

May 12, 2005	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 36 - No. 19
Records	Sunday May 8	Sunday May 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	416	415	419
Worship A.M.	660	619	647
Worship P.M.	355	383	310
Wed. P.M.	320	315	315
Contribution	\$24,977.25	\$20,621.13	\$17,477.05
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(5-8-05 Building Fund \$1655.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 15 and Wednesday, May 18:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Edgar Bullard** was moved to Hospice Monday. **Kenneth Muncy** is scheduled for surgery May 23 at Mother Frances. **Nelda Browning, Ruby Cliver, Clelia Faye Elliott** and **Archie Kennard** are all at home. **Mary (Keith) Hunt**, former member, had major surgery last Thursday in Dallas. **Mike Trostel**, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew in Dallas, suffered a heart attack Tuesday. **Jeffery Tarpley**, Mary Gaiser's grandson, had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Jill Rue**, Kevin Sustaie's mother, will have surgery for a tumor on her kidney. **Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter, had successful cancer surgery Monday. **Taylor Nicole Reeves**, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons, is undergoing treatment for brain cancer, also found cancer on her spine. Continue to remember **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother; **Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Gene Chandler; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Wyatt Durham**, Don & Norma's grandson; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; Dick Higginbotham; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; L.T. Murry; Thomas Park; Kay Parrish; Rex Power; Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner**; and **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship  
Prayer  
Scripture  
Dismiss

Danny Snell  
Greg Jones  
Curt Jordan  
Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Todd Kempton  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer  
Scripture  
Dismiss

Jamon Kirby  
Dennis Kingsbury  
Odie Kennedy

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

James Martin  
Forest McFadden  
Phil Marts  
Glen May

Bill McCain  
Jim Mayer  
Mike McClenny  
Jim McDonald

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Kaitlyn Carder  
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Preston Conder  
Harold & Shirley Denman & Christina Denman  
Visitor Center: Bob & Pat Hackett  
Leon & Carolyn Welborn

**Pick up cards May 15 & 22:** Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 15:**  
Nursery a.m.: Michelle & Jessica Kuechle; Nursery p.m.: Freida Starr; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie & Dru Dawkins; Toddlers p.m.: Norma Durham & Barbara Henderson; 2's: Jason & Jennifer Paltjon; 3's & 4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

MINISTERS			ASSEMBLIES		
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education		<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.	
			Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
			Evening Worship ..... 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
			<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
			Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
			11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809	

## "From The Heart of TYLER"

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### RUSSIA

Following our trip to Russia, someone asked me about my impression of the country. First, I was impressed by the vastness of Russia. Did you know that Russia covers eleven time zones? Put that in perspective by remembering that the continental United States has but four. No other country has such a land mass. Russia is vast. Second, I was impressed by the lingering effects of communism upon Russia. Under communism Stalin and Kruschev were builders of high rise apartment buildings. They are everywhere. Before private ownership people were assigned these apartments and they are pretty primitive. Additionally there were clusters of small houses given to people but now they are, while being painted in bright colors, pretty run down. People in Russia are still trying overcome the devastation communism brought upon the country. Third, I was impressed by the emphasis Russia places upon remembering the victory over Nazi Germany during

World War II. Do you remember the date World War II ended in Europe for the United States? Russia remembers when the war ended for her -- May 9, 1945. There is a big celebration in Russia as they remember. Their country was invaded by the enemy. Many of their cities fell, Moscow was threatened, and 26 million Russians died. They remember. Fourth, I was impressed by the Christians in Barnaul. Although most of them are relatively new converts, their devotion to Christ and their depth of understanding are remarkable. To worship with them was a rich experience. Also, the students and faculty at the Christian school are outstanding. The teachers are well prepared and dedicated. The students are well grounded and their comprehension of their new found faith is remarkable. As I look back on my trip to Russia my impressions run deep and I see great opportunities for the spread of the gospel in that great land where the fields are truly white unto harvest.

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, May 15, 2005**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Behold Your God"  
(Isaiah 40:9-11)  
P.M. "Perfect Peace"  
(Isaiah 26:1-4)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all the men who helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last week. You served well!

### JR-SR BANQUET & BACCALAUREATE

May 21 is the date for the Jr-Sr Banquet honoring our juniors & seniors. Pictures will be at 6:00 with dinner and entertainment following. The entertainment will be great fun with some wonderful prizes. You are welcome to bring a date. Please sign up by Sunday, May 15. If you would like to help sponsor this evening with a donation, please see me.

The Baccalaureate Service will be May 22 at the North Tenneha church. It will begin at 4:00.

Our group will meet that evening for our Senior Devotional. It is very important that all teens plan to come and be a part of this devotional time.

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to sign up for our mission trips and BackCountry Trek. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. Remember, you need 25 service hours. See me for details. Teens & Sponsors, please check to see if your name is on the list because we will be making reservations soon and need to have a firm count.

All of those currently in grades 5-7, are invited to participate in Middle School Madness.

See Danny for the Sign-up lists.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 15	Small Groups Meet
May 21	Jr-Sr Banquet
May 22	Baccalaureate
May 22	Senior Devotional
June 7-10	Middle School Madness
June 19-25	BackCountry Trek
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 22-27	Mexico Mission Trip



### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, fruit and flowers. A special thanks to Don and Norma Durham for the food and kindness expressed during my lengthy illness due to complications of C.O.P.D.

Judy Smith

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Words cannot express our heartfelt thanks to all of you who visited, called, sent cards, and most of all your prayers while I was in the hospital with pneumonia, and during my ongoing recovery. Faye and I are so thankful to be a part of the West Erwin family and we love you for caring. God bless you all.

Archie Kennard

### CONGRATULATIONS!

John Tindel has been accepted into the National Security Education Program. He has been awarded the David L. Boren undergraduate scholarship. He will leave in August to attend the Saint Petersburg State University in Russia for 10 months. John is the grandson of Nettie Potts and has been attending Tyler Junior College. Please pray for his success and well being while he is there.

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

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, & Jordan White.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for ages 12 months through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

### WORDS OF WISDOM

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

- To an enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your ear.
- To an employee, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.
- To all mankind, charity.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Ruth Bell came Sunday to make known her desire to be identified with the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome her into our family. Her address is 3900 Old Bullard Road, 75701, ph. 561-1816.

### MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 23-27. West Erwin is asked to collect toilet paper. Other needs are posted on the bulletin board in the office area.

### CHEROKEE DAY GROCERY COLLECTION

Saturday, May 28, requests: Dishwasher detergent, jet dry, bleach, & dishwashing soap (Dawn, etc.). Other things are also appreciated. Last day for collection will be May 25 - to be delivered May 28. Boxes are in the foyers for collection.

### CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., a licensed child placing agency, is accepting applications for infant adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Angie Robbins at Christian Homes, ph. 325-677-2205.

### A BEAUTIFUL ANALOGY!

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. "They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said: "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist!" answered the barber. "What happens is, people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

### MAIL CARRIERS FOOD DRIVE

The mail carriers of Tyler will be collecting cans on Saturday, May 14. We have again been asked to help sort the goods at the Food Bank beginning at 4:00 p.m.

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### GLORY AND EXCELLENCE

"It is God's purpose to have a people who belong to him, a people who seek to do his will, a people who strive to exemplify the excellence of Christ - his great love, kindness and faithfulness. It is evident that it is God's will (as Jesus expressed it) that we be a people through who his light can shine in the world; a people whose works bring glory to God." - E.H. Ijams, 1968

Throughout his life, E.H. Ijams repeatedly referred to the "glorious church." People who knew him recognized this as one of his favorite lines. His constant use of the term "his glorious church" always pointed people to someone beyond themselves. This is how the glorious church is described: full of transformed people who have

hope, not because they listened to a motivational preacher, but because they bow at the cross of Christ; not because of some plan out of Washington, but because of a plan out of heaven; not because they won big in the market, but because they won big at the cross.

As God's power works through the church, it takes on the qualities of God and becomes more and more glorious. We could not build a glorious church if we had a thousand years. But when God's people turn to Him, He transforms them into His likeness from one degree of glory to another. That's the who, what, when and how of "a glorious church."

### WEST ERWIN BLOOD POOL

If you are a blood donor, or would like to donate blood to the Stewart Blood Center, please have it put into the West Erwin Pool #6286. Our pool is down to 11 pints. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The story is told of a photographer who was assigned to cover fires at Yellowstone National Park. The magazine that he worked for wanted to show some of the heroic work of the fire fighters as they battled the blaze. When the photographer arrived at Yellowstone he realized that the smoke was so thick that he would not be able to get a quality picture from the ground so he requested permission to rent a plane and take photos from the air. After permission was granted he quickly traveled to a nearby airport where he was told that a plane with a pilot would be waiting for him on the runway. Upon arriving he saw a plane on the runway ready to go so he grabbed his handbag, jumped out of the car and sprinted to the plane. As soon as he jumped into the plane he told the young pilot, "Let's go!" The pilot swung the little plane into the wind and within a few minutes they were in the air. The photographer said, "Fly over the park and make two or three low passes so I can take some pictures." "Why?" asked

the young pilot. "Because I'm a photographer and photographers take pictures." The young pilot turned ghostly white and then finally managed to say, "You mean you're not the flight instructor?"

When it comes to our spiritual lives we better be certain that someone competent is in control. Too often today we place incompetent people in positions of leadership, such as teachers. They may have great intentions, they may have a great desire, but often they are in need of a lot of training and guidance. Here at West Erwin we have tried to avoid the placement of unqualified teachers within our program by annually providing our Adult Preparation for Educational Excellence (A.P.E.X.) program. This is a training program that takes our teachers through the organizational structure of our Bible school ministry. We also have another training program that places potential teachers under the care of our more seasoned teachers and for a short time period they receive on the job training (so to speak) in a program we have entitled: Student Teacher Education Program (S.T.E.P.). Let's remember these programs let's continue to put competent teachers in our Bible school ministry.

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Records	Sunday January 2	Sunday December 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	415	332	452
Worship A.M.	637	667	648
Worship P.M.	329	305	412
Wed. P.M.	NS	NC	NS
Contribution	\$19,745.76	\$19,325.03	\$23,471.30
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00	\$10,240.00/pledges	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 9 & Wednesday, Jan. 12:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Tommy Lowrance** remains in Mother Frances, no visits, please. **Judy Smith** is ill at home, no visits at this time, please. **Sherry Frick** is scheduled for thyroid surgery. **W.A. Monk** is recuperating in Lovelady, TX. **J.W. Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's dad, is very ill. 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 Moriolo's aunt, **Chuck 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, **Joe McBee; Shirley McClenny, Mary McFadden; Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Daisy Old, Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, **Antonio Reed**, friend of Victoria Moriolo'; **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Scott Smith**, James & Corrie Holland's son-in-law; **Doris Snow**, Lara Reynold's cousin, **Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, 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 Don Crawford  
Prayer Gene Chandler  
Scripture Jim Carty  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Dr. Aaron DuVall  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Bob Hackett  
Scripture Michael Hall  
Dismiss Dan Gillam

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Melvin Crow Tom Carder  
Don Crowder Brent Carder  
Will Christian Brody Clark  
Ken Culpepper Wally Dawkins

**GREETERS**

Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Dalton Harris  
Nelda Browning & Janice Hardaway & Dayne Harris  
Melvin & Nina Crow & Hutton Moon  
Visitor Center: Alan & Candy Montgomery  
Ray and Carolyn Womack

**Pick up cards Jan. 9 & 16:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 9:**  
Nursery a.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; Nursery p.m.: Jennifer Skender; Toddlers a.m.: Pam Lowry & Sharon Gordon; Toddlers p.m.: Gail Vannoy & Connie Sublette; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

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Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland	Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.	
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Ron Lott	Evening Worship ..... 5:00 P.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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			..... 11:30 A.M.		

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## "OUR GOD IS ABLE"

Did you know that there are no fewer than eighteen passages of Scripture that speak of God as being able to act in the lives of people? Two of these passages are in the Old Testament and speak of God's ability and sixteen others appear in the New Testament and emphasize God's power. God is able to deliver His people (Daniel 3:17; 6:20); to raise up children to Abraham (Matthew 3:9); to destroy body and soul (Matthew 10:28); to perform His promises (Romans 4:21); to graft people into the True Vine (Romans 11:23); to make men stand (Romans 14:4); to establish us (Romans 16:25); to make men prosper (2 Corinthians 9:8); to do more than we can think or ask (Ephesians 3:20); to subdue all things to Himself (Philippians 3:21); to keep what we commit to Him (2 Timothy 1:12); to help the tempted (Hebrews 2:18); to deliver from death (Hebrews 5:7); to save (Hebrews

7:25); to raise the dead (Hebrews 11:19); to save and destroy (James 4:12); and to keep us from falling (Jude 24). God is able! He lacks no power. He is able to do what He purposes to do. With these facts in mind, it has been recommended to and approved by our elders that we have as our theme for 2005: *Our God Is Able*. With the tremendous tasks before us (including the building of a stronger base here at home in order that we may be even more effective for the Lord throughout the world), we recognize we can succeed only with the help of God. We understand our mission. We have planned and prayed. We wish only to glorify God. We believe that God is able to lead us to victory. So, in 2005 we are adopting as our theme an important truth: our confidence is not in ourselves, but in "Our God Who Is Able."

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, January 9, 2005**  
by Jay Lockhart  
**10:00 A.M. - "Our God Is Able"**  
(Daniel 3:14-18)  
**5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture**  
"What Kind Of Self are You?"  
(Romans 1:18-23)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### SKI TRIP...

The ski trip was wonderful with great snow and fantastic skiing, along with meaningful devotionals. The participating families had a great time. We'll be making plans for next year's trip soon so start making your plans to join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

### COMBINED DEVO

All middle school and high school students are encouraged to be present this Sunday night after the evening worship assembly for a combined devo in the Family Life Center. Bring \$3.00 for supper and bring a friend to enjoy this time together. We will be dismissed at 8:30.

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

It's not always easy to be a Christian these days. We live in a culture that frequently challenges the very foundations of our faith. Our natural response is to flee from criticisms and the negative influences that surround us, creating our own safe little environment. That is not what Jesus intended. We are not being called to form a Christian subculture to protect ourselves from being offended or challenged, but to fearlessly engage our culture at every level with the hope and assurance of the Gospel message. We are to be in the world. We are to be part of the daily dialogue. We are to be making contributions in every direction from the faith we profess. A fearless faith is not driven by comfort, safety and security. Fearless faith is what is needed to thrive in hostile territory. This world was not a safe place for Jesus. Why

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Abraham Lincoln was a great President. Even today, both Democrats and Republicans often quote Mr. Lincoln's wisdom. If you ever have the chance to travel to or through Henderson, Tennessee, stop off at Freed-Hardeman University and go to the historical archives room in Loden-Daniel Library. In a glass case you will find a letter written by a minister from a church of Christ telling of the baptism of Abraham Lincoln (in lieu of a baptismal certificate). Lincoln was heavily influenced by the Word of God. He often read it and quoted from it in his various proclamations that he issued. It was in one such proclamation (Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation of 1863) that you will not only see just how much Lincoln relied on God for his strength but also just how determined Lincoln was to lead the U.S. back to God. Here is what he said: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, the many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we

### 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 Wednesday, Jan. 12. Puppets, Chorus & Drama will begin meeting in January. Check with your sponsors for times. If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details.

"The best way to lead is by a good example."

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be on January 24 and will be over Luke 11-18.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9 Combined Devotional  
Jan. 31 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen

would we think it would be any different for us? The key lies in the phrase "in the world, but not of the world." Dr. Lockhart has begun a series on Sunday evenings to discuss Christ and culture. Make your plans to be there.

### Iglesia De Cristo

About 70 people from the Iglesia De Cristo North gathered at our building last Saturday evening to baptize Daniel Serrano into Christ. What a celebration!

### Words To Remember

Whatever your cross, whatever your pain, there will always be sunshine after the rain. Perhaps you may stumble, perhaps even fall, But God's always there to help you through it all.

### Very interesting....

"If anything goes bad, I did it. If anything goes halfway good, then we did it. If anything goes real good, then you did it! That's all it takes to get people to win football games for you." - Bear Bryant

*have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that made us. Amen."*

Abraham Lincoln hit the nail squarely on the head with this prayer. It is sad (when analyzing this prayer) to note that this exact prayer needs to be prayed today. We too feel that it is because of our wisdom that we have prospered. In His patience God has blessed us as a nation. Now we find ourselves stepping out of 2004 and into 2005. Where are we spiritually? Are we growing spiritually or are we stagnant? If we are growing, let's be thankful to God, however, if we have become stagnant, let's get busy correcting this. Let's read our Bibles, pray to God, attend our classes, attend worship service, and as we grow, let's introduce others to God. Let's turn the world right side up for Christ.



### IN APPRECIATION

I wish to thank you so much for your cards, food, visits and most of all your prayers. The West Erwin church is a very lovable and caring congregation.  
With Love,  
Kathleen Nowell

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I would like to thank everyone that called, sent cards, brought food and prayed for me after my recent procedure. Thank you very much.  
Rex Power

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To our wonderful West Erwin family,

As Chuck and I are on the mend we want to express our thanks for the cards, calls, and concern shown toward our family. And a special thanks to Sue Skipper and all the terrific ladies who supplied such great food. Again thank you for "feeding" our spirits and our bodies.  
Chuck & Linda Gillam

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I just received the holiday greeting and gift from the church. Not only is the gift generous, and will be applied to something special ... it is also so very encouraging! I'm so thankful to have this relationship with West Erwin! Please pass along my expression of gratitude to everyone involved. In Him,  
Keith Hodges

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Dear Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Thank you for the Christmas gift you recently sent our family. Even though the weather in Togo doesn't feel like a typical Christmas, your love and kindness always brings us holiday cheer over the seas. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Love,  
The Hollands

### WITH SYMPATHY

Pat Blaylock, David Blaylock's dad, died December 22. Services were held at the Central Baptist church in Mineola. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

Faber Cauthen passed from this life last Friday. Faber served his Lord and this church faithfully for more than forty years, leaving a rich legacy for his family and friends. He will be missed. Services were held Sunday at the West Erwin church.

### 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.

NEW ADDRESS: K. Max Haws, 432 Town Oaks South, 75701. Mary is currently in Briarcliff Health Center, Willow Park Assisted Living, room 155, 3403 South Vine, 75701.

DEACON RESIGNS: Jerry Huff has resigned as a deacon.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome Kenneth and Evelyn Muncy into the fellowship of Christians at this place. They are wonderful folks and will be a great addition to the West Erwin family. Their address is 1213 Riverbend, 75703, ph. 581-0598.

### RESPONSE

Tammy Asbill has requested the prayers of her church family that she will have the strength to face the adversities in her life as she tries to care for her family and her parents.

Danny and Lisa Snell have asked for prayers for Jordan "Bubba" Lyons and all their family as they pursue yet another avenue to secure legal residency for Jordan. They will meet with the judge in February.

Rachel Huff came to ask for prayers for faith and trust in God and that she might be strengthened to meet the challenges in her life and her children's lives during this difficult time.



### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Murry  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Kristin LaKaye

to

Joshua Michael Walsh  
on Saturday, the eighth of January  
at one o'clock in the afternoon  
West Erwin Church of Christ  
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### NEW ARRIVALS

Jim and Sue Carty are the proud grandparents of a new grandson! Justice Ray Carty was born December 15 to Jimmy and Christy Carty. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Bryce and Maddy are big brother and sister. Greg and Debbie Jones have a new granddaughter! Peyton Lynn Jones was born December 28 to Steve and Robyn Jones. She weighed 5 lb. 10 1/2 oz. Ralph and Barbara Henderson have a new granddaughter! Mallory Mae Craft was born December 29 to David and Becky Craft. She weighed 7 lb. 6 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long. Nettie Potts has a new great grandson! Ryan Spradlin was born December 29 to Trent and Connie Spradlin. He weighed 7 lb. 10 oz.

### CONGRATULATIONS

K. Max and Mary Haws celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on December 26th. Tony and Mary Adams celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in December also. Claude Sessions celebrated his 91st birthday December 23. We rejoice in the happy milestones in the lives of these families and share in the blessings through their examples.

### BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

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Bible Class	464	415	466
Worship A.M.	658	637	676
Worship P.M.	454	329	438
Wed. P.M.	340	NS	335
Contribution	\$21,033.95	\$19,745.76	\$22,414.50
Weekly Budget	\$20,588.00	\$5,820/pledges	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 16 & Wednesday, Jan. 19:** David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Tommy Lowrance** remains in Mother Frances, no visits, please. **Sherrie Frick** is at home after gall bladder surgery Monday. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, is critically ill. **J.W. Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's dad, had angioplasty and stent implant. **Bobby Clague**, Betty's husband, is having tests, will have surgery later. 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, **Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother, **Marsha Farr**, friend of the Ponder Wright, Jr.'s, **Rose Florence**, Marjorie Moriole's aunt, **Chuck 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, **Joe McBee**; **Shirley McClenny**, **Mary McFadden**; **W.A. Monk**; **Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Daisy Old**, **Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Antonio Reed**, friend of Victoria Moriole; **Catherine Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Scott Smith**, James & Corrie Holland's son-in-law; **Doris Snow**, Lara Reynold's cousin, **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Kate Sweeney**, **Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister, **Pattie Tate**, **Harley Turner**, **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law, & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Don Crawford  
Prayer Todd Kempton  
Scripture Jamon Kirby  
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Greg Jones  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Rob Hilliard  
Scripture Odie Kennedy  
Dismiss John Lacy

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Melvin Crow Tom Carder  
Don Crowder Brent Carder  
Will Christian Brody Clark  
Ken Culpepper Wally Dawkins

GREETERS

Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Colt Keeney  
Don & Norma Durham & Jessica Keeney  
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Alex Mullins  
Visitor Center: Tom & Beverly Hale  
Billy & Lynda Terrell

**Pick up cards Jan. 16:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 16:**  
Nursery a.m.: Judy Yates; Nursery p.m.: Barbara Henderson; Toddlers a.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; Toddlers p.m.: Frances Phillips & Martha Waggoner; 2's: Kenna Kempton & Dr. Monique Mills; 3's & 4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

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## "A WONDERFUL DAY"

Last Sunday was a most encouraging day as we met together for worship. At the morning hour we announced our theme for the new year: *Our God Is Able*. We had 658 in this service with 464 in the previous hour for Bible classes. Then on Sunday evening there were 454 present for worship. Add to this the fact that we had many visitors in all of our services and you will see why we were so encouraged. The question arises, why are so many people interested in attending West Erwin? I believe the answer is: because we are who we are. That leads to another question: who are we? It seems to me that it is folly for a church that has been in existence for any period of time to be wondering who it is. We should know who we are. West Erwin is a people seeking to be Christians only and members of the church Jesus said He would build. To be this, we believe that the Bible must be the supreme rule of faith and practice and that the will of God as revealed in Scripture must supersede our personal preferences and desires. I believe that all of the talk about "political correctness," "seeker friendly,"

and "felt needs" has been overstated. According to Thom Rainer, in his book *Surprising Insights From the Unchurched and Proven Ways to Reach Them*, formerly unchurched people who came to religion did so because of personal evangelism -- someone cared enough to seek them out. A survey of the unchurched who came to religion showed that 91% thought preaching was important -- they wanted to know where a church stood; 88% thought doctrine was important -- they expected the church to stand for something; they wanted a friendly greeting, good parking, and well-kept church property. Only 11% said worship styles mattered and 7% said location was important. Listen! There are a lot of myths out there about church. Let us care enough to personally bring someone; let us present the Bible in a clear, concise, loving and uncompromising way; let us warmly welcome people, teach and baptize them, help them find a place to serve, center our worship upon God, reach out to those in need; and the church by the grace of God will prosper.

