in Korea in an effort to stop communist aggression. MacArthur spoke out publicly against United Nations and United States and Defense Department policies. When he violated an order from then President Harry S. Truman to make no further public statements about these policies, the General was relieved of his duty by the President. There was quite a bit of controversy over the firing of General MacArthur. When he returned home to a hero's welcome and was asked to deliver a speech to the joint meeting of Congress, MacArthur ended his speech with the famous quotation, "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away." The rationale for President Truman's actions was that the General, by his violation of a Presidential order, showed disrespect for the office of President. Truman said, "He may not respect me, but he must respect the office of the

President of the United States. There is a lesson in that. The life of the church rests in Christ. All of us who serve in Christ's church have feet of clay and we often err. However, out of respect for Christ we respect each other even though we are all imperfect. In our worship we may prefer one song leader over another, the selection of some songs over others, one prayer leader over another, or one preacher over another. However, we respect one and all because each one serves Christ who is to be respected above all. When we sing all of us participate wholeheartedly out of respect for Christ. When we pray we enter into the prayer out of respect for Christ. When we study the Bible we pay attention and try to glean something from our study out of respect for Christ. How we respond to each other is how we respond to the One who said, "Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it unto me" (Matthew 25:40). We need to move beyond spiritual sophistry and begin to submit "to one another out of respect for Christ" (Ephesians 5:20).
- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, May 23, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "If You Can Find A Man"
(Jeremiah 5:1-2)
5:00 P.M. - "Ask For The Old Paths"
(Jeremiah 6:16-19)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **ERIC IS HERE!**

We are blessed to have Eric Thornton back with us this summer as our Youth Ministry Intern. A note from Eric follows:

First off, I'm really excited about being back with West Erwin this summer. This truly is an amazing church, and I know that God has great plans in store for us this summer. We are going to have a lot of chances to make an impact on this world for the better, and my prayer is that God will use everyone involved in with our youth activities this summer to do His will. Thank you again for the opportunity to share in your lives.

Eric

SUMMER TRIPS

The dates for our summer youth trips are listed below. We have a lot of planning to do and we need an accurate

count. Our Mission Trips and BackCountry Trek are for those going into the 9th through those graduating this year. High School, remember you will need 20 service hours to be eligible to go on the mission trips. Deadline for signing up is Sunday, May 23.

SENIOR DEVOTIONAL

What a great evening we had Roasting our seniors. Thanks to all who participated and all the adults who helped. We will miss the Class of 2004. More on that later.

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

Jesus had a dream that one day the whole world would be united. He dreamed about a change in the way the world viewed the poor. He dreamed of people having a change of heart toward the way they practiced their business dealings. He dreamed of the homeless sitting at the head table.

Was it just a dream? Have you read the book of Acts lately? The sign at the corner said:

Lot 4 Sale

Contact Barnabas

Must Sell

Need Money for Worthy Cause

Did you see the lines of people donating and sharing, giving to anyone as he had need? Did you see them meeting every day together? Did you see how they devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings? Did you hear them praising God? Did you see them enjoying one another?

What happened in Jerusalem was planned in heaven. And when Jesus came to earth he set the boundaries for his own ministry in order to fulfill his dream: "For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). The Lord served. The King washed feet. The incarnate God did the dirty work. He created a kingdom of people who turned life inside out and upside down. Jesus set the vision. He dreamed the dream. And we can dream because He dreamed.

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About 1 1/2 years ago I organized an educational committee and they have helped me with two major projects that have been instrumental in our growth. We only meet periodically but they have helped me tremendously and I am grateful. Now for the bad news. There are several items we need to discuss so be watching the mail regarding our next meeting.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, and prayers during my recent surgery.

Love,

Barbara Henderson

Danny Snell & the West Erwin Church of Christ,

Habitat for Humanity would like to thank you so very much allowing us the use of your great Family Life Center for our Volunteer Appreciation dinner. You do so much for us and we sincerely appreciate it. Working in partnership with low income families and volunteers, we can show God's love in action and continue to build a better community. Through the houses we build, hope I restored and lives are changed, as the cycle of need is broken. With the continued support of churches, organizations, businesses, and individuals we will be able to continue to build not only houses, but hope for families in Smith County.

Thank you again.

Anne Payne, Executive Director

Dear Tuesday Benevolent Workers,

Your kindness to me as expressed by your recent "Thinking of you" card is greatly appreciated. My heart problem is being attended to very adequately and I look forward to good health again very soon. I know I am one of many people whose day has been cheered by the thoughtfulness and good work done by such a wonderful group of Christian ladies. Zona Cronc is a special mother-in-law and I am grateful she is a part of your group.

Kindest regards,

Richard Allen

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FOUR STATES PRAISE CAMP

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Worship A.M.	662	623	647
Worship P.M.	311	420	310
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PRAYER AND CARE - **Mary Evelyn Grier** had a heart cath Wednesday, will have surgery on her broken leg later. **Peggy Monroe** is undergoing tests. **Barbara Henderson** had surgery Wednesday. **Doris Neal** had a breast biopsy Wednesday. **Bill Wilmeth** had surgery on his foot Thursday at Mother Frances. **Henry McRuiz's** surgery is scheduled for May 17 at ETMC. **Michelle Smith** is undergoing outpatient therapy. **Les Carruth** is scheduled for surgery May 18. **Kenna Kempton** is scheduled for surgery May 19 at Mother Frances. **Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, is having more tests. **Erica Smith**, Archie & Faye Kennard's granddaughter, got a good report after a biopsy. **Dan Howell**, Dorothy Babb's nephew & Dennis Stansbury's cousin, has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer. **Brittany Hacker**, Sondra Ramsour's niece, is scheduled for heart surgery at Children's Hospital. **Teena Roberson**, Roy & Elaine's daughter in Minnesota, is having tests. Continue to remember **Dan Baldwin's mother, Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Charles & Jean Dees, Warren Gray, Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert, Bill McCain, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Judy Smith, Belinda Berryman Smith, Carolyn Stanglin**, Debbie Bynum's aunt, **Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, & Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad.

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Daniel DuPree Don Durham
Aaron DuVall Steve Denman
Tyler DuVall Harold Denman

GREETERS
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Ponder & Donna Wright & Audrey Wright
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Cameron Ables
Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Daniel & Carol Morgan

Pick up cards May 16 & 23: Conner Clark, Casey McClenny, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws & George Richardson.

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin family (we still consider ya'll our family),

Thank you for surrounding us with all your acts of kindness during our move to Dallas and also the death of our son, Ron. The whole thing has been overwhelming but we are grateful for all of you with your hugs, kind words, cards, food, and all the good help moving us to Dallas. Hope to find a church home soon. Have been visiting Prestoncrest and Waterview in Richardson. Thanks be to God for all of you. Love,

Buddy & Dorothy Bell

Thank you so very much for all the cards and prayers we received after Mom's death. Your love and support has meant so very much to us. We've been gone from Tyler and West Erwin for a very long time, but all of you still make us feel such a part of you. Thank you!

In Christian love,

Ruth and Ramon Ivey

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Van for Johnny Pool, brother of Billy Pool. Services were held Tuesday in Dallas for Samuel Falcon, Rafael Falcon's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

BAPTISM!

We rejoice with **Colt Keeney** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Wednesday night by his friend, Kyle Stowers. He is in the 7th grade and is the son of Pat and Kelli Malone. Their address is 116 Schoolhouse Road, Bullard, 75757, ph. 894-9323.


NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Chad and Kristan Hilliard on the birth of Carly Renee' on May 7. She weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and was 20 1/4 inches long. Robert & Kathy Hilliard are the proud grandparents, great grandparents are Winnie Bell and Rob & Carmen Hilliard, and Wes Hilliard is the happy uncle.

Hunter Austin Kiker was born May 9 in Longview to Terry and Melanie Kiker. He weighed 4 lb. and was 15 1/2 inches long and expects to be hospitalized about a month (due date was July). Holley is big sister and Monty and Brenda Kiker are proud grandparents.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class last meeting will be a brunch and a devotional at the Family Life Center May 19 at 10:00 a.m. Please come and bring a dish for the brunch.



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Acts 13:22

Sunday, May 16, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "Broken Cisterns"
(Jeremiah 2:9-13)

5:00 P.M. - "Fallow Ground"
(Jeremiah 4:1-3)

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"The Church With Heart"

Brent Carder, son of Tom and Pam Carder, is a graduate of Brownsboro High School. He played two years of high school football and participated in a mission trip to Mexico. Brent plans to attend U.T. Tyler Engineering School in the fall.



Brent Carder

Julie Frick is graduating from R.E. Lee High School where she was in National Honor Society 2 years; was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students 4 years; Science Olympiad/UIL Science 2 years, Vice President her senior year. Julie was active in the West Erwin youth group, participating in LTC 7 years; Nebraska mission trip 4 years; served a volunteer for the Karing Kitchen and participated in the Middle School Retreat. Julie plans to attend UT Arlington and major in microbiology and minor in chemistry. She is the daughter of Terry & Kim Frick and granddaughter of David & Wanda Frick.



Julie Frick

Wesley Hilliard is a graduate of Lindale High School where he was voted by his peers as Mr. Lindale High School. He was listed in Who's Who Among Lindale High School Students 2 years (selected by teachers); played varsity baseball 4 years, 3 year All-District, 2003 and All East Texas Honorable Mention. He participated in the Nebraska mission trip 3 years. Wesley was awarded an academic scholarship from Webster University in St. Louis where he plans to also play baseball. He is the son of Robert & Kathy Hilliard, and grandson of Winnie Bell and Rob & Carmen Hilliard.



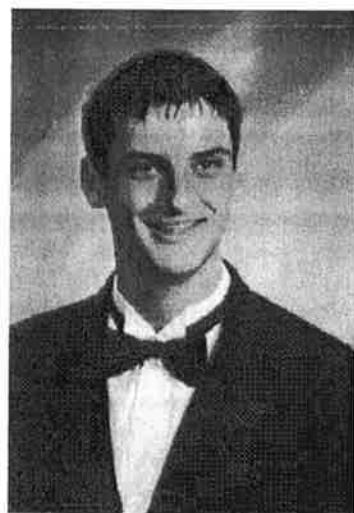
Wesley Hilliard

Jamie Jordan, daughter of Curt and Kimberly Jordan, was Area III Vice President of Health Occupations Students of America for 2003-04. She was Texas Merit Scholar 2002-03; played with East Texas Symphony with Hilary Hahn, R.E. Lee orchestra 4 years and played in Fiddle Group 4 years; while also serving as school mascot. Jamie was active in the West Erwin youth group, participating in LTC 9 years, backpacking 4 years, Nebraska mission trip 4 years, and Mexico mission trip 2 years. She also served as Middle School Retreat sponsor, and helped with Karing Kitchen and other service projects. She will attend TJC and major in Surgical Nursing, later plans to become a Physicians Assistant.



Jamie Jordan

Jordan Lyons is graduating from East Texas Christian Academy where he was in the National Honor Society 2 years, serving as Treasurer in his junior year and Vice President in his senior year. He was in Chorus 3 years; played tennis 2 years; was a member of the ETCA's prayer group; and participated in ETCA's mission trips four years, going to St. Louis to work with inner city children. Jordan was an active member of West Erwin's youth group, participating in LTC, backpacking, and Nebraska mission trips 4 years. He plans to attend Abilene Christian University in the fall. He is the son of Danny and Lisa Snell & Ed Rogers.



Jordan Lyons

Congratulations



Krista Russell



Jade Moon

Jade Moon, daughter of Gene and Leah Moon, is a graduate of R.E. Lee where she was in the Southern Belles in her freshman and sophomore years, and was a DECA Club member in her junior and senior years. Jade has been active in the youth group, participating in LTC since 1998, and working with the Nebraska and Mexico mission trips 2 years.

Krista Russell, the daughter of Jim and Leah Russell, served as President of the Spanish Club; Historian of the National Honor Society; and was cheer leader from 7th through 11th grades. She was active in the West Erwin youth group, participating in LTC every year since 6th grade; and worked with the Nebraska and Mexico mission trips every summer. Krista plans to attend TJC for a year then transfer to Harding University.

Casey Ray Sitton is the son of Rita Sitton. He is graduating from Lindale High School where he was on the basketball team, receiving Offensive MVP for 2003 and 2004 seasons; received Second Team All Region in 2003; and received Third Team All State in 2004. Casey plans to attend East Texas Baptist University and play basketball in the fall.



Alex Angela Stansbury is the daughter of Dr. Dennis and Karen Stansbury. Early departure from Jacksonville allowed Alex to start classes at TJC this past school year. Her current studies are going toward a degree in Theater Arts. In high school regional competition she was awarded best supporting actor. She has been involved with Tyler Civic Theater and local charities including Susan Komen Race for the Cure, American Diabetes Association and Salvation Army.

Kyle Stowers is graduating in the top ten of his class at Bullard High School where he was a member of the National Honor Society and was named to Who's Who Among American High Schools. Kyle participated every year in all West Erwin youth mission trips and LTC. He was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Oklahoma Christian University from LTC. He will begin basic training at MCRD San Diego June 7, starting a 5 year enlistment in Marine Aviation as an Enlisted Navigator. He is the son of Carl Stowers and great grandson of Clifton & Marjorie Cox.

Kyle Stowers



Meggie Wagner

Meghan (Meggie) Elaine Wagner is the daughter of Greg and Cyndie Wagner. She is an honor graduate of Brownsboro High School and has completed 22 college hours at Trinity Valley Community College. She was in National Honor Society two years and received \$1,000 scholarship to UT Arlington where she plans to pursue a degree in the medical field in the spring of 2005. She will continue her studies at TVCC in the fall.

Not Pictured

Daryn Hanley
Janet Sills
Casey Sitton
Alex Stansbury
Katie Wacaser

Seniors 2004

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Records	Sunday May 2	Sunday Apr. 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	402	416	417
Worship A.M.	623	602	575
Worship P.M.	420	377	NS
Wed. P.M.	328	311	333
Contribution	\$20,034.72	\$20,729.01	\$23,179.51
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		
Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 9, & Wednesday, May 12: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.			

PRAYER AND CARE - **Ruth Hearne** is in Mother Frances. **Henry McRuiz's** surgery was postponed, is having tests. **Barbara Henderson** will have surgery May 12. **Michelle Smith** is undergoing outpatient therapy. **Les Carruth** is scheduled for surgery May 18. **Kenna Kempton** is scheduled for surgery May 19 at Mother Frances. **Charles McCoy** is in Seton Highland Lakes Hospital in Burnet, Tx. **Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, is having additional tests. **Teena Roberson**, Roy & Elaine's daughter in Minnesota, is having tests due to masses in her liver. **Carolyn Stanglin**, Debbie Bynum's aunt, had colon surgery Tuesday in Grapevine. **Dan Baldwin's mother**, has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Continue to remember **Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Jean Dalton**, Rodney Dalton's sister-in-law, **Charles Dees**, Jean's husband, **S.L. Ellis**, Glenda Howell's dad, **Robert Eubanks**, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, **Ruth Gilbraith**, friend of Betty Barajas, **Warren Gray**, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Judy Smith**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Betty Strait**, **Paul Swanson**, Mary Overshown's uncle, **Gloria Thigpen**, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, **Michelle Underwood**, friend of Sandie Martin & **Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad.

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Scripture Tyler DuVall
Dismiss James Sublette

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George Daugherty
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Prayer G.W. Cliver
Scripture Payton Fedell
Dismiss Gary Cain

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Daniel DuPree Don Durham
Aaron DuVall Steve Denman
Tyler DuVall Harold Denman

GREETERS
James & Connie Sublette & Ross Weathers
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Grace Weathers
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Wendy Weathers
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Pick up cards May 9: Trey Jackson, Bryson Bellar, Drew Harris, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

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PARENTS AND TEENS

According to Time Magazine (May 10, 2004) Lawrence Steinberg, a professor of psychology at Temple University, has drawn upon the latest scientific studies of adolescents to offer some advice for parenting teenagers. What do you think of his advice as shared below?

1. What you do matters - Parenting is not over when a child becomes a teenager. Studies show that good parenting continues to help teens develop in healthy ways, stay out of trouble, and do well in school.
2. You can't be too loving - There is no evidence that adolescents are harmed by lots of praise and outpourings of love -- so long as a parent doesn't embarrass them in front of their friends.
3. Stay involved - It's as important, or maybe more so, to be involved in school programs, to get to know your child's friends, and to spend time together when your child is a teenager as it is to be involved with preteens.
4. Adapt your parenting - As children get older parenting strategies that worked earlier may not work any longer.

For example, teen's ability to reason improves dramatically as time goes on so that they may challenge the parent if what the parent is asking doesn't make sense.

5. Set limits - Be sure your teen has some reasonable and fair but firm rules and limits. They need some structure. As your teen matures relax the rules bit by bit but tighten them if he is not able to handle the freedom.
6. Foster independence - The longing for independence is not equal to rebellion or disrespect. Give your child the space he needs to develop self-reliance and resist the temptation to micro manage.
7. Explain your decisions - "Because I said so" may be a satisfactory answer for preteens, but explain to your teen why you make certain rules and decisions. So, there they are. What do you think?

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, May 9, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "I Knew You Before"
(Jeremiah 1:4-8)
5:00 P.M. - "What's In A Name?"
(Jeremiah 1:1-2, 11-13)

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"The Church With Heart"

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

Thanks to all of those who came to the Oklahoma Christian Band Concert this past Sunday night. We had about 150 from Shiloh Rd. and West Erwin. Our own Bryce Murry had an outstanding performance with several solos in the Jazz Band. Way to go Bryce! A special thanks to those who hosted the students in their homes: Jay & Arlene Lockhart, Jon & Melanie Murry, Wayne & Bitsy Berryman, Aaron & Jean Duvall, Freeman & Billie Morgan, Tim & Patti Grounds, Joy Rousseau, Shannon & Lacey O'Bryan and Jay & Debbie Bynum. Your hospitality is much appreciated!

SUMMER TRIPS

The dates for our summer youth trips are listed below. We have a lot of planning to do and we need an accurate count. Middle School Madness is for all of those going into the 6th-8th grade. Our Mission Trips and BackCountry Trek are for those going into the 9th through those graduating this year. High

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Tyler people who are in need can get free food and clothing at any number of places, but few places offer a connection with a compassionate person. Compassion comes from the root meaning to "suffer with." Giving to the needy without feeling their hurt falls short of true compassion.

Mere programs never connect with people. We need each other. People need other people, not programs. God uses people to help other people. Andrew introduced Peter. Ananias taught Saul. Paul mentored Timothy. Since God uses people to reach

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It must really be frustrating to a running back to be handed the ball by the quarterback and to see a great big hole open only to feel the ball slip through your arms as you break for the opening. The fear of fumbling a football must haunt running backs and other football players who have the responsibility of carrying and securing the ball. Football isn't the only profession where people have the fear of fumbling. In fact, we all face this fear in our jobs, with our families, and even within the church. We do not want to fumble something that has been entrusted to us. Yet it happens all the time. Sometimes we fumble because we never really had a firm grip on what we were entrusted to carry. It was handed off to us and we simply didn't understand the situation well enough and so we fumbled. Sometimes the hand-off was smooth and we ran with it a few steps, but we began to take a pounding and the obstacles became too great and so we fumbled. Yet other times we were handed the ball, we

School, remember you will need 20 service hours to be eligible to go on the mission trips.

SENIOR DEVOTIONAL

All teens are reminded to be present for the Senior Devotional that will be immediately after the Baccalaureate Service on May 16. We will meet in our FLC and be dismissed by 9:00.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. Our next meeting will be on May 13. Join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 9	Mother's Day
May 13	High School Bible Study
May 16	Baccalaureate @ Glenwood @ 4:00
May 16	Senior Devotional
May 22	Jr.-Sr. Trip
June 1-4	Middle School Madness
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

other people shouldn't we make ourselves available so God can work through us?

The West Erwin Benevolent Center is a ministry that works because it provides a connection to other people this could be your place in ministry.

Since Baccalaureate services and the seniors' graduation party are planned for May 16, the third Sunday evening, the small groups should consider another time to meet with their groups for this month. We suggest Sunday, May 23, for those who have high school students in their group.

saw the opening, we broke through and were headed for a sure touchdown, only to drop the ball for no apparent reason. There are a lot of ways that we can fumble something that has been entrusted to us but regardless of how we fumble, the fact of the matter is that we all do fumble periodically.

I have been entrusted with the responsibility of overseeing the teachers of this congregation. Generally, several times throughout the year I will have a teacher come up to me and say something like this: "I'd like for you to find someone else to teach my class. I just don't feel like I am doing an adequate job." Listen, don't get me wrong, I have an enormous amount of sympathy for a teacher who feels like they need to do a better job in their classroom than they are, but don't fumble the ball. You'll never be a great teacher if you walk away from that which has been entrusted to you. It's not time to quit but rather time to recover that which you fumbled. It's time to get a better grip on the situation. It's time to come at it from a different angle, or make a new approach to the situation. Don't quit, just chalk it up to experience and make a run for goal line. The reward is well worth the effort.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you from the family of Vera Lee for the food, cards, flowers, and prayers.
Thelma Nolley & Jean Oliver

Thank you for all the prayers, food, cards, and calls that I received after my surgery. You are a wonderful Christian family.

Love, Billie Morgan

Thank you all so much for the cards and phone calls during the difficult time of my father's death. I appreciate so much your care and concern for me.
God bless you all, Debbie Jones

WITH SYMPATHY

Edna Hodnett, former member at West Erwin, died Tuesday. Services are pending at this time (Tues. a.m.) at the Bynum Funeral Home in Lancaster. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet twice more before being dismissed for the summer. Marian Rowe will bring the lesson on May 12 with slides of interest concerning her recent trip to Africa. The last meeting will be a brunch and a devotional at the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 19. Bring a dish for the brunch and a guest.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

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

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Alumni Association Softball Game: Alumni, former students, and seniors take on faculty, staff, and Board of ETCA at the school's baseball field on Roy Road. Come join us on May 15 at 5:00 p.m. Ticket price covers fun and food and are on sale now. Call Kerri Alexander for more details at 903-561-9582.

Calling all golfers! ETCA is hosting their annual golf tournament on Monday, May 10th at Garden Valley Golf Resort (Dogwood Course) at 8:30 a.m. The four-man scramble entry fee is \$100 per person (or \$400 per team). This includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch. Prizes will be awarded! Proceeds benefit the ETCA athletic program. Call 903-561-8642.

Open Enrollment - ETCA has now opened enrollment to new students. Spaces are filling quickly! If you would like to enroll your child, please call Kerri Alexander at 903-561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

The Sunday evening worship time will be changed to 6:00 for the summer months, June, July & August.

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 WORK DAY

CDR's annual workday is Saturday, May 15. Come help us put the finishing touches on the campground and cabins before summer camp begins. Please bring work gloves, weed eaters, and other yard tools. Lunch will be provided at noon. You may call 903-629-7165 to let us know how many to expect so we can plan for food.

HELP NEEDED

If you love children are interested in a position as a nanny for two children, ages 4 and an infant, from 8:00 - 5:00 each weekday, please call the church office at 592-0809.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 31-June 4. West Erwin has been asked to collect ALUMINUM FOIL. They also appreciate cash donations.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 29, 2004

West Erwin has been asked to collect LYSOL, GLASS CLEANER, AIR FRESHENER, FEBREZE, FURNITURE POLISH (no aerosol cans). We greatly appreciate your generosity.

HYMNFEST

Daingerfield Church of Christ
Hwy 11 West, Daingerfield, Texas
Saturday, May 15, 2004, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Featuring "The Sounds of Glory," "The Gospelaire's" and uplifting congregational singing

FOUR STATES PRAISE CAMP

Anyone interested in going to the Four States Praise Camp during the week of June 13-19, please see Jerry Huff for details.

Foster's Home for Children

Position opening: Family Teachers (house parents; prefer experience in youth care field. Requires valid driver's license with a good driving record. GED/High School diploma, and must be at least 23 years of age. Training and employment package (room, board, and business vehicle and pension included). If interested please contact Pat Lovell, P.O. Box 978, Stephenville, TX 76401 or e-mail pat@foster'shome.org.

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED!

Ever thought about working in the mission field? Think about working in Christian Child Care. This is a time for you to build your own Christian faith and help youth to grow to know Christ. Consider it a stateside mission and opportunity for you to teach and encourage young people to become Christians. Good salary, medical benefits, food, lodging, vehicle and training are supplied. It is not just a job but a rich blessing. Your interest and care for children are a must. We want to talk to you. Please call Cherokee Home for Children in Cherokee, Texas at 325-622-4201 and ask for Danny Duggan.

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Bible Class	416	422	421
Worship A.M.	602	626	621
Worship P.M.	377	371	353
Wed. P.M.	311	314	NC
Contribution	\$20,729.01	\$35,067.55	\$19,244.34
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - Henry McRuiz is scheduled for gall bladder surgery. **Barbara Henderson** will have surgery May 12 to remove a second level skin cancer. **Michelle Smith** is undergoing outpatient therapy. **Charles McCoy** is in Seton Highland Lakes Hospital in Burnet, Tx with an upper respiratory infection. **Jeff Fennell** had an outpatient procedure for a kidney stone last Thursday. **Kenny McRuiz**, Henry & Becky's grandson, is scheduled for brain surgery in Dallas. **S.L. Ellis**, Glenda Howell's dad, is recuperating after heart surgery. **Charles Dees**, Jean's husband is recovering after back surgery. **Jean Dalton**, Rodney Dalton's sister-in-law, had back surgery Tuesday in Grapevine. Wayne Shea's 4 year old grandson, has spinal meningitis. **Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad, is being treated for prostate cancer. Continue to remember **Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, **Wini Cullinan**, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Robert Eubanks**, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, **Ruth Gilbraith**, friend of Betty Barajas, **Warren Gray**, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Shannon O'Bryan**, **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Judy Smith**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Betty Strait**, **Paul Swanson**, Mary Overshown's uncle, **Gloria Thigpen**, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, & **Michelle Underwood**, friend of Sandie Martin,

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Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Maselyn Walker
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

- I have been thinking about some things that I would like for you to think about too.
- Noah - When God instructed Noah to build an ark of gopher wood and gave him the dimensions of the ark, the Bible says, "Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did" (Genesis 6:22). Could Noah have pleased God if he had failed to follow God's pattern for the ark?
 - Israel - When God was about to deliver Israel from Egyptian bondage He instituted the Passover. God's instructions concerning the Passover lamb were recorded in Exodus 12:1-27 and the Bible says, "Then the children of Israel went away and did so; just as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did" (Exodus 12:28). Could Israel have pleased God if she had failed to follow these instructions?
 - Naaman - When Naaman, the Syrian military officer and leper, was told by God's prophet to dip in the Jordan River seven times and he would be healed of his leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-14), could he have been healed without dipping in the Jordan?
 - Jericho - When God instructed Israel to march around the walls of Jericho once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day so that when the priests blew their trumpets and the people gave a shout the walls would fall down (Joshua 6:1-20), would the walls have fallen down if Israel had disobeyed?
 - The Bronze Serpent - When God instructed Moses to make a serpent of brass and raise it on a pole so that when a rebellious people were bitten by snakes they could look on the bronze serpent and live (Numbers 21:4-9), could they have lived without looking on the serpent?
 - Today - If Noah needed to follow the pattern for the ark, if Israel had to follow instructions of the Passover, if Naaman had to dip seven times in the Jordan, if Israel had to obey God in regard to Jericho, and if the people had to look on the bronze serpent, why is it unreasonable to conclude that if we are to please God in becoming His children, in our worship, and in our service, we need to follow God's instructions and "hold the pattern of sound words" which we have heard? (2 Timothy 1:13) - Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, May 2, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "A Future And A Hope"
(Jeremiah 29:10-14)
5:00 P.M. - "A Man And A Message"
(Jeremiah 1:1-3)

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Austin Fisher for being selected to be on the Varsity Track Team for Grand Saline. He placed/medaled at the Varsity District Meet and will advance to the Regional tournament as a freshman. Way to go Austin!

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

DEPENDENCE

Being dependent upon the Father was not a source of embarrassment for Jesus. It was just the opposite! He was happy to tell anyone who would listen, "The Father and I are one" (John 10:30). He expressed His dependence upon the Father again and even a promise in John 6:57: "Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me."

Jesus even put it into a word picture in John 15:5 when He said, "I am the vine; you are the branches." From Him we are to draw strength for life. This is how it is meant to be. He is the fuel of our spirits. We are made to depend on Him. We are built for union with Him. Nothing works right without Him.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglass L. Yates

E-mail is one of the greatest inventions of all times. Every day I sit down at my computer and pull up all the e-mails that I have received overnight. Generally, I will have two or three messages. Periodically I will have as many as 30 messages. Most of the time I can scale down that list and eliminate the vast majority of them without opening them simply by reading the heading. Recently I have been receiving an enormous amount of e-mails that have the phrase "failure@westerwin.org." Obviously there is a problem some place within my system. I took notice of one such failure the other day. A note was sent along with the failure message to explain why the message couldn't be sent. The notice read: **spam, viruses, and "contagious" Christian Educator.** I belong to an organization called Christian Educators Association. We are all the time e-mailing each other with a new program or with a new approach to an existing program. It is a great organization. But I still found that notice to be amusing and yet at the same time somewhat thought provoking. To be a

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Small Groups are being asked to plan their meetings for the 4th Sunday in May due to the Baccalaureate services on the 16th. Thank you for making your plans ahead of time.

"Contagious Christian Educator" is a dream of mine. We can become contagious teachers for the cause of Christ. It happened in the first century and it can happen today. For example, read the story of Jason who lived in Thessalonica, found in Acts 17, when you get the chance. Jason was a law abiding citizen who became a believer in God. He loved God, he loved the message and he didn't mind sharing that message. One day he was arrested for teaching the truth of God's Word. The message that he and some others were teaching that got them into trouble was the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. We know they were contagious according to this Scripture, (Acts 17:4), "... some of them believed, ... and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women many." That's contagious teaching. Now notice what happens to this contagious teacher named Jason. Verse 6 says, "And when they found them not (Paul), they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, these that have turned the world upside down are come here also." What a charge! These men of God have turned the world upside down for Christ. Thank you, Jason, for being a Contagious Christian Educator. I also have a dream to be accused one day of turning the world upside down for Christ.



IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone here at West Erwin for their thoughts, prayers, and concerns while Kalli was in the hospital. Continue to pray for our family that we may grow stronger physically and in the Lord. The Huffs

Dear West Erwin Church family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and for the wonderful lunch you provided. We understand why Aunt Jean loves you so much. (from the family of Jean Oliver's sister, Vera Lee)

In Christ's Love,

The Lees, The Gilbreaths, The Holcombs

Our most sincere "thank you" first of all to those who sent cards, phone calls, congratulations, best wishes and kind words in honor of our 60th anniversary. Second, now that doctors are still searching for what ails me, we so appreciate your prayers, words of encouragement, hugs, pats on the back and more cards showing your love and concern. God has blessed us with a caring and loving family and we love it! Wini & Dan Cullinan

WITH SYMPATHY

Debbie Jones' dad, Harold Pigue, died Sunday. Services were held Tuesday at the Mabelvale, Arkansas Church of Christ where he served as an elder for many years. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery for Irene Arnold, a member at Glenwood and friend of many here.

Sorry to lose Ernie Tarrant is moving to Arlington May 1 to be closer to her daughter. She and her late husband, Jack, blessed this church family by their sweet Christian attitude and example. She will be missed but we wish her much happiness in her new home. Her new address is 3020 Duff Drive, Arlington, Texas 75613, ph. (817) 460-2308.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet three more times before being dismissed for the summer. Arlene Lockhart will present the lesson on May 5th. Marian Rowe will bring the lesson on May 12 with slides of interest concerning her recent trip to Africa. The last meeting will be a brunch and a devotional at the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. on May 19. Bring a dish for the brunch and if you have opportunity bring a guest.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables
Wesley Ackerman
Rowdy Anthony
James Baggett
Jonathan Bentley
Steven Cole
Craig Cooper
Casey Culpepper
Chuck Freeman
Glenda Gacilos
Josh Gaspard
Scott Gray

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

Brad Murrell
Seth Pace
Demecia Rogers
Jared Sebastian
Anthony Sessions
Robert Songer
Russell Spicher
Paul Stambaugh
Hank Trimble
Tim Wagner
Jordan C. White
Nathan Young

BAPTISM!

We rejoice with **Wendy Weathers**, daughter of Wynne and stepdaughter of Kristi Weathers, in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. She is the granddaughter of Don and Wanda Weathers. Wendy is in the 6th grade and has "grown up" at West Erwin. Her address is 2804 Bain Place, 75701, ph. 597-5028.



BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring Leigh Ann McClenney, Bride-elect of Adam Parker Saturday, May 1, 2004, 10:30 a.m. West Erwin Family Life Center Selections: Dillards and Target

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower (It's a boy!) honoring Jennifer Paltjon Sunday, May 2, 3:30 - 4:30, Family Life Center Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations.



Phone # Correction: **Bob & Pat Hackett, 734-5955**

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Alumni Association Softball Game: Alumni, former students, and seniors take on faculty, staff, and Board of ETCA at the school's baseball field on Roy Road. Come join us on May 15 at 5:00 p.m. Ticket price (Families \$25.00, ages 13 & up \$7.00, ages 5-12 \$5.00, 4 & under free) covers fun and food and are on sale now. Call Kerri Alexander for more information at 903-561-9582 or e-mail kalexander@etca.org

Calling all golfers! ETCA is hosting their annual golf tournament on Monday, May 10th at Garden Valley Golf Resort (Dogwood Course) at 8:30 a.m. The four-man scramble entry fee is \$100 per person (or \$400 per team). This includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch. Prizes will be awarded! Proceeds benefit the ETCA athletic program. Call 903-561-8642 for more information.

24th ANNUAL GOSPEL SINGING

Hosted by the Franklin Church of Christ
Friday, April 30, 2004 - Singing starts at 7:00 p.m.
Congregational singing & groups: *The Lamplighters,*
The Sounds of Glory &, New Life

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

East Texas Charity Drive
Golf Tournament & Silent Auction
Monday, May 17, Pinecrest Country Club in Longview, TX
Tee off at 7:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., Bar-B-Que lunch at 11:30
Registration deadline is May 1, 2004

HOMECOMING

North Tenneha Church of Christ, 1701 North Tenneha, Tyler
Saturday, May 1, 6:00 p.m. Male Chorus Anniversary Musical
Sunday, May 2 - 5, 7:00 p.m. each weeknight.
Shelton Gibbs, III from Greenville is guest speaker

CREATION/EVOLUTION SEMINAR

Emory Church of Christ - April 30 - May 2
Friday: 7:00; Saturday: 6:00, 7:00; Sunday 9:00, 10:00 a.m.

The Sunday evening worship time will be changed to 6:00 for the summer months, June, July & August.

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Bible Class	422	468	294
Worship A.M.	626	754	590
Worship P.M.	371	253	270
Wed. P.M.	314	345	329
Contribution	\$35,067.55	\$15,721.52	\$15,417.19
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 25, & Wednesday, Apr. 28: David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Kalli Huff, daughter of Jerry and Rachel, is at home after being hospitalized last week. **Billie Morgan** is at home after surgery last week. **Wini Cullinan** is having more tests. **Shannon O'Bryan** is having back problems. **Betty Strait** is ill at home. **S.L. Ellis**, Glenda Howell's dad, had heart surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Charles Dees**, Jean's husband had back surgery last Sunday at ETMC. **Debbie Jones' dad** is hospitalized with congestive heart failure. **Gwen DuPree**, Daniel DuPree's sister-in-law, got a good report after surgery last week. **Jere' Yarbrough**, Bill & Pat Bratcher's daughter, got a good report after tests. **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, is beginning chemo treatment. **Michelle Underwood**, friend of Sandie Martin, is now at home. **Allen Vickers**, Susan Offutt's dad, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. **Kenneth Lewis**, Stuart Suggs' uncle, had a heart procedure Wednesday. Continue to remember **Carol Boatwright**, friend of the Ramsours, **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Robert Eubanks**, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, **Ruth Gilbraith**, friend of Betty Barajas, **Warren Gray**, **Wanda Hawk**, Jay Bynum's aunt, **Mabel Holbert**, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Dyan Parmley**, Opal Mathews' niece, **Judy Smith**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Paul Swanson**, Mary Overshown's uncle, **Gloria Thigpen**, **Margie Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister-in-law, **Pattie Tate**, & **Harley Turner**.

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EEM DINNER

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WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

Each year we designate a Sunday as West Erwin Playschool Sunday as we invite all of our students and their parents to attend our Bible classes and worship and to enjoy a lunch with the Playschool Director, Board, Teachers and their families. This Sunday we will be emphasizing the Playschool and welcoming a number of students and parents. The sermon will be focusing the need to train children and we will be sharing some information about our school.

"THE STUDY OF HISTORY AND ANTHROPOLOGY TELLS US THAT NO HUMAN SOCIETY, ANCIENT OR MODERN, HAS EVER SUSTAINED ITSELF BY EMBRACING A FAMILY MODEL THAT DEVIATES FROM GOD'S DESIGN."

- Focus on the Family Magazine, May/June 2004

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sunday, April 25, 2004

10:00 A.M. - "The Generation to Come"
(Psalm 78:1-7)

5:00 P.M. - "Run The Race With Endurance"
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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Haves:

1. We have a 5 liter oxygen making machine available for use to anyone who needs it. Please contact Don Crawford at 903-592-0809.
2. We also have wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, shower chairs, and other items to aid those who need them. See James or Frances Phillips.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I think one of the greatest mistakes that we often make in our Bible School ministry is when we forget to remind our students about the Great Commission. We should be reminded of the commission that Christ gave to his followers and we should be challenged to fulfill it as we make our journey through life. The challenge to the Great Commission is found in the "Go." It simply means, as you are living your life, no matter where you are, share the message of Christ with those you come in contact with. The beauty of the Great Commission is that it is so simplistic. The problem is that (too often) we fail to understand that at the point of baptism we all become missionaries (or messengers) for the cause of Christ. When we rose up out of the watery grave of baptism we accepted the challenge to "go" or to take the gospel with us on our journey through life and to share it with all who would listen. My dad served as a domestic missionary in Missouri, Illinois, and Indiana for several years. He and my mom would go to a place that either didn't have a

church or that had a small body of believers and they would reach out with the gospel to that community. They were extremely successful (giving God the glory) in doing that type of work. My dad would place a sign on the inside and above the main door of the church building that read: **You Are Now Entering A Mission Field.** Everyone that attended service that day would see that sign as they were leaving the building. That sign was meant to motivate the membership to realize that they were messengers of God who were to take the gospel with them each step they took throughout their lives. It was also meant to motivate them to fulfill the purpose of the Great Commission, which is "to make disciples." I am convinced in my heart beyond a shadow of a doubt that we must constantly be looking (here in Tyler as well as throughout the world) for methods to promote the cause of Christ. The Kingdom of God needs workers so let me offer this challenge to you. Be here Sunday so that you can have your batteries recharged but realize that when you leave this building you're a missionary who is entering a mission field. Share the gospel and turn someone's life right side up for Christ.

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone for the visits, cards, calls and prayers while I was in the hospital and after I came home.

Louise Culpepper

I want to express my sincere appreciation to the entire West Erwin family for the wonderful reception and many kindnesses when I visited with you for the Gospel Meeting. You could not have been more gracious and receptive. The meals, the fellowship, and the worship times were totally fulfilling, and I thank you for it all. May the Father continue to bless you as you continue to conform to the image of His Son! Blessings in Him, John Dale

We at Chimala Mission Hospital appreciate very much the donation of the much needed infant CPR mannequin for our staff. We are very happy to say that the training, which our staff continues in still, is going well. We believe many lives will be saved due to the employees obtaining the skills needed to help infants with respiratory failure. Thank you again! Sincerely, Darrin Stapleton

(This is the mission trip Marian Rowe and her brother participated in).

NEW ARRIVAL

Amy Lee Christian arrived in Tyler from Korea Wednesday, April 14. She was born September 14. Will and Stephanie Christian are the proud parents and Matthew is the big brother.

WITH SYMPATHY

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James and Frances Phillips on the celebration of their 53rd wedding anniversary on April 15. We wish them many more happy and healthy years together.

Sorry to lose Sunday, April 25, will be Ben and Patsy Young's last Sunday with us before their move to be closer to their children. They have been active, faithful members of the West Erwin church since 1958. Ben served for a time as an elder and Patsy has taught classes and been a gracious hostess for many years. They will be missed but we wish them well in their new home. Their new address is: The Terrace, 16900 Lexington Blvd., Sugar Land, Texas 77479.

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

LEGACY OF MEMORIES

Chandler Street Church of Christ, Kilgore, Texas
Ladies Night, Friday April 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
Speaker: Pat Howie

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are invited
to a bridal shower honoring
Leigh Ann McClenny,
Bride-elect of Adam Parker
Saturday, May 1, 2004, 10:30 a.m.
West Erwin Family Life Center
Selections: Dillards and Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

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You are invited to a baby shower honoring
Jennifer Paltjon
(It's a boy!)

Sunday, May 2, 3:30 - 4:30, Family Life Center
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24th ANNUAL GOSPEL SINGING

Hosted by the Franklin Church of Christ
Friday, April 30, 2004 - Singing starts at 7:00 p.m.
Congregational singing & groups: *The Lamplighters,*
The Sounds of Glory &, New Life

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

East Texas Charity Drive
Golf Tournament & Silent Auction
Monday, May 17, Pinecrest Country Club in Longview, TX
Tee off at 7:30 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.
Registration deadline is May 1, 2004
Bar-B-Que lunch at 11:30

The Sunday evening worship time will be changed to 6:00 for the summer months, June, July & August.

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Bible Class	468	400	386
Worship A.M.	754	588	600
Worship P.M.	253	418	316
Wed. P.M.	345	435	339
Contribution	\$15,721.52	\$17,909.93	\$21,944.87
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00	*(A.M. counts includes 158 @ LTC)	

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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

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Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
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Jeff Blackstone David Blaylock
Michael Bozeman Bill Bratcher

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Alan & Candy Montgomery & Shannon Snell
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo
Fred & Sara Powell & Walker Waggoner
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Daniel & Carol Morgan

Pick up cards April 18 & 25: Casey McClenny, Drew Harris, Caleb Grounds, George Richardson & Sean Denman.

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EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION BENEFIT DINNER

The work of the Lord in Eastern Europe following the collapse of the Soviet Union has been one of the most successful and exciting works in the world. Eastern European Mission has been on the cutting edge in taking advantage of the opportunities presented in Eastern Europe and especially in Russia through the years. Each time Richard Baggett, who is deeply involved in this work, visits or calls he has another great and heart warming story to tell about what is happening in Eastern Europe. All of us are amazed at the hunger for God's Word in Russia and the opportunities to teach the Bible, even in public schools. More requests are received for Bibles and more teaching opportunities are offered than can be filled. Educators in Russia are clamoring to get the Bible in more and more schools and people continue to be won to Christ. In addition to opportunities to teach the Bible in public schools, there is much being done in planting and nurturing congregations, in camps for young people, and in preacher training. West Erwin has been deeply involved

in Eastern European Mission through the years and we have sent money and people to help get the Word to as many people as possible. You are invited to attend a benefit dinner for Eastern European Mission at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at the Tasca Ornales Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Road, near the University of Texas at Tyler. Dr. Igor Kozlovsky, the former Deputy Minister of Education for the Ukraine Don Bass Region and now a member of the church, will be the featured speaker. Some exciting accounts of what is happening in Eastern Europe will be given and a special announcement about God's next big open door will be made. If you would be interested in attending the dinner, please sign up at the Visitors Center as soon as possible. The dinner is complimentary and each person who attends will be given an opportunity to make a contribution to EEM. Please notice the posters displayed throughout our building and give serious consideration to attending the dinner. This is a good work.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, April 18, 2004

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LTC Presentation

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

WOW! What a weekend. A special thanks to all of our young people who worked really hard to glorify God in their presentations and in their interaction with the group. Thanks to all the adults who served as team leaders, prepared the food, carried boxes, mentored our kids, and on and on... You are the ones who make this all possible and successful! May your labor of love make a difference in the lives of this and many generations to come!

Apr.	18
Apr.	18
May	16
May	22
June	1-4
June	13-19
July	1-10
July	23-28

IMPORTANT DATES

LTC Presentation
Small Groups
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Middle School Madness
BackCountry Trek
Nebraska Mission Trip
Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*
ANGER: Part III

All anger manifests itself either verbally or behaviorally. Let's talk about behaviorally first. Whining is a good example. How do you respond to your child's whining? It can be one of the most irritating forms of behavior. Whining has the power to push parents to dump their own anger on the whiner. "Stop that whining right now or I'll give you something to whine about!" I assure you this response will not help you win any battles. Your child will only walk away with all the knowledge he/she needs to manipulate and control you. As soon as your child learns where your buttons are, your child holds the upper hand.

Here's a great way to handle a whiner. Ignore it. Do not respond at all. If that's not easy for you, try explaining the problem in a calm tone, "I cannot hear you when you use that voice. If you'll use your nice voice maybe I'll be able

to hear you." The parent must remain calm or the whiner wins. Starting this method at the earliest age possible will certainly give you less struggles later on. This will also work for tantrums. Just remember, the only way parents can keep the controls is to be firm, consistent, and stay calm.

Your child's anger must come out somewhere and you should really want it to come out verbally rather than behaviorally. Let me introduce you to a genuine pearl of wisdom: true intimacy comes from resolved conflict. This is true in parent/child relationships as well as marriage. When conflict arises, first vow to control your own anger. When you can express your feelings verbally and pleasantly you have the best opportunity to resolve conflict. If one party is not able to express his/her anger verbally, then the other party has no means to resolve the conflict. When both parties are able to express their anger calmly the relationship will grow and flourish with deep respect and love.

maturing in Christ because of their efforts. That's what makes this announcement so hard for me to make. For several years *Danny* and *Maggie Craddock* have been involved in the Bible School ministry here and they have been warriors for the cause of Christ. *Danny* and *Maggie* will be moving to Fayetteville, Arkansas by the beginning of summer. *Danny* and *Maggie*, thanks for your labor of love here at West Erwin. We will miss you.