- Jay Lockhart

**Beginning Sunday, January 16, THE SEARCH will be aired at 7:00 a.m. on KETK-56 (channel 10)**

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, January 16, 2005**  
**by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.**

**10:00 A.M. - "Our Response To Disaster"**  
**(Genesis 3:17-19)**

**5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture: "Lost Identity"**  
**(Hebrews 2:5-9)**

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* HIGH SCHOOL DEVO

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Video Bible Drama will meet all day this Sunday. Please bring a brown bag lunch. Check with your team coach for more information.

Chorus will begin on Sunday, Jan. 23 @ 4:00.

Puppets will begin on Wed., Jan. 19 @ 7:00.

Drama will begin on Sun., Jan. 30 @ 7:00.

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

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be on January 24 and will be over Luke 11-18. We will have a practice session on Sunday, Jan. 23. We will meet for lunch and work until 3:00.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be Feb. 25-27. Your cost will be \$35. Please sign up by Feb. 13. Don't miss this one!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 16	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 16	LTC - Video Drama Meets All Day
Jan. 23	Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 23	Chorus Begins
Jan. 24	Bible Quiz
Jan. 31	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 25-27	Servant Retreat
Mar. 25-27	LTC Convention

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### Today I Will Make A Difference

Today I will make a difference. I will begin by controlling my thoughts. I want to be happy and hopeful, therefore, I will have thoughts that are happy and hopeful. I refuse to be victimized by my circumstances. I will not let petty inconveniences such as stoplights, long lines, and traffic jams be my masters. I will avoid negativism and gossip. Optimism will be my companion. Victory will be my hallmark. Today I will make a difference.

I will be grateful for the twenty-four hours that are before me. I refuse to allow this day to be contaminated by self-pity, anxiety, or boredom. I will face this day with the joy of a child and the courage of a giant. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. While it is here, I will use it for loving and giving. Today I will make a difference.

I will not let past failures haunt me. Even though my life is packed with mistakes, I refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures. I will admit them. I will correct them. I will press on. Today I will make a difference.

I gleaned these words from a book I first read 20 years ago entitled *On the Anvil*. I pray it will make a difference in your life.

#### Friendship

A simple friend has never seen you cry.

A real friend has shoulders soggy from your tears.

A simple friend hates it when you call after he/she has gone to bed.

A real friend asks you why you took so long to call.

A simple friend thinks the friendship is over when you have an argument.

A real friend calls you after you had a fight.

A simple friend expects you to always be there for them.

A real friend expects to always be there for you!

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Paul Brickhill, a P.O.W. at Stalag Luft III during World War II, wrote a book in 1950 which recorded the events that have become known as *The Great Escape*. It is a fascinating book which deals with the months and months of hard labor that went into the digging of several tunnels at the Stalag Luft III prison camp. One of these tunnels led to the escape of 76 P.O.W.'s of which all but three were recaptured. Brickhill's book also goes into a detailed account (by using German records and by conducting interviews with German officers) of the execution of 50 of these escapees. The *Great Escape* certainly accomplished its goal of causing mass confusion along the German front but it came at an extremely high price (the loss of the 50). I have to tell you that once I began to read this book I could hardly put it down. However, there is at least one item found in the introduction of the book, written by another P.O.W. escapee, George Harsh, that I take issue with. Mr. Harsh said, "*The theme of the Great Escape is that even in death man can triumph over*

*any obstacle. To my mind this is also the story of the Tower of Babel, which in this case was successfully erected. It proves something important. In one magnificent gesture it proves that the 76 ragged, verminous men of all nationalities can, if they work together, build a deep hole in the ground or build a shining Tower of Babel."* I do appreciate what George Harsh went through in his ordeal as a P.O.W., however, the comparison of the tunnel at Stalag Luft III with that of the Tower of Babel is a bad illustration. The reason is this: the men at the prison camp were constantly praying and studying the Word of God. In fact each week during their worship service the preacher (McDonald) presented the Word of God to a packed theater hall. You don't see such dedication to God during the building of the tower of Babel. When it was being built the people were going against the mandate of God. In other words, the men at Stalag Luft III gave God the glory and the men at the tower of Babel wanted only praise for themselves. Do you think that if we were to study and pray with the same passion of the P.O.W.'s and in doing so give God the glory that we might be able to move mountains for the cause of Christ? I do! See you Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.!

### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Blaylock family would like to express our appreciation for all the food, cards, calls, kind words, thoughts and prayers during our time of sorrow.

In Christian Love,

Lorene Blaylock and Family

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Dear West Erwin church,

Losing a second parent within such a short time is very difficult. We thought Faber would be with us for a much longer time. We do have comfort knowing that he is where he would want to be - with the Lord and with Kathryn.

Thank you all for any acts of kindness you showed to our parents over the last few years. Your words, smiles, encouragement, food, and visits meant so much to them when they were here, and to us.

Thank you to Jay, Dean and Wes for the beautiful service. Again, your inspiring words were a wonderful tribute to someone we loved deeply. Also, the congregational singing was beautiful!

Thank you to those who brought food to the house and to those who prepared the wonderful meal for the family the day of the funeral. Finally, thank you for your words of comfort, shared tears, beautiful flowers, and show of friendship during our recent loss. As you know, Faber loved West Erwin. Your love and concern for each other was one of the reasons why he did! To him, the West Erwin church was "the Heart of Tyler."

Love,

Chuck & Mark Cauthen & families

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To our West Erwin brethren,

Thank you for the monetary gift you sent at Christmas for our family. Your generosity has always been overwhelming. Just knowing you continue to think of us and keep us in your prayers lifts our hearts. We think of you often and ask for your continued prayers for the work in West Point.

We really enjoyed the holidays having all the kids home for a while. We have been truly blessed. We hope the holidays were joyous for you and we wish you the very best in the new year.

Yours in Christ,

Ray & Linda Maxwell family

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Thank you so much for the generous gift of money sent to our family for Christmas. We are grateful for our association with you.

In Him,

Rafael Falcon family

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Dear Family at West Erwin:

Thank you for the beautiful spray of flowers you sent for our Mother's funeral. They were gorgeous. My Mom loved her church. She made so many friends and attending services and her ladies Bible classes brought her so much joy. Your many kindnesses will never be forgotten.

The Family of Jean Dees

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There is no way that I can fully express my sincere appreciation to the elders, the members for preparing lunch, and the many cards sent by individual members of the West Erwin church, and visits by Brother Jay Lockhart and others while I had a pacemaker surgery. Your love and care and thoughtfulness in so any ways was fully expressed.

Mr. & Mrs. D.L. Thompson

### RESPONSE

Archie Kennard came to ask for prayers for forgiveness and for strength to overcome sin in his life.

Keith Harris came to request the prayers of his church family to help him and his family through a traumatic time, and for him to be a better father, brother, son, and better Christian.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday at the West Lake Baptist church in Chandler for Gracie Christian, Will Christian's grandmother. Services were held last Friday at the West Erwin church for Dorothy Emmons Davis, a former West Erwin member and aunt of Wanda Wright. Services were held Wednesday in Prescott, Arkansas for Paul Harris, Esther Wilson's brother. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Ronnie Boatman, friend of several here. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Henry and Becky McRuiz on the celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary on January 5. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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### HAPPINESS

Happiness has many homes and dwells in many places, It lives in many moments and shines in many faces. It laughs with little children whose hearts are free from pride, It lives in a sunny meadow or a quiet, homey fireside. It haunts the house of service, knows well the place of prayer, Where broken hearts are mended, happiness is there. Happiness has many homes but mostly it will come Where faith and love are living, where God can make His home.

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### CELL PHONES!

My first experience with telephones was when you picked up the phone and a real live person said, "Number, please." Then you would give a five digit number. Next, phones had rotary dials with seven digits. Then there came the "touch tone" phones. Today we have "touch tone" with ten digits. I also remember when "CB's" were popular. You could make calls from your automobile. Then came the "cell phone"... before long it seemed everybody had them. Business men had them, parents had them, kids had them. You can carry them in your purse, on your belt, or in your pocket. You can call in your car, on the street, or just any place else. People talking on cell phones while driving have caused many wrecks. They ring while you're in meetings, in public places, and in church. Signs are seen at hospitals forbidding cell phones and theaters ask you to turn off your cell phone before entering. If cell phones were used for emergencies or for urgent matters, that would be one thing, but they are ringing every where at all times and that proves to be a real pain. Phone calls are not that important. I used to read books from an author who preached for one of the largest churches in Texas. In order to write he

retreated to a small office over his garage to find solace. Someone asked him if his phone ever rang in his small office. He said, "Yes, but I have noticed that if I just let it ring, after a few seconds it will stop." If we miss a call on our cell phones they are so sophisticated that they will tell us who called and we can return the call later. I can see where a doctor might need to have his cell phone turned on most all the time, but most of us do not have this need. So when we are in a meeting or are driving or are in a public place or, for heaven's sake, in church, let's leave our cell phones at home or in the car or at least turned off. I know ... we sometimes forget, but a cell phone during a prayer or communion ... give me a break. The phone is a great invention and can be a great servant, but a cell phone makes a poor master. You might be wondering if I had anybody particularly in mind when I wrote this article. Of course not! It is only a coincidence that Danny Snell's phone rang recently while he was making announcements at church! Seriously now, think this through and if you need to make some adjustments in regard to your cell phone, please do so.

- Jay Lockhart

Total amount given as of January 18 for tsunami relief \$6,675.00

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermons for Sunday, January 23, 2005  
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(Ephesians 3:20, 21)

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Drama will begin on Sun., Jan. 30 @ 3:00.

If you have any changes in your events, please let me know. Watch for details. Hotel reservations will be made next week.

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next quiz will be on January 24 and will be over Luke 11-18. We will have a practice session on Sunday, Jan. 23. We will meet for lunch and work until 3:00. Please bring money for Wendy's.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be Feb. 25-27. Your cost will be \$35. Please sign up by Feb. 13. Don't miss this one!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Feb. 13	Service Project
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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### GOD IS WORKING!

Thanks to everyone for their donations of clothing to the Benevolent Center. Because of your gifts we have been able to supply most of the needs locally and yet contribute 1,450 pounds of clothing to the Medina Children's Home to help care for their children and single mother families. On behalf of all of these people I say thank you!

#### ANDY BAKER

On several occasions we have had Andy Baker lead our singing at West Erwin. Andy Baker is the son of Kay Baker and a student at the Southwest School of Bible Studies in Austin. Andy already has his masters degree in music and has taught school for a time. His greatest desire is to work full time serving his God. So, he has given

himself to a two year, very intense Bible study program. If you wish to send him a card of encouragement and appreciation for his song leading his address is: 8600 Brodie Lane, Apt. 727, Austin, Texas 78745-7970.

#### BENEVOLENT CENTER NEWS

Last week 52 families were served with food and clothing at the center. A special thanks to all the volunteers who sort the clothing, bag the food, assist the people, the computer experts who do all the paper work, to those who spend time interviewing each person, and to the many others who are vital in making the center a successful service outreach in the kingdom of God. You are surely appreciated!

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"He who angers you controls you"

#### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm so excited about what lies ahead of us in 2005. We certainly have a multitude of ministries that can and hopefully will allow us to grow both spiritually and numerically in 2005. **First**, let's remember to pray for all of our classes and for each of our teachers. We have 120 teachers involved in the educational ministry here at West Erwin. We have almost 50 classes that meet during the week. We need your prayers! **Second**, Let's remember our new children's ministry that we will try to formulate in 2005. I'm looking forward to participating and planning some much needed activities for our preschool through 5th grades. Please come by my office and get involved in this ministry as we try to develop a viable program that will aid our educational ministry and lead our young ones to a better understanding of the Bible. **Third**, let's also remember our "young professionals" as they begin 2005. This ministry was put together last year and it is still in its infant stages. We have some great families working in this ministry trying to make it the best

that it can be. Once again, we'd love to have your involvement in this ministry. **Fourth**, I would like to have a record amount of help this year for our *Summer Extravaganza-2005* (formerly called Vacation Bible School). We already have the dates secured (June 13th-15th). Our first meeting will be January 30th in room 112 at 4:00 p.m. Please mark this date. **Fifth**, we will once again have our **Fellowship And Christian Training Series**. This year we have entitled the lessons: **Outreach 101**. We will be looking at each of our ministries and then attempting to figure out ways in which we can reach out to our community. I am in the early stages of putting this together. We will also be revamping our dessert fellowship which meets immediately following our services on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. I'm putting a committee together to help me with these fellowships. If you'd like to assist this ministry, please see me at your convenience.

So, as you can see, things are beginning to stack up for our summer months. Let's all work together and let's have the best summer that we've ever had at West Erwin.



### WITH SYMPATHY

Catherine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, died Saturday evening after a lengthy and brave battle with cancer. Services were held Tuesday in Kilgore. Otis Harwell, Rita Sitton's brother-in-law, died last week. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

**NEW ADDRESS:** James & Ruth Ellis, 15075 CR 285, 75707, ph. 566-6779.

### DISHES

Dishes taken to the Cauthen home have been returned and are in the foyer back of the small auditorium. Quite a few dishes have collected over time. Please check to see if you have dishes there. Dishes not claimed will be taken to the benevolent center.

### 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.

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The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

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### DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low and the debts are high,  
When you want to smile but you have to sigh,  
When the care is pressing you down a bit  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is strange with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns.  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out.  
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out.  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems so far.  
So stick to the fight when you are hardest hit,  
It's when things seem worst that you must not quit.  
- copied, author unknown

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Thomas and Marie Park** into the West Erwin family. They are brother and sister and have been attending for some time now. Their address is 18982 Hwy 64 East, Canton, 75103, ph. 567-3338.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a table shower on Sunday, January 23 and January 30 honoring Josh & Kristin Murry Walsh who were married January 8th

(Kristin is the daughter of Dan & Lynn Murry)  
Selections: Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.  
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation

### CARING SISTERS

There will be a meeting with all ladies who would like to be involved in the Caring Sisters ministry on Sunday, January 23, at 4:30 in the chapel.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Stan Denman, son of Harold and Shirley Denman, was selected as one of the Alumni of the Year from Abilene Christian University. He will be honored Saturday, January 22, at Baylor University where he is Chairman of the Theater Department.

**Sorry to lose...** Bob and Jane Clemmons have moved to Mineola and are worshipping with the Broad Street congregation there.

### THE SAVIOR'S WORDS

If you never felt pain, how would you know I'm a healer?  
If you never went through bondage,  
how would you know I am a deliverer?  
If you never had a trial,  
how could you call yourself an overcomer?  
If you never felt sadness, how would you know I am a comforter?  
If you never made a mistake,  
how would you know I am forgiving?  
If you were never in trouble,  
how would you know that I will come to your rescue?  
If you were never broken,  
then how would you know that I can make you whole?  
If you never had problems,  
how would you know I can solve them?  
If you never had any suffering,  
how would you know what I went through?  
If you never went through the fire, how would you become pure?  
If I simply gave you all things, how would you appreciate them?  
If I never corrected you, how would you know that I love you?  
If you had all power, how would you learn to depend on me?  
If your life was perfect, what would you need me for?  
- author unknown

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

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Records	Sunday January 23	Sunday January 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	438	455	454
Worship A.M.	628	645	648
Worship P.M.	395	448	420
Wed. P.M.	343	344	341
Contribution	\$20,596.42	\$22,665.76	\$21,431.32
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, January 30 & Wednesday, Feb. 2:** Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Tommy Lowrance** is recuperating at home. **Hutton Moon**, son of Gene and Leah, is scheduled for additional tests at Children's Hospital in Dallas. **Gerald Boykin** is hospitalized with pneumonia. **Morris Hallman** is scheduled for tests at Mayo Clinic next week. **Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother, is now on dialysis. **Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister, is hospitalized in Alabama after a car accident. **Lori Ann Jones**, Rebecca Andrews' newborn cousin, is hospitalized in Houston with multiple heart and lung problems. Continue to remember **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown**, **Jerry Bryan**, Larry & Jane Ground's son-in-law; **J.W. Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's dad, **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague**; **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister, **Sherrie Frick**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **Ruth Hearne**; **John & Mabel Holbert**, **Modena Jones**; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, **Joe McBee**; **Shirley McClenny**, **Mary McFadden**; **W.A. Monk**; **Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Daisy Old**, **Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Judy Smith**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Kate Sweeney**, **Harley Turner**, **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law & **Ben & Patsy Young**.  
**WITH SYMPATHY** - **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother, died Wednesday. No details at this time (Wed. noon).

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Call to worship Don Crawford  
 Prayer Joe Roach  
 Scripture Tom Ramsour  
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
 Bob Paul  
**5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Prayer Hugh Mills  
 Scripture Jerry Mitchell  
 Dismiss Joe McBee

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
 Tyler DuVall Curtis Elmore  
 Dr. Aaron DuVall Don Durham  
 Chris Conder Steve Denman  
 Daniel DuPree Harold Denman

**GREETERS**  
 Michael & Candace Hall & Taylor Lemons  
 Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Paige Lemons  
 Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Nathan Linseisen  
 Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty  
 Dannie & Sue Skipper

**Pick up cards Jan. 30:** Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender, Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, January 30:**  
 Nursery a.m.: Wanda Weathers; Nursery p.m.: Connie Sublette; Toddlers a.m.: Karen Fedell & Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers p.m.: Kim Lemons & Sue Skipper; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

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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## POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

I don't know about you, but I am pretty tired of this "political correctness" thing. To be politically correct, one must never refer to God as "He" since the feminists might be offended. Yet God refers to Himself as "He" and not "She," as "Father" but not "Mother" (even though God has some motherly traits - see Isaiah 66:13; I Thessalonians 2:7). Jesus was a man, not a woman; He was Jewish, not English or African; He was correct, but not politically correct. Jesus offended the religious leaders of His day, drove cheats out of the temple area, and called the Pharisees and scribes hypocrites. He chose twelve men, not women, to be apostles, but brought dignity to women. He treated Jews, Samaritans, and outcasts the same. He required all men to repent, broke human traditions, and said He was the only way to God. The New Testament is not politically correct. Instead of "alternative lifestyles," it speaks of "vile passions" and "what is against nature" (Romans 1:26). Instead of many ways to God, it speaks of Jesus as the only way (John

14:6). Instead of "joining the church of your choice," it speaks of the church that Jesus built (Matthew 16:18) as the one body of Christ (Ephesians 4:4) and the place of reconciliation and salvation (Ephesians 2:16; 5:3). At the airport a body search is conducted on an eighty year old American woman and an eight year old boy, but if a similar search is done on a person of Middle East origin it's called "racial profiling." I'm sorry, but if American Indians were involved in the bombings of American Embassies, the World Trade Center, and the U.S. Marine barracks, then anyone boarding an American Airlines wearing an Indian headdress should be searched, no matter what radicals may call it. As the children of God, we need to respect government officials, honor the dignity of human beings, and be the best citizens we can. However, this matter of political correctness has gone to seed and rather than agreeing with Scripture, it is often in direct opposition to it.

- Jay Lockhart

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, January 30, 2005**  
 by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.  
**10:00 A.M.** - "An Urgent Necessity"  
 (Hebrews 2:1-4)  
**5:00 P.M.** - Christ And Culture:  
 "The Community of the World"  
 (Revelation 7:9-12)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All middle school students are encouraged to be present next Sunday night after the evening worship assembly for a devo in the Family Life Center. Bring \$2.00 for supper and bring a friend to enjoy this time together. We will be dismissed at 8:30.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be Feb. 25-27. Your cost will be \$35. Please sign up by Feb. 13. Don't miss this one!

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our 18 young people who participated in the Quiz this week. 3 of the 4 teams had scores in the 40's out of 50. Our 3rd & 4th team got 1st place in their division. Way to go gang! The next Bible Quiz will be on Feb. 28.

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### Christian Services of East Texas "Change For Children"

West Erwin recently collected and donated \$969.51 in coins to Christian Services. Great job!

"We appreciate this help and we want to thank all of those who participated. This money goes to help provide the necessities for the children who come to us for care. Again, thanks, and may God continue to bless each of you."

Bill Wallis

Director of Development

### A Witness

A witness is someone who has seen something and tells what he or she saw or experienced when called upon. No one knows better about what you have experienced by

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

New Orleans is about as far south as I care to go. This past week I had the opportunity of spending a few days there as I (along with 200+ other Christian educators) attended the annual Christian Educators Association Conference. This year's theme was *Connecting*. There were a host of speakers from all over the United States who specialize in Christian education. The information they shared with us ranged from the tedious but necessary to the new and imaginative. It was really time well spent. I always enjoy hearing others speak regarding their vision of the educational ministry. There are so many experienced, learned and dedicated ministers serving churches throughout the world it is great to have the opportunity annually to get reacquainted with them. What this year's conference attempted to do was to show the attendees that all ministries really "connect." You can't have an educational ministry and not tie into the children's ministry, youth ministry, college ministry, etc. It is true that each of these ministries are classified as separate

## KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. Would love to have your help! Contact me for more information.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Video Bible Drama is done!!!

Chorus will meet on Sunday, @ 4:00. High School will meet @ 3:30.

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Drama will begin on Sun., Jan. 30 @ 3:00. (except 9-12th grade).

Pre-Convention Deadline is Feb. 14.

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Jan.	30	Middle School Devotional
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being in Christ than you do. Your witness is your own present and continuing story. No one can tell it but you.

When you relate your experience of God's grace, His forgiveness, and His power, you become an expert witness and your story will always connect with others.

However, witnessing can be a hit and miss situation. Usually the misses are met with rudeness because we are telling our story to people who are not really interested. Even if they don't mind hearing it, there is no life behind it. No doubt God can use this kind of witnessing and does so, but in a limited way, because it falls on deaf ears.

If we pray for opportunities to tell our story and wait upon the Lord, He will send us people who are ready to listen. Meantime, we should always practice living daily lives that back up our story. In this way, I suppose you could say, "witness is always witnessing."

Have a great week and remember Who gave it to you.

works within the church but the educational ministry is what they all have in common. Most of the programs we have at church (including small groups, young at heart, etc.) can claim some connection to the educational ministry. More and more churches of Christ are realizing this and they are using the educational ministry as a springboard when they introduce new programs into the work of the church. When churches of Christ started developing Bible Hour ministries they used the educational program as a model. When family ministries became the thing to do once again the educational ministry was used to get the ball rolling in the right direction. Perhaps no ministry utilized the educational ministry more than did the small group ministries in churches of Christ. Most of which incorporated not only the theme of the class for a short discussion during the small group meeting but also took the time to check on the attendance of the class and then followed up by contacting those that were in need.

The educational ministry can and should be used in virtually every ministry of the church. If you have some thoughts on this, please stop by my office and let's discuss them in detail. Thanks.

## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and calls during my illness. I feel blessed to be a part of a church family that is so loving and caring.

Love,  
Bobbye May

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Brethren,

How nice of you to be so thoughtful! My family and I appreciate very much all the help you give to us. Your Christmas gift came in the nick of time. Thank you for being there for us in all matters. God bless you!

Armando & Janie Alaniz

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I appreciate very much your expressions of sympathy in the death of my brother, for the cards, flowers, memorials, prayers, and phone calls. How special is this "church family" to Ira and me.