As sad as that announcement was for me to make, I do have some good news to report. *Stan Mallory* has agreed to teach *Danny's* class. *Claude Figueroa* and *D.L. Thompson* have agreed to fill in for *Stan* when he is not available. These three men will do an outstanding job in this role. They should be commended for their willingness to serve God.

Let me close with the following prayer of wisdom for our teachers to consider:

Dear Lord,
Make me a teacher of wisdom and discernment. Lead me in Your ways and teach me from Your Word. In time, help me to grow in knowledge so that I might also grow in wisdom. Amen.

"Heirs Of Life Together" I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

All of our teachers here at West Erwin certainly understand the value of Christian education and, as prayerful Christians, they know the value of God's wisdom. Knowledge can be found in the educational materials that are used here at West Erwin but wisdom is only found when we accept and apply the teachings of God's Word into our lives. Teachers, when you share the gift of knowledge with your students you have done a wonderful service. But, when you share the gift of wisdom by your words and examples you have offered a timeless treasure to your students. We call this timeless treasure, WISDOM! A wise man once said, "If you lack knowledge go to school, if you lack wisdom, get on your knees." It sounds like great advice to me.

We have great teachers here at West Erwin all of whom strive to give knowledge and wisdom to their students. I have been so pleased with the time and effort that our teachers put into their classes and the results are abundantly clear to me. We are

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Adam and Lisa Bryant on the birth of a baby boy! Joseph Matthew was born April 6 and weighed 9 lb. 8 oz. and is 21 inches long. Lauren and Morgan are proud big sisters.

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WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at the Chandler Memorial Funeral Home for Drotha Cotten, Jon and Dan Murry's aunt. Memorial services were held Saturday at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ for Sue O'Neal, relative of the Tom Hales and known by many here. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Vicki Ellis, 1202 Rice Rd. #121, 75703, ph. 581-3778.
Laura McClenny, Casey & Bryson, 401 Summertree Circle, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-1190.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

April 16-17, For Single Women of All Ages
Carol Manley, featured speaker
hosted by the Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Check bulletin board for details

WOMEN of the PROMISE

Glenwood Church of Christ Annual Women's Retreat
5210 Hollytree Drive, ph. 509-9494
Saturday, April 24 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Breakfast & lunch served - Cost \$15.00
Registration April 11, 18 (Childcare for those who register)

GOSPEL MEETINGS

LaPoynor Church of Christ, Larue, Texas
April 18-22, weeknights at 7:00 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Gene VanNoord
Theme: The Church: "The Way It Was and Should Be Now"

Broad Street Church of Christ
440 West Broad Street, Mineola, Texas
Richard Massey of Rising Star preaching
April 18-21, Week night services at 7:30

Wills Point Church of Christ
302 Corky Boyd Blvd. (Hwy 64), Wills Point, TX
April 18-21, Week night services at 7:00
Tex Williams, preaching
Shawn Williams, leading singing

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 29, 2004
West Erwin has been asked to collect LYSOL, GLASS CLEANER, AIR FRESHENER, FEBREZE, FURNITURE POLISH (no aerosol cans). We greatly appreciate your generosity. Because you have been so gracious in your giving, there are several things we will not need this year: green beans, corn, pork & beans, dry pinto beans, rice, ketchup, tuna fish, bar soap.



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(Brant and Jeri are expecting twins - a boy and a girl)
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CAMP DEER RUN WORK DAY

CDR's annual workday is scheduled for Saturday, May 15. On this day we invite congregations to bring a group and help us put the finishing touches on the campground and cabins before summer camp 2004 begins. Please encourage your group to bring work gloves, weed eaters, and other yard tools. Lunch will be provided at noon. If possible, please let us know how many will be staying for lunch so we can plan for food. You may call 903-629-7165 to let us know how many to expect.

Applications for Camp Deer Run are now available on the table across from the church office. To be sure you get the time most convenient for you, you need to get your application in as early as possible.

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WHAT IS YOUR SPIN?

I have a good friend who likes to talk with me about biblical matters. He often asks me a question about some passage of Scripture and then adds good naturedly, "What is your spin on this?" I always have one, of course. However, in the final analysis, my spin isn't that important, is it? What really matters is what the Bible says. I see what I think may be a trend, or it may be something that has been around for a long time, or it may be that I am overreacting. You be the judge. Are we moving away from the Bible or closer to it? I take several religious papers and periodicals and I notice that many denominational preachers are seeking to be expositors of the Bible. By that they mean that their preaching is from a paragraph or chapter of the Bible which they try to explain and then

apply. While I do not agree with all of their conclusions, I admire the effort to get Scripture before the people. We may find ourselves studying about the Bible rather than studying the Bible itself. We may find ourselves more interested in studying someone's spin on the Bible -- their books, articles, or pamphlets -- more than the Bible text. Growing, spiritual Christians can get beyond the milk and into the meat of Scripture and these are the people who come to the place that they say with David, "And I will delight myself in your commandments, which I love" (Psalm 119:47). It is not someone's spin on the Scripture, but the Scripture itself that possesses God's power to save, to edify, and to comfort. It is God's Word that "is a lamp to my feet and light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).
- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, April 11, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "When the Stone Was Rolled Away"
(Matthew 28:1-8)

5:00 P.M. - "Behold, My Servant"
(Isaiah 53:4-6)

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

By the time you read this article, over 18,000 people will be together in over 8 cities across the United States to take part in the annual LTC Conventions. About 12,000 of those will be in Dallas. West Erwin will have about 145 at the Anatole Hotel. This is a great ministry that provides young people the opportunities to develop talents & skills that will help their "Light Shine" to the world. Please pray for our group and the rest of the young people and their families as they travel this weekend.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
ANGER: Part II

God ordained that parents teach their children how to be mature adults. Yet, I have a strong suspicion that most parents have a difficult time teaching their children how to handle anger because they were never taught how to deal with their own anger. Therefore, inappropriate and immature ways to respond to feelings of anger are continually passed on from one generation to the next.

First, anger problems in children are usually manifested in poor grades, anti-authority attitudes, aggressive behavior, sullenness, and even suicide. This tells us that one of the biggest threats to a child's future is his or her own anger and this should never be taken lightly.

Secondly, don't expect your child to handle anger in a mature fashion. Children are immature. They are trying their best to discover who they are, and at the same time trying to learn all about the world they are living in. Therefore, it would be a shock if children and adults did not get in each other's way sometimes. Our children are forced to grow up entirely too fast. Long before they are ready, we throw them into an adult world that is far too aggressive and permissive. The harder a child pushes for more space, more freedom, and more authority the more anger appears because they are not equipped to handle it. Whether or not "more" is what they need is not the issue here. The issue is that we are simply to understand where this anger comes from. If we, as parents, can begin to understand this, then I believe we can help our children learn to properly handle their feelings of anger.

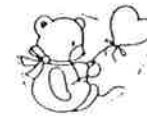
"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Outreach takes on many different forms when you're working with the church. Sometimes you go door to door and sometimes you invite people to come to your door (like the Karing Kitchen ministry). However, sometimes you support (through a financial gift or through hard work) a ministry that either directly or indirectly is involved in outreach. We have several of those types of outreach ministries that are located here in Tyler. One such outreach effort is *East Texas Christian Academy*. Many of us individually are supporting this great outreach effort. We are giving of our time as well as financially. We are having a tremendous effect on this community and we are doing it one child at a time. Each day the Bible is taught to the students at ETCA and twice a week all of the students are involved in a chapel program. Frankly, as far as I am concerned, that would be enough to warrant all of us being involved in this great work, but the fact of the matter is that the training for Christ is much

more intense than that. Many of the classes, whether biology, history, etc., pray at the beginning of their classes. Many classes integrate the Bible into their lessons. Jesus is taught to the students not only in the classroom but also on the athletic field. Relationships are built upon the firm foundation of the Bible. I have seen students rally around other students who were down on their luck and I have seen teachers ministering to students and each other in such a way that it surely would make Jesus proud. ETCA is a tremendous outreach ministry for churches of Christ in Tyler and I hope and pray that we continue to incorporate this ministry into the work of the church. I feel confident that we will be blessed if we do.

On April 22nd ETCA will present: *An Evening With Bo Pilgrim*. This is our first benefit dinner and already several have purchased tickets to this event. The meal (which starts at 7:00 p.m.) will be catered by Traditions and it will be presented at Harvey Hall. For more information, please contact Gary Ables or me, or you may call the school directly at 903-561-8642. Let's continue to help ETCA be "A Place To Shine."



BABY SHOWER

You are invited
to a baby shower honoring
Jeri Prestidge

Sunday, April 18, 2004, 3:00 - 4:30
Family Life Center

(Brant and Jeri are expecting twins - a boy and a girl)
Selections: Target and Toys R Us
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

NOTE: There will be no *Tots For Christ* class on Sunday, April 11.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

April 16-17, For Single Women of All Ages
Carol Manley, featured speaker
hosted by the Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Check bulletin board for details

LADIES DAY

Church of Christ, Pittsburg, TX
"My Cup Runneth Over" Psalm 23:5
April 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served - more details to follow

6TH ANNUAL LADIES DAY

Pittsburg Church of Christ
Hwy 271 N @ CR 2110, Pittsburg, TX
April 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Speaker: Iris Ramsey
"My Cup Runneth Over"
Lunch will be served

Please RSVP by April 13 to 903-856-2115 or 903-856-0815

WOMEN of the PROMISE

Glenwood Church of Christ Annual Women's Retreat
5210 Hollytree Drive, ph. 509-9494
Saturday, April 24 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Breakfast & lunch served - Cost \$15.00

Registration April 11, 18 (Childcare for those who register)

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Broad Street Church of Christ
440 West Broad Street, Mineola, Texas
Richard Massey of Rising Star preaching
April 18-21

Sunday services: 9:30 & 10:20 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

Week night services at 7:30

Wills Point Church of Christ
302 Corky Boyd Blvd. (Hwy 64), Wills Point, TX
April 18-21

Tex Williams, preaching
Shawn Williams, leading singing
Sunday services: 9:00 & 10:15 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.
Week night services at 7:00

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 29, 2004
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BAPTISM

We rejoice with Caylee Stamps in her decision at an early age to be baptized into Christ. She is the daughter of Shaun and Joanna Stamps and has been brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Caylee will be 12 years old in June and is in the 6th grade in Whitehouse. Their address is 607 Oxford, 75703, ph. 561-6076.

RESPONSE

Derrick Bradley came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family to pray with and for him that his sins be forgiven and that he might live as God would want him to.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you to my West Erwin family for the love and support shown to me in recent weeks. Your prayers, hugs, phone calls, cards, visits, and delicious food lifted me spiritually and physically.
With much love,
Sharon Gordon

WELCOME HOME!

We are happy to welcome Casey Culpepper back home safe and sound from Iraq. He will be stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He is the son of Ken and Cathy, grandson of Clinton and Louise and brother of Wendy and Jay.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

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

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Open Enrollment - ETCA has now opened enrollment to new students. Spaces are filling quickly! If you would like to enroll your child, please call Kerri Alexander at 903-561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

Admissions Director Position - ETCA has an opening for an Admissions Director. This is a 12 month full time position. Marketing, organization, and people skills are important aspects of this position. Interested individuals should contact the ETCA office at 903-561-9582.

Tickets, tables and sponsorships are now available for "An Evening with Bo Pilgrim" to be presented by ETCA on April 22, at Harvey Hall. Please contact Steve Arnold at 903-561-8642 or sarnold@etca.org for reservations, sponsorships, or further information. RSVP pny please, no tickets will be sold at the door. All proceeds will benefit ETCA.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
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Prayer Bob Paul
Scripture Pat Pattillo
Dismiss Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
James Phillips
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dr. Jason Paltjon
Scripture Jeff Parrish
Dismiss Jimmie Philpot

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Arnold Ables Bradley Asbill
Doug Yates David Asbill
Daniel Yates Jim Armstrong

GREETERS

Forest & Mary McFadden & Samantha Richardson
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Jordan Rousseau
Hugh & Glenda Mills & Chris Scroggins
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Alan & Candy Montgomery

Pick up cards April 4: Steven Figueroa, Parker Hall, Bryson Bellar, Zack Skender & Carter Blackstone.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 4:
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WE ARE BLESSED AND WE ARE GRATEFUL

What a great four days we experienced with **John Dale** and development of the theme for our meeting, The Passion! The attendance was exceptional with an average for the six sessions of 560 (of course the 921 on Sunday evening when we hosted the area-wide meeting didn't hurt the average). There are a lot of people to thank for our wonderful success.

- We are indebted to **John Dale** for his preparation and delivery of the messages that focused our attention on the cross.
- We are grateful to **Wayne Berryman, Jerry Huff,** and **Gary Ables** for leading the singing in such an effective way.
- We thank all of those who organized, and brought and served food for the evening meals.
- We appreciate the willingness and the work of **Jon Sorrells** and his helpers in preparing the food for our men's breakfast.

- We are indebted to the host of visitors we had throughout the week from the community and from neighboring congregations.
- We appreciate the way West Erwin folks advertised and attended the meeting.
- We thank **Don Drummond** for doing such a good job in designing and carrying out the newspaper advertisements.
- We thank those who organized and taught the classes for children with a special "thank you" to **Dale Blackstone** and **Velma Lemons**, people who are always ready, willing and able.
- Most of all, we thank God for His blessings that continue to enable us.

This was a team effort and to everyone who helped in any way to contribute to the success of our special time together, we appreciate you more than these lines can say.

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, March 28, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "The Sufferers At The Cross"
(Luke 23:33-38)
5:00 P.M. - "Listen Carefully, Act Wisely"
(Ecclesiastes 1:1-2 and 12:13-14)

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"The Church With Heart"

IN APPRECIATION



I would like to thank everyone for the many kind remembrances of me on my 95th birthday.

Lena Hays

Thanks so much for the many expressions of concern you have shown to me and my family during my tests and at the death of my grandfather. I'm not sure if I will be having future tests, but I am sure that whatever happens, I am blessed to have a wonderful church family to turn to in addition to my glorious God. Love,

Kenna Kempton

Each prayer you prayed, each deed you did, before, during, and after my surgery was truly a blessing to Louis and me. We appreciate you, thank you and love you.

Jane Jones

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Wednesday for Alene Chandler, Gene Chandler's sister-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to *Spencer Shaw* on receiving the Loving Servant award on March 5th after completing the requirements through Cub Scout Pack 354, sponsored by members of the churches of Christ for Scouting. The Loving Servant is a nationally recognized religious emblem program for churches of Christ available to youth organizations such as Cub Scouts. Spencer is one of the first 30 scouts in the nation to receive the award.

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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.

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 29, 2004

West Erwin has been asked to collect LYSOL, GLASS CLEANER, AIR FRESHENER, FEBREZE, FURNITURE POLISH (no aerosol cans). We greatly appreciate your generosity. Because you have been so gracious in your giving, there are several things we will not need this year: green beans, corn, pork & beans, dry pinto beans, rice, ketchup, tuna fish, bar soap.

RESPONSE

Mary Overshown came Sunday to request that her church family pray with and for her that her sins might be forgiven and that she might live her life for Christ.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

A special contribution was taken Sunday night at the Area-Wide Meeting to benefit four worthy works supported by the area congregations: Camp Deer Run, Christian Services of East Texas, East Texas Christian Academy and Karing Kitchen. A total of \$6,745.00 was given, which will be divided equally among these four works.

LADIES RETREAT

Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp, April 2-3
Theme: "I Was There" - a drama presentation by the Daingerfield, TX ladies' group. Host congregations: Red Oak Church of Christ, Winnsboro Church of Christ, Gilmer Church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.

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WOMEN'S FORUM

Foster's Home For Children, Stephenville, Texas
Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

WOMEN of the PROMISE

Glenwood Church of Christ Annual Women's Retreat
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Saturday, April 24
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Breakfast & lunch served - Cost \$15.00

Registration April 4, 11, 18

(Childcare for those who register for children)

GOSPEL MEETING

Quitman and Center Church of Christ
Gladewater, Texas
Dan Manuel, preaching
April 4-7
Sunday services 9:30, 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.;
Monday - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night so you won't be late for Bible class on Sunday.



Youth With Heart... by Danny
LTC PRACTICE

Puppets will meet all day Sunday until 3:00. Bring lunch money or your lunch. Check with your coach for details.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00. This is a full dress Rehearsal. Wicks' & Murry's Team will meet on Saturday from 1:00-3:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights.

Bulletin Boards: See Ruth Ellis for details.

Signing for the Deaf will meet on Wednesday nights @ 6:15.

Bible Reading will meet Sunday from 4:00-5:00. Check with Barry Scarborough for details.

We will have our final (before) LTC meeting on Sunday night, Apr. 4. It is very important that everyone, participants & adults, attend this meeting. We will go over

final details as well as take care of the bills. Please bring \$3 for supper. Remember, you will need to pay for your Hotel nights @ \$21 per person per night as well as meals @ \$12 per person.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. We will not meet on Thursday, Apr. 8. We will resume after LTC on Apr. 15.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 4	LTC Final Meeting
Apr. 9-11	LTC
May 16	Baccalaureate
May 22	Jr.-Sr. Trip
June 1-4	Middle School Madness
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

ANGER: Part 1

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 'Honor your father and mother' - which is the first commandment with a promise - 'that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.' Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord." Ephesians 6:1-4

Obviously Paul had been visiting in homes and saw what was happening in all too many of them. Parents were failing in patience and in training. Children were responding with an anti-authoritative attitude. And Paul wanted to urge the parents to understand that the

responsibility for their child's development is not on the children themselves, but on the parents.

I am astounded and frightened at the amount of anger in our nation. Why are people so angry? Why are children so angry? Is there anything that can be done to help stop this anger epidemic in this country? Paul says, YES! You, the parent, can help you child learn to:

- Manage everyday conflicts
- Express anger appropriately
- Relate to others with maturity
- Become a person of integrity

Stay with me for the next few weeks as we explore the world of anger and how we can be part of the solution.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I've never been to New York. It is on my list of places to go but so far I haven't been able to visit that beautiful state. I have had the opportunity of visiting a variety of landmarks from 44 states and if I ever get to New York City I want to visit the Brooklyn Bridge. The Brooklyn Bridge links Brooklyn to Manhattan Island and it is one of the most famous bridges in the world. When the Brooklyn Bridge was nothing more than a design on a blueprint, designers throughout the world told its designer *John Roebling* that his idea wouldn't work. However Robeling and his son were dedicated to seeing this project completed. They focused in on the strengths and weaknesses of their design, made any changes that they deemed necessary and then hired the crew and began the project. After only a few months of building, a tragic on-site accident claimed the life of *John Roebling* and severely injured his son, *Washington Roebling*. *Washington Roebling* (after the accident) could not walk or talk.

Everyone thought the project was over since the Roebings were the only two who knew the dynamics of building the bridge. Washington, however, could still think and he had a burning desire to see the bridge finished. As he lay in his hospital bed, he had an idea. He would communicate with the engineers by using one finger to tap out in code on his wife's arm what he wanted her to tell them. Washington tapped out his instructions for 13 years until the bridge was built! Have you ever noticed that leaders like Washington Roebling are not only self-starters but they're also finishers?

Here at West Erwin we have approximately 120 teachers. Our teachers are heavily involved in promoting the Kingdom of God. Most (if not all) of them are self-starters. They see a task, they roll up their sleeves and they get after it. Even though they are self-starters that shouldn't suggest that they never become overburdened or frustrated in their work. They do! Teachers, let me tell you I really appreciate what you do. Thanks for your service to the Kingdom. Let me leave you with this simple verse from Galatians 6:9, "And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Thanks for your labor of love.

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Prayer Freeman Morgan
Scripture Todd Hancock
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Forest McFadden
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
LTC Choruses perform
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Area Wide Meeting

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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Arnold Ables Bradley Asbill
Doug Yates David Asbill
Daniel Yates Jim Armstrong

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Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards Mar. 28: Conner Clark, Carter Blackstone, Trey Jackson, Justin Parrish, Austin Millican.

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FOUR GREAT DAYS

This weekend we welcome **John Dale**, from the Glendale Road Church of Christ in Murry, Kentucky as the speaker for our Spring Gospel meeting. The theme for the four days (March 28-31) will be The Meaning of the Passion of Christ -- a theme that takes us back to the 1st century and that has a powerful impact on the 21st century. Here are some things to keep in mind as we approach the meeting:

1. Be prayerful as we look forward to the meeting.
2. Plan to be present for every service.
3. Invite others to attend with you.
4. Distribute the brochures advertising our meeting.
5. Take personal responsibility for the meeting -- it is our meeting.
6. Arrive early for each service, beginning at the Bible class hour at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.
7. If practical, park at the distant parking spaces.
8. Greet everyone you see at all the services.
9. Be expectant, excited, and enter every worship time with joy.

10. Sunday night will be our annual Area Wide Meeting at 6:00 p.m. -- LTC choruses perform at 5:00 p.m.
11. Sunday evening, as usual during the Area Wide Meeting, we will take a special contribution to benefit four worthy works supported by area congregations: Karing Kitchen, Christian Services of East Texas, East Texas Christian Academy, and Camp Deer Run.
12. There will be a Men's Breakfast with John Dale speaking at 7:00 a.m. Tuesday.
13. Our Adult Bible classes will host John Dale for dinner on Monday and Tuesday.
14. On Wednesday evening we will have our regular dinner to which all members and guests are invited (sign up Sunday and pay at the door).
15. Take advantage of every opportunity this coming week!

- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sunday, March 28, 2004
John Dale from Murry, Kentucky
9:00 A.M. - Combined Adult Bible Class
10:00 A.M. - Worship Assembly
5:00 P.M. - LTC Choruses Perform
6:00 P.M. - Area Wide Meeting
7:00 P.M. - Monday - Wednesday

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SERVICE PROJECT

We will have a 2 hour Service Project this Saturday for anyone needing projects or service hours. Meet from 11:00 -1:00. We will be painting some benches so wear appropriate clothing. Eat before you come. Please RSVP to David Wicks or Tim Grounds.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
PASSION

Our gospel meeting starts next Sunday, "The Meaning of the Passion of Christ." I'm looking forward to the answers of those vital questions: What is Christ's passion? How does His passion effect me?

My thoughts about the passion of Christ have triggered some questions of my own. Do I have a passion? What is it? Can one person actually give another person their passion? Is passion something more than an unusual degree of determination and dedication to accomplish something?

Where does passion come from? Passion seems to be that thing that energizes us to the point that simply doing it is our reward. And the doing it makes us better at it. Scripture suggests passion comes from the heart. He

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Several on the educational committee have been really busy as we prepare for our upcoming gospel meeting with John Dale. During the meeting we will be having Bible Hour presentations and so those who coordinate these events have been putting together their material and making plans for Monday through Wednesday evenings. Fleta Butler will coordinate the nursery, Velma Lemons and Danny Snell will make sure we have a staff for the toddlers, John Shaw and Velma Lemons will oversee the Tots For Christ Bible Hour ministry and Dale and Carolyn Blackstone will oversee the K-3rd grade Bible Hour. On Wednesday evening the preschool students will have their regular classes taught by their regular teachers. Everyone has pitched in beautifully for this part of the meeting and I know there are several parents who are grateful for this act of love. Let me take this moment to thank the educational staff for all the work that you do throughout the year. It sure makes my job a lot easier.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kelsi Wicks for qualifying for the State UIL meet in Calculator, General Mathematics & Science! Awesome!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to all of those who worked on Bible Quiz this year. You guys did an outstanding job learning the life of Moses. Way to go gang!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar.	28-30	Gospel Meeting
Apr.	4	LTC Final Meeting
Apr.	9-11	LTC
May	16	Baccalaureate
May	22	Jr.-Sr. Trip
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knows our passion. He created each of us to use that passion to build up and strengthen His kingdom on earth.