In Christian love,  
Esther Wilson

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Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, and the dinner that brought to our house during my recovery from surgery.

Love, Sherrie Frick

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Dear Church Members,

God said "Bless the little children" and that is exactly what your church family has done for Brittany Hacker! Through your gifts of blood, support and many, many prayers lifted up in Brittany's name. She has been given the gift of life! Brittany's heart surgery was successful and she is home recovering. Praise God! And for the miracle He has performed. Please accept our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to each of you. May God bless you always.

Ed, Stephanie & Brittany Hacker  
(Brittany is Sondra Ramsour's niece)

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Dear Church members,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent in memory of our loved one. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Sincerely,

The family of Paul Harris  
(Esther Wilson's brother)

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## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jeff and Stephanie Ruddell on the birth of a baby boy on January 22! Xan Allen weighed 7 lb. Sherry Miles is the proud grandmother and Velma Lemons is the great grandmother.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Doris Snow, Lara Reynold's cousin for whom we have been praying, died Tuesday. No other details at this time (Tuesday). Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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

**PLEASE DONATE:** Check your garages and cabinets and donate flower bud vases that you no longer need or want for a valentine service project. Please put them in the container outside Danny Snell's office. Thanks.

## WHAT DOES YOUR DASH SAY?

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on her tombstone from the beginning to the end. He noted that first came her date of birth, and spoke the following date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between those years. For the dash represents all the time that she spent alive on earth -- and now only those who loved her know what the little line is worth. For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash, what matters is how we live and love and how we spend our dash. So think about it, think long and hard -- are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged. If we could slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel. And be less quick to anger, and show appreciation more and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before. If we treat each other with respect, and more often wear a smile. Remembering that this special dash might only last a little while. So when your eulogy's being read with your life's actions to rehash -- would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash? - copied

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Records	Sunday January 30	Sunday January 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	427	438	417
Worship A.M.	621	628	580
Worship P.M.	362	395	383
Wed. P.M.	327	343	330
Contribution	\$21,522.35	\$20,596.42	\$17,351.18
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances ICU. **Joe McBee** is doing well after back surgery Tuesday. **Tommy Lowrance** is recovering at home. **Hutton Moon**, son of Gene and Leah, is scheduled for additional tests. **Gerald Boykin** is now at home. **Morris Hallman** is having tests at Mayo Clinic. **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, is hospitalized in Borger. **Penny Wilson**, friend of the Terry Lowry's, suffered a heart attack. **Amon Dacus**, Cathy Scroggins' dad, had cataract surgery in Conroe. Continue to remember **Vera Beard**, **Gussie Beaty**, **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown**, **Jerry Bryan**, Larry & Jane Ground's son-in-law; **J.W. Bullard**, Cathy Culpepper's dad, **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague**; **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister, **Sherrie Frick**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**, **Leona Hardin**, **Ruth Hearne**; **John & Mabel Holbert**, **Modena Jones**; **Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, **Shirley McClenny**, **Mary McFadden**; **W.A. Monk**; **Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Daisy Old**, **Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Judy Smith**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**, **Kate Sweeney**, **Harley Turner**, **Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship	Doug Yates
Prayer	Hugh Mills
Scripture	Dan Haile
Dismiss	Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Larry Ground  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Scott Hackett
Scripture	Dayne Harris
Dismiss	Casey Haws

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Danny Estes	Ken Elzen
Randy Farrar	Jeff Fennell
Rick Fedell	Claude Figueroa
Payton Fedell	David Frick

GREETERS  
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Tyler Lott  
Jerry & Becky Howard & Lindsey Lott  
Don & Nerene Ingram & Tanner Philpot  
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan  
Bill & Donna Mullins

**Pick up cards Feb. 6 & 13:** Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins, Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 6:**  
Nursery a.m.: Connie Sublette; Nursery p.m.: Wanda Weathers; Toddlers a.m.: Keith & Jennifer Skender; Toddlers p.m.: Lee & Camille Mink; 2's: Daniel & Kim DuPree; 3's & 4's: Todd & Jana Hancock.

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
		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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## LEADERS

During World War II, so the story goes, General Bernard Montgomery, commander of the British Eighth Army in Egypt, was preparing to go into battle against General Erwin Rommel, Germany's sly and brilliant desert commander. As the battle was about to begin, Montgomery was heard to say, "It is a sad thing when a military leader prepares all his life for a task, only to be utterly defeated." An aid replied, "But, Sir, you may yet win." Montgomery replied, "I'm not talking about myself ... I'm talking about Rommel!" Montgomery was a leader. Leaders are born more than they are made, but leadership skills can be learned and practiced and people without great leadership ability can become great leaders. In one sense all of us are leaders because each one of us does influence others. But there are some who are singled out and appointed to positions of leadership. So it is in the church. The church has elders, deacons, teachers, and staff members. When one is selected to fill a position of

special leadership, he should accept the task with enthusiasm and fulfill it with his best effort. Leaders are in the forefront, are seen, are followed. Their influence is often broader than they realize. Members of the church are encouraged or discouraged by the attitudes and actions of leaders. Should not leaders be showing the way to others by how they support the local church? Should not leaders be in Bible classes and worship? Should not leaders be the first to show that they love the Lord, the church, and the work to which we are called. The Lord has blessed us at this place with some great leaders. Our elders lead by faith as they envision the possible. Many deacons, teachers, and others are always on the "cutting edge" of church responsibility. However, we must at some point make the question personal as we ask, "What kind of a leader am I?" How do you answer? How do others see you? The answer will tell a great deal about the leader's heart.

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

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(Isaiah 60:19-20)  
5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture:  
"Looking For Utopia"  
(Micah 6:6-8)

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"The Church With Heart"

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

We had a great time this past Sunday night with the middle schoolers. Thanks to Marc & Ginger Philpot for hosting and Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot for cooking the awesome meal!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this Monday. This ministry continues to bless many people.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be Feb. 25-27. Your cost will be \$35. Please sign up by Feb. 13. Don't miss this one!

### EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be on Feb. 28. The text is Luke 19-24. We will also have a Super Quiz that night. We will have a study session on Sunday, Feb. 20.

### SUPERBOWL PARTY

Join us Sunday night for the SuperBowl. Please bring a finger food and a 2 Liter Drink. We will be finished as soon as the game is over, about 8:45. Be sure and pick who you think will win and the score for some great prizes! Invite a friend to join us for this fun time.

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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### GRACE

One of the most incredible stories of God's grace is found in the Old Testament in Genesis 38. It's the story of Judah and Tamar. You must take a few minutes to reread this story .... it will bless you and strengthen you for today and the days ahead.

Satan wants to hide the fact that the mercy of God is for everybody -- the greater the sin, the greater His grace (Romans 5:20). God wants us to know that He specializes in forgiving and putting away people's sins. God wants us to know that He delights in taking us when we fall and re-weaving us into the fabric of His own people.

The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1:3 is His way of proving His grace is greater than all our sins. Judah and Tamar's son were woven into the very lineage of God's

own son. Every day God takes sinners like you and me and makes us right in His sight. He takes the tangles of our lives and weaves something new so that we emerge singing "Hallelujah!"

God is so good -- His mercy endures forever!

### WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

This Sunday two of our shepherding groups will meet for a fellowship lunch. This is also the time we invite all our guests to join us in the meal together and take a tour of our facility immediately afterward. We have found it to be an excellent opportunity for those who are interested in being part of this congregation. It's also a good time for our new members to learn their way around the campus and to find all the areas of ministry that are available to help you find your place in God's kingdom.

Have a super week and we'll see you Sunday!

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I love both foreign and domestic missionaries. They put a great deal of time and effort into their work and they are wonderful examples of dedicated believers who are willing to make great sacrifices for the Lord. Now, with that having been said, let me offer you just a brief evaluation of the misconception that we have of missionaries. We often refer to mission work as if we are talking about a specific work that is being conducted halfway around the world by someone other than ourselves. I wish we could change this philosophy. I wish we would realize that the whole world is the mission field and that includes Tyler, Texas. I wish we could understand that if we have 700 members (then in the Lord's eyes) we have 700 missionaries who should be involved in promoting the gospel to those they come in contact with. I wish we realized that we made a commitment to God (upon our conversion to the gospel) to "Go, and make disciples in all nations." By the way, the commission wasn't a request but rather it was a command from God. We need to understand this.

I truly believe that if we understood our responsibility to our community we could win this city over to Christ. I realize that many would counter this approach by saying something like: "The people in Tyler have heard the word time and time again, but people overseas have never heard it, therefore we need to go them." I'm not suggesting that we eliminate our foreign or domestic missions, but I am suggesting that we open our eyes to the plight of *this* lost city. We need to get busy here in Tyler while still supporting our current works. Let me offer you just one area that I have been thinking about lately. It is those who live in apartments. Here are two facts to consider: (1) right at 33% of our citizens live in apartments, and (2) of that number approximately 95% have no affiliation with churches. Wouldn't this be considered a mission field? Isn't there something we can do to introduce this group of citizens to the gospel? I'm ready to act if you are! Come by my office and let's sit down and strategize regarding ways that we can reach out to this group. Let's make a difference. Remember, you accepted this challenge when you obeyed the gospel, so let's live it out now, as we become "heirs of life together."



## IN APPRECIATION

Dearest West Erwin family,

Thank you for your prayers, gifts, well wishes and support during and after my pregnancy. I'm so thankful to have such a loving church family and a healthy baby boy. I appreciate each and every one of you. Love,

Stephanie Ruddell

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Sulphur Springs for **Buford Owens**, Agnes Ables' brother. Services were held last Thursday in Gilmer for **Doris Snow**, Lara Reynold's cousin. Services were held last Thursday in Gladewater for **Wanda Stokes**, Robert Stokes' sister-in-law. Services were held Tuesday in Piggott, Arkansas for **Bynum Wright**, Ponder Wright, Sr.'s brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## NEW ADDRESS:

David & Sharon Hammond, 1535 Luann Lane, 75703, ph. 939-9691.

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

## 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.*

"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

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

If you would like to volunteer in the toddler class during morning and/or evening worship, a schedule is being made for March through May. No class preparation is needed, but 16-20 adults per month are required to keep this class going. Look at your calendar, choose a Sunday or two that work for you and call Diane Weathers at 839-9797 to sign up.

## BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

Please join Boles Children's Home and Emmy Award Winning News Anchor Jodi Dean for a dinner and silent auction February 10 at 7:00 p.m. In the Great Hall of Dallas Union Station. To purchase tables or to donate items for the silent auction, please call David Arnwine at 214-770-5878 or Tasha Gustafson at 903-883-2204.

"The religion of Jesus Christ holds as its chief power the secret of making duty a delight."

## SHARE! YOUR HEART & HOME

Host Families Needed

Host families are needed to SHARE! their heart and home with international exchange students for this coming fall semester or school year. The students will arrive in August and are in need of caring families (with or without children) to provide a home and share with them this unique experience. The host family will provide a bed, meals, as well as friendship, understanding, and a genuine desire to share the American way of life with a youngster from overseas. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance and have spending money for their personal expenses. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman, SHARE! Southwest Regional Administrator at 1-800-941-3738.

## PROMISE YOURSELF ...

- ♦ To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.
- ♦ To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.
- ♦ To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.
- ♦ To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and expect only the best.
- ♦ To be enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.
- ♦ To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.
- ♦ To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.
- ♦ To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.
- ♦ To be too positive to worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to be overcome by trouble.

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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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.

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Records	Sunday Feb. 6	Sunday January 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	427	388
Worship A.M.	583	621	590
Worship P.M.	347	362	355
Wed. P.M.	320	327	234
Contribution	\$21,330.05	\$21,522.35	\$23,512.72
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 13 & Wednesday, Feb. 16:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Carolyn Stitt** is in Mother Frances. **Candy Montgomery** is scheduled for outpatient surgery on her arm Thursday. **Larry Moore** is scheduled for back surgery Feb. 14 at Texas Spine & Joint Hospital. **Kalli Huff** is now at home. **Chris Drummond** is at home. **Gerald Boykin, Warren Gray, Joe McBee** and **Tommy Lowrance** are all recovering at home. **Hutton Moon** will have more tests. **Virginia Cunningham**, James Phillips' sister, has been moved to hospice in Amarillo. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister, **Henry & Mozelle Brown, Jerry Bryan**, Larry & Jane Ground's son-in-law; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague; Amon Dacus**, Cathy Scroggins' dad, **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister, **Sherrie Frick; Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Ruth Hearne; John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, **Shirley McClenny, Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Daisy Old, Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother, **Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, Harley Turner; Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; **Penny Wilson**, friend of the Terry Lowry's; & **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark  
Prayer Stan Mallory  
Scripture Dick McClenny  
Dismiss Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Forest McFadden  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer John Pike  
Scripture Fred Powell  
Dismiss Rex Power

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Danny Estes Ken Elzen  
Randy Farrar Jeff Fennell  
Rick Fedell Claude Figueroa  
Payton Fedell David Frick

GREETERS

Louis & Jane Jones & Blake Lowry  
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Haylee Lowry  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy  
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

**Pick up cards Feb. 13:** Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins, Steven Figueroa.

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ELDERS		

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### THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The late Ira North repeatedly said, "As goes the Bible School, so goes the church." He spearheaded the building of a great church in Madison, Tennessee by practicing this slogan. To be sure, the church of our Lord existed and flourished long before there was anything known as Sunday School. However, the emphasis upon studying the Bible in classroom settings has always been around in the form of house churches and daily meditation (see Acts 2:41-47). The Sunday School was a good idea when it was conceived in modern times by Robert Raikes in England in the 18th century ... and it still is. The Bible School has many advantages. First, classes are usually closely graded by age so that students can learn on their own level! Second, smaller groups increase the effectiveness of individual attention and learning. Third,

the classroom setting gives greater opportunity for questions, discussion, and explanation. Fourth, the more informal and non-threatening atmosphere of the Bible class gives a wonderful opportunity for class members to invite friends to "my Bible class," making it an outreach or evangelistic tool. Fifth, since the purpose of the Bible class is to study the Bible Christian people who love God's Word, who want to grow spiritually, and who desire to be a good example will want to be actively involved in Bible School. What is there about the Bible class that would run contrary to what a Christian is and is becoming? The fact is that churches with strong Bible classes are strong churches. What do you want this church to be? What Bible class do you attend?

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, February 13, 2005**  
by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.  
10:00 A.M. - "The Prospect Of Heaven" (2)  
(Matthew 7:13-14, 21-23)  
5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture:  
"The Self-Contained World"  
(Matthew 7:24-29)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* SERVICE PROJECT

All of those in middle and high school and those doing LTC Service Challenge are encouraged to help with the Service Project this Sunday. We are going to eat together and come back to the church to make Valentines presents for the Nursing Home. Please bring lunch money. We will be finished at 3:00.

### SERVANT RETREAT

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## COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

### THANK YOU BIBLE HOUR!

The Bible Hour class recently donated 204 cans of food to the benevolent center to be distributed to those in need. What a blessing you are to the people in need. What an example you set for all of us. Thank you for being mindful of others and thank you for being so generous.

### THANK YOU LADIES WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS!

You, too, have shown where your heart is when it comes to helping others. This class donated \$101.00 in the month of January to be used in the benevolent work of the church. This money is stretched to cover a variety of needs and every dime is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your kindness and your generosity.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

The Civil War era was a fascinating period of our history as a nation. That war literally pitted state against state and brother against brother. It was a war in which both the infantry men along with the generals took to the front lines. One such general was Stonewall Jackson. He was a great leader who pushed his troops during the war and never accepted second best from his soldiers or from himself. During the war, General Jackson found it necessary to move his army across a river one night. He called in his engineers and ordered them to construct a bridge for his artillery and wagons to cross over this small river. He also called in his wagon-master, a blacksmith by trade, and ordered him to get the wagon train ready to cross the river as soon as the bridge was built. The blacksmith watched the engineers gather in a tent and heard them as they began arguing about the best way to approach this project. A few hours later, General Jackson was awakened by the blacksmith. The blacksmith reported, "Sir, the army is crossing the river." When Jackson surveyed the situation

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 14	LTC Pre-Convention Deadline
Feb. 20	Small Groups
Feb. 25-27	Servant Retreat
Feb. 28	Bible Quiz
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## OTHER DONATIONS

During the month numerous donations of clothes and household items were made to the benevolent center. In January 274 families came through the center in search of clothes and other items. Your donations keep this work alive and God is glorified through each gift. We are never more like Christ than when we give to others in need. Thank you for your support!

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### REMEMBER THIS

If you give Satan a ride he'll want to drive.

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

"Words bespeak intentions. Actions express convictions."

he realized that the blacksmith was the one who had built the bridge (logs, fence rails, etc.). Immediately he asked the blacksmith, "Where are the engineers?" The blacksmith replied, "They are still over there in the tent discussing the matter." To say the least, General Jackson was very impressed with the dedication of the blacksmith and somewhat disappointed in his engineers.

This story should help the church today to realize that plans may be necessary in order to find the direction that we may take to further the kingdom of God. However, it is quite possible that if we are not careful we might just talk a ministry to death. We need to focus in on a ministry, roll up our sleeves and get busy. We have so many wonderful ministries here at West Erwin. One such ministry is our Summer Extravaganza program (formerly VBS). I had a meeting the other night and we had about eight of us present. All of us would be disappointed if we didn't have our VBS this year. Church, it's time to roll up your sleeves and get busy. Give me a call so that I can get you plugged in right now. Remember, we are "heirs of life together."



## IN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my appreciation for all the prayers, calls, cards and flowers during his illness and after the death of my brother Buford Owens.

Agnes Ables

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

Buford Owens family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Wayne Lowry, Archie & Juanita Lowry's son, died last Monday. Their address is Christian Care Center, 1000 Wiggins Parkway, Mesquite, TX 75150.

## NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Larry and Jane Ground on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Elizabeth Claire was born February 1 in Carrollton to their granddaughter and her husband, Dana and Steve Turner. She weighed 8 lb.

Congratulations to Will and Anna Tanksley on the birth of a baby boy February 2. William Robb Tanksley weighed in at 8 lb. and was 21 1/4 inches long. Bill & Judy Wilmeth are the proud grandparents.

## 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.

Dear Church Family,

I haven't been able to write in quite some time. I thought that I would let everyone know what is going on. My job has changed. I am no longer part of an enlisted flight crew. I have been reassigned to being an amphibious assault vehicle crewman. This job is a dangerous one so I could use all the prayers that I can get. My class is scheduled to graduate April 1. After that, I will be assigned to a permanent duty station and deployed. I would love to hear from anyone who would like to write. My address is: Pfc. Stowers, Kyle, AAS BN, P.O. Box 555041, Camp Pendleton, CA 92055; e-mail: [hickorynutmarine@yahoo.com](mailto:hickorynutmarine@yahoo.com). I love you all.

Kyle Stowers

"The best way to lead is by a good example."

## BENEVOLENT NEEDS

If you borrowed personal help aids: walkers, canes, crutches, wheel chairs, potty chairs, etc., and if you no longer need them, please return them to the Benevolent Center for others to use.

## TSUNAMI RELIEF EFFORT

The following is an excerpt from a letter received from the church in India: *With your kind and generous relief funds we did our best in getting the necessary things to the people. We fed 120 people 3 times a day for 3 days, gave bread to nearly 300 people for 2 days, bought 30 bags of rice, 72 mats, 30 bed sheets, 42 kerosene stoves, 20 pillows and 200 sarees, 69 buckets, 200 small jugs, paid to repair one boat, bought a cycle, medicines and many other small items. Besides this we took 2 children into our home. Thank you, dear brethren, so much for the ready help you did to the needy who were affected by the tsunami. Please give our sincere thanks to the beloved brethren at West Erwin. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. Closing now with sincere thanks, gratitude, love and prayers. May God bless you all.*

K. Mallick

"Mercy and compassion are international languages which do not require a translator."

## BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

## ATTENTION LADIES

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents *Ladies Night 2005* on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for this special night. Refreshments will be served.

"For God so loved the world,

That He gave

His only

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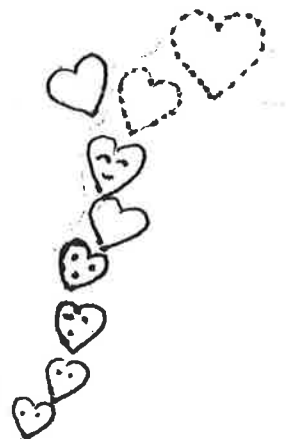
That whosoever

Believeth In Him

Should Not perish

But have Everlasting life."

John 3:16



## SHARE! YOUR HEART & HOME

Host Families Needed

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Worship A.M.	648	583	590
Worship P.M.	418	347	341
Wed. P.M.	312	320	NC
Contribution	\$20,112.44	\$21,330.05	\$18,780.17
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Larry Moore** had back surgery Monday at Texas Spine & Joint Hospital. **Gene Chandler** is at home after surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Jerry Mitchell** is scheduled for surgery March 7. **Gerald Boykin, Chris Drummond, Warren Gray, Kalli Huff, Tommy Lowrance, Joe McBee, Candy Montgomery, Hutton Moon** and **Carolyn Stitt** are all at home after recent hospitalizations. will have more tests. Continue to remember **Vera Beard, Gussie Beaty, Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister, Henry & Mozelle Brown, Jerry Bryan, Larry & Jane Ground's son-in-law; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Bobby Clague; Amon Dacus, Cathy Scroggins' dad; Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; Sherrie Frick; Warren & Gaynelle Gray, Leona Hardin, Joan Harlak, Ruth Hearne; John & Mabel Holbert, Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad, Shirley McClenny, Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Calvin Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother; Daisy Old, Louise O'Neal, Charles O'Neal's mother; Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother, Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes, Kate Sweeney, Harley Turner; Nancy Williams, John Lacy's sister; Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; Penny Wilson, friend of the Terry Lowry's; Ben & Patsy Young, and Joan Zimmerman, Joan Harlak's daughter.**

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer James Hardin  
Scripture Ralph Henderson  
Dismiss Jay Bynum

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Matt Haws  
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Prayer Carroll Magee  
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Dismiss Marc Philpot

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Chuck Gillam Cooper Goodson  
David Gravley Ernie Gordon

**GREETERS**

Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Michael Ragsdale  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Maggie Ragsdale  
Lee & Camille Mink & Mollie Mink  
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott  
Gene & Leah Moon

**Pick up cards Feb. 20 & 27:** Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish, Conner Clark, Tanner Perry, Sean Denman.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 20:**  
Nursery a.m.: Mary Jo Crowder; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Toddlers a.m.: Laurie Pattillo & Lauren Florence; Toddlers p.m.: Shirley Denman & Melissa Frick; 2's: Jason & Jennifer Paltjon; 3's & 4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

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MISSIONS		
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ELDERS		
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### ANGRY MEN

Paul admonished us, "Be angry, and do not sin" (Ephesians 4:26), and "Let all ... anger ... be put away from you" (Ephesians 4:31). Anger is a dangerous thing ... a hurtful thing. When one is angry he is more likely to say and do things that he should not say or do. Recently I read an article in a periodical that is published by a congregation in Tennessee and the author was clearly an angry man. He slandered Freed-Hardeman University, its president, Milton Sewell, and other good and faithful men because he disagreed with them. As is often the case with angry men, the author of the article did not bother to get his facts straight and drew conclusions that were false. The reason the author was so angry, it seems, was that, in his own words, the president of Freed-Hardeman would "pay absolutely no attention to my objections, as has been true in past." The specific objection in the article referenced above was to a debate that was conducted on the campus of Freed-Hardeman on the last day of the annual lectureship. Since the debate took place just last Friday and since the periodical was in the hands of readers by then, the article was written before the debate took place and, therefore, before the author could have any certain knowledge of what took place. However, when men are angry, they permit themselves to speak, or write, before the facts are in.