Being the involvement minister, one of my main purposes is to help our members at West Erwin find their right place in ministry so they can exercise their passion. Probably the best question to ask at this point that will help us understand our passion more clearly is not "What am I doing for God?" Because that merely suggests that we must be busy at something. The best question is "What is God doing in my life right now?"

Jesus said, "My Father is always at His work to this very day, and I, too, am working" (John 5:17). God is at work in each and every one of us. Whether or not we are allowing Him to do His work is the point. He is working! If we cannot recognize what God is doing in our lives we may be hindering His work. Or if all we see is a constant struggle then we may be operating on our own power and not the Power of God.

If I had \$1,000,000.00 to give to Velma Lemons for all of the work that she does for our educational ministry it would not come close to being enough. Velma comes in almost every day and checks in with me to see if I have any assignments for her. If she is not helping the educational ministry you'll find her involved in the Playschool. If she's not helping the Playschool you'll find her working in her classroom. She is constantly involved in some program or ministry here at West Erwin. She's not interested in recognition and she's not interested in pay. She is interested in the well being of our little ones and she is interested in teaching God's Word to them. She is a jewel in the Kingdom of God. Since I have been here I have heard countless stories about Velma. People my age will tell me they remember her teaching them when they were little. There is always a smile on their faces as they recall their classroom experiences with Velma. One thing that has always impressed me about her is that when she disciplines a student with a stern warning, right after she issues the warning, she always pulls them close to her with a reassuring hug. What a great teacher Velma is! Thanks for all the years you have given to the Lord in this service.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, visits, and support we received when our mother died. The spray of spring flowers you sent was beautiful. We felt your love and concern. We are truly blessed to be a part of this family. We love every one of you.

Phil & Linda Marts

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers in memory of my sweet and beautiful wife, Virginia Conner (Daniel Morgan's sister). I also thank you for the many powerful prayers of love and concern for her.

Yours in Christ,
Tom Conner

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Camden, Arkansas for J.L. Landers, Kenna Kempton's grandfather. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all family.

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ADDRESS CHANGES:

Jim & Sue Carty
15011 Canopy Oaks Dr.
Tyler, TX 75703
Ph. 595-4613

Bill Endsley
New Hope Manor
1613 West New Hope Dr. #609B
Cedar Park, TX 78613
Ph. (512) 528-1210

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to the D.L. Thompson family for the beautiful arrangement of flowers for our auditorium on March 28. This was in honor of the birth date on March 27 of a Christian lady who touched so many lives - the late Eloise Thompson.

The beautiful tulips planted around our buildings were donated by Shane and Becky Millican in memory of Hillard Hughes.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

A very special Christian lady, Lena Hays, celebrated her 95th birthday on March 17. She still attends worship services regularly. We wish for her many more happy and healthy birthdays!

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORIES

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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.

BAPTISM!

We rejoice with Chris Scroggins as he was baptized into Christ by his dad Sunday morning. Chris is the son of Doug and Cathy Scroggins, is in the 8th grade, and has "grown up at West Erwin." Their address is 17923W Lakeview Dr., Troup, 75789, ph. 839-7624.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Tom and Pam Carder and their children, Brent and Kaitlyn, into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we are blessed by their coming. Their address is 15051 Wagon Wheel Circle, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-2121.

SPRING LADIES RETREAT

Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp, April 2-3
Theme: "I Was There" a drama presentation by the Daingerfiled, TX ladies' group. Host congregations: Red Oak Church of Christ, Winnsboro Church of Christ, Gilmer Church of Christ.
See bulletin board for details.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

For Single Women of All Ages
Carol Manley, featured speaker
April 16-17, hosted by the Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Check bulletin board for details

LADIES DAY

Church of Christ, Pittsburg, TX
"My Cup Runneth Over" Psalm 23:5
April 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served - more details to follow

WOMEN'S FORUM

Foster's Home For Children, Stephenville, Texas
Wednesday, April 21, beginning at 9:45 a.m.
Featuring Chloe Carter, speaker

24th ANNUAL GOSPEL SINGING

Hosted by the Franklin Church of Christ
Friday, April 30, 2004
Singing starts at 7:00 p.m.
Congregational singing & groups: *The Lamplighters*,
The Sounds of Glory &, New Life

CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual Grocery Drive, May 29, 2004
West Erwin has been asked to collect LYSOL, GLASS CLEANER, AIR FRESHENER, FEBREZE, FURNITURE POLISH (no aerosol cans). We greatly appreciate your generosity. Because you have been so gracious in your giving, there are several things we will not need this year: green beans, corn, pork & beans, dry pinto beans, rice, ketchup, tuna fish, bar soap.

Your "I can" is more important than your IQ.

BENEVOLENT NEED: Sheets to be used for bandages for the Chimala Mission Hospital (can be white, pastels or prints).

SPECIAL NEED: baby food jars (see Pam Lott)

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Records	Sunday Mar. 14	Sunday Mar. 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	452	425	411
Worship A.M.	611	617	593
Worship P.M.	419	403	407
Wed. P.M.	304	350	301
Contribution	\$19,855.65	\$22,180.23	\$18,391.53
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 21, & Wednesday, Mar. 24: Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Sharon Gordon is having tests, will have surgery. Evelyn Messer had knee surgery Thursday. Sue Starnes is on medication due to a heart leakage. Roy Bench had an MRI Friday. Kenna Kempton is awaiting results from an MRI. Warren Gray's surgery was temporarily postponed. Maxine Ray is recovering after hip replacement surgery. Jane Jones & Cliff Nolley, Thelma's husband, are both recuperating at home. Nancy McCoy is having health problems. Carolyn Welborn's mother is hospitalized in Rowlett. Peggy Dickerson, Kathryn Wallace's niece & cousin of Carolyn Blackstone & Kandi Adams, is in Mother Frances. Mary Reynolds, Chris Reynold's mother, had knee replacement surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Mattie Hawkins, Kim Jordan's mother, had a heart cath Thursday. Birdie West, friend of the Hugh and Glenda Mills, is hospitalized with a possible heart attack. Ranate Edwards, Carolyn McCune's friend, has begun radiation. Jean Kuykendall, Carolyn McCune's sister-in-law, had a double mastectomy Tuesday in San Antonio. Robert Eubanks, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, has Lou Gehrig's disease. David King, friend of Will & Anna Tanksley, is recovering after heart surgery. Dyan Parmley, Opal Mathew's niece and cousin of Frances Broome and Geri Moore, is facing surgery at M.D. Anderson. Kwihwa Parsley, wife of the missionary Malcolm Parsley in Korea, had surgery for stomach cancer Tuesday.

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Scripture Daryl Anderson
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Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy
Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Michael Ragsdale
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Maggie Ragsdale
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
Gene & Leah Moon

Pick up cards Mar. 21 & 28: Conner Clark, Carter Blackstone, Trey Jackson, Justin Parrish, Austin Millican.

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Christian Service Center	9:00 A.M. 11:30 A.M.
WEDNESDAY	
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Bible Class	7:00 P.M.
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HOW TO HAVE A GREAT MEETING

"The day of the traditional gospel meeting is over." "Outsiders will not come." "Even our own members won't come." Are these often heard statements accurate? If they are accurate or if they are not, why? The gospel we preach is unchangeable. Our methods of proclamation do change. Bringing groups of people together to hear the gospel has been an effective method of proclamation since the first century. Our purpose is to share the gospel and over the years we have developed various methods for getting the gospel to people. In the New Testament the gospel was presented to large crowds, to small groups, and to one person at a time. God placed the preaching of the gospel in the worship of the New Testament church. We have brought the Sunday School into play as well as various methods of home Bible studies. Down through the years we have started schools for the purpose of teaching the gospel, we have used the printed page, we have used

radio and television, and we have sent missionaries into the world. It is a fact that any method will work if one works the method. So what about the gospel meeting? Many churches have abandoned this method while many others still have great gospel meetings. What makes the difference? Success begins with a church that gets excited about the Word of God. It continues with excited members inviting friends and relatives to attend (it's still true that most people come to church because someone invites them). Then the members dedicate themselves to prayer and attendance. Finally, an effective communicator of the gospel is selected to preach. We have all of these things in place, don't we? March 28-31 promises to be a great week in the life of this church. Stay at home that weekend and be present for all the services of our meeting with John Dale. Be prayerful, and invite people. What an opportunity!
- Jay Lockhart



"Seeking The Heart Of God"

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, March 21, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "A Charge To Keep"

(2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5)

5:00 P.M. - "I Called Upon The Lord"

(Psalm 18:1-6)

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

Why doesn't receiving His grace and understanding His grace happen simultaneously? Is His grace so marvelous that we can only handle it one bite at a time? Have we sung the words to songs like, "Grace is greater than all our sin," for years and failed to grasp the depth of their meaning?

For us visual learners Mel Gibson's film, *The Passion of Christ*, has given us that visualization we need to really grasp just how long, and high, and deep His grace really is. His grace is greater than our ability to

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently I have noticed more and more denominations singing acapella rather than with an instrument. Not only are some choosing to do this in their devotional time but a few are experimenting with it during their worship services. Even though they still view whether or not to use an instrument in the worship service as a matter of opinion rather than faith, it is refreshing and somewhat surprising to see them consider acapella music.

A few months ago I wrote about a denominational preacher who went to visit his mother-in-law. She is a member of a church of Christ and so he decided to go to church with her that particular Sunday morning. He was so impressed with the worship service (especially the singing) that he wrote about it in his bulletin. In his bulletin article he talked about how simplistic the singing was (using your voice only) and yet how it required everyone to participate by uniting or blending their voices together in the singing.

BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will Monday, Mar. 22. Be at the Shiloh Rd. Church @ 6:45 for the test. We will be finished at 8:30 at Braums on Troup Highway. We will have a practice session on Sunday. We will eat lunch together at Wendy's and work until 3:00.

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comprehend. God's holiness is greater than our ability to comprehend.

Paul's words in Romans 8:1 keep running through my mind: "Therefore, there is now NO CONDEMNATION for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Think About This

- If you want to have a friend
-- you have to be a friend.
- If you want a great husband
-- you have to be a great wife.
- If you want wonderful children
-- you have to be wonderful parents.

Last week I received the following article from the Highway 5 church in Mountain View, Arkansas. Here's what it said:

Tom Lawson is a minister of music for the Independent Christian Church, a body which uses instrumental music. He wrote an article pointing out the advantages of acapella worship.

1. Acapella music tends to maintain the central players in the worship as a congregation rather than the performers up front ...
2. Acapella music tends to preserve times of silence within corporate worship ...
3. Acapella music preserves the simplicity of worship ...

Lawson goes on to challenge churches of Christ by saying: "To my friends in the Church of Christ, I would encourage you to think long and hard before you join the rest of the evangelical world in this matter. I am baffled why some within the churches of Christ would pick this time to move toward inclusion of the instrument in worship."

IN APPRECIATION

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for remembering our family in the loss of my sister, Virginia Conner. We appreciate all the calls, cards, food and encouragement. In our everyday lives we tend to forget how close and how important our relationships in the church are. All the wonderful support you gave us during our time of grief reminds us of the love of Christ that binds us together.

Daniel Morgan and family

To my church family,

Thank you all for your support, food, cards, calls and prayers during my surgery and recovery. A special thanks to the "Boomers" class for the flowers and to Jon Sorrells for comforting my family during the surgery ... You were all wonderful!

Don Crawford

To our loved ones at West Erwin church of Christ,

Jerry and I want to give you a heartfelt thanks for keeping our son Brandon in your prayers. Prayers have enabled us to carry on. (Brandon was found and is safe). God Bless You.

We love you,

Suzan and Jerry Parker

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Sulphur Springs for Ruby Marts, Phil Marts' mother. She was 91 years old and had been married to Phil's dad for 73 years. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Phil and Linda and to all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

We rejoice with Dan and Wini Cullinan on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on March 16 and Henry and Mozelle Brown on their 62nd anniversary on March 19. We congratulate them on these happy milestones in their lives and wish for them many more happy and healthy years together.

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The Wilson's puppet group will meet after the Sunday morning worship assembly on March 21 and March 28. Bring \$5.00 for lunch and meet in the practice room. We'll dismiss at 3:00.

BAPTISMS!

We rejoice with Dayne and Dalton Harris in their decisions to be baptized into Christ Wednesday night. They are the sons of Keith and Tina Harris and have grown up at West Erwin. Dayne is in the 10th grade and Dalton is in the 5th grade. Their address is 1204 Barbara, 75701, ph. 596-0096.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Ira and Sherrie Groom into our West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we look forward to our work together for the Lord. They formerly worshipped with the Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. Their address is 19544 Dove Ridge Lane, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9400.

Women Of West Erwin

Laura Sewell, author of *The Six Gifts of Hospitality*, will be the guest speaker in our Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday evening, March 24. Her book was used as a basis for our study of "hospitality" last quarter. We invite all of you to attend this class, which will meet in the Family Life Center rather than the regular classroom.

NEW ADDRESS: Archie & Juanita Lowry, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite, TX 75150, ph. (972) 686-3036.

SPECIAL NEED: baby food jars (see Pam Lott)

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LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Renew My Heart"

Guest Speaker: Cara Speer
Professor of Social Work at
Lubbock Christian University
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00

Session one - "Break My Heart"
Session two - "Cleanse My Heart"
Session three - Renew My Heart
Lunch and Childcare provided
(Bring a sack lunch for your child)
If you were unable to sign up,
please feel free to come anyway.

Mar. 11, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 11
Records	Sunday Mar. 7	Sunday Feb. 29	Year Ago
Bible Class	425	418	439
Worship A.M.	617	634	635
Worship P.M.	403	379	371
Wed. P.M.	350	360	346
Contribution	\$22,180.23	\$19,250.15	\$19,583.56
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 14, & Wednesday, Mar. 17: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Don Crawford is at home after surgery Thursday in Dallas. **Lamern Bailey** has now moved to Austin to be closer to her family. **Warren Gray** is waiting to be scheduled for surgery. **Maxine Ray** is in ETMC rehab after hip replacement surgery. **Jane Jones** and **Cliff Nolley**, Thelma's husband, are both recuperating at home after recent surgeries. **Mary Overshown** is now at home. **Robert Eubanks**, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. **Sue Ramsour**, Tom Ramsour's mother, had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Brandon Parker**, son of Jerry and Suzan diagnosed with bipolar, has been missing since Feb. 26. **David King**, friend of Will & Anna Tanksley, is recovering after heart surgery. **Dyan Parmley**, Opal Mathew's niece and cousin of Frances Broome and Geri Moore, is facing surgery at M.D. Anderson for possible cancer (has fought cancer twice). Continue to remember **Debra Brown**, Mary Overshown's aunt, **Curtis Buckley**, Marjorie Moriolo's nephew, **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Ranate Edwards**, friend of Carolyn McCune, **Carla Haddock**, Bettie Thorne's daughter, **Bill McCain**, **Shirley McClenny**, **Judy Smith**, **Belinda Berryman Smith**, **Paul Swanson**, Mary Overshown's uncle, **Gloria Thigpen**, **Margie Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister-in-law, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, & **Haley Wilburger**, friend of the Sublette's.

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Joe McBee

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Henry McRuiz
Scripture Alan Montgomery
Dismiss Carlos Morgan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Pete Wemmert Louis West
David Wicks Bill Wilmeth
Randall Wilson Fred Wingate
Ponder Wright, Jr. Ray Womack

GREETERS

Don & Nerene Ingram & Blake Lowry
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Haylee Lowry
Jon & Melanie Murry & Kara Murry
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Mar. 14: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Mar. 14:
Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Freida Starr;
Toddlers a.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Todd & Jana Hancock; 3's & 4's: Mike & Kristi Harris.

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Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Joe McBee

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Henry McRuiz
Scripture Alan Montgomery
Dismiss Carlos Morgan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Pete Wemmert Louis West
David Wicks Bill Wilmeth
Randall Wilson Fred Wingate
Ponder Wright, Jr. Ray Womack

GREETERS

Don & Nerene Ingram & Blake Lowry
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Haylee Lowry
Jon & Melanie Murry & Kara Murry
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards Mar. 14: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, George Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Mar. 14:
Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Freida Starr;
Toddlers a.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Todd & Jana Hancock; 3's & 4's: Mike & Kristi Harris.

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OUR PRIMARY WORK

No one doubts that our primary work as the church is to take the gospel to the world. At West Erwin we support mission work in many places, including Eastern Europe (the printing of Bibles and other teaching materials in Austria, a leadership training school and children's camps in Russia), Togo in West Africa, Mexico, the training of church leaders who work among the Spanish in Florida, a new work in Pennsylvania, and local outreach via The Search in Tyler. Over the years there have been numerous other works we have supported on a regular basis or as a one time contribution. Our Mission Committee is one of the most active of our ministries. Because we are so heavily involved in missions around the world, it may be easy to forget that we live, work, and play in a mission field right here in Tyler. Many of our friends are searching. We all know people who seldom go to church any place. What an opportunity is ours to reach out to them in a special way during the month of March.

The dates we want to remember are March 28-31. The

speaker is John Dale. The times on Sunday are 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday night, and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Here's what you can do:

1. Pray each day for the speaker, yourself, and those you will invite.
2. Make your commitment to be present at every meeting.
3. Pick up at least five of the brochures at the Visitor Center and give them to friends as you give people you know a warm cordial invitation.

By doing these things you can fulfill your role in the church as the support and defender of the Truth (I Timothy 3:16).

The theme for the meeting:

"The Meaning of the Passion of Jesus"

(Nursery, children's classes, and Bible Hour will be provided for children from birth through 3rd grade)

-Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, March 14, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "Foolishness Or Power"
(I Corinthians 2:1-5)

5:00 P.M. - "It's Not How Long But How Well"
(2 Kings 18:1-7)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LTC PRACTICE

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Drama will meet Sunday, @ 3:00.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights.

Bulletin Boards will meet after church this Sunday night in the small auditorium.

Choruses will be performing at the City Wide Meeting at West Erwin on Mar. 28.

We will have our final (before) LTC meeting on Sunday night, Apr. 4. It is very important that everyone, participants & adults, attend this meeting. We will go over final details as well as take care of the bills. Please bring \$3 for supper.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us Sunday night after church for the high school devotional. We will be finished @ 8:30. Bring clothes & shoes suitable for some active games. Invite a friend!

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. (On Mar. 8, we will be going to see the "Passion of Christ." See me for more details.)

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 14	High School Devotional
Mar. 21	Bible Quiz Study Session
Mar. 22	Bible Quiz
Apr. 4	LTC Final Meeting
Apr. 9-11	LTC
June 1-4	Middle School Madness
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

BEEN THERE. DONE THAT.

Solomon was a man who learned all his lessons the hard way. He diligently searched for meaning in life by giving himself over to many different pursuits, but none of them worked. He was the original "been there, done that." He sought wisdom and knowledge to find much grief and increasing pain. He sought pleasure and pride in the abundance of his possessions, but found it was all vanity. He tried to find fulfillment in hard work, but found he only wasted his time, it was painful, and it did not even help him sleep better. All these pursuits only distracted him from God and complicated his joy of living. "The conclusion," he wrote, "when all has been heard, is: fear God and keep His commandments ..." (Eccl. 12:13).

Using up our energy trying to "get around" what God wants us to do only complicates life. Trusting in ourselves rather than in God complicates life. Listening to human wisdom and ignoring God's wisdom complicates life. So why not turn our search for a meaningful life into something positive? Fear God. Do what He tells you. And that's it. Then, been there, done that" could be used to explain the positive lessons you have learned in your life and not the negative. Example:

(Romans 12:18) Been there, done that and here's what God did ...

(Philippians 4:5) Been there, done that and listen to what happened ...

(James 4:7) Been there, done that and let me tell how Satan ran ...

(Acts 2:38) Been there, done that and now I am ...

Fear God. Do what He tells you. And that's it!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Over the last 3 years I have been so impressed with the involvement that I see from our membership as they work with the education ministry of the church. We have 120 teachers involved in one way or another with this ministry. They teach in our classrooms, they teach in our Children's Worship, and they teach in our Bible Hour ministries. We truly have been blessed to have so many teachers willing and ready to give so much of their time to our classes. Thanks for your labor of love.

Another area that constantly needs our attention is our Summer Extravaganza ministry (formerly VBS). It will be on us before we realize it. We have already put together a wonderful team and we are expecting a great turnout once again this year. So far we have the following coordinators locked in: (1) Preschool - Velma Lemons, (2) Refreshments - Judy Yates and associates, (3) Crafts - Terry Shaw, (4) Activities - Terry Lowry, (5) Bible times food - Committee, (6) Junior High/High School - Danny Snell, (7) Adults - Jay Lockhart. The only area that isn't

completely locked in (as of this moment) is our drama/skit learning center. Of course, this is a major part of our Summer Extravaganza. I have some people in mind to coordinate this area and they are thinking about it. As soon as they are confirmed then we will begin advertising for this year's Summer Extravaganza. Begin praying for this great effort as we teach our youth about the "Fruits of the Spirit."

Our spring quarter is off and running and things are really going smoothly. When you have the chance, take a look at our web page. We have the new class schedule on it. Kim DuPree does a great job updating the web page and we are grateful to her regarding this matter.

Also, our Fellowship And Christian Training Series (F.A.C.T.S.) is set. Each Wednesday evening throughout the summer we will have various speakers (some from West Erwin and some from other churches of Christ) speaking to us regarding the topic of **JOB: When We Hurt**. Each summer I am more and more impressed with our attendance during these lectures. Let's be present and let's invite our friends to join us. You won't regret it.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the prayers, cards, and calls during my cancer treatment. We are grateful to be a part of a wonderful Christian family. Bill has completed 42 radiation treatments and is doing well.

Bill & Ruby McCain

NEW LADIES CLASS

The ladies class has begun a new study on Wednesday evenings called "The Power To Be." Come and share the blessing as Carol Morgan leads this study from the book of Mark on how to walk with Jesus and let him disciple today as he disciplined those who walked with him then.

WITH SYMPATHY

Virginia Conner, Daniel Morgan's sister, died Monday night in Kilgore. No other details at this time (Tuesday a.m.). Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORIES

It's time for a new picture directory! We will be scheduling appointments for pictures on March 14 with actual picture taking to begin March 21. Be prepared to sign up and let's try to have 100% participation!

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

ATTENTION LADIES: All ladies are invited to meet in the Heritage room on Wednesday March 17 from 6:15 - 6:50 to learn some new songs for our Ladies Inspiration Day.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Ben and Patsy Young celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on March 2; Archie and Faye Kennard celebrated their 53rd on March 3; Forest and Mary McFadden celebrated their 55th on March 5. We rejoice with these couples in this happy milestone in their lives and wish for them many more happy and healthy years together.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Scott Carruth! He was installed as a deacon at the O'Fallon Church of Christ in St. Charles, Missouri on Sunday, March 7. Scott is the son of Les and Carolyn, who were there for the occasion.

ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART

Don't forget to sign up to attend the baked "taters and fixin's" fellowship at the Glenwood Church of Christ on Tuesday, March 23. Please sign the sheet at the Visitor's Center so we can let them know by March 17 how many plan to attend.



We are very pleased to welcome **Judy Barker** into our family at West Erwin. She has been attending here for some time and she came Wednesday night to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. Her address is 1323 East Elm, 75702, ph. 592-6841.

Sorry to lose ...

Lamern Bailey has moved to Austin to be closer to her family. Her address: % Jeff Bailey, 4307 Aqua Verde Dr., Austin, 78746-1044.

Ben and Patsy Young plan to move (probably in April) to Sugar Land to be nearer to their children. They will be greatly missed but we wish them much happiness in their new home.

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Street, Longview
March 14-17 - Week night services at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Hope from the Centerville church in Garland preaching
Theme: "How To" For more information, call 903-236-0988
see bulletin board for details

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Brighten the Corner Where You Are"
with Mrs. Jule (Judy) Miller
hosted by the Frankston Church of Christ,
Intersection of Hwy. 155 & Hwy. 175 in Frankston
Saturday, March 27, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Lunch & child care provided (bring lunch for your child)
Please R.S.V.P. 903-876-2741

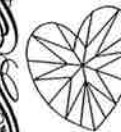
WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now registering for the fall. School times are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for infants through pre-k. Please contact Terry Shaw for more information.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Renew My Heart"

Guest Speaker: Cara Speer
Professor of Social Work at
Lubbock Christian University
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00



Session one - "Break My Heart"
Session two - "Cleanse My Heart"
Session three - Renew My Heart
Lunch and Childcare provided
(Bring a sack lunch for your child)
Ladies, please sign the sheet in the foyer
if you plan to participate so that we can know
how to plan for food and babysitting.

Mar. 4, 2004	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 35 - No. 10
Records	Sunday Feb. 29	Sunday Feb. 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	418	402	413
Worship A.M.	634	613	596
Worship P.M.	379	355	404
Wed. P.M.	360	330	300
Contribution	\$19,250.15	\$19,647.55	\$22,102.44
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 7, & Wednesday, Mar. 10: David Wicks. nh. 534-9568. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Don Crawford had surgery Thursday in Dallas. Lamern Bailey is in Mother Frances, room 590. Mary Overshown is in ETMC. Warren Gray is waiting to be scheduled for surgery. Jane Jones, Maxine Ray, and Cliff Nolley, Thelma's husband, are all recuperating after recent surgeries. Robert Eubanks, John Portwood Jr's father-in-law, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. Sue Ramsour, Tom Ramsour's mother, had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Brandon Parker, son of Jerry and Suzan diagnosed with bipolar, has been missing since Feb. 26. David King, friend of Will & Anna Tanksley, is recovering after heart surgery. Dyan Parmley, Opal Mathew's niece and cousin of Frances Broome and Geri Moore, is facing surgery at M.D. Anderson for possible cancer (has fought cancer twice). Richard "Bid" Smith, friend of Jo Butler, is hospitalized in Houston with bone cancer. Continue to remember Debra Brown, Mary Overshown's aunt, Curtis Buckley, Marjorie Moriole's nephew, Reba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Ranate Edwards, friend of Carolyn McCune, Carla Haddock, Bettie Thorne's daughter, Bill McCain, Shirley McClenny, Judy Smith, Belinda Berryman Smith, Paul Swanson, Mary Overshown's uncle, Gloria Thigpen, Margie Thomas, Connie Sublette's sister-in-law, Pattie Tate, Harley Turner, & Haley Wilburger, friend of the Sublette's.

CALL TO WORSHIP
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Jerry Mitchell
Scripture J.D. Mitchell
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jamon Kirby
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dr. Roger Knight
Scripture Dennis Kingsbury
Dismiss Louis Jones

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chris Waggener Ross Weathers
Greg Wagner Walker Weathers
Tony Smith Wade Weathers
Leon Welborn Wynne Weathers

GREETERS

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Tyler Lott
Bill Hawkins & Bettye Price & Lindsey Lott
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Andy Murry
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Mar. 7 & Mar. 14: Trey Jackson, Parker Hall, Spencer Shaw, Jeffrey Scarborough, Geo. Richardson.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Mar. 7:
Nursery a.m.: Mary Scarborough; Nursery p.m.: Gail Vannoy; Toddlers a.m.: Dolores Kennedy & Cassandra Estes; Toddlers p.m.: Laurie & Dru Dawkins; 2's: Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury; 3's & 4's: Michael & Candace Hall.

MINISTERS		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	
MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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JOHN DALE IS COMING!

In less than thirty days John Dale will be with us for four exciting days during which we will be probing the meaning of the passion of Jesus. The KJV translates Acts 1:1-3, "The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen; to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion..." The word "passion" means "to suffer" and is translated this way in the NIV and the NKJV. The NEB uses the term "death" but the RSV retains the word "passion." The greatest events of history are the death of Christ for our sins and the glorious resurrection. At the heart of the gospel there is a cross and an empty tomb. For four days in March (28-31) John Dale will be preaching the message of the cross at West Erwin. I have known John Dale for nearly forty years and I know him as an excellent communicator of God's Word. He knows the

Scriptures; he knows people; he knows our times; and he knows how to effectively present the gospel in today's world. John has been with the Glendale Road church (formerly the 7th and Poplar congregation) for more than thirty years and I know of no one who is more highly respected in the church and in the community throughout western Kentucky and west Tennessee than he is. I have no better friend in all the world than John Dale. We have been together in numerous settings through the years, including gospel meetings, serving on the Board of Freed-Hardeman University, promoting world missions, doing radio and television programs, struggling with issues facing the church, and studying the Scriptures. I recommend him without reservation and urge you to hear him preach the gospel March 28-31. On Sunday evening, March 28, we will be hosting the LTC choral groups and the annual area-wide meeting. What an opportunity we have!

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, March 7, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**10:00 A.M. - "When They Heard The Words
(Nehemiah 8:13)**

**5:00 P.M. - "When To Get A Divorce"
(Matthew 19:1-10)**

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* JUST THINKING...

I have so much to say about the "Passion of Christ." In fact, it can't be done in one paragraph. I will never read about the arrest & crucifixion in the same way again. My visual picture of His sacrifice will be forever different. But... The Passion of Christ is only part of the story. Thank goodness for the "Rest of the Story!"

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Ashley Laird for making the Cheerleading Squad @ Hogg Middle School. Ashley's Dance Company also won received several awards including placing 1st Overall allowing them to go on to the National Competition in June. Way to go Ashley!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. We meet in our home in Whitehouse. Bring a friend.

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

ONE DAY AT A TIME

Remember the old joke, "How do you eat an elephant?" The humorous but profound answer is, "One bite at a time." Oh, how I wish I had learned this simple lesson years ago. I even had an instructor at Harding University that told me more than once, "Inch by inch is a cinch, yard by yard is too hard." The value of this simple strategy for life will only increase with age. Remember that I am the one who told you.

As you read this article I'll be lying in a hospital room trying to gain my strength after surgery. It's my first surgery since my tonsillectomy in the second grade. I didn't know enough about it them to be concerned. My trust was in my parents who made this decision for me.

This whole event has made such a difference in my perspective of life. For years I have lived for the next church event. I have envisioned, dreamed about, and pondered new things and ideas that have always provided me with energy and anticipation. This new event in my life has helped me stop everything and enjoy today. Have I forgotten the simplest principle of all -- live for today!

Every day is a special gift from God to be used to His glory. It's not a matter of being productive, but simply being godly each day. For today is the only part of God's plan He has revealed to me. So, why rush the future or dig up the past? Why pretend to be something I'm not? The Hebrew writer told us, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (13:8). Living and enjoying one day at a time was not just something Jesus started. That's the way He is and I want to be more like Him.

Say it with me every day: "I will glorify Christ all day today."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

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

People are always asking me if I know of any Bible studies that they could purchase to help them better understand the Scriptures. Generally they put some stipulations on their request; one such stipulation is, "I'd like to have a Bible study book written by a member of the church." We do have several authors within the churches of Christ and many of them do a fantastic job in presenting sound doctrine within their writings. We should not only be applauding these authors but we should also be buying their material. Since I am asked periodically to recommend sound, biblical material to our membership, let me tell you of some material that I have come across recently. It is called Life Changing Studies. The Winkler family publishes this material. Wendell Winkler, Dan Winkler, & Mike Winkler have 120 years of preaching experience from Texas to Alabama. They are used in lectureships throughout the brotherhood and they are as solid as a rock regarding the doctrine of the Bible. *Life Changing*

Studies With An Open Bible is a unique and comprehensive curriculum designed to cover the entire New Testament in four years. Additionally, there are 12 special mini-studies which are designed to be used throughout the year. So far they have completed the following study books: (1) Textual - *Tell Me The Story of Jesus* (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John); *God's Word Of Encouragement* (Hebrews); *Successful Living In Today's World* (James and I & II Peter); *Solving Problems God's Way* (I Corinthians); *The Church We Love* (Acts); and *Eternity In Four Words - Sin, Know, Love, Truth* (I, II, III John, Jude). (2) The topical studies are: *The Crisis Of Our Time* (Leadership); *My Father's House* (Heaven); *The Heart Of God's Child* (Attitudes); *The Lord's Unrecorded Beatitude* (Giving); *Kneeling At The Throne of God's Grace* (Prayer); *The Bud Of Which Heaven Is The Blossom* (Marriage).

These are all wonderful studies that deserve our attention. You may order any or all of these study books by calling 1-205-759-5550. God bless you in your daily study of His Word.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the cards, the calls, and for your prayers during the illness and death of our husband and father. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

The Family of Les Carruth

Dear West Erwin church family,

Words cannot express how grateful I am for your care and concern during my recent knee surgery. Thank you for the outpouring of love which has come my way. You have encouraged me!

Your sister,
Patti Grounds

Thank you for the beautiful sympathy cards sent to me after the loss of my beloved brother, B.J. Thomas. I love you all.

Clelia Elliott

The best gifts are tied with the heart strings. We appreciate so much your prayers and cards.

Love,
Cliff & Thelma Nolley

Mina Mullins, my niece that was in ICU for the last few weeks, is now at home and doing great. Thank you for your prayers.

Jody Mullins

"People don't need our advice as much as they need our love."

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Lorene Venable on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Gwenevere Gail Grogan was born Feb. 22 in Lewisville to Timmy and Randy Grogan. Judy Venable Grogan is the grandmother.

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORIES

It's time for a new picture directory! We will be scheduling appointments for pictures on March 7 and March 14 with actual picture taking to begin March 21. Check your calendars and find a time that is convenient for your family and be prepared to sign up on March 7. Let's try to have 100% participation!

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IN THE MILITARY

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Chad Garner	Jon Mason	Jordan C. White
Josh Gaspard	Blake McGee	Nathan Young

TATER SUPPER

The "Pure Gold" group at the Glenwood Church of Christ invites the "Young at Heart" group to join them Tuesday, March 23 to enjoy baked "taters and fixin's." Fellowship is one of the great joys of being a Christian. Plan to take part in this time of togetherness. Please sign the sheet at the Visitor's Center so we can let them know by March 17 how many plan to attend.

CHURCH-WIDE SKATE PARTY

The Skateplex has been reserved for West Erwin on Monday, March 8, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Snacks and drinks are welcome. Cost to skate is \$4.00.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 8-12. West Erwin has been asked to collect zipper seal storage and freezer bags (quart and gallon sizes), sugar and tampons.

SONGFEST

Eastern Hills Church of Christ
1200 East Corsicana, Athens, Texas
March 12, 2004, 6:00 - 10:15 pm

Ole thyme gospel, contemporary and congregational singing. Special groups: *Free Indeed, Revival, North Tenneha & Jerome Williams.*

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Street, Longview
March 14-17 - Week night services at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Hope from the Centerville church in Garland preaching
Theme: "How To" For more information, call 903-236-0988
see bulletin board for details

SPRING LADIES RETREAT

Pettijohn Springs Christian Camp, April 2-3
Theme: "I Was There" a drama presentation by the Daingerfiled, TX ladies' group. Host congregations: Red Oak Church of Christ, Winnsboro Church of Christ, Gilmer Church of Christ.
See bulletin board for details.

LADIES DAY

Church of Christ, Pittsburg, TX
"My Cup Runneth Over" Psalm 23:5
April 17, 2004, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lunch will be served - more details to follow

CAMP DEER RUN

Applications for Camp Deer Run are now available. They are on the table across from the church office. To be sure you get the time most convenient for you, you need to get your application in as early as possible.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Renew My Heart"

Guest Speaker: Cara Speer
Professor of Social Work at
Lubbock Christian University
Family Life Center
March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00

Session one - "Break My Heart"
Session two - "Cleanse My Heart"
Session three - Renew My Heart
Lunch and Childcare provided

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Records	Sunday Feb. 22	Sunday Feb. 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	402	396	395
Worship A.M.	613	590	558
Worship P.M.	355	341	3,412
Wed. P.M.	330	NC	311
Contribution	\$19,647.55	\$18,780.17	\$17,794.09
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

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Prayer James Hardin
Scripture Stuart Means
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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Todd Hancock

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer K. Max Haws
Scripture Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Ed Hunt

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Chris Waggener Ross Weathers
Greg Wagner Walker Weathers
Tony Smith Wade Weathers
Leon Welborn Wynne Weathers

GREETERS

Chuck & Linda Gillam & Taylor Lemons

Tom & Beverly Hale & Paige Lemons

Michael & Candace Hall & Nathan Linseisen

Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham

Heath & Kandi Adams

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SECOND CLASS CITIZENS?

A young professional woman left a church saying she would not belong where women were treated as second class citizens. What she meant by this, of course, is that she didn't care to belong to a church where women could not fulfill roles that have been carried out by men. This is a problem that has emerged in the last several years in the churches of Christ.

It is not a question of inferiority. Both men and women have the same standing with God in Christ. In Galatians 3:26-28 Paul showed that there are no race, class or gender distinctions in Christ, in that all have equal access to God. However, it should be noted that when one was in Christ that one was still a man or a woman, a master or a slave, a Jew or a Gentile. If this was not so then why would God have specific instructions for men and women, master and slaves, and Jews and Gentiles (see Ephesians 5:21 - 6:9; Acts 15:6-29; I Tim. 2:8-15; 5:1-2; et.al.).

It is a question of roles. God has certain roles for men to fill, namely, they are to be spiritual leaders. This has been

true since Adam and Eve and has never changed. In the church men are to assume leadership roles. The apostles were men; elders were men; deacons were men; preachers were men; and women did not lead in worship or have authority over men. Did women have important roles in the first century? Of course they did. However, the fact remains that men were in leadership roles. For a woman to complain that she will not belong to a church where she cannot be in leadership is like a man complaining that he will no longer be a part of a family because he cannot be a mother! Is a man inferior because he is a father rather than a mother? No, it's a matter of roles.

The church would be impoverished without the great service rendered by faithful women. May God increase the tribe of godly women who serve in so many ways. Let us know that all are equal before God in dignity, worth, and status and that we have different roles. There are no second class citizens in the kingdom of God.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, February 29, 2004

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**10:00 A.M. - "Why Did Jesus Have To Die?"
(Luke 23:33-38)**

**5:00 P.M. - "Tips For Parenting Teens"
(I John 2:12-14)**

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny* JUST THINKING...

This time next week, I will have seen "The Passion." I have received many e-mails and letters (some good & some bad) about this "controversial" movie. For sure, this will be a much more significant movie than the Hollywood community ever had hoped for. I feel sure that I won't ever look at the Crucifixion of Christ the same ever again. I hope to have more to share with you next week.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our guys and gals who did an outstanding job at the East Texas Bible Quiz this Monday! We will have our next Bible Quiz on Monday, Mar. 22.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. We meet in our home in Whitehouse. Bring a friend.

LTC PRACTICE

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Honesty: The Best Policy?

The temptation to lie is the most penetrating temptation in life. We don't like admitting our mistakes. We don't want to look bad to others. Lying seems to be the easiest way out. Here are a few classic temptations to lie:

"Why are you late?"

"Are you finished with your homework?"

"Who left the door open?"

"I'm Charles with Acme Vinyl Siding; is Mr. Crawford in?"

"Hey, Dad, did you ever _____?"

"You know that story in Luke 8?"

"Is your heart right with God?"

The list is endless!

Is honesty really the best policy?

For certain honesty is the best indicator of the depth of our integrity. There is no integrity without honesty. Integrity is what we are when no one is looking. Integrity is being consistently honest - honest with God, others and yourself. Integrity is the gift you give yourself -- a guilt-free conscience and confidence that God is pleased with you.

I've heard many debates and sermons over what is essential to our salvation. I've never heard anyone question the essentiality of honesty. If honesty is optional -- so is truth. Therefore, it's not only the best policy -- for Christians it's the only policy!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

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

The other day one of my students at East Texas Christian Academy asked me what I did at the church building all day. I tried to explain it but I'm not exactly sure that he understood it. I have a great job (1) that I was trained to do, (2) that I want to do, and (3) that I think God wants me to do. For 18 years now I have had the opportunity of serving God as a minister who is involved in "teaching" the Word and who is responsible for "helping" others to do the same. My line of work has been a tremendous blessing to me and hopefully I have helped others along the way. With the responsibilities I have, whether teaching a class, conducting training sessions, or overseeing the curriculum, teachers schedules, and classes I am blessed because I feel I am doing exactly what God would have me to do. Even though there are several times throughout the year that I feel stressed out (especially during VBS) I wouldn't change a thing. Of course, my job has been made a lot easier because we have so many dedicated teachers who are willing to go the extra mile.

One of the jobs that I have is to try to put together studies that I think would be beneficial to our students. I have been working on two such studies. One is a 26 week study entitled *The Birth Of A Nation*. I got this idea from Kenny Shaver, a former teacher at E.T.C.A. Basically this study is a comparative study of how the Hebrew nation came about (Genesis) and then how the Christian "nation" came about (Acts). I'm at the halfway point of this project. Another study that I've been working on is taken from the book of John and it is entitled *The Irony Of John*. A friend of mine talked about taking ironic passages from John (i.e. "Art thou greater than Jacob?") and writing a study booklet on them. He never had the opportunity to do so (he passed away a few months ago) so I decided to do this. It has been a fascinating study for me so far and I have learned a lot.

Please let me encourage you to do the same. Sit down with your Bible in one hand and several resources in the other and put together a study. Through such a study you will see the level of your knowledge of God's Word increase. If you wear out your Bibles for the glory of God, you won't regret it.

IN APPRECIATION

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

WITH SYMPATHY

Leslie Carruth, Les Carruth's dad, died last Tuesday. Services were held Friday at the Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home in Denton. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORIES

It's time for a new picture directory! We will be scheduling appointments for pictures on March 7 and March 14 with actual picture taking to begin March 21. Check your calendars and find a time that is convenient for your family and be prepared to sign up on March 7. Let's try to have 100% participation!

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables
Wesley Ackerman
Rowdy Anthony
James Baggett
Jonathan Bentley
Steven Cole
Craig Cooper
Casey Culpepper
Chuck Freeman
Glenda Gacilos
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
Demecia Rogers
Jared Sebastian
Anthony Sessions
Robert Songer
Paul Stambaugh
Hank Trimble
Tim Wagner
Jordan C. White
Nathan Young

UPDATE ON SOME OF OUR MILITARY

As of February 21, Josh Gaspard is based back in Italy. He will be coming "home" sometime in March for a week or two. We would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards for Josh. He recovered well from the blast he was in. On February 14 he received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the Army Commendation with V(Valor). Please continue to pray for him as he travels. Love, Michael, Candace, Parker & Kenzi Hall

Pvt. Demecia Rogers, daughter-in-law of Eddie and Mary Rogers, returned to the States Feb. 22 and after a period of processing, will have 30 days leave which she plans to spend recovering in Tyler after serving her time in Iraq.

Naval Commander Steven Cole, nephew of David and Virginia Demic, is now in Iraq working in counter intelligence.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The annual dinner and auction to benefit East Texas Christian Academy will be held February 28 at the Glenwood Family Life Center. The theme for this year's auction is "Under The Big Top." You may purchase tickets from Doug Yates or Gary Ables or you may call ETCA at 903-561-8642. Your support for this event will enable children in East Texas to receive a quality Christian education.

TATER SUPPER

The "Pure Gold" group at the Glenwood Church of Christ invites the "Young at Heart" group to join them Tuesday, March 23 to enjoy baked "taters and fixin's." Fellowship is one of the great joys of being a Christian. Plan to take part in this time of togetherness. Please sign the sheet at the Visitor's Center so we can let them know by March 17 how many plan to attend.



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome Jerry and Pat Mitchell, and J.D. and Anna, and little daughter, Ella Mitchell into the West Erwin family. They are the kind of people who will be a tremendous asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Jerry and Pat live at 19152 Greenleaf Drive, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-3951. J.D., Anna, and Ella, live at 8320 Cambridge #15, 75703, ph. 509-9493.

HOMECOMING

Lakeside Church of Christ, 21070 SH 155 South, Flint
February 29, Worship 9:30-11:30, pot luck meal at 11:30

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Street, Longview
March 14-17 - Week night services at 7:00 p.m.
Ken Hope from the Centerville church in Garland preaching
Theme: "How To" For more information, call 903-236-0988
see bulletin board for details

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 8-12. West Erwin has been asked to collect zipper seal storage and freezer bags (quart and gallon sizes), sugar and tampons.

Boles Children's Home invites you to attend the dedication and Open House of the Sowell/Parks cottage and the Woodward/Dudney Family Services Building on Sunday, March 7 from 2-4 p.m. The Woodward/Dudney Building supports the offices and day care center for the Mother/Child "Together" program. For more information call 903-883-2204.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cody Frick on winning first place at Cub Scout Pack 342's annual Pinewood Derby last Saturday. Cody was also given the sportsmanship award that he received from his basketball coaches.

BENEVOLENT CENTER

There is a need at this time for men's clothing and large size ladies' clothing at the Benevolent Center. If you can help with this, you may bring items to the church office any weekday.