The debate featured members of the church who affirmed and denied the proposition: "Should music in worship be a barrier to fellowship with others, such as the Independent Christian Church?" The author of the article previously referred to claimed that Freed-Hardeman was advancing false doctrine by permitting the debate on its campus. He further declared the brethren on both sides of the question to be false teachers. I know the two men who affirmed that instrumental music in worship is a barrier to fellowship and I know them to be faithful to the Word of God. They were branded as false teachers, not because they disagree with Scripture, but because they disagree on some matters with their accuser. In days gone by our brethren debated denominational preachers on a variety of subjects and they debated them *in our buildings!* Were they advancing or approving false teaching? Certainly not -- they were exposing it! Would our accusing brother have approved of their debates? Probably. Such was the case last Friday on the campus of Freed-Hardeman. Shame on angry, uninformed, blinded and destructive men who would claim otherwise! Freed-Hardeman University's president, administration, faculty, and board are seeking to be true to the Word of God.

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, February 20, 2005**  
**by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.**  
10:00 A.M. - "What About Evangelism?"  
(Matthew 28:18-20)  
5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture:  
"Religion Today"  
(2 Peter 1:16-21)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### SERVICE PROJECT

Thanks to Tim & Patti Grounds for sponsoring the Service Project last Sunday afternoon. After cleaning and decorating the donated bud vases our middle school and high school students took the vases with roses in them to over sixty people at the Clairmont Nursing Center.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The annual high school Servant Retreat will be Feb. 25-27. The cost is \$35 per person. Don't miss this one!

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

In Samuel 7 we find the Israelites ready to right some wrongs. Samuel says to them, "If you are returning to the Lord with all your hearts, then rid yourselves of the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths and commit yourselves to the Lord and serve Him only, and He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines." So they did. And He did. In verse 12, Samuel took a stone and set it up as a reminder of how the Lord had helped them. He called it an Ebenezer.

I was shown another "Ebenezer" this week that came from a six year old girl. I shall remember this for a long, long time. I wanted to share it. Here's the story.

One rainy afternoon my daughter and I were driving the streets of town. The roads were slick and we were taking all the extra precautions necessary. Out of the clear

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We are off to a terrific start in 2005. The education ministry has secured all of our teachers for the upcoming spring quarter (March through May). I am so grateful for all of our teachers; they really do make a tremendous difference in the lives of their students. We also are in process of finalizing our "Summer Extravaganza." Our coordinators are formulating their strategies for a wonderful time together on June 13th-15th. Please mark these dates. We have acquired the services of Brad Harrub as a guest speaker during our Summer Extravaganza. Brad will speak to the junior high through adult classes in the small auditorium. Brad is an author and a writer for the Apologetics Press which is located in Montgomery, Alabama. I'm really looking forward to his presentations on Christian Evidence. I have been working extremely hard trying to finalize our Fellowship And Christian Training Series (F.A.C.T.S.) which will take place in the small auditorium all through the summer months on Wednesday evenings. I am still in the process of trying to secure two

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blue my daughter, Aspen, spoke from her relaxed position in her seat. "Dad, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant she had been pondering some fact for a while, and was now ready to expound all that her six year old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain," she began, "is like sin, and the windshield wipers are like God wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Aspen." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little girl take this revelation? So I asked ... "Do you notice how the rain keeps coming? What does that tell you?" Aspen didn't hesitate one moment with her answer. "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I pray that whenever you turn your wipers on you will always remember how the Lord delivers you from the clutches of Satan.

speakers; once this is done I will publish this information for the congregation. Our theme this year will be Outreach 101. I can tell you this much right now, IT IS GOING TO BE A GREAT SERIES!. Pam Lott has agreed to coordinate the desserts for our fellowship time after our Wednesday evening speakers. Pam does a great job with this. Be sure to sign up to help her as needed.

Now, I have a special request of this congregation. For the first time ever our young professionals (those 18-25) will have the opportunity of taking a mission trip. We hope this will be an annual event. This year, if all the details can be worked out, we will travel to Pottstown, Pennsylvania where Keith Hodges labors for the cause of Christ. We are excited about the possibility of going to Pottstown. Please pray for this trip. Also, along this same line of thought, many of our college students will be returning to Tyler for the summer. If you own a business and have the need for summer help, please contact me and I'd be happy to provide you with the vital information. I can assure you that this will be a great blessing for those returning to Tyler.



### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and meals during my illness. It's great to be a part of a church family that is so loving.

In Christian Love,  
Gerald Boykin

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I would like to thank everyone for the many expressions of love and care extended to me during my surgery and recovery. The food, flowers, cards, visits, calls and especially the prayers were very much appreciated.

Ruth Hearne

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Thanks to all of those in the congregation who donated bud vases for the Valentine service project. Because of your generosity we were able to distribute between sixty to seventy vases with roses to the residents of Clairmont Nursing Home. Again, thanks for your help.

West Erwin Youth

*"Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way;  
BUT NEVER forget the blessings that come each day."*

### WITH SYMPATHY

Virginia Cunningham, James Phillips' sister, died Sunday in Amarillo. Services were held Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Borger, Texas. Memorials may be made to the High Plains Children's Home in Amarillo. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Jack and Johnnie Stringer on the birth of a new great grandson! Jericho Stringer Pace was born in Fort Ord, California on Valentine's day to Seth and Kelly Pace. He weighed 7 lb. 15 oz.

### 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.

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

### BLUE RIDGE FAMILY ENCAMPMENT

June 6-10, 2005

Black Mountain, North Carolina

See bulletin board in office area for details

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a celebration of the ministry of Mike & Barbara Warner on the occasion of Mike's retirement Saturday, February 26, 2 - 5 p.m. (Short program beginning at 2:45)

Reception at the

Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
Questions? Call 903-561-7992

Contributions to the presentations for

Mike & Barbara can be sent to

Sandra Clark, 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler, TX 75703

### ETCA Celebrates 25 years

**with a Birthday Bash & Bid Dinner and Auction!**

It will be held on Saturday, March 5, at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center. The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each if purchased by March 2 and are available at the ETCA office. Free baby sitting is available for children ages 2-10 by reservation. Call Brenda Craig at 561-8642 to reserve a space for your child.

### BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

### ATTENTION LADIES

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents Ladies Night 2005 on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker. Mark your calendars and invite your friends for this special night. Refreshments will be served.

### East Texas Churches of Christ BBQ Cookoff and Blue Ribbon Dessert Contest

Chandler Street Church of Christ, Kilgore, TX

April 30, 2005

Cooks devotional	10:00
Hotdog Lunch provided	noon
Games, Fellowship	1:00 - 5:00
Devotional	3:00
Judging	5:00

Dinner Following (non-cookers bring side dishes)  
Judged by appearance, taste, tenderness

(Bring your own brisket, pit and wood - wood & charcoal only). Cookers, please RSVP by March 15. All members of your congregation are invited for a great day of Christian fellowship. RSVP 903-984-3393, 984-4818, or 984-2928.



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Bible Class	466	431	402
Worship A.M.	647	648	613
Worship P.M.	409	418	355
Wed. P.M.	358	312	330
Contribution	\$21,875.44	\$20,112.44	\$19,647.55
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

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Prayer	James Phillips
Scripture	John Portwood
Dismiss	Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Jon Sorrells  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Shaun Stamps
Scripture	Dr. Dennis Stansbury
Dismiss	Glynn Starnes

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Charles Garrett	Austin Fisher
Dan Gillam	Mark Frick
Chuck Gillam	Cooper Goodson
David Gravley	Ernie Gordon

GREETERS  
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Kara Murry  
Bob & May Helen May & Chris Scroggins  
Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Jordan Rousseau  
Visitor Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui

**Pick up cards Feb. 27:** Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish, Conner Clark, Tanner Perry, Sean Denman.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, February 27:**  
Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Donna Wright;  
Toddlers a.m.: Laurie & Dru Dawkins; Toddlers p.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; 2's: Kenna Kempton & Dr. Monique Mills; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

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### GENTLE GIANTS

You have known them ... and so have I: those Gentle Giants. They are the people in the church that work quietly and often behind the scenes. They are the people who do not wish to be noticed and who are embarrassed if they are found out. They do significant and necessary things but theirs is a thankless job because what they do is taken for granted. They are the oil that makes the machinery run but are usually appreciated only after they can no longer serve. Who are the Gentle Giants? They know who they are. If we think about it, we will know who they are. Most importantly, God knows who they are. They are the people who see that the building is open, that the lights are on, and that the thermostats are set. They are the people who vacuum carpets, mop tile, and clean restrooms. They are the people who prepare communion trays, put cards and pencils in the backs of pews, and hand out bulletins at the door. They are the folks who cook for the elderly and shut-ins, who feed over a hundred people each Monday night, and who hand out groceries and clothing to the needy. They are those

who visit the sick, cheer up the people in nursing homes, and comfort the bereaved. They are the ones who take food to the parents of newborns, to those who have lost loved ones, and to those who have been hospitalized. They are those who teach our children in Bible classes, in Bible Hour, in Worship Training, and in other classes. They are those who meet together, sometimes well into the night, to plan our work and to watch for our souls. They are the ones who teach our adults, who make visitors feel welcome, and who let their lights shine. They are those who invite people to worship, who influence people for Christ, and who live right. These are the people who attend our classes, encourage our leaders, and can always be counted on. These Gentle Giants are you ... and you ... and you.

"God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister" (Hebrews 6:10).

Thank God for the Gentle Giants! - Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, February 27, 2005**

by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.

10:00 A.M. - "If The Foundations Are Destroyed"

(Psalm 11:3; Romans 12:1, 2)

5:00 P.M. - Christ And Culture:

"What Can The Righteous Do?"

(Psalm 11:1-7)

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Drama meets Sunday @ 3:00.

Chorus meets Sunday @ 4:00.

Signing for the Deaf - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Bulletin Boards will have a workday this Sunday from 12:30 until 5:00. For more information contact Ruth Ellis.

### SERVANT RETREAT

The Servant Retreat is this weekend. The cost is \$35 plus supper money for Friday night. We will return in time for church on Sunday morning. Please pray for our group!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb.	25-27	Servant Retreat
Feb.	28	Bible Quiz
Mar.	6	High School Devotional
Mar.	7	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Mar.	25-27	LTC Convention

### Youth Ministry Summer Dates

May	21	Jr-Sr Banquet
May	22	Baccalaureate
June	7-10	Middle School Madness
June	19-25	BackCountry Trek
July	7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July	22-27	Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### SHRINKING BACK

The battle of the Christian life has always been not just to believe, but to keep on believing. It's about living the Will of God. There is no other way to see the actual fulfillment of God's promises in our lives. The Hebrew writer said it this way:

"So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what He has promised. For in just a very little while, 'He who is coming will come and will not delay. But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him.'"

In the book of Hebrews many of the Christians who believed were falling away. Israel had done the same thing. In the days of Moses, the Israelites were doomed from entering the Promised Land, not because of immorality or greed, but because of unbelief. God had promised them an inheritance of land, but they never sat foot on it due to their chronic lack of faith.

Today, we have a tendency to soft-pedal unbelief. Our approach is an easygoing approach. We say things like: "You know, that guy just has a hard time that God will help him." But I assure you, God takes no such easygoing approach. He calls it "Shrinking Back." And He let's us know how displeased He is.

Hebrews 3:12 tells us it's the sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God ..... see to it that none of you develops such a heart. Those who drop out of the race of faith are people who have stopped trusting the invisible God.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our young professionals (those 18-25) will have the opportunity of going on a service (work camp) trip for a few days over spring break. This effort is being put together by Doug Huffstedler from the Tyler Collegiate Outreach ministry. He would love for several from West Erwin to go to this work camp at Medina Children's Home. The cost will be minimal so please consider this great work. You'll have the opportunity of working along side of several young people with whom you could have a tremendous impact. You'll stay on campus and interact with these young people at work and at play. Please check with Doug Huffstedler regarding final arrangements for this trip.

Also, during the month of July (15th-22nd) the young professionals will accompany Judy and me to Pottstown, Pennsylvania if all goes as planned. We will be conducting a VBS for the Chesmont Church of Christ at their facility. This VBS will focus on reaching out to those who live within a one to two mile radius of the facility. Specifically, we will focus on a

housing project located a short distance from the back of the building. I have been crunching some numbers and it looks like each participant traveling to Pottstown will need approximately \$500.00 to cover travel expenses and food. Don't panic at this figure because we could adjust this amount along the way. For right now, let me worry about the money. If you are interested in going, please get your name in now. We'd love to take everyone who wants to go but the Chesmont congregation has limited space to house us so please get your name in early -- especially those who receive this bulletin who are away in college. Get word to me within the next few weeks if you would like to go. There are a few prerequisites regarding this trip. *First*, you must agree to help us with our VBS (Summer Extravaganza) this summer (June 13th-15th). We will be conducting the exact same VBS at Pottstown so this will be a good warm up for us. *Second*, you must put some scriptures to memory. These scriptures may be obtained through Joe Roach. *Third*, you need to be faithful in your attendance here at West Erwin. If we can agree to these three criteria then we'll have a successful trip to Pottstown.



## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Caudle Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for Thelma Brewer, Rita Sitton's aunt, Kathy Cooley's great aunt and Michael Hall's great great aunt. Tony Beard, Vera Beard's son, died Monday. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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**HELP NEEDED:** People who are willing to see that cards and sharpened pencils are in the pews each week. This requires pencil sharpening and card replenishing. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact Don Crawford.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cameron Ables on hitting a solo home run for ETCA in a recent baseball game!

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The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also.

### RETIREMENT RECEPTION

You are cordially invited to a celebration of the ministry of Mike & Barbara Warner on the occasion of Mike's retirement Saturday, February 26, 2 - 5 p.m. (Short program beginning at 2:45) Reception at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ Questions? Call 903-561-7992

### ETCA Celebrates 25 years

**with a Birthday Bash & Bid Dinner and Auction!** Saturday, March 5, at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center. The silent auction begins at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m., and the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 each if purchased by March 2 and are available at the ETCA office. Free baby sitting is available for children ages 2-10 by reservation. Call Brenda Craig at 561-8642 to reserve a space for your child.

## BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Caroline Weathers** in her decision to live her life for Christ. She was baptized into Christ by her dad Sunday morning. Caroline is in the 6th grade in Whitehouse and is the daughter of Wade and Diane Weathers and granddaughter of Don and Wanda Weathers. Her address is 9797 CR 2167, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9797.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome two new families into our family. **Charles** and **Becky Armstrong**, P.O. Box 644, Winona, TX 75792, ph. 570-3105 and **Howard** and **Linda Dickson**, 10151 CR 3197, Arp, TX 75750, ph. 566-5801 came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Both these couples have been attending here for some time and they will be a blessing as we work together to serve the Lord.

### RESPONSE

**Pam Bynum** came Sunday to request prayers that she might be more actively involved in the work of the Lord.

**PLEASE REMOVE:** Tina Harris and Jerry Huff no longer wish to be considered members at West Erwin.



### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring J.J. Truell, bride elect of Kevin Maples (son of Melvin & Donna Maples) Sunday, February 27, 3:00-4:30 Family Life Center

Selections: Linens N Things, Pier 1, Target

### BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Anna Tanksley and baby son William Robb March 6, 3:30-4:30 at the Family Life Center

Selections: Target

Ladies, please consider these your personal invitations

### "Motivational Lessons to

### Inspire the Christian Servant's Soul"

Van Church of Christ, February 27 - March 2 Sunday, services: 9:30 & 10:20 am, Mon. - Wed. 7 pm. Speakers: Stephen Corbett, Dr. Jay Lockhart, Dr. Jack Evans, & Danny Sidders

For more information call 903-963-7098.

### ATTENTION LADIES

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents **Ladies Night 2005** on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker.

**Ladies Day** at Pittsburg Church of Christ, April 16, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Sarah Fallis of Fort Worth, Texas will speak on "God's Care."



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Records	Sunday February 27	Sunday February 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	402	466	418
Worship A.M.	590	647	634
Worship P.M.	396	409	379
Wed. P.M.	309	358	360
Contribution	\$20,581.92	\$21,875.44	\$19,250.15
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 6 & Wednesday, March 9:** Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Edgar Bullard is in Mother Frances. Pattie Tate was hospitalized but is back home. Warren Gray is at home. Samantha Richardson had a tonsillectomy Wednesday. Wanda Frick is at home after knee surgery last Thursday. Winona Shankle is ill at home. Stephanie Ruddell and Larry Moore are both recovering after recent back surgeries. Jerry Mitchell is scheduled for surgery March 7. Carey Woods, Dorothy's husband, is in hospice. Continue to remember Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister; Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Jerry Bryan, Larry & Jane Ground's son-in-law; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Bobby Clague; Chris Drummond; Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; Sherrie Frick; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Ruth Hearne; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Hutton Moon; Frances Moore; Calvin Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother; Daisy Old; Louise O'Neal, Charles O'Neal's mother; Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother; Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Harley Turner; Nancy Williams, John Lacy's sister; Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; Penny Wilson, friend of the Terry Lowry's; Ben & Patsy Young and Joan Zimmerman, Joan Harlak's daughter.

CALL TO WORSHIP  
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Call to worship Brody Clark  
 Prayer Freeman Morgan  
 Scripture Pat Pattillo  
 Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
 Carlos Morgan  
 5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Prayer Buck Nowell  
 Scripture Dan Murry  
 Dismiss Noel Parker

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
 Scott Hackett Jack Grier  
 Bob Hackett Ira Groom  
 Tim Grounds Tom Hale  
 Nathan Grounds Michael Hall

GREETERS  
 Forest & Mary McFadden & George Richardson  
 Henry & Becky McRuiz & Samantha Richardson  
 Hugh & Glenda Mills & Miranda Scarborough  
 Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike  
 Jack & Johnnie Stringer

Pick up cards March 6 & 13: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, & George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 6:**  
 Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook;  
 Toddlers a.m.: Melissa Parrish & Sue Skipper; Toddlers  
 p.m.: Melvin & Nina Crow; 2's: David & Sharon  
 Hammond; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

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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## DOES RELIGION STOP PEOPLE FROM THINKING?

Recently a nationally known television personality stated in an interview that religious people suffer from a neurological disorder that "stops people from thinking." He further said that we "are a nation that is unenlightened because of religion" and that religion "justifies crazies" like those who fly "planes into a building." This television personality believes that European nations, not so encumbered by religion, are "more enlightened than us." He is embarrassed that our country "has been taken over by people ... who do not believe in science and rationality" and likened the biblical account of Jonah to a fairy tale much like Jack and the beanstalk. He ended the interview with a warning to religious people: "The future does not belong to religion." I want to take exception to what this television personality had to say. He had a bad religious experience as a child and on these grounds he indicts all religion. The genuine always has its counterfeits. This man experienced the counterfeit and based upon that experience indicts us all. He says that religious people do not think. I wonder where he has been and what qualifies him to indict all religious people by his unfounded claims. Some of the greatest minds of history were religious. Some of the greatest thoughts of all times have been religious. Some of the greatest events of history came about because of religion. One of the founding fathers said that our Constitution was made "for a moral and religious people." God is mentioned in our Declaration of Independence, in our

Constitution, and His name is heard in the halls of Congress and in the Supreme Court. Religion is not the problem in our country. Radical religion can cause problems -- Islamic radicals kill the innocent in the name of their god. However, religious people are law abiding citizens, good neighbors, and good workers. They engage in service projects, build hospitals and orphanages, and behave themselves. Religious people have always been the backbone of our country and will continue to be in spite of the television personality's prophesy that the "future does not belong to religion."

Religious people are not ignorant because they believe in God, respect Scripture, live right, and oppose crime, unnatural lifestyles and postmodern thinking. As a matter of fact it is non-thinking people like the television personality who seek to rewrite the history of our country in an effort to eliminate God from our heritage, who approve "alternative lifestyles," and who expect approval and acceptance of their brand of morality, who make our future bleak.

The television personality said that the godlessness of European people makes them "more enlightened than us." Might I remind him that godlessness produced a Stalin who executed millions of innocent people and a murderous Hitler who almost conquered the world. The hope of America is not in the absurd and unfounded statements of this or any television personality, but is in a return to the principles that made us great in the first place -- religious principles. - Jay Lockhart

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, March 6, 2005

by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.

10:00 A.M. - "It's So Easy to Forget"

(Isaiah 1:2-4)

5:00 P.M. - "The Peaceable Kingdom"

(Isaiah 2:2-5)

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7&8 Drama (Nick Blaylock Team) will meet all day Sunday. Please bring \$5 for lunch.

Chorus meets Sunday @ 4:00. 7&8 Chorus will also practice after church until 7:30.

Signing for the Deaf - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Please be present for your team practices.

We will have our final planning meeting on Sunday night, Mar. 20. This will be a very important meeting, please don't miss it!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 6 High School Devotional  
Mar. 7 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen  
Mar. 25-27 LTC Convention

## EAST TEXAS BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our young people who did an outstanding job this past week in Bible Quiz. Since the fall they have studied the entire book of Luke and did great on the tests.

Congratulations to the following: Spencer Shaw, Jessica Dupree, Justin Parrish, Brittney Kempton, Sarah Grounds, Jordan Snell, William Hardy, Keaton Aisworth, Nathan Linseisen, Amye Scarborough, Caylee Stamps, Kara Murry, Daniel Yates, Kelsi Wicks, Chloe Ainsworth, Hannah Grounds, Chris Scroggins, Nathan Grounds, Sara Scarborough, Brittany Asbill & Shannon Snell.

Youth Ministry Summer Dates	
May 21	Jr-Sr Banquet
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July 22-27	Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### IN GOD WE TRUST

Behold the penny. Used to be, if you saw one on the ground, you'd pick it up. Now, myself, and a few others will take the time to bend down and pick up a penny because a single penny is fairly worthless. But, if you look at it closely, you'll find something that makes this little coin priceless. Right above Lincoln's head these words are inscribed, "In God We Trust." I am convinced that these four words are the reason the United States of America is blessed as the world's greatest nation.

It was Lincoln's Treasury Secretary, Salmon Chase, who wrote, "No nation can be strong except in the strength of God. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins." That's why "In God We Trust" is printed even on the smallest of coins.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Here we are in March and my summer schedule is almost completely filled up. I remember when the summer months were a time of relaxation but not any more. Between our *Summer Extravaganza*, our Pottstown mission trip, our *Fellowship And Christian Training Series*, and our work camps, there seems to be little time to just kick back and relax. Some place in all of this I have to find a week or so to be away with my family. My grandmother used to say, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop," but she'd be happy to know that I'm staying pretty busy and loving every second of it.

During the summer months our teachers will have the opportunity of attending a teacher's training workshop. Generally we travel to Abilene Christian University for their annual workshop but this year we will be going to Cameron Road Church of Christ in Austin, Texas for their teacher training workshop. This will be a switch for us but I've been informed that their line of speakers will be top notch (including some of

As Christians we declare this statement no inscribed above our heads but on our hearts. The apostle Paul said it this way:

"Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on god, who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us ..."

(2 Corinthians 1:8-9)

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"He who provides for this life, but takes no care for eternity, is wiser for a moment but a fool forever."

"The good Lord set definite limits on man's wisdom, but set no limits on his stupidity."

"It's comforting to know that the King of Kings guarantees ultimate justice."

our members). The dates for this workshop will be July 22nd & 23rd. The event will take place at the Cameron Road building which is just off the interstate. West Erwin will pay the registration fee of any of our teachers (spouses not included) who wish to attend but the hotel arrangements will need to be taken care of by each of our participants. If you are interested in attending, please see Dale Blackstone for more details. Do this as soon as possible so that Dale can let the Cameron Road congregation know how many they should plan for. Let's try to get a big group to attend this workshop.

Our "Young Professionals" group continues to grow. We are having great attendance in our classes Sunday and Wednesday and our numbers continue to increase weekly at our TCO fellowships. Please continue praying for this group. I have also been impressed with our overall weekly Bible school attendance on Sunday and Wednesday. We are off to a great start this year and if we stay focused on God's Word this trend will continue throughout 2005. Wouldn't it be great to close the gap between our Sunday morning Bible school attendance and our Sunday morning worship attendance? If we stay focused it can be done.



## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Corley Funeral Home in Gladewater for **Dave Mullins**, Bill Mullins' dad. **Mark Perry**, Fern Bench's nephew, was killed in a car accident Friday night. Services were held Sunday in Gilmer. **Lynn Coe** of Pearland, Dale White's brother-in-law, died Saturday. Services are pending. Services were held Monday at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for **Frank Steed**, former West Erwin member. Services were held last Thursday in Garland for **Tony Beard**, Vera Beard's son. **Sergei Konstantinov**, Valentina Cliver's nephew that she helped to raise, died last Tuesday in Russia of carbon monoxide poisoning. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Dale Blackstone and Nancy Crawford will be presenters at the Teachers Workshop at the Cameron Road Church of Christ in Austin July 22-23. If you interested in attending, please call Dale Blackstone. The church will pay registration fees but each attendee is responsible for their lodging and food.

## 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, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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 Trimbie, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, & Jordan White.*

## CONGRATULATIONS

Office World News reported that **Gary Ables** was recently elected by the Board of Governors as Chairperson for 2005 for the National Office Products Association, a 100 year old national organization. Congratulations, Gary!

**HELP NEEDED:** People who are willing to see that cards and sharpened pencils are in the pews each week. This requires pencil sharpening and card replenishing. If you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact Don Crawford.

## BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also. They also have a shortage of **window cleaner**.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome **James and Sue Hughes** and **Dale and Dot White** into the West Erwin fellowship. Both these couples have been attending here for some time and we hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. The Hughes' address is 3701 Lake Vista Circle, 75707, ph. 566-0511 and the Whites live at 1020 Wilma, 75701, ph. 597-6820.

## RESPONSE

**Lynnlie Tuschoff** came to ask for prayers from her church family that she will find strength and a welcoming church family as she makes a new beginning in her move to Dallas this week.

*"The man who walks with God  
always knows in what direction he is going."*

## BABY SHOWER



You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Will and Anna Tanksley and baby son William Robb (Anna is Bill and Judy Wilmeth's daughter)

Sunday, March 6, 3:30-4:30

at the Family Life Center

Selections: Toys R Us & Dillard's  
(at least 3 month sizes in clothing)

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

**8th ANNUAL ACAPPELLA PRAISE NIGHT**  
Alpine Church of Christ, 610 E Loop 281, Longview  
Sunday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

## GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden St., Longview  
Ken Hope from the Centerville Road church in Garland  
March 6-9 - Theme: "How To ..."  
Sunday services: 9am, 10 am, & 6 pm; Mon.- Wed. 7 pm.

## UPDATE ON JEFF & BRENDA HOLLAND

There has been some rioting in Togo but the president who was put into office illegally has resigned and things are expected to settle down. Jeff and Brenda are expected to leave Togo on April 17 to come home on furlough and plan to have their baby in St. Louis in early May. They will return to the USA permanently in May 2006.

## ATTENTION LADIES

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Worship A.M.	639	590	617
Worship P.M.	405	396	403
Wed. P.M.	329	309	350
Contribution	\$23,896.88	\$20,581.92	\$22,180.23
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 13 & Wednesday, March 16:** Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Jerry Mitchell** had surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Clelia Faye Elliott's** hip replacement surgery will be rescheduled. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Kay Parrish**, Jeff Parrish's mother, is in Mother Frances after emergency surgery last Friday. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is in ETMC following a heart attack last Friday, then angioplasty Wednesday. **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, is hospitalized in Mineral Wells due to a broken hip. Continue to remember **Vera Beard**; **Gussie Beaty**; **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister; **Gerald Boykin**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague**; **Chris Drummond**; **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; **Wanda Frick**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Leona Hardin**; **Joan Harlak**; **Ruth Hearne**; **John & Mabel Holbert**; **Modena Jones**; **Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Tommy Lowrance**; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny**; **Mary McFadden**; **W.A. Monk**; **Hutton Moon**; **Frances Moore**; **Larry Moore**; **Calvin Morgan**, Carlos Morgan's brother; **Louise O'Neal**, Charles O'Neal's mother; **Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother; **Judy Smith**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**; **Kate Sweeney**; **Pattie Tate**; **Harley Turner**; **Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; **Ben & Patsy Young** and **Joan Zimmerman** Joan Harlak's daughter.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark  
Prayer D.L. Thompson  
Scripture John Tindel  
Dismiss Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Bob Threadgill  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Greg Walker  
Scripture Wade Weathers  
Dismiss Pete Wennert

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Scott Hackett Jack Grier  
Bob Hackett Ira Groom  
Tim Grounds Tom Hale  
Nathan Grounds Michael Hall

GREETERS

Alan & Candy Montgomery & Amye Scarborough  
Gene & Leah Moon & Sara Scarborough  
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Hayley Simmons  
Visitor Center: Bill & Pat Bratcher  
James & Connie Sublette

**Pick up cards March 13:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, & George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 13:**  
Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Welborn;  
Toddlers a.m.: Candace Montgomery & Kathy Means;  
Toddlers p.m.: Shirley Denman & Janice Hardaway; 2's:  
Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
<b>MISSIONS</b>		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Evening Worship ..... 5:00 P.M.	Bible Class ..... 7:00 P.M.
<b>ELDERS</b>		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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
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## THE SEARCH PRESENTS 1000th PROGRAM

This Sunday, March 13, the 1000th program of *The Search* will be seen on KETK, channel 56 (10 on the cable), at 7:00 a.m. In its nearly twenty years of broadcasting, *The Search* has undergone station change, changes in format, and changes in time. However, the message has remained the same -- a presentation of biblical truth "designed to seek for and find answers to man's most penetrating questions." In addition to the regular Sunday morning programs many specials have been aired during prime time hours. We regularly mail to our viewers about 90 tapes and 50 manuscripts each week. Additionally, we receive many requests for various tapes and transcripts as well as for entire series of messages. Lessons from *The Search* are sent to individuals, churches, and schools in many parts of the world. Video tapes are used in West Point, Nebraska each week and are loaned out to churches in the northwest United States and Canada through Video Bible Outreach, the very important work of Del and Clara Masters. Materials from *The Search* are sent regularly to 55 cities in Texas, to 20 states throughout the United States, and to 8 foreign countries, including three schools of preaching. Additionally, there are people in the West Erwin family that we first met through *The Search*. May God continue to use this ministry to His glory.

## JOHN SMITH IS COMING

A very special series of lessons will be presented at the West Erwin church by John Smith, April 8-10. There will be two sessions on Friday evening (7 to 9 p.m.), two sessions on Saturday morning (9 to 11:30 am), and three sessions on Sunday (9 and 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.). John Smith is much in demand as a teacher, preacher, and lecturer for churches, colleges, retreats, and seminars. His unusual method of presenting, illustrating, and applying God's Word by using "*Stories of Home*" captivates, inspires and motivates audiences. I predict that those who attend the first sessions on Friday evening will be back for the rest. Mark your calendars and get ready -- we are in for a treat!

- Jay Lockhart



**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, March 13, 2005**  
by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.  
10:00 A.M. - "The Vineyard"  
(Isaiah 5:1, 2)  
5:00 P.M. - "Eyes That See"  
(Isaiah 6:1-4)

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Chorus meets Sunday @ 4:00.

Signing for the Deaf - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Please be present for your team practices. Check with your team captains about additional practice times.

The LTC Choruses will sing for the church on Sunday night, Mar. 20 after the evening worship service.

LTC is soon upon us! Let us not forget what it's all about and remember to be responsible in cleaning up our mess and keeping a good attitude.

We will have our final planning meeting on Sunday night, Mar. 20. This will be a **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**, please don't miss it!

### THANKS!

Thanks to the teens who made Sunday night a special time. The reality check puts things in order. Ask one of the high schoolers about their plane trip!

Thanks to Barry Scarborough, Cathy Scroggins, Tim Grounds & for helping with the HS devo this last week.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 20	LTC Meeting
Mar. 20	LTC Choruses to Sing
Mar. 25-27	LTC Convention
Apr. 3	City-Wide Meeting @ Shiloh Rd.
Apr. 3	City-Wide 6-12th Grade Devo

### YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER DATES

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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### IT'S JUST NOT FAIR!

Remember those days in the car? You hand a snack into the back seat and tell your three precious little darlings to share it. Within sixty seconds the cry comes forward, "He got more than I did. It's just not fair!"

As parents we struggle to instill kindness and gratitude into our children, but human nature is one stubborn customer. I suppose we are born seeking to satisfy our own wants. And the most frustrating thing is that many never really grow out of that attitude. We spend our adult life working to "keep up with the Joneses." My feelings are hurt when a coworker gets a promotion rather than me. We always want our fair share. And how we can howl when we think we've been slighted.

#### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I have some great news to report to everyone. Starting this fall we will once again be involved in teaching a class at Tyler Junior College. The class is entitled: The Gospel of Jesus Christ, and all students interested in taking this course can receive 3 hours of credit. The teacher and the classroom will be determined at a later date. Slightly over two years ago the Bible Chair program (Tri-C) had to close its doors. Several of us have been actively involved in trying to reorganize different aspects of the Tri-C program and little by little we are moving in the right direction. Working with the University Church of Christ (particularly Doug Hufstedler) we have developed a program (Tyler Collegiate Outreach Ministry) that is pursuing a variety of activities, fellowships and devotionals for our college age students (18-25 year olds). So far, we have been involved in mini work camps, camping trips, devotionals, gym nights at West Erwin, and service projects (i.e. Karing Kitchen). We are attempting to plan a mission trip and some additional outreach efforts throughout

The puzzling thing to me is how you and I demand to be treated fairly, yet we will all gather around the table of the Lord on Sunday to commemorate the greatest unfairness of all. Jesus gave His life so that we would not get what we deserve. Yet, Jesus never asked for an appeal on the grounds of fairness. No wonder He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings!

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"When everything's coming your way,  
you're in the wrong lane."

"A truly happy person is one who can  
enjoy the scenery on a detour."

"We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty, and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box."

the summer months. We would still love to see the other churches make a commitment to this effort. We need financial assistance as well as congregational involvement. This is a golden opportunity to get in on the ground level and work hand in hand with this wonderful new ministry. If you get involved now, you'll be in a position to offer instruction and guidance as to the mission statement of this ministry. If you wait, all I can say is that you had your chance. I personally am hopeful that as things progress that we once again can have a permanent structure to meet in. Whether it is the old Tri-C building or another building we need to be seen on our campuses. It really is a shame that the message that we give to our children who choose to attend TJC or UTT is: "Good luck in school, and by the way, if you need any biblical instructions along the way be sure to check out one of the denominational churches student centers." I'm not satisfied with the situation that we find ourselves in and I know you are not either. Please continue to pray for this ministry and step by step (along with your active involvement) we will begin to make a difference in the lives of our college students.



### IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the prayers, cards and wonderful food.

Wanda Frick

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Thank you so much for the visits, cards, calls and especially your prayers during the illness and death of my son Tony. He was very special to me. I miss him just knowing he is gone. Thanks again for your kindness.

In Christian love,

Vera Beard

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent after the death of my father, the visits, the phone calls, the many cards and the prayers that were offered up for my family. Words cannot fully convey how much all of you mean to me and my family.

In Christian Love,

Bill & Donna Mullins

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Our family appreciates your thoughts and prayers on behalf of Candace's brother and sister-in-law, Ist LT Josh Gaspard and Ist LT Andrea Gaspard. They both returned from Iraq last year and were married and reunited at their base in Vicenza, Italy. Please continue to pray for them as they prepare to leave again on March 14 for another year's deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan. We will update their address when it becomes available. Love,

Michael & Candace Hall



### WITH SYMPATHY

**Daisy Lee Old**, West Erwin member since 1944, died Wednesday night. She was the sister of Tillie Carpenter and aunt of Sylvia Carpenter and Cecille Wiggains. Graveside services were held in Daingerfield Saturday. Services were held Saturday at Stewart Funeral Home for **Carey Woods**, Dorothy Woods' husband. Services were held last week in the Houston area for **Loretta Dickson**, Howard Dickson's sister-in-law. Graveside services will be held Saturday at Cathedral in the Pines for **Helen Stripling**, former West Erwin member. Visitation will be before the services at Lloyd James Funeral Home. 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, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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.

"Love is patient, love is kind, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

- I Corinthians 13:

### TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Dale Blackstone and Nancy Crawford will be presenters at the Teachers Workshop at the Cameron Road Church of Christ in Austin July 22-23. If you interested in attending, please call Dale Blackstone. The church will pay registration fees but each attendee is responsible for their lodging and food.

### BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from Boles Children's Home will be in our area the week of March 14-18. Their list of needs include: 2 gallon zip lock bags; electric dishwasher detergent; spaghetti sauce; vanilla wafers. Other items are appreciated also. They also have a shortage of **window cleaner**.

### ATTENTION LADIES

**Ladies Day** at Pittsburg Church of Christ, April 16, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Sarah Fallis of Fort Worth, Texas will speak on "God's Care."

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents **Ladies Night 2005** on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker.

### East Texas Churches of Christ BBQ Cookoff

#### and Blue Ribbon Dessert Contest

Chandler Street Church of Christ, Kilgore, TX

April 30, 2005

Cooks devotional	10:00
Hotdog Lunch provided	noon
Games, Fellowship	1:00 - 5:00
Devotional	3:00
Judging	5:00

Dinner Following (non-cookers bring side dishes)

Judged by appearance, taste, tenderness

(Bring your own brisket, pit and wood - wood & charcoal only). Cookers, please RSVP by March 15. All members of your congregation are invited for a great day of Christian fellowship. RSVP 903-984-3393, 984-4818, or 984-2928.

### LITTLE PEOPLES SCHOOL

Little People's School at the Glenwood Church of Christ is now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten starting in the fall of 2005. If you are interested or would like information, please contact Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904, or by e-mail at lps@tyler.net.

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Records	Sunday March 13	Sunday March 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	417	450	452
Worship A.M.	645	639	611
Worship P.M.	365	405	419
Wed. P.M.	362	329	304
Contribution	\$24,159.34	\$23,896.88	\$19,855.65
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00		

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 20 & Wednesday, March 23:** Tom Hale, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE -** **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Kalli Huff**, daughter of Rachel, is in UTHC with pneumonia. **Gene Chandler** is at home after another surgery Tuesday. **Jerry Mitchell** is at home after surgery last week. **Clelia Faye Elliott's** hip replacement surgery will be rescheduled. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is in ICU after aortic valve surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Harold Marts**, Phil's dad, is hospitalized in Sulphur Springs with pneumonia. **Kay Parrish**, Jeff Parrish's mother, is in Mother Frances ICU after another emergency surgery. **Stephen Pickle**, Sallyann's son, is hospitalized in Oklahoma City following a heart attack. Continue to remember **Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Mavis Bolton;** Claude Sessions' sister; **Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague; Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Hutton Moon; Frances Moore; Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother; **Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
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Call to worship	Brody Clark
Prayer	Larry Murphy
Scripture	John Lacy
Dismiss	Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Ernest Bennett  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Kenneth Muncy
Scripture	Joe Roach
Dismiss	Lee Mink

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Richard Gregory	Morris Hallman
Dave Hanley	Todd Hancock
Charles Harris	David Hammond
Chad Harbuck	Paul Hancock

GREETERS  
Noel & Jean Parker & Shannon Snell  
Jeff & Melissa Parker & Caylee Stamps  
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo  
Visitor Center: Bob & Pat Hackett  
Leon & Carolyn Welborn

**Pick up cards March 20 & 27:** Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zack Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 20:**  
Nursery a.m.: Pam Lott; Nursery p.m.: Rhonda Haws;  
Toddlers a.m.: Diane & Caroline Weathers; Toddlers p.m.:  
Ray & Gail Vannoy; 2's: Daniel & Kim DuPree; 3's & 4's:  
Stuart & Kathy Means.

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
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Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### JOHN SMITH AT WEST ERWIN

Friday through Sunday, April 8-10, promise to be some very significant days for us. John Smith will be with us for seven sessions on "Stories of Home." John is a marvelous story teller. However, he tells stories not for the sake of stories, but to press home important biblical truth. Those who hear John as he engages in his unique ministry are moved to laughter and tears and are transformed by the message of God. There will be two sessions on Friday evening from 7:00 till 9:00, two on Saturday morning from 9:00 till 11:30 and three on Sunday at 9:00, 10:00 and 12:30. It is important for us to commit ourselves to this three day opportunity for spiritual growth. We can benefit only if we commit ourselves to be in attendance. Here is my prediction: if you attend Friday evening you will want to attend Saturday and Sunday. Another prediction: if you wait

until Sunday to hear John Smith you will regret having not heard him earlier. So the answer is to set aside Friday, Saturday, and Sunday right now and be present for all of these meetings. You will be glad you did.

#### EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

On Thursday evening, April 14, Eastern European Mission will host a dinner from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway. The guest speaker will be Igor Egirev, minister of the church of Christ in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. Igor has been here before and endeared himself to those who heard him. Those who attend the dinner will have an opportunity to visit with Igor as well as other members of the EEM staff. The dinner will be free and you will be given an opportunity to donate to EEM. Sign up at the Visitor Center in the foyer.  
- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, March 20, 2005**  
**by Don Crawford**  
**10:00 A.M. - "Three Stories of the Lost and Found"**  
**(Luke 15:11-32)**  
**5:00 P.M. - "Grape Expectations"**  
**(John 15:13-15)**

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Drama meets Sunday @ 3:00. 9 & 10 Drama will meet all day on the 20th.

Chorus meets Sunday @ 4:00.

Signing for the Deaf - Wednesdays @ 6:30

Puppets meet on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

Please be present for your team practices. Check with your team captains about additional practice times.

The LTC Choruses will sing for the church on Sunday night, Mar. 20 after the evening worship service.

LTC is soon upon us! Let us not forget what it's all about and remember to be responsible in cleaning up our mess and keeping a good attitude.

We will have our final planning meeting on Sunday night, Mar. 20. This will be a **VERY IMPORTANT MEETING**, please don't miss it! Thanks to all of the adults who have put countless hours into making LTC something significant for our young people. West Erwin has 74 young people attending this

year along with 6000 others from 200 churches in the south. May God be glorified through this!

### THANKS!

Thanks to David Blaylock who taught in my absence this past Sunday. Thanks to Tim Grounds who has also filled in for me in past weeks.

### SUMMER INTERN

West Erwin has been blessed in the past with some great summer interns. We feel confident that this summer will not be an exception. Nathan McBroom will be working with us this summer. He is a junior Youth Ministry major at Oklahoma Christian. Nathan has been very active in youth ministry as a student and as a leader. He has some great qualities that will be a blessing to us and we hope to be a blessing to him. Nathan will join us in mid-May and work until mid-August. You will have the opportunity to meet him at LTC. Please continue to pray for Nathan and our summer together.

Mar. 20

Mar. 20

Mar. 25-27

LTC Meeting  
LTC Choruses to Sing  
LTC Convention

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### THANKS TO THE BIBLE HOUR!

Once again the children of the Bible Hour class donated 97 cans to the Benevolent Center. Great job!

### THANKS TO KIDS FOR CHRIST!

The KFC class made 4 really nice posters announcing the Cherokee Days food drive for the Children's Home. Thanks for doing a GREAT job! - James Phillips

### WHAT A REFRESHING STORY

Did you catch the news about the young lady who was taken hostage by the man who shot the judge and others in Atlanta? She talked to him about God, about Jesus Christ, and about repentance and he responded. The shocking thing was that the news media took the story. I believe we are starting to see a turnaround in our nation

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! What a week. As we attempt to put together a young professional ministry I have been amazed at all the twists and turns we have encountered. I love the approach we are taking with this ministry. We are not rushing into it headlong but we are taking our time, adding to it almost as if we are taking baby steps, but anticipating a time when the steps will be much longer and a lot more stable. I'd like to take this time to thank several who have helped me in the developmental stages of this new ministry. *First*, let me thank the young professionals who have attended a variety of activities as well as several service projects that we've already planned and implemented. *Second*, let me thank the committee that works with the 18-25 year olds (Terry Lowry, Jon Murry, Joe Roach and Barry Scarborough). *Third*, I'd like to thank our elders for encouraging me to oversee this work. It has been quite refreshing to get re-involved in the work of the young professionals. This was a much needed shot in the arm to me which revitalized my work.

in regard to spiritual matters. Praise God for this woman's courage and conviction. Praise God for only He has the power to change lives.

### COVENANT

I always appreciate Dr. Lockhart's comments about our covenant-making, covenant-keeping God. When you take communion this next Lord' day remember that what you are doing is a memorial to what God has done through Christ. Jesus fulfilled that old covenant, abolishing the burden of the Law system. We now live under a covenant of grace. If that does not bring you to your knees with thanksgiving nothing will.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son..." John 3:16

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." John 14:13

This past week *Joe Roach* and I traveled to Camp Deer Run as well as to the Yellow House at Stephen F. Austin University. We traveled to Camp Deer Run to see if there was a service project or retreat which we could conduct during the fall of 2005. Things look hopeful that we will be able to put something together around October. Then (a couple of days later) it was off to the Yellow House. What a fantastic work! The work that the Yellow House is involved in is everything that some of us have been trying to institute here for our college students in Tyler. They are heavily involved in outreach as well as service projects. On a limited scale we will try to do our best to begin instituting some of their suggestions. Hopefully, over the next few years we will be full fledged in a similar ministry. Please keep the "young professionals" in your prayers.

\*Several people have asked me when our next planning meeting for our Summer Extravaganza (formerly VBS) will be. It will be April 3, 2005 at 4:15 in room 112. Please try your best to be present at this meeting.



## IN APPRECIATION

Dearest West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, visits, books and flowers that you sent or brought Aunt Da (Daisy Lee Old) -- what a blessing you were in her life. You will never know how much she truly loved each of you. We will so miss her smile, hugs, kisses and listening ear, but we find great comfort in knowing our separation is only for a short while.

The Wiggains, Carpenters,  
Gregorys, Popas & Tigerts

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To West Erwin church of Christ members,

Your kindness and expressions of love are greatly appreciated. Thank you for a beautiful service, the delicious food, flowers, calls and the comforting cards.

In Christian love,

The Carey Woods Family

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To My West Erwin Family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and food during my recent surgery and recovery.