CAMP DEER RUN

Applications for Camp Deer Run are now available. They are on the table across from the church office. To be sure you get the time most convenient for you, you need to get your application in as early as possible.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Renew My Heart"

Cara Speer - guest speaker

Family Life Center

March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00

Childcare provided

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Records	Sunday Feb. 15	Sunday Feb. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	396	388	426
Worship A.M.	590	590	621
Worship P.M.	341	355	392
Wed. P.M.	NC	234	314
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Dismiss Bill Mullins

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Stan Clark
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Ron Lott
Scripture Joel Knox
Dismiss Archie Kennard

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jack Stringer Ray Vannoy
Stuart Suggs Greg Walker
James Sublette Billy Terrell
Kevin Sustaire Mark Sweeney

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Jeff & Pam Fennell & Dayne Harris
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Alex Mullins
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MEET KEITH HODGES

Late last year, after visits with our elders and Mission Committee, Keith Hodges, who works with the Chesmont church of Christ in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, was selected to be our stateside missionary. Keith will be visiting West Erwin over this weekend and has been invited to speak at both of our assemblies on Sunday. Keith grew up in denominationalism but during his freshman year at Lubbock Christian, where he attended college on a basketball scholarship, he obeyed the gospel. While on an overseas mission trip between his sophomore and junior years in college, Keith determined to give his life to ministry. On that mission trip he met Francie who became his wife the next year. They have two grown children, Anita, who along with her fiancé, is a faithful member of the church in the Washington, D.C. area, and Matt, who is a school teacher and with his wife and children, works with the church in

Kennett, Missouri. Keith spent six years in youth ministry and worked for a time with me in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For fourteen years Keith worked in full time preaching before he and Francie moved to the northeast where for the last thirteen years they have supported themselves while helping churches that could not afford a full time preacher. For the last eight years Keith has preached for the church in Pottstown, where he also serves as an elder. This church is in an excellent location, has experienced continued growth, has a bright future, and needs a full time preacher. Keith has agreed to quit his present self-supporting job and give all of his time to preaching. He will be supported primarily by West Erwin with help from at least three other churches, including Pottstown. The plan calls for Pottstown to take more of Keith's support each year until the church can become fully self-supporting.

- Jay Lockhart



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Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, February 22, 2004

by Keith Hodges

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"The Church With Heart"

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

Congratulations to Ashley Laird for receiving a 1st Division rating at a recent UIL Solo & Ensemble Contest in Choir. Ashley also performed with her dance group at the half time of the opening game of the Dallas Desperados. Way to go Ashley!

LTC PRACTICE

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COMMUNITY

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

I pray this picture will help you realign your priorities.

The following quote came from Brian Dyce, who was at the time the CEO of Coca Cola Enterprises. He gives us a word picture about the relationship work has to our other commitments. You'll never forget it once you receive this word picture.

"Imagine life is a game in which you are juggling five balls in the air. You can name them - Work, Family, Health, Friends, and Spirit - and you're keeping all of these in the air and you will soon understand that work is a rubber ball. If you drop it, it'll bounce back, but the other four balls - Family, Health, Friends and Spirit - are made of glass. If you drop one of these, they will be irrevocably scuffed, marked, nicked, damaged, or even shattered. They'll never be the same, and you must understand that and strive for the balance of your life."

"Don't give up when you still have something to give."

"Nothing is really over until you stop trying."

"The quickest way to receive lots of love is to give."

"The fastest way to lose love is to hold it too tightly."

"The best way to keep love is give it wings."

"Don't run through life so fast that you forget where you've been and where you are going."

"Don't forget that a person's greatest emotional need is to feel appreciated."

"Life is not a race but a journey to be savored each step of the way."

"Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, and today is a gift ... that 's why we call it the present."

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglass L. Yates

There are several annual activities that we participate in that will be upon us before long. These events mean a lot to all of us and we generally have a great show of support for these events. I want to take the remainder of my bulletin article to talk to you about these events and to make a request that you all participate (in whatever way you can).

First, please remember that *East Texas Christian Academy* will be having their dinner and auction on Saturday, February 28 at the Glenwood Family Life Center. The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. and the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m. This is a major fund-raising event for the school so let's all buy a ticket and support this great effort. For tickets, please see Gary Ables or me.

Second, let's remember all of the work that is being done to prepare our youth for their LTC convention in Dallas. Our classes on Wednesday evenings have been adjusted to

accommodate LTC. What a great training program this is! Our classes will resume their regular schedule as soon as LTC ends. During LTC those who are in the 3rd through 5th grade who are not participating will meet in the 3rd grade classroom on Wednesday evening. Those who are not participating who are in the 6th grade through 12th grade will meet in room 306 for a combined class. Let's support LTC by praying for its success and making sure that we encourage all participants and staff.

Third, please mark your calendar for our annual Summer Extravaganza (formerly VBS). This year's Summer Extravaganza will be June 7th - 9th. The committee is hard at work recruiting helpers/staff/etc. If you would like to be involved please drop by my office at your convenience and I'll let you know the various areas in which we need your help. The success of our Summer Extravaganza depends on the amount of involvement we get out of our membership. Please start praying for this effort right now. Please get involved. Please invite your friends/etc. By doing all of these things we will have a terrific time come June 7th-9th.

IN APPRECIATION

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Don McCune. Thanks so much to the West Erwin singers. They were wonderful. The meal the ladies fixed for us was delicious and fed the whole family and then about half as many again before heading back out of town. The flowers were beautiful, and the prayers are helping so much. Don sure did love everyone at West Erwin and I do too.

Love,

Carolyn & family

To our West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express our gratitude for all the cards, phone calls and visits during the trial and during my illness. I know the prayers said on our behalf made it possible to get through a very difficult time in our lives.

Maxine Ray & the family of

Kara Parker

Dear Brethren,

The last time I was in the hospital was in 1951 and I was just 5 years old. My attitude toward being in the hospital hasn't changed much over the last 52+ years - but my realization and understanding of brethren praying and caring for me has. Thanks for the prayers, food, cards, and phone calls during my recent illness.

Danny Craddock

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held in Mount Sylvan Sunday afternoon for Dr. Richard L. Capps, Doug Ragsdale's dad. Graveside services were held Monday for Lauree Hale, Laneva Beasley's aunt (sister of the late Myra Turner) and a long time member at West Erwin. Services were held Monday in Waldron, Arkansas for Elsie Stamps, Nancy Crawford's aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families in the loss of their loved ones.

**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
Glenda Gacilos
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
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Demecia Rogers
Jared Sebastian
Anthony Sessions
Robert Songer
Paul Stambaugh
Hank Trimble
Tim Wagner
Jordan C. White
Nathan Young

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Carthage Church of Christ, 1301 West Panola St., Carthage February 22-27 - Monday - Friday services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Foy Forehand from Hemphill, Texas is guest speaker
Theme: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ"

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Street, Longview
March 14-17 - Week night services at 7:00 p.m.

Ken Hope from the Centerville church in Garland preaching
Theme: "How To" For more information, call 903-236-0988
see bulletin board for details

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Larry and Jane Ground into the West Erwin family. They are the parents of Tim Grounds and we hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 911 Bama, Tyler, 75701, ph. 592-6616.

CONGRATULATIONS

Bill and Ruth Meazell celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on February 14. Edgar and Delle Bullard will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on February 19. John and Ruby Cliver will celebrate their 56th anniversary on February 21. We rejoice with these couples in the celebration of these happy milestones and wish them many more happy years together.

60th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Elvin and Bobbie Wilson invite you to share in the celebration of their parents' 60 years of marriage. There will be a card shower in their honor February 29, 2004 from 2 to 4 in the afternoon in their home at 128 Live Oak, Hereford, Texas.

NEW ADDRESS

Buddy & Dorothy Bell, 13731 Goldmark Dr. #1205, Dallas, 75240, ph. (214) 570-8008. We wish them well in their new home.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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Bible Class	388	417	406
Worship A.M.	590	580	621
Worship P.M.	355	383	378
Wed. P.M.	234	330	253
Contribution	\$23,512.72	\$17,351.18	\$17,521.91
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - **Danny Craddock** is recovering at home after a surgical procedure and pneumonia. **Debbie Baldwin** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Elmer Miles** got a good report after recent tests. **Gloria Thigpen** is undergoing treatment for spinal stenosis. **Patti Grounds** is recuperating following knee surgery. **Bill McCain** is undergoing radiation treatment. **Judy Smith** is having problems with an irregular heartbeat in connection with her breathing problems. **Cindy Lowrance**, Sam Lowrance's wife, had back surgery recently. **Curtis Buckley**, Marjorie Moriole's nephew, has a brain tumor and needs prayers due to the seriousness of the surgery. **Mina Mullins**, Jody Mullins' 2 week old niece, is in ICU. **Walter Battle**, Leah Moon's dad, is recovering after recent heart surgery. **Pete Weiss**, George Jones' boss, is in Good Shepherd Hospital in Longview after a heart attack. **Willis Vincent**, Vonnie Hamblett's dad, is in rehab after surgery on a broken hip. **Carla Haddock**, Bettie Thorne's daughter, will have surgery Feb. 19 in Dallas. **Margie Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister-in-law, is now in rehab, will have to learn to walk again. **Haley Wilburger**, friend of the Sublette's, is improved but still in the hospital. **Amy Kurtz**, granddaughter-in-law of Russell and Jean Thedford, is improving in Mother Frances. **Ranate Edwards**, friend of Carolyn McCune, had a double mastectomy last Tuesday.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Greg Jones
Scripture: Todd Kempton
Dismiss: Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
George Jones III
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Jerry Huff
Scripture: Roger Howell
Dismiss: Don Ingram

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jack Stringer: Ray Vannoy
Stuart Suggs: Greg Walker
James Sublette: Billy Terrell
Kevin Sustaire: Mark Sweeney

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Jamie Jordan
Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Jared Jordan
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Hugh & Glenda Mills

Pick up cards Feb. 15: Zack Skender, Sean Denman, Steven Figueroa, Spencer Shaw & Jeffrey Scarborough.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Feb. 15:
Nursery a.m.: Rhonda Haws; Nursery p.m.: Esther Wilson;
Toddlers a.m.: Donella Jackson; Toddlers p.m.: Donna Maples; 2's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps; 3's & 4's: Kenna Kempton & Tara Kilgore.

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

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I DIDN'T GO TO CHURCH LAST SUNDAY

Since I was a child the church has been an important part of my life. When I was growing up my mom and dad had the idea that when the church met we should be there. No matter if it was convenient or not; no matter if there were other things to do; no matter if I wanted to be there --if the church met, we were there. When I became an adult I raised my children by this same principle and as an adult I want to be in church. However, last Sunday I wasn't at church. I was sick, really, really sick. I can only remember one other time in the past twenty years that I have missed church because of illness. I love to go to church. I love being with my brothers and sisters. I love to sing and pray with the brethren. I love to give at church. I love to observe the Supper with the church. And then, of course, I love to study and teach the Word. I have things I want to preach in the future and I keep a file of things I hope to get to one day. However, on a week to week basis, I begin specific preparation for next Sunday's sermons on Monday morning. I work on those sermons as I can and hopefully

have them ready by Thursday. Then they are honed and refined until I preach them on Sunday. I love to study and to discover wonderful and exciting things to share with the church on Sundays. But, I didn't go to church last Sunday. I will spare you the details, but it was that flu that makes it hard to get your head off the pillow. The thought of food is repulsive. You feel totally washed out. So, I didn't go to church last Sunday ... and I missed it. I missed seeing the people. I missed the songs and prayers. I missed the Lord's Supper. I missed the contribution. I missed sharing the Word. It was the Lord's Day, but I wasn't where I should have been and I cried. Something important was missing all day. Going to church is a habit (the dictionary says a habit is something one practices often), but it's a good habit, and more than a habit. It's a part of who we are. Christians impoverish themselves when they choose to miss worship. I choose to be present. How about you?

"Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together"
- Hebrews 10:25 - Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

**Sermons for Sunday, February 15, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**10:00 A.M. - "God Still Speaks"
(Hebrews 1:1-3)**

**5:00 P.M. - "The Importance of Christian
Education"
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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* JUST THINKING...

This past Sunday night, Casey Culpepper shared with us some of his experiences in Iraq over the past year. It was a very emotional and moving evening. As I reflect on it, I am reminded how grateful I am for the men & women who have served in the military for the freedoms we have. Speaking of freedom, there is nothing better than the freedom from sin that we experience through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Everything else pales to that!

BIBLE QUIZ

We will have our next Bible Quiz on Monday, Feb. 23. We will have a practice session on Sunday, Feb. 22.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. We meet in our home in Whitehouse. Bring a friend.

LTC PRACTICE

We will be making the LTC Hotel reservations in the next 10 days. Please let me know if you need to change how many nights you committed to stay.

Be watching for details on practice dates and times.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights.

Drama will begin on Sunday, Feb. 22

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

Birds of a Feather

It's amazing how many clichés we have in our communication repertoire. In fact, it's nearly impossible for us to speak without using them. Have worn them out?

When I was knee-high to a grasshopper, we were so poor we couldn't pay attention. Since attitude determines altitude and the Lord helps those who help themselves, we picked ourselves up by our own bootstraps and made the best of a bad situation. Nobody promised us a rose garden not did we look at the world through rose-tinted glasses. We just grabbed the bull by the horns and turned lemons into lemonade. When the going gets tough, the tough get going, so we bit the bullet and did what had to be done. I wasn't exactly an Einstein in school because a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. Nevertheless, I paid, I paid my dues, saluted the flag, marched to the right drumbeat, hit the books, burned the midnight oil, and I got to

do the Pomp and Circumstance shuffle. All of life was ahead of me; I could reach for the stars, grab the golden ring, and climb every mountain. I had several life-changing events, the crowning moment of which was my decision to walk the walk and talk the talk of being a child of God. Now I preach the Word, keep the faith, let my light shine, give as I have prospered, pray for all those for whom it is my duty and privilege to pray for, and always remember that people don't care how much I know until they know how much I care. That's the whole enchilada, the whole nine yards, the nuts and bolts, from the word go, the big picture, the gory details, the bread and butter, meat and potatoes, and whole truth and nothing but the truth. And that's just the tip of the iceberg, or the hem of the garment, if you know what I mean.

Yet, there is nothing commonplace or trite about the tie that binds us together. It's a beautiful and powerful thing. It's a shared Lord, a shared faith, a shared hope, a shared salvation, a shared mission, and a shared destination. You just can't wear those words out!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We are so blessed at West Erwin to have so many dedicated teachers working in one way or another within our Bible school program. When you count them all up there are at least 120 who work in this capacity. Whether it is in our regular classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, whether in a specialized class that meets at a specific time other than Sunday morning and Wednesday evening, whether it's during our Summer Extravaganza program or during our Bible Hour time, we do have marvelous teachers who give of their time, energy and talent.

For this week's bulletin article I'd like to take a moment to focus in on our 3 Bible Hour programs. If you have had a child who has participated in these programs you know of the great benefit they are to the educational program of the church. Our kids have the opportunity of going over fascinating stories from both the Old and New Testament. *David Wicks* coordinates the

Tots for Christ program in the Heritage room each Sunday evening. He and his staff work diligently at this program and they are making an impact with our little ones. *Dale and Carolyn Blackstone* coordinate the *Bible Hour* class which is geared to those who are in kindergarten through 3rd grade. This class meets in the middle room above the main foyer. Dale and Carolyn do a fantastic job with this program. *Nancy Crawford* coordinates our *Kids For Christ* program which is for the 4th and 5th grades and it meets in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy is so active here at West Erwin. Practically every time I've asked her to do something for the educational program, even on the spur of the moment, she has said yes. Nancy also has had several terrific thoughts regarding ways in which we can improve our educational program. It's people like David, Dale, Carolyn and Nancy that makes the educational program here at West Erwin run so smoothly. I am indebted to them and I hope they know just how much we appreciate them and their work. During your prayer time this week ask God to bless these individuals as well as our children's Bible Hour programs.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

At a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Thank you for your prayers and your expressions of love - we will always remember that. Jay's message touched my heart and the music was wonderful. The flowers were beautiful. Thanks to all the ladies who served lunch to our family and thanks to all who brought food to the house. The empty chair and the quiet house is hard to deal with but I have close memories to comfort me. George was a good Christian man.

With love,
Ruth Hearne & Family

I would like to thank the elders and members of West Erwin for their help in funding my Spring break campaign. Your help is deeply appreciated as I look forward to helping with the youth rally and VBS. Please continue to pray for us and the Lord's work in Orlando.

In Christian Love,
Melanie Goodson

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held at Rose Hill Cemetery Friday for Jack Miller, Susan Steffee's dad. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Odie and Dolores Kennedy on the birth of a new granddaughter! Jessica Beth was born February 4 in Tampa, Florida to Joe and Lillibeth Kennedy. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 18 ¼ inches long. Lea Anne and Toby are proud aunt and uncle.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachael Blackstone on being selected as teacher of the year at Douglas Elementary School.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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

Debbie Baldwin and Suzanne Linseisen both came Sunday to request the prayers of their church family as they deal with difficult times in their lives.

GOD'S PROMISES

God hath not promised skies always blue.
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.
- author unknown

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Ronald Sills Family, 1114 East 6th, 75701
Paul & Signa Stanley, 2020 South High, Brady, TX 76825

SMALL GROUPS MEET SUNDAY, FEB. 15, after the evening worship assembly. If you're not part of a small group and would like to be, please call Don Crawford at 903-592-0809.

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE" ... is being presented in scripture and song by the ladies of the Daingerfield Church of Christ. The performance, followed by a luncheon, will be held Saturday, February 21 at 11 a.m. at the Broadway Church of Christ. Please come and bring your friends. The cost will be \$5.00 per person. Please RSVP to Sandra at 561-8314 or 520-8376 so that we can know how many to expect for the luncheon.

"What you are becoming is more important than what you are accomplishing."

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GOSPEL MEETING

Carthage Church of Christ, 1301 West Panola St., Carthage
February 22-27 - Monday - Friday services will be at 7:00 p.m.
Foy Forehand from Hemphill, Texas will be guest speaker
Theme: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ"

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Worship A.M.	580	648	624
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Wed. P.M.	330	341	294
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Information Hot-Line ph. 534-4462

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

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THE OLD FOGIES

Can you remember when the "Baby Boomers," those born between 1946 and 1964, came on the scene? They had some definite ideas and they challenged the establishment -- everything from authority of every kind to institutions (schools, government, religion) to parents. In their idealism many of them dropped out of society, but most of them are back now and are parents, business leaders, and are going to church. They are at least in their 40's and the older group is approaching retirement age. Now the generation that followed them (actually two generations known as the "Busters" and the X'ers) view the "Boomers" and the "Boomer's" parents as the older generation and the "Old Fogies." The dictionary says that a "fogie" is "an old fashioned person." If by old fashioned one means one who believes in honesty, integrity, morality, ethics, and Scripture, that's not all bad. What do those born before 1964, affectionately referred to here as the "Old Fogies" mean to the church? They are the ones who:

4. Provided the leadership that brought healthy congregations to the 21st century
5. Taught the classes when facilities and helpful aids had much to be desired
6. Held things together when they might have fallen apart.
7. Even yet bear most of the financial burden of the church.
8. Want to avoid extremes and follow the Scriptures in matters of faith and practice
9. Provide wisdom and experience that only comes with age.
10. Love the Lord, His church, the Truth, and their children and grandchildren.

Churches cannot grow and prosper without young families and we are grateful for young marrieds and that we have kids everywhere. We are a family and children friendly church. However, the young and old alike should remember that we owe much to those who have blazed the trails and shown the way in the past and, many of whom, still contribute much to the welfare of the church. Here's a salute to the "Old Fogies" from one of you.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, February 8, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

JUST THINKING...

A bunch of us watched the Super Bowl this past Sunday night. It was one of the most exciting football games in years. However, we ended up seeing more than we bargained for. As I have had a chance to sit back and reflect on the half time show, I am even more upset than I was that night. It seems the media has once again taken advantage of our "being glued" to the TV. Accidental or not, too many innocent eyes were watching to take it lightly. I for one intend for that to be the last Super Bowl Half Time I watch. (Someone please remind me of that next year!) Maybe if enough people were to say "That's it" the media might start to get it. Obviously, many of the viewers are outraged. Let's not forget to stand for what's right and speak out on this matter. Let your voice be heard by CBS and the others involved. Your single voice does matter and so does our collective voice!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Benevolent Center News

Last Thursday we served 52 families through the Benevolent Center. A special thanks to all the volunteers who help box and distribute food and clothing and do the many chores it takes to have a successful center. You are all very appreciated.

World Bible School News

WBS is climbing to new heights via the use of the internet. Internet teachers now have more than 50,000 students enrolled. WBS is mission work. It is

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I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

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evangelism where you don't go to find someone to teach, but God brings them to you. This could be the ultimate vehicle for your own missionary journey. You can read some of the comments that are posted on the internet teacher's website at <http://teachers.wbschool.net/stats/comments.cfm>, or for more information on how to get involved visit www.wbschool.net. You can make a difference!

West Erwin's own Reba Sorrells has been heavily involved in WBS for years. She would be happy to share some of her success stories.

non-profit institution. There are certain things that are always needed. The first item is your prayers. Please include the academy in your prayers as often as you remember. God will bless us if you will do this. Of course, we are also in need financially. To those who have given in the past, please continue to do so because you are making a difference with the students at E.T.C.A. To the rest, let me challenge you to make a financial contribution to the school. If enough people would do this then we could begin to turn the corner financially and be heading in a more positive direction. It is a simple thing to do. Just send a check (whatever amount you feel comfortable with) to E.T.C.A., 1797 Shiloh Road, Tyler, Texas 75703. There is yet one additional way that you can help. On February 28th E.T.C.A. will host their annual dinner and auction. The dinner will be catered by James Lancaster of Hickory Fare. The auction will include a host of items in the silent auction as well as the live auction. Please see me or Gary Ables for details regarding this major fundraiser for the school. If you attend this event and if you purchase an item, you will aid us in reaching even more children from our community. Let's support the school.

IN APPRECIATION

Many thanks to all of you who made calls, sent cards in Roland's memory - especially to Roy Bench who conducted his service - an excellent job was made by him. You're still our family and I appreciate each of you. Hope you know how much your thoughtfulness is appreciated. Sincerely,

Joy Coats & Family

Your visits, calls, beautiful cards, and especially prayers, during my hospital stay and rehab therapy were encouraging and appreciated while I was ill. I'm making progress and hope to be well soon. Thank you for your concern and thoughtfulness.

God bless,

Bob May

Dear Brethren:

I can not find words to express adequately my appreciation for your response to my recent surgery. Esther and I feel so blessed to be a part of such a loving family. We love you dearly.

Ira Wilson

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to John and Susan Steffee on the birth of a new granddaughter! Eliza Claire Bellomy was born January 29 in Houston to Charles and Michelle Bellomy. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Roy and Fern Bench have a new great granddaughter! Kyli Paige Moorehead was born February 2 to Wes and Lois Moorehead. She weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and is 18 1/2 inches long. They live in Jasper, Texas.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday in Crockett for Ruby Rice, Opal Mathews' sister. We were saddened to learn of the death of Don McCune on Sunday. Don and Carolyn have been members of the West Erwin family since 1995. Don's spiritual heart remained strong through a long and courageous battle with physical ills. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Troy and Suzanne Gailey and their children Meagan (age 8) and Jared (age 4) into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset to the work of the Lord at this place. Their address is 118 Cedar Lane, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-1991.

ATTITUDE ...is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstance, than what other people think or do. The remarkable thing is that we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. - copied

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"Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something, and if everybody does something, everything will get done."