Larry Moore

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Thank you for the cards, prayers, and food during my back surgery. I am doing well.

Joe McBee

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To those involved in any capacity with the surprise dinner party for me on March 7, I want you to know you were completely successful. I had not a clue. I do thank you so much for the many complimentary remarks and the gift I received. I do love all of you and plan to continue doing as much as I can. Being able to work with the church has been my salvation for many years.

My love,

Velma Lemons

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Thank you for your prayers during the illness of my sister, Virginia Cunningham. Thank you for your prayers and words of comfort for me and my family. We appreciate the cards and contributions to High Plains Children's Home in honor of Virginia. Virginia was a fine Christian woman and was an asset to her church, her community, and her family.

James Phillips



## WITH SYMPATHY

Memorial services were held Wednesday in Lexington, Kentucky for Faye Barreda, Sandie Martin's aunt (her dad's twin sister). Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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.

## BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Ashley Fountain** in her decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. She has been attending for some time with Larry and Jane Ground. Her address is 1524 Idell, 75701, ph. 903-597-1715.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Dick and Shirley McClenny on the birth of a new grandson! Cole Weston Rager was born March 10 in Dalals to Chad & Robyn Rager. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long.

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Claude and Odell Sessions** celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on March 13. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

**Lena Hays** will celebrate her 96th birthday on March 17. She is an inspiration to all in her regular attendance and her sweet Christian spirit.

**Kenna Kempton** recently started back to school and will be inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta International Honor Society for history students at a special dinner at Traditions April 1st!

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** If you are interested in your children attending Day Camp at Camp Deer Run, please pick up an application on the table outside of the church office.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The parking lot at the newspaper office is under construction and will not be available for parking for a couple of months. Additional parking is available west of the building at Maddox Air Conditioning.

## TEACHERS WORKSHOP

If you interested in attending in attending the Teachers Workshop July 22-23 in Austin, please call **Daie Blackstone**. The church will pay registration fees.

## DOGWOOD JAMBOREE

Hwy. 19 N & Loop 256, Palestine, Texas  
Saturday, March 19, 7:00 p.m. - Featuring **Dan Manuel**

## GOSPEL MEETING

Quitman & Center Church of Christ in Gladewater  
Murphy Phillips, guest speaker  
April 7-11, Thurs.-Sat. 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 am

## ATTENTION LADIES

**Ladies Day/Tea** at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola on Saturday, April 9 at 9:00 a.m. **Speaker:** Pat Scott of Rockwall, TX. Theme: "God Has A Plan for You." (babysitting provided for 2nd grade and under) Please RSVP by Friday, March 31 at (903) 569-2046 or e-mail [djdeladield@yahoo.com](mailto:djdeladield@yahoo.com).  
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Wed. P.M.	276	362	380
Contribution	\$18,226.96	\$24,159.34	\$20,696.65
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(3-20-05 Building Fund 460.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 27 & Wednesday, March 30:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Frances Phillips** is scheduled for gall bladder surgery Thursday at UTHC. **Edgar Bullard** is now in Health South. **Rex Power** will begin radiation treatment Monday. **Jerry Mitchell** is at home after recent surgery. **Clelia Faye Elliott's** hip replacement surgery will be rescheduled. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is in Olympic Plaza following a heart attack and aortic valve surgery. **Kay Parrish**, Jeff Parrish's mother, is in Mother Frances after a second emergency surgery. **Stephen Pickle**, Sallyann's son, is hospitalized in Oklahoma City following a heart attack. Continue to remember **Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister; **Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague; Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; John & Mabel Holbert; Kalli Huff**, Rachel's daughter; **Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Hutton Moon; Frances Moore; Averi Moya; Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother; **Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; **Ben & Patsy Young**.

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Prayer Dean Brookshire  
Scripture Jim Carty  
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Tom Carder  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Alan Fisher  
Scripture Curtis Elmore  
Dismiss David Frick

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Richard Gregory Morris Hallman  
Dave Hanley Todd Hancock  
Charles Harris David Hammond  
Chad Harbuck Paul Hancock

GREETERS

Bob & Barbara Paul & Monica Starr  
Fred & Sara Powell & Ashlie Sustaie  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Patrick Sweeney  
Visitor Center: Milburn & Jan Cook  
Louis & Jane Jones

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Toddlers a.m.: Norma Durham & Barbara Henderson;  
Toddlers p.m.: Marisa Suggs; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot;  
3's & 4's: Todd & Jana Hancock.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit Doug Yates - Education  
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**MISSIONS**  
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**ELDERS**  
Jay Bynum Don Durham Ron Lott  
Phil Marts Bill Mullins Dannie Skipper  
James Sublette Ray Vannoy Leon Welborn

**ASSEMBLIES**

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Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.  
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## LIFE AND DEATH

Since sin has been in the world men have died. Solomon said there is "a time to be born, and a time to die" (Ecclesiastes 3:2). However, human life is precious and Scripture prohibits murder (Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21; Romans 13:9 et.al.). Not all acts of taking human life are murder. When the state or government takes life in the action of soldiers or policemen or as punishment upon those who practice evil it is not properly called murder. Most would agree that to take a life in self defense would not be considered murder. On the other hand, our culture forces us to deal with some gritty moral issues concerning life and death. What should the Christian's response be to abortion, euthanasia, suicide, and carnal warfare?

- War** - It seems that Romans 13 permits a Christian to be a policeman or a soldier and the taking of life in the line of duty is the authorities which are approved of God and which are the ministers of God doing their duty in executing God's wrath on evil doers. This is the general principle and does not address the question of whether a war is "just" or not and similar questions.
- Suicide** - This is self-murder and I am convinced that since self-preservation is one of our strongest instincts, when one takes his own life something in his mind snaps and allows him to do the unnatural. The exception would be the terminally ill person who, either with the aid of someone else or by his own

hand, deliberately chooses to end his life rather than to endure what might be a prolonged, slow, and painful death by illness. This action is the taking of a human life rather than allowing nature to take its course and the overriding question should not be, "How do I feel about it?" but "How does God see this?"

- Abortion**. This issue usually comes back to when life begins. There is much biblical and biological evidence that life begins at conception and that abortion, therefore, is the taking of human life. Since this taking of life is outside the parameters of Romans 13, it must be opposed on the grounds that it is murder.
- Euthanasia** - This word means to cause the death of one who cannot get well. News reports of Terri Schiavo's situation and the fact that government on the local, state, and national level is involved forces us to consider this issue. The ultimate question here is not about exterminating those one might feel are inferior (that was Hitler's approach) or killing those who cannot care for themselves (that violates the nature of Christianity as well as decency). The ultimate question is not hastening death or helping people die who do not wish to live or who some feel shouldn't live. The ultimate question is, "Should one who cannot live except by artificial means and who is in a vegetative state with no hope of ever having any quality of life be permitted to die? If that is the only way I can live, I would prefer to die."  
- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, March 27, 2005**  
by Jay Lockhart, Ph.D.  
10:00 A.M. - "Victory Out Of Defeat"  
(Isaiah 53:1-6)  
5:00 P.M. - "The Birth of Immanuel"  
(Isaiah 7:10-14)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Teens remember to sign up for our mission trips. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. Remember, you need 25 service hours.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

As most of you are reading this, our group will be attending the 18th annual Leadership Training For Christ Convention in Dallas. Our young people have done an outstanding job of preparation and dedication to "getting it done." Thank you!

Thanks to our elders who years ago made a commitment to provide opportunities for our young people to grow spiritually. LTC has been one of those opportunities that has brought many blessings.

Thanks to all of the adults who have put countless hours into making LTC something significant for our young people. West Erwin has 74 young people attending this year along with 6000 others from 200 churches in the south. May God be glorified through this!

### COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

#### GOD'S HATE LIST

When God delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage He gave them certain commandments to follow (Exodus 20). If they followed them He agreed to be their Provider and Protector. They not only failed to keep them, but their relationship went so far south that God was not even on speaking terms with them for the 400 years between the testaments. Israel not only ignored His commandments, they did the very things that He hated. Proverbs 6:17-19 gives us a list of the things God hates.

1. **Haughty eyes** - God takes no pleasure in people who look down on other people. The attitude that my happiness is more important than your happiness led to neglecting the poor, ignoring the widows and orphans, and a very low view of marriage which in turn led to a high rate of divorce. God says He hates divorce too (Malachi 2:16).

2. **A lying tongue** - keeping your word has always been an indicator of the character you possess. A lying tongue hates those it hurts and he who hates his brother is a murderer (I John 3:15).

3. **Hands that shed innocent blood** - God hates those who love violence (Psalm 11:5). They are cruel and the total opposite of what God wants them to be.

4. **A heart that devises wicked schemes** - devising a wicked plan is a premeditated evil. It always begins in the heart.

5. **Feet that are quick to rush into evil** - if they thought they could get ahead, they didn't care who they stepped on.

6. **False witnesses who pour out lies** - a false witness is one who is asked to lie on behalf of another in order to give them an advantage.

7. **A man who stirs up dissension among brothers** - he is a destroyer of peace and harmony which God expects of His people.

These are seven of the things that the Lord finds detestable; seven things that broke His relationship with Israel; seven things Satan plants into *our* thoughts in order to damage and destroy *our* relationship with God. Be on your guard!

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

I just wanted to take a moment to thank all of our Bible Hour teachers for the work they do here at West Erwin. We have so many involved in this work that if I just listed their names it would take up the remainder of my bulletin article. I hope you all know that you are appreciated for all the time, energy and effort that you put into these three ministries. To the coordinators (David & Ginny Wicks, Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, and Nancy Crawford) thanks so much for organizing and implementing these ministries. It is a great blessing working with you all. May God continually bless you in your labor of love for our children. Parents, if your children are not involved in our Bible Hour programs, please get them involved as soon as possible. The *Tots For Christ* group (2's through 5's) meet in the Heritage Room, the *Senior Bible Hour* (K through 3rd grade) meets in the class above the main foyer, and the *Kids For Christ* (4th and 5th grade) group meets across the parking lot in the Fellowship Hall. Each of these groups assembles on Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m.

Another thank you is extended to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone for the work they did in putting together the Egg Hunt on March 19th for our 3 year olds through 3rd grade. Everyone had a fantastic time. *Judy Yates* should also be thanked for her work with this event. As many of you know we are trying to put together more activities for this age group. We are going at a slow pace with the scheduling of additional events but hopefully the pace will pick up over the next few months. Please keep this new ministry (*Kid's Kingdom*) in your prayers. If you have any suggestions for activities, please see me at your convenience. If we work together on this new ministry we can make a difference in the lives of children.

Also, take a look at our schedule for our upcoming *Fellowship And Christian Togetherness Series*. The schedules are posted on all exterior doors of our building. It is going to be a great summer with our guest speakers and our refreshments afterward. Let's all try to be present.

\*\*Several people have asked me when our next planning meeting for our *Summer Extravaganza* (formerly VBS) will be. It will be April 3, 2005, at 4:15 p.m. in room 112.



### IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the contribution from the West Erwin Church to High Plains Children's Home in honor of my sister, Virginia Cunningham. We greatly appreciate it. James Phillips

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I want to express my appreciation to everyone who remembered me on my 96th birthday. Lena Hays

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We want to thank our West Erwin family for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, and delicious food. The surgery was successful and prayers were answered. The cancer was contained in the gland so after the six week recovery period we should be back to a normal schedule. Thank you again for your kindness shown to our family during this time. In His Service. Jerry & Pat Mitchell

### WITH SYMPATHY

**Harold Marts**, Phil's dad, died last Thursday. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Gafford Chapel in Sulphur Springs. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henry and Mozelle Brown on the celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary on March 19. We rejoice with them in this happy and significant milestone in their lives.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Casey Culpepper, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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.*

**NEW ADDRESS:** Chris & Miranda Conder, 1277 Luann Lane, 75703.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no *Kids For Christ* class Sunday evening, March 27.

**ATTENTION PARENTS:** If you are interested in your children attending Day Camp at Camp Deer Run, please pick up an application on the table outside of the church office.

**TEMPORARY PARKING CHANGES:** The parking lot at the newspaper office is under construction and will not be available for parking for a couple of months. Additional parking is available west of the building at Maddox Air Conditioning.

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### GOSPEL MEETING

Quitman & Center Church of Christ in Gladewater  
Murphy Phillips, guest speaker  
April 7-11, Thurs.-Sat. 7:00 p.m. Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 am

### ATTENTION LADIES

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**Ladies Day** at Pittsburg Church of Christ, April 16, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Lunch will be served. Sarah Fallis of Fort Worth, Texas will speak on "God's Care."

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents **Ladies Night 2005** on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker.

### 20th ANNUAL HYMNFEEST

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W  
Saturday, April 16, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m.  
Featuring "Psalm IV," "Family Reunion" and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders

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Annual Awards & Appreciation Banquet May 1, 2005  
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### THINK ABOUT IT....

"Don't major in minor things."

"Pray not for things, but for wisdom and courage."

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Records	Sunday March 27	Sunday March 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	285	424	484
Worship A.M.	658	628	718
Worship P.M.	264	450	921
Wed. P.M.	337	276	321
Contribution	\$18,445.07	\$18,226.96	\$20,347.58
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(3-27-05 Building Fund \$380.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 3 & Wednesday, April 6:** Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Clelia Faye Elliott had hip replacement surgery Monday at ETMC. Rose Teel had shoulder surgery Monday. Wini Cullinan suffered a fall. Frances Phillips is at home after gall bladder surgery. Rex Power is undergoing radiation treatment. Edgar Bullard is in Health South Rehab. Mary Haws is now in Garden Estates. Tillie Carpenter is now in Clairmont. Pattie Tate is in Colonial Nursing Center in Lindale. Jerry Mitchell is at home. Mildred Barnwell, Linda Marts' mother, is in Olympic Plaza Rehab. Kay Parrish, Jeff Parrish's mother, is in Mother Frances. Stephen Pickle, Sallyann's son, is recuperating at home in Ada, OK following a heart attack and stent implants. Continue to remember Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Mavis Bolton, Claude Sessions' sister; Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Reba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Bobby Clague; Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Hutton Moon; Frances Moore; Averi Moya; Judy Smith; Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother; Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Harley Turner; Nancy Williams, John Lacy's sister; Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Brody Clark  
Prayer Stan Mallory  
Scripture Carroll Magee  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Glen May

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
The Area-Wide meeting is at Shiloh, with LTC choruses performing at 5:00 and Worship service at 6:00. There will be no services at West Erwin.

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dick Higginbotham Dayne Harris  
Ralph Henderson Scottie Hart  
Matt Haws Darryl Hendrix  
James Hardin Roger Howell

GREETERS

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Maselyn Walker  
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Walker Waggonner  
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Audrey Wright  
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard  
Bill & Judy Wilmeth

Pick up cards April 3 & 10: Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins, Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 3:**  
Nursery a.m.: Rita Sitton; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome;  
Toddlers a.m.: Keith & Jennifer Skender; Toddlers p.m.:  
Lee & Camille Mink; 2's: Jason & Jennifer Paltjon; 3's &  
4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

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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### AREA-WIDE MEETING at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ Sunday, April 3

5:00 p.m. LTC Choruses  
6:00 p.m. Worship Assembly

Bill Allen who is with the Center of Christian Education (formerly the Preston Road School of Preaching) will be the guest speaker (There will be no evening service at West Erwin)



### JOHN SMITH IS COMING

to  
Preach the Gospel  
in presenting  
"Stories of Home"  
April 8-10

Friday - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. with refreshment break  
Saturday - 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. with refreshment break  
Sunday - 9:00, 10:00, 12:30  
with a catered meal following the morning worship  
(The Friday and Saturday meetings will be in the Family Life Center)

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon for Sunday, April 3, 2005  
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10:00 A.M. - "The King Is Coming"  
(Isaiah 9:6, 7)

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## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Well... The 2005 LTC Convention is over. At least, mostly over! I could probably go on and on about our young people and their hard work and the sponsors that made it happen. But, this is a short article. You will have the opportunity to see some of their work on Sunday, Apr. 17 as our young people will be leading us that night and you'll see a video showing some of the events.

This coming Sunday night, Apr. 3, our Choruses will be singing along with the other Tyler LTC Choruses at Shiloh Rd. from 5:00-6:00. Those of you in the LTC Choruses need to be at Shiloh Rd. by 4:30.

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### A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN SERVANTS

Two-thirds of the day-to-day work in ministry is done by women. Jesus knew the importance of women and drew upon their servant spirit. Women like Joanna, Suzanna, Priscilla, Lydia, Phoebe, Mary, Martha, and countless others who contributed their talents through the gifts of financial support, prophecy, teaching, and serving with humility, compassion, and mercy. The apostle Paul commends eight women in his letter to the church in Rome. Recruiting, equipping, training and motivating servants would be highly unsuccessful if it were not for thousands of women servants. These servants receive little recognition but they are our heroes. Primarily, it's the women who hold our ministries together. Most of their work is done behind the scenes. Opening their homes, cooking meals, sending notes and cards, making phone calls -- our women are the follow-through people. To all the women of West Erwin I say, "Thank you for all you do for the cause of Christ. Thank you for

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

There was a song written back in the 1970's entitled *I Don't Like Spiders And Snakes*, and I can't begin to tell you just how true the title of this song has become to me. Snakes give me the woolies and spiders must be attracted to me. For the second time in my life I have been bitten by a spider and so for several days I have made a trip to the doctor's office to be lanced or packed and I guarantee you it isn't any fun. It is amazing the impact that such a small spider can make on one's life. Several of you have asked where I have been; the answer is that me and my checkbook have been at the doctor's office. Things are returning to normal and I want to thank all of those who have visited with me or called to see how I was doing.

To the parents of our 3 through 5 year olds, your children are invited to a Children's Carnival at the University of Texas at Tyler. This carnival is sponsored by the Student Government

## CITY-WIDE WORSHIP

Shiloh Rd. will be hosting our annual City-Wide Worship this coming Sunday night at 6:00. The LTC Choruses will be singing from 5:00-6:00 and all the 6-12th grade students are invited to stay for the youth devotional afterwards. Please bring \$3 for supper. We finish at 8:30.

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Sunday, April 3, is our *Welcome to West Erwin* lunch and tour of the facility. We invite and encourage all our guests to stay after worship, eat with a shepherding group in the Family Life Center and take the tour to learn more about West Erwin and the different ministries that define who we are and what we stand for in our community. No reservations necessary, just be there.

Association and it will be held in the Mayte Fisch Convocation Center located in the Patriot Center. The date is April 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding this event you may call 903-566-7052.

Several weeks ago I selected April 3rd as the date for our next Summer Extravaganza (VBS) meeting. Since that time I found out that the citywide meeting is also scheduled for that night. It will start at 5:00 with LTC choruses singing so I'm going to move our meeting up to 4:00 p.m. and I will end it at 4:30 which will give us plenty of time to get over to Shiloh Road for the meeting. Our VBS meeting will be in room 112. If you signed up to help with VBS it is extremely important that you be present for this meeting. Remember, the meeting is this Sunday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m. in room 112.

Let's continue to be involved in the educational program of the church. I know that during LTC things get really hectic around here. Teachers, let's get back on course with our materials and conclude this quarter on a high note by reaching as many of our students as possible with the Word of God. Thanks for your cooperation.



## IN APPRECIATION

We really appreciate all of the calls, cards, visits, food, and especially the prayers on behalf of our family over the past several weeks. My mother is improving in rehab each day. The flowers you sent to Phil's Dad's funeral were beautiful. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this caring family.

Love,  
Phil & Linda Marts

## WITH SYMPATHY

**Joan Jordan**, Gail Vannoy's mother and a long time member at West Erwin, died Sunday. Services were held Wednesday at Cathedral in the Pines. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

**LOST:** A fabric Easter basket in the shape of a chicken with great sentimental value was lost at the Easter Egg Hunt at the Blackstones last Saturday. If you find it, please return it to the church office.

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## RESPONSE

**Curtis Elmore** came Sunday to request prayers to help him overcome things in his life that keep him from being the kind of Christian he want to be. He also requested prayers for his brother.

**Katie Lemons** came to ask for prayers that she might be become closer to God and to live the life that He would have her live.

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Daylight Savings time begins.  
Set your clocks **ahead one hour**  
and be on time for Bible class!



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Records	Sunday April 3	Sunday March 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	285	400
Worship A.M.	601	658	588
Worship P.M.	NS	264	418
Wed. P.M.	331	337	435
Contribution	\$20,749.76	\$18,445.07	\$17,909.93
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(4-3-05 Building Fund \$2,960.00)	

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Ralph Henderson Scottie Hart  
Matt Haws Darryl Hendrix  
James Hardin Roger Howell

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James & Connie Sublette & Caroline Weathers  
Joe & Connie Roach & Wendy Weathers  
D.L. & Alice Thompson & Hayley Wilson  
Visitor Center: Tom & Beverly Hale  
Billy & Lynda Terrell

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### West Erwin Welcomes

**John Smith**

as he presents

**"Stories of Home"**

April 8-10, 2005

Hear John present the gospel of Christ

as he discusses:

"Love Not The World"	Friday, 7:00 p.m.
"Abundant Life"	Friday, 8:00 p.m.
"What Is A Restoration Church?"	Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
"A Restoration Church And Its God"	Saturday, 9:00 a.m.
"Suffering And The Will of God"	Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
"All To Jesus I Surrender"	Sunday, 10:00 a.m.
"Finishing"	Sunday, 12:30 p.m.



(Sunday's meetings at 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. will be in our auditorium. All other meetings will be in the Family Life Center).  
There will be classes for children from infants through 3rd grade.

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

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our brothers and sisters.  
What a joy it will be to assemble together!

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny PICNIC IN THE PARK(SORT OF!)

All of those in the middle & high school are invited to our house Sunday afternoon and evening for a time of fun and games. We have on the agenda: Volleyball, Kickball, Soccer, Horseshoes, BBQ and lots of fun! Invite a friend to enjoy this fun afternoon. We will start around 2:00 and finish @ 7:30.

### CITY-WIDE WORSHIP

A special thanks to all of those who came to the City-Wide this past Sunday night. It is always good when brothers and sisters get together for worship. I have always been an advocate of the churches doing more together. Whether or not it is worshipping or working together, I believe that is what God wants the church to be and do!

It was a blessing to hear the choruses from all the churches in the 5:00 hour.

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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

I read this somewhere several years ago and promptly lost it. I rediscovered it this past week and wanted you to have a copy. It's entitled: *My Prayer For Today* and has no author's name mentioned.

### MY PRAYER FOR TODAY

Lord, so far today I have done all right,  
You might be proud of me come night.  
I haven't gossiped or lost my temper,  
I haven't been grumpy, not even a whimper.

I've been minding my own business just fine,  
And I haven't told anyone to stay out of mine.  
I haven't been selfish, no not at all,  
Nor over indulgent that I can recall.

I haven't been ugly or nasty today,  
I haven't been greedy in any way.  
I haven't judged anyone so far, Lord,  
The day has gone smooth and it hasn't been hard.

But any minute, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed,  
Brush my teeth and get my family fed.  
So soon I will be up and starting my day,  
Then, Lord, I will really need help, In Jesus name I pray.

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The involvement process at West Erwin consists of three stages: Connect, Grow, and Serve. Drawn as a wheel it becomes a perpetual process. It's origin is John 1:41: "The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, 'We have found the Messiah' (that is the Christ). 'And he brought him to Jesus.'"

was entitled: *Do We Really Mean What We Sing?* Here is a paraphrased version of what Gary said: "If there is one English word especially despised, it is **hypocrisy**. Originally the word meant "one who answers." It represented an actor. Today it carries a bad connotation with it. Generally it represents a pretender, one who wears a mask, etc. Hypocrisy might become apparent in a person through several means, such as behavior, actions, speech, and yes, even singing. Do we really mean what we sing?

1. Can we sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and be content with praying 3 times a day?
2. Can we sing "I Love To Tell the Story" and never mention it?
3. Can we sing "Serve the Lord With Gladness" and then complain about all we have to do?
4. Can we sing "Give Me the Bible" and then never read it?

It has been said, 'we can sing a lie just as easy as we can speak one.' So do we really mean what we sing?"



## IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Brothers and Sisters,

Derek and I would like to express our appreciation for the money given in support of our recent trip to Honduras. You all have such huge hearts; we thank God for that. Without your willingness to share your resources with us, Derek and I would not have been able to share God's love with the orphans in Catacamas, Honduras. We both fell in love with the people and culture. The children we worked with have left marks on our hearts and we hope to return in the future. Thank you for the important role you have taken in putting the *Great Commission* into practice. We love and thank each and every one of you.

In Him,  
Derek & Krista Russell

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Thank you for your prayers on my dad's behalf. His eye is much improved.  
Cathy Scroggins

## WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Monday at Cathedral in the Pines for Ruth Bell, former West Erwin member and aunt of Mary Haws (twin sister of the late Ruby Brem, Mary's mother). Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Scott Ables, Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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.*

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## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

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**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the influx of new members, plans are underway to update our little pocket directories. Please turn in any updated information (new address, new job, phone number, etc.) by April 25.

## EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION

On Thursday evening, April 14, Eastern European Mission will host a dinner from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway. The guest speaker will be Igor Egirev, minister of the church of Christ in Rostov-on-Don, Russia. The dinner will be free and you will be given an opportunity to donate to EEM. Sign up at the Visitor Center in the foyer.

## Update from Kyle Stowers:

Well, I thought I'd let everyone know that I'm still in the States. My chains of command kind of fought over me. My permanent duty station wanted me in Japan this past week, but my school said they owned me until April 1st. Tomorrow is April 1st and I will report to 29 Palms. Hopefully they will tell me something useful, but you know how the Marine Corps is (we're the first to go and the last to know). I've learned a little more about what I'll be doing though. Apparently, I'll go to Japan, because that's my deployment, then go to Thailand (because of the tsunami for humanitarian efforts), we've also been given a heads up about a war that is breaking out between Thailand and Malaysia, so since Thailand is one of our allies (in fact we've trained some of them to drive amtracks at my school!) we might be helping in that war. Pray to God that a war with North Korea doesn't break out, because if it does I'll be one of the first to go into it. But, as I was saying, I'm not deployed yet but I'm told it will be almost immediate. I will keep you posted.

In God's Love,  
Lcpl. Kyle S. Stowers

## EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

East Texas Christian Academy is now enrolling students for the 2005-2006 school year. Classes range from 2 year old preschool through 12th grade. For more information on registering your child, please contact Kerri Alexander at 903-561-9582 or [kalexander@etca.org](mailto:kalexander@etca.org).

## LITTLE PEOPLES SCHOOL

Little People's School at the Glenwood Church of Christ is now accepting applications for enrollment for Kindergarten starting in the fall of 2005. If you are interested or would like information, please contact Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904, or by e-mail at [lps@tyler.net](mailto:lps@tyler.net).

**THINK ABOUT IT.... "Remember that a successful marriage depends on two things: (1) finding the right person, and (2) being the right person."**

## "Heirs Of Life Together" I Peter 3:7 Douglass L. Yates

I have been impressed over the last 4 ½ years with the singing at West Erwin. We have several men who do a fantastic job in the leading of our singing. I love to sing along even though I'm not always on key. Psalms 98:4 says, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth: make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise." I'm so glad that the Holy Spirit put the word "noise" in the text. When I sing, it is rather noisy but nonetheless to God it is a joyful sound. We need to sing and make melody in our heart. If we sing with meaning and understanding we have the assurance that we can teach one another. Singing is not only an essential part of our worship to God but we often sing at other gatherings such as our college devotionals and at some of our small group gatherings.

Recently I came across a bulletin article that challenged me to rethink my singing. The article was written by Gary Mahan and

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Scripture Joel Knox  
Dismiss Jay Bynum

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**

Stan Mallory  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

The young men at West Erwin will lead the worship services Sunday evening

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Jared Jordan Colt Keeney  
Curt Jordan Odie Kennedy  
Todd Kempton Greg Jones  
Archie Kennard Chris Ketchum

**GREETERS**

Ray & Gail Vannoy & Ross Weathers  
Dale & Dot White & Grace Weathers  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Cameron Ables  
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee  
Hugh & Glenda Mills

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**(Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother, died Tuesday)**

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MISSIONS		
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
ELDERS		
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Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Dannie Skipper
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## THE TABLE IS SET

I've been thinking. Thinking about my family and my church family. Just suppose that you as a wife and mother prepared a hot, nutritious, and well balanced meal for your family and when the meal was served your husband was excited, your youngest said, "I don't like this," and your two eldest didn't show up. Later on the two absentees come home and, when asked why they missed dinner, one said, "I was down at the ball field," and the other answered "I was visiting down the street." How would you respond to this scenario? You would probably be happy with your husband, upset with your youngest, and disappointed in your two eldest. No doubt all of us would agree that your reaction is justified. Jesus has prepared his table for us. He said, "Do this in remembrance of me." Coming to the table of the Lord is to commune with him as we break the bread and drink the cup. The Lord's table is an appointment that we have

with Jesus and with each other on the first day of the week. The table commemorates the greatest gift the world has ever known. It is with grateful appreciation that we come to the table. Have you ever wondered what Jesus thinks or how he feels when he sets the table and we miss it? When asked why, we respond that we don't really like to come or we were at the ball park or we were visiting. Sounds pretty shallow, doesn't it? In the church our leaders provide opportunities for our spiritual growth. Things like opportunities to worship, Bible classes, special meetings, and seminars. The table is set but the only way we can benefit is by coming to the table and by taking advantage of the opportunities. In a setting of an unacceptable response to a table, Paul said, "For this reason many are weak and sick among you, and many sleep" (I Corinthians 11:30). Come to the table ... it is set for you!

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, April 17, 2005**

**A.M. - Danny Snell**  
**P.M. - Young Men Will Conduct Service**

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came out to our house this past Sunday for a great afternoon. It was great to have such beautiful weather for an afternoon of Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Kickball and traversing the Hay bales. Thanks to all of those who helped too!

### LTC PRESENTATION

This Sunday night will be West Erwin's LTC Presentation. Several of our young men will be leading our Worship Assembly as well as a short video of many of the teams and individuals who participated. All of those who went to LTC need to wear your LTC shirts and be here by 4:45. All of those who are helping with the assembly need to be here at 4:30.

## COMMUNITY

### ..... by Don Crawford HOW GREAT THOU ART

He is the First and Last, the Beginning and the End! He is the Keeper of creation and the Creator of all! He is the Architect of the universe and the Manager of all times. He always was. He always is. He always will be. Unmoved. Unchanged. Undefeated. He was bruised and brought healing. He was pierced and eased pain. He was persecuted and brought freedom. He was dead and brought life. He is risen and brings power! He reigns and brings peace. The world cannot understand Him. The armies cannot defeat Him. The schools cannot explain Him. The leaders cannot ignore Him. Herod couldn't kill Him. The Pharisees couldn't confuse Him. The people couldn't hold him. Nero couldn't crush Him. Hitler couldn't silence Him. The New Age cannot replace Him. Donahue can't explain Him away. He is the ancient of days, the King of kings, the Overseer of over-comers. The Sovereign Lord of all that was, and is, and is to come.

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Parents, I have exciting news for you. For years I have been trying to find a suitable time to have a guest speaker come to West Erwin to talk a little about a ministry which he has developed. His name is Charles Valentine but most people know him as "Uncle Noah." He lives in Lubbock but his ministry is known all throughout the United States and beyond. If you will go to his web page (just type in Uncle Noah) you will be astounded by the information that you will receive. For example, a child could type in a question to Uncle Noah concerning a Bible question, etc. and receive a response to that question. Materials can be downloaded specifically geared to aid teachers and parents. A Bible dictionary is at your disposal. There is a ton of information regarding subjects such as the life of Christ, etc. Uncle Noah has also included Bible land maps and geographical information regarding those maps. It is a fantastic web page!

## SUMMER TRIPS

Teens remember to sign up for our mission trips. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. Remember, you need 25 service hours.

All of those currently in grades 5-7, are invited to participate in Middle School Madness.

We will have sign-up lists available this week.

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He is light. He is love. He is Lord. He is goodness. He is kindness. He is gentleness. He is God. He is holy. He is righteous. He is mighty. He is powerful. He is pure. His ways are right. His Word is eternal. His will is unchanging. His mind is on me. He is my Redeemer. He is my Savior. He is my guide. He is my peace. He is my joy. He is my comfort. He is my Lord. He rules my life. He will never leave me, never forsake me, and never mislead me. When I fall, He lifts me up. When I fail He forgives me. When I am weak He is strong. When I am lost, He is the Way. When I am afraid, He is my courage. When I wobble, He steadies me. When I am hurt, he heals me. When I am broken, he mends me. When I am blind, He leads me. When I am hungry, He feeds me. When I face trials, He is with me. When I am in danger, He shields me. When I face death, He carries me home. He is everything for everybody, everywhere, every time and every way. He is faithful. He is God. I am His. He is mine.

**No wonder He is called Savior!  
Every day is a blessing for God is!**

Here's the great news, thanks to Dannie Skipper getting involved, Uncle Noah will be here at West Erwin to speak to all parents and grandparents on Wednesday, April 27th in the small auditorium. Please do not miss this talk as he shares with us ways in which we can aid our youth in their walk with God. Remember, April 27th.

Also, let's remember Saturday, April 23rd. This is the children's carnival at the University of Texas at Tyler. It starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m. This event is for those who are 3 to 5 years old. The carnival will take place at the Mayte Fisch Convocation Center located in the Patriot Center. If you have any questions regarding this event, please call UTT at 903-566-7052. Let's have a big crowd at this event.

Parents of our preschool through 5th grade, I need your help. I'd love to plan a skating party for the congregation but I do not know of a good time for this. More than likely it would need to be during the month of June. This would be for the entire congregation but it would be geared for our youth (preschool through 5th grade) as part of our Kid's Kingdom ministry. Please let me know your thoughts on this.



## IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful arrangement of roses and tulips. We appreciate all the acts of love sent our way during this hard time. Mother truly loved her West Erwin family!

- Family of Joan Jordan

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I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to make the seminar with John Smith a success: the men who set up, took down, cleaned up, etc.; the ladies who cooked, served, and helped in other ways to make things run smoothly. Your dedication is very much appreciated.

- David Hammond

## WITH SYMPATHY

Weldon Howard, Jerry Howard's brother, died last Thursday. Services were held at Caudle Funeral Home in Overton. Estelle Lemmons, Marian Rowe's mother, died April 7. Memorial services will be held April 24 at the Austin Street Church of Christ in Brownwood. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Rhenn Easton Andrewartha was born April 8 in Austin to Stacey and Jeff. He weighed 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Raffie is the big brother, Dean Brookshire is the proud great grandfather, Mark & Melissa Frick are happy aunt and uncle, Cody and Tori are proud cousins, and Dudley & Jeannie Brookshire are grandparents.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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.*

## ATTENTION LADIES

The Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street in Kilgore presents **Ladies Night 2005** on April 22 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is "An Anchor for the Soul" taken from Hebrews 6:19. Shiann Metheny will be the speaker.

## GOSPEL MEETING

Wills Point Church of Christ, 302 Corky Boyd Ave.

April 17-20 ; Monday - Wednesday 7:00 pm

with Dr. Jay Lockhart

"Living In The Shadow of the Cross"

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Broad Street Church of Christ, Mineola Texas  
April 24-27, Speaker: Darwin Hunter from Shreveport  
Schedule: Sun. - 9:30 & 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.,  
Mon. - Wed. 7:30 p.m.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tommy** and **Donni Cook** and their children **Caitlin** (age 12) and **Chandler** (age 11). They came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family and request prayers that they may be active and make this their church home. Their address is 12221 Colby Circle, 75707, ph. 903-565-4809.

**Wayne** and **Molly Terry** came Sunday to renew their dedication to God, ask for forgiveness of sins, and to place their membership with the West Erwin church. We are happy to welcome them into our family. Their address is 2806 Amy Lane, 75701, ph. 903-566-0415.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the influx of new members, plans are underway to update our little pocket directories. Please turn in any updated information (new address, new job, phone number, etc.) by April 25.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** **Tillie Carpenter** is now at her son's home: 1525 Princeton Dr., Corsicana, TX 75110-1523, ph. 903-872-1158. **W.A. Monk** is back at his home: 15492 Nell Lynn Lane, 75707. Terry & Melanie Kiker, 526 Hilburn Road, Kilgore, 75662, ph. 903-983-4899.

**Sorry to lose...** Monty, Brenda & Eric Kiker have moved to West Texas.

## BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

Saturday, April 16, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Adults \$3.00 - Children 10 & under \$1.00

## CONGRATULATIONS

Ashley Fountain recently won 2 first place medals in running in the Special Olympics. Cheroka Higginbotham (granddaughter of Dick and Sue), Todd Kempton, and Lauren Laningham were all named to the Dean's List at Tyler Junior College for the spring semester. Congratulations to Thelma Bennett on the celebration of her 89th birthday on April 7!

## EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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**MAIL CARRIERS CANNED GOODS DRIVE** - If you can help sort canned goods for a couple of hours for the East Texas Food Bank on Saturday, May 14, please contact Don Crawford.



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Bible Class	405	458	422
Worship A.M.	632	675	626
Worship P.M.	356	NS	371
Wed. P.M.	330	326	314
Contribution	\$20,598.77	\$22,340.42	\$35,067.55
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(4-17-05 Building Fund \$739.00)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - Melvin Crow is in Mother Frances. **Edgar Bullard** is in Mother Frances. **Ruby Cliver** is scheduled for back surgery April 22. **Nelda Browning** is in Olympic Plaza Rehab after knee replacement surgery. **Clelia Faye Elliott** is at home. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is in Reunion Plaza. **Kay Parrish**, Jeff Parrish's mother, is at home. **Taylor Nicole Reeves**, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons, had a malignant tumor removed from her brain in Ft. Worth. Continue to remember **Vera Beard**; **Gussie Beaty**; **Mavis Bolton**, Claude Sessions' sister; **Gerald Boykin**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Edgar & Delle Bullard**; **Reba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother; **Tillie Carpenter**; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Bobby Clague**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Hallie Durkee**, Bettye Sue Harris' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Allen Halladay**; **Leona Hardin**; **Joan Harlak**; **Mary Haws**; **John & Mabel Holbert**; **Modena Jones**; **Buddy Kennedy**, Kathy Cooley's dad & Rita Sitton's brother; **Tommy Lowrance**; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny**; **Mary McFadden**; **Travis McGeehee**; **W.A. Monk**; **Hutton Moon**; **Frances Moore**; **Averi Moya**; **Stephen Pickle**, Sallyann's son; **Emily Ray**; **Rex Power**; **Judy Smith**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**; **Kate Sweeney**; **Pattie Tate**; **Rose Teel**; **Harley Turner**; **Nancy Williams**, John Lacy's sister; and **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law; and **Ben & Patsy Young**.

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Ernest Bennett  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Alan Montgomery  
Scripture Jordan Rousseau  
Dismiss Jeff Parrish

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

Jared Jordan Colt Keeney  
Curt Jordan Odie Kennedy  
Todd Kempton Greg Jones  
Archie Kennard Chris Ketchum

**GREETERS**  
Bill & Barbara White & Kristen Yates  
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks  
Bill & Judy Wilmeth & Daniel Yates  
Visitor Center: Alan & Candy Montgomery  
Ray & Carolyn Womack

**Pick up cards April 24:** Spencer Shaw, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, Casey Bellar.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 24:**  
Nursery a.m.: Julie Ables; Nursery p.m.: Cathy Scroggins;  
Toddlers a.m.: Donella Jackson & Kelli Malone; Toddlers  
p.m.: Kim & Paige Lemons; 2's: Will & Stephanie  
Christian; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

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### I MET A MAN AND HE SAID...

Recently I talked with a young man who said he wanted to ask me some questions. I am always pleased to deal with any questions people may have, especially questions that have to do with the soul. This young man asked me the following questions:

1. "Don't you believe that God is concerned more with what is in one's heart than he is with what one does?"
2. "Don't you believe that so long as one is sincere how he worships is relatively unimportant?"
3. "Don't you believe that honesty, integrity, and good ethical living are more important to God than doctrines, worship styles, and patterns which only serve to divide religious people?"

How would you have answered this young man? It was immediately obvious to me that this man possessed the typical postmodern mindset. Postmodern man believes that there are no absolute standards of right or wrong (except, of course, the absolute statement of postmoderns that there are no absolutes), that relativism (man's thinking) is the basis of moral and religious judgments, and that God will accept whatever man accepts. I disagree totally with this line of reasoning. In dealing

with this young man, and with others of his persuasion, I want to be gentle and kind, but at the same time I want to be firm in my conviction that one is on a slippery slope when he thinks for God. *First*, God's ways and thoughts are not our ways and thoughts (Isaiah 55:8, 9). *Second*, while God is concerned with what is in our hearts, when our hearts are right toward God we will seek to do what God has asked us to do (see Luke 6:46). *Third*, God has given us the revelation of His Word which we are to hear, believe, love, honor, and obey (see I Peter 1:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:10, 12; Hebrews 5:9). *Fourth*, the worship and service to God is to be done by God's instructions (John 4:24; 2 Timothy 1:13). *Finally*, I know of no Scripture, either in the Old or New Testaments, that suggests that sincerity is the basis of God's acceptance of a person. A case in point is Saul of Tarsus who was sincere, but sincerely mistaken (see also Matthew 7:21-23). The Bible still says, "It is not in man that walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23), and "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."  
- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, April 24, 2005

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. - "What God Really Wants"

Isaiah 29:11-13

P.M. - "How Does God Describe His Judgments?" (Isaiah 13:9, 10)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny LTC PRESENTATION

Our young men did an excellent job this past Sunday in leading our worship time. Thanks to Spencer Shaw, Chase Fisher, Austin Fisher, Patrick Garrett, Michael Ragsdale, Nathan Grounds & Jordan Rousseau. Believe it or not... We are looking forward to next years LTC. The theme is "Take The Lead."

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to come to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend!

### KARING KITCHEN APPRECIATION

All of those who have helped with the Karing Kitchen this last year are invited to a dinner in your honor on Tuesday, May 3. Please sign up by Sunday, May 1.

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens remember to sign up for our mission trips. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. Remember, you need 25 service hours.

All of those currently in grades 5-7, are invited to participate in Middle School Madness.

We will have sign-up lists available this week.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 24	High School Devotional
Apr. 26	Habitat Appreciation Banquet
May 2	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
May 3	Karing Kitchen Appreciation Dinner
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER DATES</b>	
May 21	Jr-Sr Banquet
May 22	Baccalaureate
June 7-10	Middle School Madness
June 19-25	BackCountry Trek
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 22-27	Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### MAIL CARRIERS NON PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

The mail carriers of Tyler will be collecting cans on Saturday, May 14. For the past couple of years we have helped sort them at the East Texas Food Bank. It's hot, heavy work that begins at 4:00 p.m. And lasts for a couple of hours. Your labor is then donated to the West Erwin Benevolent Center as a grant allocation for the purchase of food. If you would like to help, please contact Don Crawford.

### DECEPTION

Deception is a scary thing. Why? Because it's deceptive! A person who is deceived believes with all his heart that he is right when, in reality, he is wrong. Jesus repeatedly warned against deception in the gospels. In Matthew 24 alone, Jesus warns us four times to beware of deception.

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

May 1st is rapidly approaching and there are two reasons that this date is extremely important to remember. *First*, our next Summer Extravaganza (VBS) meeting will be on May 1st at 4:15. It is extremely important that all those who are helping in any way, shape, or form with this year's Extravaganza be present for this meeting. This meeting will take place in room 112. *Second*, May 1st is also the due date for a \$100.00 deposit for our young professionals who are planning to go to Pottstown, Pennsylvania on our mission trip. On May 29th we will collect the second \$100.00 to lock in all of those who want to go. If you want to go ahead and pay the whole thing (\$200.00) on May 1st feel free to do so. I will be communicating with Keith Hodges the week of the 1st to let him know how many to expect. To the parents of those whose children are away in school, be sure you pay this deposit by May 1st so we can hold a spot for them.

The first warning comes after His disciples asked about His return in (:3). The first words out of His mouth were, "Watch out that no one deceives you."

James carried it beyond that by warning us against self-deception. In James 1:22 he said, "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." When you and I hear the Word of God yet ignore His words, deception enters into our hearts. When you and I sit in a pew enjoying good preaching and teaching, yet walk away because we love doing our own thing more, then we have deceived ourselves. When you and I fail to set aside our personal desires because we enjoy our little comfort zones, then we have deceived ourselves. When we trash God's Word to do as we please, then expect Him to be there when we need Him, we have deceived ourselves.

Jesus said, "Take up your cross and follow me." Follow Him because He is God, He is our Creator, He is our Redeemer and His love for us is perfect. This will keep us from being deceived, or deceiving ourselves.

The remainder of April also has a couple of dates that we need to be reminded of. *First*, let's remember that the Children's Carnival will be Saturday, April 23rd, at the University of Texas at Tyler. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 1:00 p.m. This carnival will be located in the Mayte Fisch Convocation Center. It is for those who are 3 to 5 years old. If you have any questions regarding this activity, please call UT Tyler at 903-566-7052. *Second*, let's also remember that Wednesday, April 27th, is an extremely important night here at West Erwin as we welcome Charles Valentine (A.K.A. Uncle Noah). "Uncle Noah" will be speaking to the small auditorium class and we'd love to have as many parents and grandparents as possible present. We are also inviting all of our kindergarten through 5th grade classes, along with their teachers, to be present. We are asking that this group of students and teachers sit down front because "Uncle Noah" may have you participating during the evening. Parents and grandparents, if you have the time and if you have access to a computer go to: [www.childrensbiblestudy.com](http://www.childrensbiblestudy.com) to learn a little more about this exciting ministry.

### THE HOLLANDS ARE COMING!

Jeff, Brenda, Josiah & Elliana Holland will soon be home on furlough and to await the arrival of a new baby. So that they can see as many people as possible there will be a dinner honoring them on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Traditions (Dutch treat). Everyone is invited!

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday in Corning, Arkansas for Dorothy Fann, Tammy Asbill's mother. Services were held last Friday in Corsicana for Hulen Hulsey, (Hulen and Dorothy attended West Erwin before moving to Corsicana several years ago) Services were held last Tuesday for Robert Joseph Weiderin, a young man who visited West Erwin regularly for some time. Services were held Tuesday in Alvin, TX for Patsy Rowe, Ralph Rowe's sister-in-law. Dick Dale, former West Erwin member, died Tuesday. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

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\*Alan and Candy Montgomery's son and grandson of Ray and Carolyn Womack has a new rank and address: Sgt. Chris Montgomery, 4th Brigade 10th Mountain Alpha Battery, Fort Polk, LA.