TISD TOUR DAY - February 10, 2004

Showcasing all TISD Elementary and Secondary schools
Realizing that parents in Tyler have choices as to their child's education and must make decisions early in the calendar year, TISD Tour Day will provide parents and community members a great opportunity to visit schools and get an "up close and personal" look at the quality instructional programs in the district.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

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Cora Speer - guest speaker

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March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00

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Bible Class	454	425	393
Worship A.M.	648	619	541
Worship P.M.	420	397	328
Wed. P.M.	341	353	285
Contribution	\$21,431.32	\$18,798.89	\$17,102.09
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 1, & Wednesday, Feb. 4: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Ira Wilson had additional surgery on his arm Monday. **Patti Grounds** had knee surgery Thursday. **Jack Stringer** is being treated with medication. **Buddy Bell** had cataract surgery Tuesday. **Bill Endsley** is in the Clairmont after a procedure on his back last Wednesday. **Warren Gray, Sam Lowrance, Bob May, Maxine Ray, Don McCune, and Odell Sessions** are all recuperating at home. **Bill McCain** is undergoing radiation treatment. **Joan Zimmerman**, Joan Harlak's daughter, is hospitalized in New Jersey with Crohne's disease. **Haley Wilburger**, friend of the Sublettes, is ill with a viral infection. **Margie Thomas**, Connie Sublette's sister-in-law, was injured in a recent car accident. **Amy Kurtz**, granddaughter-in-law of Russell and Jean Thedford, is improving in Mother Frances following serious complications after childbirth. **Jeanette Bau**, Peggy Monroe's cousin, is in ETMC due to complications after bypass surgery. Continue to remember **Gene Adams**, Tony Adam's brother, **Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mozelle Brown, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Leslie Carruth**, Les's dad, **Faber & Kathryn Cauthen, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Jean Dees, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Mary Evelyn Grier, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Merle Lane, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Daisy Old, & Belinda Berryman Smith.**

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Prayer Jeff Fennell
Scripture Josh Price
Dismiss Nathan Grounds

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Bill Smith Kyle Stowers
Dennis Stansbury John Steffee
Dannie Skipper Glynn Starnes
Bobby Snyder Charles Starr

GREETERS

Ray & Carolyn Womack & Nathan Grounds
Heath & Kandi Adams & Hannah Grounds
Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Jordan Lyons
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Maggie Craddock

Pick up cards Feb. 1: Connor Clark, Casey McClenny, Carter Blackstone, Ryan Haws, & George Richardson.

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THE CHALLENGE

Last Sunday morning **Leon Welborn**, one of our elders, presented our work program for 2004 and with it a challenge that all of us will want to accept. Using our theme for this year, "Seeking the Heart of God," based upon God's evaluation of David, "I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will do my will" (Acts 13:22), and David's charge to Solomon, "Know the God of your father, and serve Him with a whole heart and a willing mind ... if you seek Him, He will let you find Him ... be courageous and act" (I Chronicles 28:9-10), Leon challenged the church to fulfill our plans for the new year. Our plans are big. Having paid off our indebtedness with your generous contribution near the end of 2003, we are ready to launch into a building program that calls for a new benevolent building as well as renovations and additions to our present facilities in

order to provide better classroom space for our adults and children. Additionally, we have begun a new mission outreach in Pennsylvania with **Keith Hodges** that promises to be most successful (Keith Hodges will be at West Erwin on February 22). These are exciting times for this church and we eagerly anticipate what God will do in us and through us in 2004. As we think of the challenge, please mark your calendar now: March 28-31. These will be four wonderful days as **John Dale** from Murray, Kentucky will be with us for a time of spiritual renewal, growth, and outreach. These four days will benefit us greatly as we fulfill our 2004 theme of "Seeking the Heart of God." John was given an enthusiastic reception when he was here a few years ago and we anticipate his coming. Be involved in all aspects of our work in 2004!

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, February 1, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "The Pillar And Ground Of Truth"
(I Timothy 3:14-15)

**5:00 P.M. - "Building Better Relationships: What
Most Teens Wish They Had"**
(I Timothy 4:12-16)

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Join us each week for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:30-8:30 each Thursday night. We meet in our home in Whitehouse. Bring a friend.

SERVANT RETREAT

Thanks to all of our teens who went on the retreat this past weekend. There were about 150 folks there from 10 churches. It was a very "Enlightening" weekend. Thanks to Lisa Snell for going as a sponsor.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the Super Bowl Party on Feb. 1. We will meet after church in the FLC and watch the game together. Bring a finger food (snacks). Parents can pick up your teens when the game is over.

LTC PRACTICE

Be watching for details on practice dates and times. Chorus will meet On Sunday, Feb. 1 @ 4:00. Video Bible Drama will meet all day on Sunday, Feb. 1 to tape. You must be present for this. Lunch will be provided.

Puppets will begin meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 4. Service Challenge hours & projects sheets need to be turned in by Sunday to check your progress.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1	Super Bowl Party
Feb. 8	Middle School Devotional
Feb. 23 & Mar. 22	Bible Quiz
Mar. 1	West Erwin Hosts the Karing Kitchen
Apr. 9-11	LTC
June 1-4	Middle School Madness
June 13-19	BackCountry Trek
July 1-10	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-28	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

The Purpose Driven Church

Two scriptures determine the entire purpose of the Lord's church: The Great Commandment (Matt. 22:37-40) and The Great Commission (Matt. 28:18). Whether the congregation is 20 or 20,000 the purpose remains the same.

The Great Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind ... Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

The Great Commission

"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

Every church then needs three characteristics to be empowered by God. First, a spirit of faith. We must believe that anything God has instructed us to do is possible and that He will empower our work (Eph. 1:20-21; 3:20). Second, a spirit of bigness. Draw no boundaries. Put no limits on the possibilities. Our God can do all things (Phil. 4:13). Third, a spirit of Commitment. Commit to follow through with everything the Lord says is necessary to finish His work (Lk. 12:50).

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglass L. Yates

It is interesting to me that during this time of the political season we hear so many candidates suddenly start talking about this country being founded on Christian principles. It is true we surely were founded on Christian principles. It is a shame that we so often forget that fact. Not only do some of our politicians seem to remember this only when votes are at stake, but more and more people seem to be somewhat boastful in their attacks against our country being founded on Christian principles. Some will go so far as to claim that since the founders of this country are long since gone it is impossible for the citizens of this great country today to know exactly what our founders meant when they used phrases like "In God We Trust." Even though I may not be a great history buff, I can give a two word rebuttal to those who say, "we can't know what our founders meant when they said, 'In God We Trust.'" The two word response is "Laus Deo." Those two words appear on the aluminum cap which sits atop the Washington Monument. You have to be outside and at

the top of the monument to see these words and that's 555' straight up. *Laus Deo* means *Praise Be To God*. Those words were placed on top of the monument after construction ended. So strong was our conviction that God was with us that even on our monuments we paid tribute to Him. If you remember the story in the book of Genesis regarding the building of the tower by the people of Shinar, you will recall the purpose of the building of that structure. The Bible says that the people of Shinar said, "Let us build a ... tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make a name for ourselves ..." After reading that and then comparing the attitude of the people of Shinar to the trouble that the leadership of this country went to in order to put the phrase "Praise Be To God" on the Washington Monument, is there anyone who could say that you really can't determine exactly what our founders meant when they used phrases like "In God We Trust?" If this illustration doesn't convince you that we were founded on Christian principles then perhaps you should continue to compare the people of Shinar with our country. They became a divided and scattered people and we became the "United" States. "Hmm. I wonder why?"

IN APPRECIATION



Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

We praise God for bringing us into 2004. It is hard to believe that you prayerfully sent us to France 10 years ago. Time goes by so quickly. After our time in France, you helped us move into work in Togo. God has done so much here over the years through your cooperation in the Spirit. Thank you for playing such a vital role in our work. We also want to thank you for blessing our family at Christmas with your wonderful gift.

On behalf of our family and the Togolese,
Jeff and Brenda Hollland

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the poinsettia. Your thoughtfulness, kindness and prayers during this time meant so much.

The Frick Family

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 God's grace, I will do.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PREVIEW NIGHT

Potential new students are invited to join teachers, parents, and students of ETCA for questions and tours of the school on Tuesday, February 3, 2004. The event will be "come and go" from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. At 1797 Shiloh Road (corner of Shiloh and Paluxy). There will be information available about athletics, academics, fine arts, and enrollment lists. Call Kerri Alexander for more information at 903-561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

NEW ARRIVALS

Morris and Cathy Hallman have a new granddaughter! Emma Grace Kindred was born January 22 (on her mother's birthday) in Irvine, California to Chris and Leigh Anne Kindred. She weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. and was 19 inches long. Doris Neal is the great grandmother!

Congratulations to Shannon and Lacey O'Bryan on the birth of a baby daughter! Katherine Elizabeth was born January 24. She weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Sarah and Steven are big sister and brother.

Clelia Faye Elliott has a new great grandson! Jackson Thomas Elliott was born in Allen, Texas in December to Darren and Jennifer Elliott. Congratulations to all on these happy events!

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McClenny announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Leigh Ann McClenny to Adam Parker. The wedding is scheduled for June 5, 2004.

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"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

ATTENTION LADIES: All ladies are invited to meet in the Heritage room on Wednesdays February 4 and March 3 from 6:15 - 6:50 to learn some new songs for our Ladies Inspiration Day coming up in March.

"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 Adams

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?"

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Barry Scarborough Dan Richardson
Doug Ragsdale Chris Reynolds
Michael Ragsdale Buddy Ray

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David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks
Bill & Judy Wilmeth & Patrick Garrett
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COMING, GOING AND STAYING

According to the students of church growth about 80% of those who attend a church do so because someone invited them. This is a powerful testimony to the importance of asking people to attend church with you. You may invite ten people and find that none of them come with you, but if you keep inviting you will establish a ratio -- a certain percentage of those you invite will come. After having attended a church a few times, why do people stay? A variety of answers have been given: the teaching or doctrine of the church, the friendliness of the members, children's programs, worship styles, and involvement are some of the answers we have heard. After attending a church for a long or short period of time, why do some leave? A few trivial answers have been given: some never feel as though they are a vital part of the church; some have their feelings hurt by someone; some don't get their way; some simply get upset about something. More serious reasons people leave a church include changes in the biblical stance of the church,

changes in the leadership and direction of the church, and practices that violate their consciences. No church can completely satisfy everyone. In matters of opinion or judgment, the leadership must be trusted and the individual member needs to be tolerant. In matters of faith (things clearly taught in Scripture) churches and individuals need to respect the Word of God, whether the matter under consideration is necessary, permitted, prohibited by the precepts or silence of Scripture, or yes, even by expediency. Leaders in the church must not allow what God prohibits, forbid what God allows, or practice what is not expedient (helpful) for the church. Here's the conclusion: we need to invite people to church; we need to warmly welcome those who come; we need to be positive and enthusiastic about what we do; we need to involve people; and above all we need to honor the Lord and the authority of His Word in everything. When these things are done people will come and most of those who come will stay.

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, January 18, 2004
by Leon Welborn & Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "The Challenge"
(I Chronicles 28:8-9)
5:00 P.M. - "Building Better Relationships: Guess
Who's Teaching Your Kids"
(Deuteronomy 6:1-9) Dr. Jay Lockhart

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SERVANT RETREAT

This weekend, about 25 of us from West Erwin will be attending the Servant Retreat in Lone Star. We will return Sunday morning. Please pray for our safety & spiritual growth.

LTC

If you need to make any changes in your LTC involvement, please do so ASAP. We are beginning work on the scripts and need to know exactly who is going to participate. If you have any questions, contact Danny.

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

Luke 6:36 - 38 says, "Be merciful, just as you Father is merciful. Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

What an incredible proposition! Want love? Give love. Want mercy? Give mercy. Want Acceptance? Give acceptance. Want to judge? Get ready to be judged. Want to escape judgment? Don't judge at

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

Here at West Erwin we have two teacher training programs that we are involved in: (1) A.P.E.X. (which is a four week course that we provide for our teachers annually), and (2) S.T.E.P. (which is an ongoing program in which one of our teachers will take a potential teacher under his/her wing and nurture them into eventually taking on that responsibility on a full time basis). Both of these programs are so effective. We have added numerous teachers over the last 3 years because of these two programs and I couldn't even begin to tell you what a difference this has made in our Bible School program.

One of our teachers who has put a lot of time and energy into training teachers is *Danny Craddock*. Danny was involved in mentoring *Brody Clark* and *Todd Hancock*. Now, both Brody and Todd are full time teachers in our Bible School program. They are doing an outstanding job and I hear a lot of compliments regarding them from their students. A great big

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all. It's justice for all; condemnation for all; mercy for all; a cross and an empty tomb for all. This only leaves us with faithfulness -- the one ongoing quality God asks of us.

Five Simple Rules to be Happy

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD

Acts 13:22

thank you goes to *Danny Craddock* for his participation in our S.T.E.P. training ministry.

If you are interested in being a part of this program, please let me know and we will work you into it at a slow and steady pace. We are always in need of new teachers but we also realize that many of you who might want to teach one day would really like to be phased into rather than plunged into it. So drop me a line or call me and let me know of your interest. We will work you into this ministry and not only will the kingdom grow but you will grow also.

We have really started off the new year in a fantastic way here at West Erwin. Our Bible classes are forging ahead and we are covering a multitude of fantastic topics. Thanks for being a part of this ministry. I really believe that there is not a better way to spend an hour of your time than for you to be present here at the building at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. So, to those who are regular in attendance, thanks so much for being a part of a growing Bible School ministry. To everyone else, it's not too late to make a commitment and to be present. You won't regret it.

IN APPRECIATION



To our West Erwin family,

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers and words of comfort after the tragic deaths of our cousins, Bill and Murel Meazell. We love you all.

Bill & Ruth Meazell

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Ruth Dodson.

Carol Armstrong

Sue Ealy

The Rafael Falcon family would like to thank their West Erwin family for the generous gift of money sent to them during the holidays. It was put to good use and we want you to know how much we appreciate your remembering us in such a nice way.

The old song of yesterday "No Place Like Home" is very true. For a church home there is no place like West Erwin. Thanks so much for your love to Kathryn and myself, for the cards, calls, the food, the notes on my pillow, and especially your prayers. Thanks to Jay for his visits and prayers and to Leon Welborn. Thanks to all for the hugs, handshakes and kisses on the cheek. Thanks to the ones filling in my place with the *Lunch Bunch*. I love and miss the family very much. I hope to be back with you soon.

In Christian Love,
Faber Cauthen

WITH SYMPATHY

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50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bob and Rebecca Center on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 16. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY PREVIEW NIGHT

Potential new students are invited to join teachers, parents, and students of ETCA for questions and tours of the school on Tuesday, February 3, 2004. The event will be "come and go" from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. At 1797 Shiloh Road (corner of Shiloh and Paluxy). There will be information available about athletics, academics, fine arts, and enrollment lists. Call Kerri Alexander for more information at 903-561-9582 or e-mail at kalexander@etca.org.

BAPTIZED

We rejoice with **Sam Lowrance** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday after studying with Doug Yates. Sam had successful surgery Thursday in Dallas but will be recuperating for awhile. He and his wife live at 508 East Hubbard, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8762.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Jody Mullins came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. She requests the prayers of the church that she might be a woman of God. She is a school teacher and comes to us from the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens. Her address is 322 Chimney Rock #407, 75703, ph. 509-1247.

Joe Anders also came Sunday to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. He is a student at Tyler Junior College and comes to us from the Pine Tree church in Longview. His phone number is (903) 746-5245.

We are very pleased to welcome these new family members. We pray that we will be an encouragement to them and that they will help us in our efforts to serve the Lord.

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makes your own cares disappear.
The gift that you make for others,
your one greatest gift shall be.
The prayer that you make for others
will be the best prayer ever for thee.
- author unknown

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

"Renew My Heart"

Cora Speer - guest speaker

Family Life Center

March 20, 2004, 8:30 - 1:00

Childcare provided

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Worship A.M.	676	648	653
Worship P.M.	438	412	326
Wed. P.M.	335	NS	302
Contribution	\$22,414.50	\$23,471.30	\$16,297.81
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PRAYER AND CARE - Warren Gray is in ETMC. Don McCune is now at home. Bob May & Maxine Ray are both in ETMC Rehab. Holley Kiker, little daughter of Terry and Melanie, is in Children's Hospital in Dallas for more tests. Bill McCain is undergoing radiation treatment. Roland Coats, former W.E. member, is very ill. Marge Gordon, Ernie Gordon's mother, is at home after recent bypass surgery. L.T. Murry, Jon & Dan's dad, is in ETMC. Continue to remember Gene Adams, Tony Adam's brother, Leon Anderson, friend of Cathy Scroggins, Lamern Bailey, Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Chris Bridges, friend of the Rachuis, Mozelle Brown, Edgar & Delle Bullard, Leslie Carruth, Les's dad, Faber Cauthen, Chloe Clark, Zona Crone, Wini Cullinan, Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, Brandon Davis, Kathy Waggener's son, Jean Dees, Bill Endsley, Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, Mary Evelyn Grier, Leona Hardin, Jimmie Harris, Modena Jones, Joan Jordan, Merle Lane, David Lingo (Doris Kennedy's nephew), Clois McCarty, Johnnie Stringer's sister, Shirley McClenny, Charles McCoy, Penny & Wade McDonald, Jack Miller (Susan Steffee's dad), Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin, Daisy Old, Marilyn Renick, Kristi Harris' mother, Albert Rocha, Henry McRuiz's nephew, Derek Phillips, friend of Amy Estes & Belinda Berryman Smith. Bridget Tarry, Cyndie Wagner's boss' daughter, Pattie Tate, & Harley Turner.

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Barry Scarborough Dan Richardson
Doug Ragsdale Chris Reynolds
Michael Ragsdale Buddy Ray

GREETERS

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Billy & Lynda Terrell & Lauren Florence
Greg & Cyndie Wagner & Meghan Wagner
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SEARCHING FOR IDENTITY

We have all heard of people who made some drastic change in their lives like dropping out of school or quitting their jobs or leaving their families or running away from home in order to "find themselves." People like these felt overwhelmed by life so, instead of being mature, facing their responsibilities, and working through their problems, they simply dropped out. Never mind who is hurt, what havoc is left in the wake of irresponsibility, or how mistaken their thinking may be, they have to "find themselves." Are they successful? Hardly. Do they become responsible, balanced, and productive people? Seldom. Could they have known who they were without taking such extreme actions? Definitely. There is nothing that gives us a sense of identity more than opportunity accepted; responsibility met, and the development of a servant's heart. People do not need to "find themselves" so much as they need to get out of themselves and do the right thing. We often hear that a church is "searching for his identity." What does this mean? It means a

congregation has lost its direction, its meaning, its purpose. Why does this happen? Could it be that a church looking for its identity has left its mooring, has abandoned its guiding star, has turned away from its ancient calling? As an individual follower of Christ, I know who I am because in following the New Testament pattern set forth in the Book of Acts as to how people responded to the gospel in the first century I became what they became -- only a Christian, added by the Lord to His church. Congregationally we know who we are because we ask ourselves what the church was like in the purpose and plan of God set forth in the New Testament and we seek to be just that -- the church Jesus said He would build. If we are Christians only and members of Jesus' church only, why would we be seeking our identity unless we are seeking to become more or less than first century Christians were or the church, the pattern for which is in the New Testament, was?

- Jay Lockhart



**"Seeking The Heart
Of God"**

Acts 13:22

Sermons for Sunday, January 18, 2004
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. - "The Three Wise Women"
(Proverbs 31:10-12, 25-30)

**5:00 P.M. - "Building Better Relationships:
Siblings"**
(Proverbs 22:1-6)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

Join us each for our High School Bible Study. We meet from 7:00-8:00 each Thursday night. We meet in our home in Whitehouse. Bring a friend.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We had a great turnout and served 85 people. Please continue to pray for this ministry.

SERVANT RETREAT

The deadline for signing up for the high school Servant Retreat is this Sunday. Please bring your \$35 by Wednesday night.

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COMMUNITY

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WHY WAS SODOM DESTROYED?

Most sermons I've heard over the years point to a city whose sexual behaviors were totally out of control. So we have used the city of Sodom in preaching against such behavior. Yet, not wishing to condone the city of Sodom for her immorality the Bible says she was destroyed for other reasons. Reasons that surprise you. Ezekiel 16:49-50 says, "Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed, and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy. They were haughty and did detestable things before

me. Therefore I did away with them as you have seen."

In seeking the heart of God we would do well to share the wealth we've been given. Our God is a God of compassion and mercy. He has a great concern for the poor and needy. He hates arrogance and haughtiness. Therefore, let us never give up doing good so that may humbly seek the heart of our Creator. Let us always show compassion and mercy to all. Remembering, if there had been just a few people in the city of Sodom who sought the heart of God, then it would never have been destroyed.

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name of Christ in our public schools could bring severe criticism and possible legal action from our court system against us. Is it supposed to be this way? Well, all these questions are rhetorical questions and as Christians we understand that God never intended for us to drift as far away from common sense as some of our "learned" citizens of this great country would have us to drift. And yet all of us would agree that we have drifted far away from the solid principles that this great nation was founded on. I am not as concerned with the direction that this country is heading as I am with the direction the church seems to be heading. Matters of faith that we once held close to our hearts have been flayed away from us by some of our "learned" brethren. Things that we were taught from our childhood as foundational blocks within the church are now laughed at and scoffed at by these "learned" brethren. Surely, if we would just take a moment to dig deep into the Word of God whenever we are confronted with these issues we could quickly surmise (just as Joshua did), "Choose you this day whom you will serve ... But as for me and my household we will serve the Lord," because it really isn't supposed to be this way.

LTC

If you need to make any changes in your LTC involvement, please do so ASAP. We are beginning work on the scripts and need to know exactly who is going to participate. If you have any questions, contact Danny.

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Dear family at West Erwin,

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In Christian love,
Shirley McClenny

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Roy and Fern Bench on the arrival of a new great grandson! Zachary Largent was born January 1 in Henderson to Brandon and Nicole Largent. He weighed 7 lb. and was 20 inches long. McKinlee Ra Bailey was born January 9 to Lance and Tracy Bailey. She weighed 7 lb. 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Glynn and Fran Starnes are the proud grandparents and Sue Starnes is the great grandmother.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Marshall for Nell Lawrence, David Hammond's grandmother. Services were held Sunday at Preston Hollow Presbyterian church in Dallas for B.J. Thomas, brother of Clelia Faye Elliott. Services were held Saturday at the Beltline Church of Christ in Irving for Ruth Dodson, sister of Carol Armstrong and Sue Ealy. Burial was in Gilmer. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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TEACHER NEEDED

The West Erwin Playschool is in need of a teacher in their preschool program. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for infants through pre-k. If you love children, please call Terry Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

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The prayer that you make for others
will be the best prayer ever for thee!

- author unknown

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We are delighted to welcome Shannon and Lacey O'Bryan and their two children, Sarah (4) and Stephen (2). They are also expecting a baby later this month and after her maternity leave is over they need someone to keep their newborn until school is out. They both teach at ETCA so they would need childcare from about 7:30 a.m. until around 2:00 p.m. for about 6 to 8 weeks. Their address is 407 Perryman Road, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8343.

We are also very pleased to welcome Stephanie Ruddell back home to West Erwin. She is the daughter of Sherryl Miles and the granddaughter of Velma Lemons and "grew up at West Erwin." She and her husband, Jeff, live at 908 West Houston, 75702.

RESPONSE

Derrick Bradley came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for strength to get his life on track and to live as God would have him live. Derrick lives in Longview at 2320 S 12th, 75602, ph. 753-1294 and is the godson of our George Jones.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class has resumed their Bible study at 10:00 each Wednesday morning in the Heritage room. Fern Bench is leading a study called, "Let Me Introduce You To My Father," a study of the nature of God.

WHAT MONEY CAN BUY

Money will buy:
a bed but not sleep,
Books but not brains,
food but not appetite,
finery but not beauty,
a house but not a home,
medicine but not health,
luxuries but not culture,
amusements but not happiness,
a crucifix but not a Savior,
a church pew but not heaven.
What money cannot buy:
Jesus Christ can give
freely without charge.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

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I have a rabbit that enjoys my back yard. His name is Barney and he just has the time of his life laying around and eating everything in sight. When I'm out in the back yard he will hop over to me and sit right at my feet. My mixed breed dog (Lucky) lets Barney hop right up to him and lay right beside him. To me this seems strange because I know it's not supposed to be this way. Rabbits are generally afraid of people as well as dogs. You'd think that Barney would stay far away from both of us.

There are also a lot of things that happen in life that seem strange to me. Sometimes those events leave me scratching my head and asking myself, "Is this the way this is supposed to happen?" For example, are we really supposed to leave "one nation under God" out of the pledge? Whenever we eat in a public restaurant should we not say a prayer in order to avoid making someone who is seated nearby us not feel uncomfortable. And what about the fact that we are told that even mentioning the

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Jimmie Philpot Ryan Pool
Marc Philpot Billy Pool
John Pace Stan Perkins

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Fred & Sara Powell & Dru Dawkins
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Tyler DuVall
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Austin Fisher
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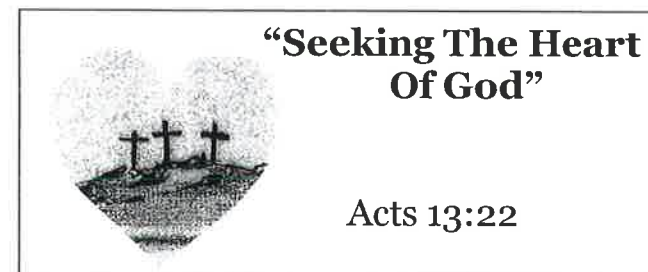
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We started off the new year in a great way and the blessings of God are abundant. As is noted elsewhere in this publication, we had very good attendance at all services -- 452 in Bible classes, 648 in morning worship, and 412 present at 5:00 p.m. We gave \$23,471.30, and witnessed the baptism of Callyn Snyder, and welcomed Paul and Joann Hancock and Derrick Bradley into our church family. It was announced that as of January 1, 2004 we had 425 members and 950 adherents. During 2003 we had 107 new people come to us by baptism, by membership, and as children of new members. Last year was a good year for us and the new year has started out in a very strong way. Also, last Sunday morning we announced our theme for 2004 as "Seeking the Heart of

God" based on God's description of David as "a man after my own heart, who will do all my will" (Acts 13:22). In our study times Sunday morning and evening we explored ways in which David possessed the heart of God. Our purpose was to demonstrate how we may be people who possess the heart of God as well. There was a spirit of excitement and expectation throughout the day on Sunday and, hopefully, that spirit will be seen throughout the new year. As we enter 2004 it is a good time for self-evaluation, a good time for resolution, and a good time to deepen our commitment to Christ and the church. So, as you continue your spiritual journey and your growth in becoming more like Christ, happy new year!

- Jay Lockhart



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The ACLU jumped on the opportunity. The case was quickly brought before a judge who after listening to the passionate presentation by the ACLU representative, promptly banged his gavel and said "case dismissed!"

The ACLU lawyer stood up and objected to the ruling and said, "Your Honor, how can you dismiss this case? Surely the Christians have Christmas, Easter and many other observances. And the Jews have Yom Kipper and Hanukkah and my client and all other atheists have no such holiday!"

The judge leaned back in his chair and simply said, "Obviously your client is too confused to know about, or for that matter even celebrate, the atheists holiday!"

The ACLU lawyer pompously said, "We are aware of no such holiday for the atheists — just when might that be?"

The judge said, "April 1st. The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" (Ps. 14:1; 53:1).

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Periodically people come into my office and look at my desk and say, "Doug, you sure look organized." I take that as a compliment. At other times people have come into my office, looked at my desk and said, "Doug, you look too organized." I take that as a cut. True organization isn't about what you do with your stuff but rather it's about how you can make your stuff work for you in the most productive way. What appears to one person as messy may actually be organized to serve another person. Some people accept and even enjoy a certain amount of visual chaos because it makes them feel comfortable and creative. The danger is in allowing this chaos to gain control. It is possible to have too much stuff. There has to be an organizational balance in order to be both efficient and effective in your work. If someone can properly develop organizational skills they will find things when they need them, they will free up some of their time, and they will even be able to increase their energy level to tackle new projects. Remember, being organized is not only determined by

what you do with your stuff but how you can make your stuff work for you.

With this in mind let me ask you a question.: "If you were better organized, could you find the time to be involved in one additional ministry at church?" Or how about this: "If you were better organized, do you think it would free up some time to spend with your family?" Or let me give you just one more: "If you were better organized, do you think that it would make it easier for you to attend our Bible school program at church?" You might be thinking, "Why did Doug add that one to the list?" The reason I threw this one in is because so often I say to a person, "I missed you in Bible class today," their response is, "If you would have been at my house this morning you'd know why I couldn't make it to class. My house was a mad house this morning." Maybe if we were more organized we could put an end to such and excuse as this one. Let me make the following suggestion: go on line to Hewlett Packard Learning Center and register for a free class entitled: Organize Your Life. It might make a difference. I'm looking forward to seeing you in class this Sunday morning.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Richard Frick acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for all the cards and prayers for our loved one and for the beautiful poinsettia.

Alice Frick
David Frick & family

Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ,

Please accept our sincere thank you for the visits, cards, and most of all your prayers during my hospital stay and all the times we most needed you.

George, Blanche & Rodney Dalton

Please express my sincere appreciation to the many members of the West Erwin church who held Harry in prayer and have continued to express their loving support to me.

Margaret Ann Loftis
(Mary Gaiser's sister)

To our West Erwin family,

We'd like to thank you all very much for the cash gift you sent at Christmas. It was extremely generous of you. One thing we did was go to the third Lord of the Rings movie. The kids are all big fans of those shows and it was a very enjoyable family outing. Ray and I both had a couple of vacation days which we took over the Christmas break when all the kids would be home from school. We've really enjoyed the time together. We so appreciate the support you continue to give us, whether financial, through prayers, e-mails, cards, whatever it may be. It means so much to us. We're looking forward to a fruitful 2004. May God bless you all in the coming year.

In Christ's Love,
Ray & Linda Maxwell & family

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

Congratulations to K. Max and Mary Haws on the celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary on December 26. Ed and Margie Hunt celebrated their 45th anniversary on December 28. We rejoice with these couples on the celebration of these happy milestones in their lives!

NEW ADDRESS: Wally, Laurie and Dru Dawkins have a new address: 17051 West Lake Circle, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-2070.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

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ATTENTION ALL COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS: you're encouraged to be present for the first small group meeting in the Family Life Center immediately following the evening worship assembly on January 18.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The Boles Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of March 8-12. West Erwin has been asked to collect zipper seal storage and freezer bags (quart and gallon sizes), sugar and tampons.

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

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.

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SERVING SUNDAY
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Call to worship Wayne Berryman
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Dismiss James Sublette

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Jim Carty
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Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott

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Pick up cards January 4 & 11: Ethan Florence, Casey Bellar, Justin Parrish, George Richardson, and Sean Denman.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 4:
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THE CORRUPTION OF WORDS

Words are vehicles of communication. When I use a word in an effort to convey some thought to you, we both must understand the meaning of the word in the same way if we successfully communicate. Languages have a way of evolving so that many words have a different meaning over time. The English language has experienced this evolution and for that reason some words in the King James version of 1611 do not mean the same thing today that they did then. The word "quit" means to us "stop," but in 1611 it meant "act." Some of us are old enough to remember when "gay" meant "carefree" and "happy." Incidentally, the New Testament was originally written in the *koine* Greek language, which means "the language of the marketplace." A few years after the close of the first century, the *koine* Greek language became a "dead" language and did not evolve, thus locking in the meaning of words. This means that what a Greek word meant in the New Testament of the first century, it still means. Words may become corrupted if someone arbitrarily attaches a meaning to them that changes their intent. This is happening today in the church. Some examples follow.

1. "Preach Jesus" - This is a good thing but some today mean by that we should stay away from things Jesus Himself did not say, such as Paul's written instruction on women's roles

in the church and Luke's emphasis upon when the Lord's Supper was to be eaten.

2. "Grace" - A great concept! Without grace no one could be saved. However, some today mean by the use of the word grace that man's response is incidental which cheapens and changes the biblical concept of grace. Someone has said, "Grace is free, but is never cheap."
3. "The Cross" - Preaching the cross is vital and should be done by all preachers. But, preaching the cross never negates obedience.
4. "Tradition" - Some today refer to those who would be Christians only and members only of Jesus' church as those who are of the "restoration tradition." Does this mean that the desire to be only a Christian is simply a human tradition rather than a result of following the New Testament only?
5. "Story" - Stories are good. The Bible is filled with stories -- inspired stories to be sure, but stories none the less. To many today the Bible as story means little emphasis upon commands or patterns.

We corrupt religious words when we make them mean something foreign to what the Bible teaches. - Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

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I always end up feeling grateful to God. I thank Him for providing for me during the difficult times as well as the good. I thank Him for sending people to me who seem to have just what I needed. What a mess of things I can make when I take charge! I am thankful to belong to a God who knows me and understands me and a God who is full of mercy.

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This week in the space provided for my bulletin article I have asked Todd Hancock to write a little in regard to his new class which will begin this Sunday, January 4. - DLY

The beginning of the year has always been a favorite time for me and like many of you I have already begun thinking about my new years resolutions. I have decided to place at the top of my list a renewed commitment to study God's word. The leadership of West Erwin has asked me to begin teaching a new class on Sunday mornings; this class will be for the "Twenty Something" crowd. I am very excited about this, for the opportunity to teach is the opportunity to learn. This new class will begin on Sunday January 4, 2004 in the Family Life Center. The first quarter of this year the "Twenty Something" class will be focused on "WHY WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST." In this topical study we will attempt to examine church doctrine and to separate God's holy ordinance from

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SHEPHERDING GROUPS

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.

custom and time honored tradition. We will examine such issues as why we worship on Sunday, the importance of Baptism, Church music, etc., and why many of the practices that we take for granted are under siege from the world, yes even the "Christian world." For many of us we either grew up in the Church or have been converted by a spouse to the Lord's Church. In either category we can find ourselves adopting certain practices within the Church that we may not fully understand. This class will provide a unique opportunity to ask questions and proffer observations that we may not have been afforded before. The class will be a taught in a "round table" discussion style format and it is my hope that this informal style will encourage discussion and will enhance the learning experience. While this new class is primarily designed for married couples and young professionals in their twenties, we strongly encourage anyone who has an interest to attend. As always when one undertakes any ministry where the Lord's work is to be done the prayers of the brethren are needed and desired. Please join Jana and me in praying for the success of this important ministry. May God bless you and have a wonderful new year. - Todd Hancock

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Brethren,

We want to offer our most sincere gratitude to every person who reached out to help our family in the last days of Dad's life. We will always remember the prayers, the genuine love shared by all. The memorial service could not have been better. The West Erwin singers were wonderful. Jay's message touched our hearts with laughter and tears. The lunch was beyond excellent and the facilities provided a comfortable place for the family to visit and reminisce. Everything was absolutely first rate. Twice in the last year the Hughes have been the beneficiary of God's love working through you. Our prayers are that you will continue to be a light unto the world and a blessing to everyone in need. 2 Thess. 3:16. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Ray Hughes

For the Hoyt Hughes Family

Dear Church Family,

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 Jean Walters. The flowers were beautiful that you sent. Thank you for the love and fellowship given to my Aunt Jean. Praise God that she can see now!

Love,
Carrie Lake

To all at West Erwin,

Thank you for the calls, cards and beautiful flower arrangement for my mother's funeral. Your love and support meant so much and again, I thank you. Adam Bryant

So many cards, notes and calls have come in thanking the West Erwin church for the holiday poinsettias and fruit baskets that we do not have room to list them all. James Phillips oversees this labor of love each year.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Monday in Nacogdoches for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Meazell, cousins of our Bill Meazell who were killed in a plane crash in Florida. Services were held last Tuesday in Longview for Richard Frick, David Frick's brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Sara Beth Scarborough in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday night. She is the daughter of Barry and Mary Scarborough and was baptized by her dad. Their address is 320 Susie Street, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3050.

Mary Overshown put on her Lord in baptism last Sunday. We share in her joy as she begins her new life in Christ. Mary has been attending for some time with Edgar and Delle Bullard. Her address is 2811 Gurdner Ave., 75701, ph. 592-2754.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Tom and Sondra Ramsour, Randy Farrar and his mother, Joyce Farrar, and Rob and Carmen Hilliard into the West Erwin family. These families will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. The Ramsours address is 1712 East Houston, 75702, ph. 592-5030. The Farrars live at 4004 Lazy Creek, 75707, ph. 566-6488. Randy is an attorney and his business phone number is 590-1042. The Hilliards address is 702 Partridge Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1392. Rob is Parts Specialist for Crown Motors and Carmen is Store Manager for Wallpaper For Less.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

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TWO NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

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LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTIONS

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
Compliment three people every day.
Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.
Leave everything a little better than you found it.
Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
Be forgiving of yourself and others.
Say "thank you" a lot.
Commit yourself to constant improvement.
Be the first to say "hello."
Make new friends but cherish the old ones.
Always accept an outstretched hand.
Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life.
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Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
MISSIONS		Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class 7:00 P.M.
ELDERS		TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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 Wayne Berryman
Prayer David Blaylock
Scripture Jeff Blackstone
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Jim Carty

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dean Brookshire
Scripture Stevie Blakemore
Dismiss Adam Bryant

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles O'Neal Buck Nowell
Jimmie Philpot Ryan Pool
Marc Philpot Billy Pool
John Pace Stan Perkins

GREETERS

Glynn & Fran Starnes & Payton Fedell
John & Susan Steffee & Tanner Fedell
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Wesley Hilliard
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott

Greg & Cyndie Wagner

Pick up cards January 4 & 11: Ethan Florence, Casey Bellar, Justin Parrish, George Richardson, and Sean Denman.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 4:
Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie Pattillo & Lauren Florence; Toddlers p.m.: Debbie Bynum; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot; 3's & 4's: Michael & Candace Hall.

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THE CORRUPTION OF WORDS

Words are vehicles of communication. When I use a word in an effort to convey some thought to you, we both must understand the meaning of the word in the same way if we successfully communicate. Languages have a way of evolving so that many words have a different meaning over time. The English language has experienced this evolution and for that reason some words in the King James version of 1611 do not mean the same thing today that they did then. The word "quit" means to us "stop," but in 1611 it meant "act." Some of us are old enough to remember when "gay" meant "carefree" and "happy." Incidentally, the New Testament was originally written in the *koine* Greek language, which means "the language of the marketplace." A few years after the close of the first century, the *koine* Greek language became a "dead" language and did not evolve, thus locking in the meaning of words. This means that what a Greek word meant in the New Testament of the first century, it still means. Words may become corrupted if someone arbitrarily attaches a meaning to them that changes their intent. This is happening today in the church. Some examples follow.

1. "Preach Jesus" - This is a good thing but some today mean by that we should stay away from things Jesus Himself did not say, such as Paul's written instruction on women's roles

in the church and Luke's emphasis upon when the Lord's Supper was to be eaten.

2. "Grace" - A great concept! Without grace no one could be saved. However, some today mean by the use of the word grace that man's response is incidental which cheapens and changes the biblical concept of grace. Someone has said, "Grace is free, but is never cheap."
3. "The Cross" - Preaching the cross is vital and should be done by all preachers. But, preaching the cross never negates obedience.
4. "Tradition" - Some today refer to those who would be Christians only and members only of Jesus' church as those who are of the "restoration tradition." Does this mean that the desire to be only a Christian is simply a human tradition rather than a result of following the New Testament only?
5. "Story" - Stories are good. The Bible is filled with stories -- inspired stories to be sure, but stories none the less. To many today the Bible as story means little emphasis upon commands or patterns.

We corrupt religious words when we make them mean something foreign to what the Bible teaches. - Jay Lockhart



"Here Am I,
Send Me"

- Isaiah 6:8

Sermons for Sunday, January 4, 2003
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
10:00 A.M. - "Seeking The Heart Of God"
(I Samuel 13:11-14)
5:00 P.M. - "Seeking The Heart Of God" (2)
(Acts 13:16-23)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

We will not meet again until mid January. As we get closer, we will discuss whether to change the night of the week or not.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Jan. 12. Come and help with this great ministry. See me for more details.

SERVICE DAY

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Service Day and Christmas Program at the Nursing Home. You guys did a great job! A special thanks to Tim & Patti Grounds for putting it together and making it happen.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

YEAR END REFLECTIONS

This is the week we stand in front of the mirror of the past year and study what we see. We all do it. We do it thoughtfully, silently, and secretly. We trace the outline of the year past, we surf the internet of our minds and think.

I always end up feeling grateful to God. I thank Him for providing for me during the difficult times as well as the good. I thank Him for sending people to me who seem to have just what I needed. What a mess of things I can make when I take charge! I am thankful to belong to a God who knows me and understands me and a God who is full of mercy.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

This week in the space provided for my bulletin article I have asked Todd Hancock to write a little in regard to his new class which will begin this Sunday, January 4. - DLY

The beginning of the year has always been a favorite time for me and like many of you I have already begun thinking about my new years resolutions. I have decided to place at the top of my list a renewed commitment to study God's word. The leadership of West Erwin has asked me to begin teaching a new class on Sunday mornings; this class will be for the "Twenty Something" crowd. I am very excited about this, for the opportunity to teach is the opportunity to learn. This new class will begin on Sunday January 4, 2004 in the Family Life Center. The first quarter of this year the "Twenty Something" class will be focused on "WHY WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST." In this topical study we will attempt to examine church doctrine and to separate God's holy ordinance from

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.

LTC PRACTICE

Be watching for details on practice dates and times. Chorus will meet on Jan. 11 @ 4:30. Video Bible Drama will meet on Sunday, Jan. 4 @ 4:00 in the small auditorium.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 4	Combined Devotional
Jan. 11	LTC Chorus Meeting
Jan. 12	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 23-25	Servant Retreat
Feb. 23 & Mar. 22	Bible Quiz
Apr. 9-11	LTC

In your time of reflection, when you stand in front of that mirror, I hope you walk away with a heart full of gratitude and lips full of praise to our Creator and Sustainer of life.

SHEPHERDING GROUPS

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.

custom and time honored tradition. We will examine such issues as why we worship on Sunday, the importance of Baptism, Church music, etc., and why many of the practices that we take for granted are under siege from the world, yes even the "Christian world." For many of us we either grew up in the Church or have been converted by a spouse to the Lord's Church. In either category we can find ourselves adopting certain practices within the Church that we may not fully understand. This class will provide a unique opportunity to ask questions and proffer observations that we may not have been afforded before. The class will be a taught in a "round table" discussion style format and it is my hope that this informal style will encourage discussion and will enhance the learning experience. While this new class is primarily designed for married couples and young professionals in their twenties, we strongly encourage anyone who has an interest to attend. As always when one undertakes any ministry where the Lord's work is to be done the prayers of the brethren are needed and desired. Please join Jana and me in praying for the success of this important ministry. May God bless you and have a wonderful new year. - Todd Hancock

IN APPRECIATION



Dear Brethren,

We want to offer our most sincere gratitude to every person who reached out to help our family in the last days of Dad's life. We will always remember the prayers, the genuine love shared by all. The memorial service could not have been better. The West Erwin singers were wonderful. Jay's message touched our hearts with laughter and tears. The lunch was beyond excellent and the facilities provided a comfortable place for the family to visit and reminisce. Everything was absolutely first rate. Twice in the last year the Hughes have been the beneficiary of God's love working through you. Our prayers are that you will continue to be a light unto the world and a blessing to everyone in need. 2 Thess. 3:16. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all. Ray Hughes

For the Hoyt Hughes Family

Dear Church Family,

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 Jean Walters. The flowers were beautiful that you sent. Thank you for the love and fellowship given to my Aunt Jean. Praise God that she can see now!

Love,
Carrie Lake

To all at West Erwin,

Thank you for the calls, cards and beautiful flower arrangement for my mother's funeral. Your love and support meant so much and again, I thank you. Adam Bryant

So many cards, notes and calls have come in thanking the West Erwin church for the holiday poinsettias and fruit baskets that we do not have room to list them all. James Phillips oversees this labor of love each year.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Monday in Nacogdoches for Mr. & Mrs. Bill Meazell, cousins of our Bill Meazell who were killed in a plane crash in Florida. Services were held last Tuesday in Longview for Richard Frick, David Frick's brother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IN THE MILITARY

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

ATTENTION LADIES: All ladies are invited to meet in the Heritage room on Wednesdays, January 7, February 4 and March 3 from 6:15 - 6:50 to learn some new songs for our Ladies Inspiration Day coming up in March.

BAPTISMS

We rejoice with Sara Beth Scarborough in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday night. She is the daughter of Barry and Mary Scarborough and was baptized by her dad. Their address is 320 Susie Street, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3050.

Mary Overshown put on her Lord in baptism last Sunday. We share in her joy as she begins her new life in Christ. Mary has been attending for some time with Edgar and Delle Bullard. Her address is 2811 Gurdner Ave., 75701, ph. 592-2754.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Tom and Sondra Ramsour, Randy Farrar and his mother, Joyce Farrar, and Rob and Carmen Hilliard into the West Erwin family. These families will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. The Ramsours address is 1712 East Houston, 75702, ph. 592-5030. The Farrars live at 4004 Lazy Creek, 75707, ph. 566-6488. Randy is an attorney and his business phone number is 590-1042. The Hilliards address is 702 Partridge Lane, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1392. Rob is Parts Specialist for Crown Motors and Carmen is Store Manager for Wallpaper For Less.

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume on January 7.

TWO NEW WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

The Ladies Class (which meets in the chapel) is studying The Gifts of Hospitality. This study is based on a book written by Laurel Sewell. Arlene Lockhart and Carolyn Womack are conducting this study. Our men are encouraged to attend the men's class which meets in room 112 on Wednesday evenings. Tim Grounds is teaching this class on II Corinthians.

LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTIONS

Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
Watch a sunrise at least once a year.
Compliment three people every day.
Never waste an opportunity to tell someone you love them.
Leave everything a little better than you found it.
Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
Be forgiving of yourself and others.
Say "thank you" a lot.
Commit yourself to constant improvement.
Be the first to say "hello."
Make new friends but cherish the old ones.
Always accept an outstretched hand.
Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life.
Be there when people need you.
Don't be afraid to say, "I made a mistake."
Keep your promises, no matter what.
Rekindle old friendships.
Count your blessings.
Call your mother.

Harding University Chorus
Shiloh Road Church of Christ
Monday, January 12, at 7:00 p.m.