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Dr. Prentice Meador, Minister at Prestoncrest church of Christ  
Friday & Saturday, April 29-30, 2005  
at the Pine Tree church of Christ in Longview  
See details on bulletin board in office area

### CRESCENT HEIGHTS/NORTHWEST REUNION

Former members, families, and friends are invited to the Crescent Heights/Northwest reunion on Saturday, May 7, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Fellowship Hall. Cost is \$8.00 per person for a catered lunch to be served at noon. Please call 903-939-3454 by Wednesday, May 5, for lunch reservations. Looking forward to seeing you!

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**ADDRESS CHANGE:** Zona Crone is currently with Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot at 204 Perryman Road, Lindale, ph. 882-6938.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES!

Joe and Frances McBee celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary on April 4. James & Frances Phillips celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on April 15. We rejoice with these couples in this happy milestone in their lives.

### SPECIAL CLASS!

Charles Valentine (A.K.A. Uncle Noah) will be our guest speaker on Wednesday, April 27th in the small auditorium. We are asking that all of our adult classes assemble in the small auditorium for this presentation. Also, Charles specifically asked that all kindergarten through 5th grade students and their teachers be present, sitting together in the front of the auditorium.

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### ETCA'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m. (shotgun start) at Hollytree Country Club. Four man scramble; \$100 per person or \$400 per team (includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch); Prizes: 1st - 3rd place - closest to the pin, longest drive, and plenty of door prizes! Contact Greg McAdams at 903-561-8642 to register. All proceeds benefit the ETCA athletic program.

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Scripture Bob Hackett  
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**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**

John Lacy Carroll Magee  
Pat Malone Dennis Kingsbury  
Stan Mallory Ron Lott  
Jamon Kirby Tyler Lott

**GREETERS**

Heath & Kandi Adams & Cameron Ables  
Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Cayti Bynum  
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Maigen Blackstone  
Visitor Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui

**Pick up cards May 1 & May 8:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall & George Richardson.

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What a joy it will be to assemble together!**

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### WEST ERWIN WELCOMES THE HOLLANDS

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**Sunday, May 1**  
9:00 a.m. - Teach Jay's class  
10:00 a.m. - Preach at Worship Assembly  
5:00 p.m. - Preach at Worship Assembly

**Wednesday, May 4**  
7:00 p.m. - Teach in small auditorium



**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, May 1, 2005**

by **Jeff Holland**

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"The Church With Heart"

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

All of those in the middle school group are invited to come to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$3 for supper and *wear tennis shoes* for the activities planned. We'll be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend!

### KARING KITCHEN APPRECIATION

All of those who have helped with the Karing Kitchen this last year are invited to a dinner in your honor on Tuesday, May 3 @ 6:00. We should be finished shortly after 7:00. Please sign up by Sunday, May 1. Please come!

### JR-SR BANQUET & BACCALAUREATE

May 21 is the date for the Jr-Sr Banquet honoring our juniors & seniors. Please sign up by Sunday, May 15. If you would like to help sponsor this evening with a donation, please see me.

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to sign up for our mission trips and BackCountry Trek. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. Remember, you need 25 service hours. See me for details.

All of those currently in grades 5-7, are invited to participate in Middle School Madness.

We will have sign-up lists available this week.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 1 Middle School Devotional  
May 2 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen  
May 3 Karing Kitchen Appreciation Dinner  
YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMER DATES

May 21 Jr-Sr Banquet  
May 22 Baccalaureate  
June 7-10 Middle School Madness  
June 19-25 BackCountry Trek  
July 7-16 Nebraska Mission Trip  
July 22-27 Mexico Mission Trip

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### CRITIQUING WORSHIP

Have you ever noticed how we get to thinking worship is all about us? We want the preacher to speak the acceptable length of time. We want the thermostat at the right level. We want the announcements to be short, but to include everything *we* are involved in. We say, "We're here to please God," but then we insist that everything be done to please ourselves. It's like critiquing worship has our most widely used spiritual gift. It happens most Sundays: sometimes on the drive home, sometimes at the dinner table. It usually starts with, "What did you think of church services?" And we all flex our special gift. We critique the singing, the sermon, and the announcements. We may even throw in a few comments about what others were wearing or who wasn't there.

I was reading one such critique this week where worship was very harshly evaluated in writing. It was not around the dinner

table, nor did it take place in the car on the way home, but in the throne room.

"I hate, I despise your religious feasts; I cannot stand your assemblies. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps" (Amos 5:21-23).

Something was terribly wrong with the religious services in 8th century Israel. God said, I hate it, I despise it, I cannot stand it, I will not accept it, I will not look at it, and I will not listen to it. He didn't like anything about it. Why did He reject their worship? Because their practice did not match their preaching. Their performance fell short of their profession. They allowed their lives to affect their worship instead of allowing their worship to affect their lives.

I hope this clarifies matters the next time you start the process of "What did you think about church this morning?"

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

As the educational minister I have to confess, I've heard just about every excuse imaginable for people not wanting to teach a Bible class. I must also confess that there are some within the church that even though they filled out an involvement card and put down on it that they were willing to teach, and even though their names are often brought up as potential teachers, I never ask them to teach. The reason is because in times past when I asked them to teach they always had an excuse. Eventually I took the hint and marked them off my list. Periodically I meet with educational ministers throughout the brotherhood and this subject always comes up. I feel that too often our membership falls victim to complacency and we get caught up in allowing others to serve us rather than all of us serving God. To be honest, we'd all be outraged if we had to combine several grades together simply because we couldn't find enough teachers. We always manage to fill the slots with qualified people and for this I am truly thankful, but all of us need to understand that the

solution to the problem of complacency starts with the person you see each morning in your mirror. The following was taken from a bulletin article and I thought you might enjoy it.

### Top Ten Things You Never Hear In Church

10. Hey, it's my turn to sit on the front row.
9. I was so engrossed in your class that I didn't realize it went over 25 minutes.
8. Personally, I find teaching others about Christ much more enjoyable than sports.
7. I have decided to give more money to the Lord than I give to my hobbies.
6. I want to volunteer to be a permanent teacher for the Junior High Bible class.
5. Let's give our elders a thank you dinner.
4. I love to sing songs I've never heard before.
3. Since we're all here, why not start Bible class early.
2. I love it when the services go overtime.
1. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like a good sermon on giving.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services for **Dell Howard**, former West Erwin member, were held last Saturday in Gladewater. Graveside services were held last Saturday for Dick Dale, former West Erwin member. Services were held last Sunday in Throckmorton for **Raynelle Kelly**, Norma Durham's aunt. Services were held Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church for **Frank Cobb**, Skipper Womack's father-in-law. Services were held Wednesday for **Chalmers Burke**, Meredith Womack's father-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Russell Wells, & Jordan White.*

### MAIL CARRIERS NON PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE

The mail carriers of Tyler will be collecting cans on Saturday, May 14. We have been asked again to help sort the goods at the Food Bank. If you are interested, please contact Don Crawford.

### TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST HOMECOMING

The North Tenneha Church of Christ will have their 70th Annual Homecoming April 30th - May 4th. See bulletin board in office area for details.

### East Texas Men's Retreat & Golf Outing WEEKEND OF CHAMPIONS

Pine Tree church of Christ in Longview  
Dr. Prentice Meador, Minister at Prestoncrest church of Christ  
Fri. & Sat., April 29-30, 2005  
(details on bulletin board in office area)

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**THE HOLLANDS ARE HOME!** Everyone is invited to a (Dutch treat) dinner honoring Jeff, Brenda, Josiah & Ellianna Holland on Friday, April 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Traditions.

## BAPTISM!

**Hayley Wilson** was baptized by her dad Monday night. We rejoice with her in this most important decision of her life. Hayley is the daughter of Randall and Denise Wilson and granddaughter of Ira and Esther Wilson. Their address is 10733 FM 2767, 75708, ph. 597-2090.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Johnny** and **Jo Anders** into the West Erwin family. They are well known and well loved for their many years of preaching the gospel and service for the Lord and we look forward to our work together. Their address is 5401 Hollytree #304, 75703, ph. 939-3454.

**PLEASE NOTE:** J.D. Mitchell has agreed to take pictures of our new members. If you have not had your pictures taken, please meet with J.D. in the small auditorium after worship services Sunday morning.

**Address Changes:** **Brody & Kimberly Clark**, 18784 Oakbrook Road, 75703, ph. 871-8186. **Tom & Sondra Ramsour**, 11940 FM 2016, 75704, same phone #.

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Gerald and Martha Boykin on the arrival of a new granddaughter! Kennedy Nicole was born April 25 in Forney to Guy and Kathy Rogers. She weighed 7 lb. 10 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. Cade is the big brother.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

One of our college students, **John Tindel**, was recently voted the male Rotary Citizen of the year by the faculty and staff at Tyler Junior College. Nettie Potts is a proud grandmother.

### SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA

There will be Summer Extravaganza (VBS) meeting Sunday, May 1, at 4:15 in room 112. It is important that all coordinators be present for this meeting, also all the young professionals who are planning to go to Pottstown, Pennsylvania need to be present.

To the young professionals who will be going to Pottstown this summer, remember that your first deposit for the trip is due on May 1. Please designate "Pottstown mission trip" on your check.

The **Medina Children's Home grocery truck** will be in our area the week of May 23-27. West Erwin is asked to collect toilet paper. Other needs are posted on the bulletin board in the office area.

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Records	Sunday May 1	Sunday April 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	415	413	402
Worship A.M.	619	630	623
Worship P.M.	383	357	420
Wed. P.M.	315	315	328
Contribution	\$20,621.13	\$19,270.31	\$20,034.72
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(5-1-05 Building Fund \$555.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 8 and Wednesday, May 11:** Charles O'Neal, ph, 509-3582. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** -Edgar & Delle Bullard are in Mother Frances. Ruby Cliver is now in the Clairmont for therapy. Dick Higginbotham is undergoing tests. Nelda Browning, Louise Culpepper, Clelia Faye Elliott and Archie Kennard are all at home. Mary (Keith) Hunt, former member, is scheduled for surgery Thursday in Dallas. Jill Rue, Kevin Sustaie's mother, had a biopsy, will have surgery later for a tumor on her kidney. Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter, is scheduled for cancer surgery May 9. Wyatt Durham, Don & Norma's grandson is recovering after being attacked by pit bulldogs. Kyli Moorhead, Roy & Fern Bench's great granddaughter, is at home after being hospitalized with pneumonia. Continue to remember Mildred Barnwell, Linda Marts' mother; Vera Beard; Gussie Beauty; Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Gene Chandler; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; L.T. Murry; Thomas Park; Kay Parrish; Rex Power; Taylor Nicole Reeves, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons, Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Nancy Williams, John Lacy's sister; and Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Glen May  
Scripture Carroll Magee  
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Joe McBee  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Forest McFadden  
Scripture Hugh Mills  
Dismiss Gary Mitcham

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

John Lacy Carroll Magee  
Pat Malone Dennis Kingsbury  
Stan Mallory Ron Lott  
Jamon Kirby Tyler Lott

GREETERS

Bill & Pat Bratcher & Bradley Asbill  
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Brittany Asbill  
Milburn & Jan Cook & Betsy Asbill  
Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike  
Jack & Johnnie Stringer

**Pick up cards May 8:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall & George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 8:**

Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Debbie Bynum; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Marc & Ginger Philpot; 3's & 4's: Stuart & Kathy Means.

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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### DEATH BY ACTIVITY

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

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

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

I keep wondering when someone is going to rise up and say, "Enough is enough. We are not going to keep doing this!" Time was when families were together. Daughters learned to cook from their mothers, and sons

joined their fathers working in the field, or learning a trade. Activities were limited - and special. The family was together, and special priority was given to the church and spirituality. (In the background I begin the hear music - Gone Are The Days).

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

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

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jamie Ellis who was selected as Twirler for Chapel Hill Middle School. Way to go Jamie!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper. Wear your tennis shoes.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 8	Combined Devotional
May 15	Small Groups Meet
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#### EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK HELP

If you are interested in helping sort the canned goods that come in from the mail carriers collection on Saturday, May 14, please contact Don Crawford.

#### WEST ERWIN BLOOD POOL

If you are a blood donor, or would like to donate blood tot he Stewart Blood Center, please have it put into the West Erwin Pool #6286. Our pool is down to 11 pints. Your donation would be greatly appreciated.

#### CALLED AND EMPOWERED

Peter wrote: "His 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).

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Every Friday I come in to the office with a little more pep in my step. This is because of our "young professionals" ministry which meets every Thursday evening. Somewhere between 20 and 30 of our young professionals get together each Thursday evening to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. We spend time participating in an activity, we always enjoy a meal together, and we have a great devotional time. This past week Casey Haws conducted the devotional and his comments centered on the theme of encouragement. He did a fantastic job in his presentation. Curtis Elmore led our singing and Jordan Mullins and Eric Moseley offered prayers. Everyone made comments regarding ways in which they could be more of an encouragement to others. We had a great time! As good as our numbers have been there are still some who could be participating with us who aren't. Let me encourage you to come to the TCO devotionals for 4 weeks in a row and then make a

decision based on your experience for those 4 weeks as to whether you'll dedicate yourself to attending these get-togethers on a regular basis. I'm convinced that if you give us a try, you'll keep coming back. Also, let me remind those who have been away in college that as soon as you get back home for the summer, to please participate with us. We're doing a lot of great things and we need your help. Please attend class with us on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings. We are involved in a lot of service projects and we need your help in these areas (i.e. on May 14th we will meet at the University Church of Christ at 7:00 a.m. to go to Camp Deer Run for a cleanup day). We also have a lot of activities planned for the summer, including our softball team. Are you interested in meeting Christians from other churches? Are you interested in fellowshipping with friends of faith? Are you interested in reaching out to those who do not know Christ? I can only invite you to be a part of TCO; I can't force you, but if you choose to be a part of this ministry I can promise that you will be edified for the cause of Christ. I'm looking forward to seeing you on Thursday night and in our classes.

If we stay with Him ....  
If we look at Him deeply ....  
If we study Him intently ....  
If we focus on Him keenly ....  
If we seek Him consistently ....  
..... we will have everything we need to live a victorious life for Him in this world.

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier.  
Be the living expression of God's kindness:  
Kindness in your face,  
Kindness in your eyes,  
Kindness in your smile."  
- Mother Teresa



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, the many cards, and all the kind words of sympathy in the loss of my brother. We love you all.

Jerry & Becky Howard

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We want to express our gratitude and appreciation for all the phone calls, cards, and words of comfort during our time of sorrow with the passing of Marian's mother, Estelle Lemmons, and Ralph's sister-in-law, Patsy Rowe. Your support and caring are a source of comfort to us, and your expressions of sympathy will always be treasured. We are also grateful for the contribution to Cherokee Children's Home in memory of Marian's mother.

With love and appreciation to our West Erwin family,  
Ralph & Marian Rowe

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Thanks to all of you who showered us with love, concern and good food during my recovery from a broken arm.

Love to all,  
Wini and Dan Cullinan

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### BLUE RIDGE FAMILY ENCAMPMENT

Black Mountain, North Carolina, June 6-10, 2005

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday, May 11, then be dismissed for the summer.

### GOSPEL MEETING

Emory Church of Christ

Hwy 69 N, Emory, TX

Speaker: Floyd Johnson

May 11-15, Wed. 7:00, Thurs. - Sat - 7:30 p.m., Sun. 9,10, & 6

"Always remember to forget the troubles that pass your way; **BUT NEVER** forget the blessings that come each day."

### CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., a licensed child placing agency, is accepting applications for infant adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Angie Robbins at Christian Homes, ph. 325-677-2205.

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### THE 10 MOST IMPORTANT WORDS

#### IN ANY LOVING RELATIONSHIP

1. Trust.
2. Intimacy
3. Communication
4. Commitment
5. Love
6. Friendship
7. Patience
8. Humor
9. Flexibility
10. Forgiveness

"You can give without loving but you can't love without giving."

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**TEMPORARY PARKING CHANGES:** The parking lot at the newspaper office is currently under construction. Additional parking is available west of the building at Maddox Air Conditioning.

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* THE AMAZING, FEAR FACTOR, SURVIVOR, RACE...

All of those in the middle school group are reminded about our activity this Sunday afternoon. We will leave from church after the morning service and return in time for the evening worship. Transportation is provided. Please bring grubby clothes and old tennis shoes and \$2 for lunch. This will be a FUN day!!!

### BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 17. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to study God's Word and work together with a team to test over the material. We will be studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this year. Our first test will be on Monday, Oct. 17. Watch for more details.

### FAMILY SKI TRIP MEETING

Any of the West Erwin families that are interested in going skiing this winter need to contact me by Sunday to reserve a spot. The dates are Dec. 26-31 @ Keystone.

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford  
OUR GOD IS ABLE

To the church at Corinth, Paul wrote, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Cor. 2:9). This is not about heaven, even though it may seem to fit. He's talking about now! God has unthinkable stuff for us and He wants to do amazing things.

Now I've read about how He had a boy kill a giant with a rock, how He had the walls of a city crumble, how He had 185,000 of Israel's enemies killed in one night, and how He had 3,000 baptized in one day, yet He says He has even more amazing things in store for those who love Him. What will He do next? Does Acts have a chapter 29?

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus says, "I will build My church .... and HE WILL! Our God is able. He has not wound

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently a movie was released entitled *The Great Raid*. It is a movie based on the true events of a raid on a P.O.W. camp in Philippines during World War II. Although I thoroughly enjoyed the movie, the book *Ghost Soldiers* by Hampton Sides (written about the same raid) was much better. Mr. Sides went into detail regarding the prison life of the detainees at Cabanatuan. He talked about their daily routines, their entertainment, as well as their diet. It was with great detail that Mr. Sides also talked about their religious gatherings and how these gatherings helped the prisoners to not only maintain their sanity but also how those gatherings helped boost the morale of the prisoners and how they gave many of them the will to live another day. They would sing, read from the Bible, and have a brief sermon. The military chaplains played a big role in the survival of the prisoners of war at Cabanatuan.

## HABITAT HOUSE

We still need to raise about \$5,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston St. We will work this Saturday from 8:00-12:00 on siding and the Mechanical deck. We need your help!

## CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Several churches from Tyler will be together Sunday night, Oct. 9 @ the Shiloh Rd. Church. We will begin @ 6:20 and finish at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper. Parents can pick you up at Shiloh Rd. Don't miss it!

## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 1	Habitat House Workday
Oct. 2	Middle School Activity
Oct. 9	City Wide Youth Devotional @ Shiloh
Oct. 17	Bible Quiz
Oct. 23	Area Wide Activity @ Glenwood
Oct. 24	West Erwin Hosts - Karing Kitchen
Oct. 30	Fall Festival
Nov. 18-20	Middle School Retreat

down. He is working as we speak. We are His workshop. We are His media. We are His plan. Let's march forth as though we believe it!

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Return by December 18

## PRAYER REQUEST

Every time you look at the new construction of the Benevolent Center, pray that God will bless it as a place of refuge for lost souls. Pray that we will use the building to glorify God as He wants it to be used. Pray that it will become a place for us to express His love and mercy. Ask God to bless it in specific ways. Put His name on it and He will bless it!

As I read this book I couldn't help but think of the apostle Paul and the struggles he went through in his Christian life. How he had to suffer unjustly for the cause of Christ and yet through all of this suffering he seemed to keep a very positive attitude regarding his situation.

As I reflected more, it occurred to me that all too often, even in pretty good times, my attitude could use some adjusting. After all, I have a pretty good life. I have a great relationship with Christ, a great relationship with my family, and a great job at West Erwin. Even with all of these positives I sometimes catch myself complaining about insignificant things.

Well, in an odd way my life has recently changed. As I had the opportunity to view the destruction along the Gulf Coast it has made me a lot more compassionate toward those who really are suffering and a lot more appreciative of what I have. I really do need to count my blessings. Let's continue to pray for the victims of Katrina and Rita. Let's roll our sleeves up and pitch in to help wherever we can. If the need presents itself, let's also help out financially. God will surely be pleased with our efforts.



## IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

I want to thank you one and all for sending those wonderful men to our neighborhood to remove the storm damaged trees. We are elderly neighbors that cannot do some things for ourselves any more. They came here and worked almost two days cleaning up our damage. They did a wonderful job. I am aware of at least four families they cleaned the yards for. I am also aware of the hardships they lived under while working so hard for us. We of the Twin Lakes subdivision of Saucier, Mississippi want to thank you. Enclosed is a small donation to your church from me. God bless you all. Max N. Harbison

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I would like to thank everyone for the calls, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and in rehab. Your care and concern is appreciated. Gary Nunn

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Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and phone calls. I appreciate so very much being a member of such a caring church family. In Christian Love, Barbara White

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday for Jerry Konczak at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore. Jerry was known and loved by many here. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

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## HOW TO STAY SAFE IN THE WORLD TODAY

- ♦ Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
- ♦ Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
- ♦ Avoid walking on the streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
- ♦ Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
- ♦ Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals so, above all else, avoid hospitals.

But you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in church worship services and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place to be at any given point is at church! And Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less. So for safety's sake - attend church and study your Bible! It could save your life!

Sunday evening services at 5:00 p.m.

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome James and Helen Gullion into the West Erwin family. They came Sunday to place membership and be recognized as a part of the West Erwin church. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 4567 Sunrise Drive, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-3290.

## BAPTISM!

We rejoice with Amanda Bradshaw in her most important decision to live her life for Christ. She was baptized into Christ by Don Crawford Monday afternoon. She and her daughter Brianna (age 10) have been attending here for several weeks with Dan and Chuck and Linda Gillam. Her address is 15089 Country acres, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9820.

## BRIDAL SHOWER

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## LITTLE PEOPLES SCHOOL

Little People's school has an opening for a Pre-K teacher. If interested, please call Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904.

## HELP NEEDED

Boles Children's Home is looking for a married couple who is interested in ministering as house parents to a maximum number of 8 children ages 9-17 years. The couple needs to be active, committed members of the church of Christ. House parents work 4 weeks and have every 5th week off. A case worker works with house parents and serves as a liaison between BCH and the family, school, etc. We offer competitive salaries based on experience, health insurance and retirement plan. If you are interested, please call the Shero Professional Services at 903--883-2088 and ask for Amber or Angie.

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Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.*



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Worship A.M.	592	619	623
Worship P.M.	386	394	389
Wed. P.M.	395	342	326
Contribution	\$19,921.16	\$20,437.41	\$17,458.10
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**PRAYER AND CARE - Gloria Thigpen** is in Mother Frances room 428. **William Tanksley**, baby son of Will and Anna, is scheduled for hernia repair surgery October 4. **Barbara White** is doing well after recent surgery. **Kay Parrish**, Jeff's mother, had emergency surgery last Saturday. **Cindy Galletly**, Joe & Frances McBee's daughter, is at home after recent surgery. **Ben Young** is in critical condition in Sugarland. Continue to remember **Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Alice Cain**, Gary Cain's mother; **Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Mary Cutshall; Lela Duncan; Mary Gaiser; Kristen Gravley; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Mattie Hawkins**, Kim Jordan's mother; **John & Mabel Holbert; Ed Hunt; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Jerry Konczak; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Dorothy Newkirk**, Mary Richey's sister-in-law; **Gary Nunn; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother (under hospice care); **Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson; & Patsy Young.**

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Scripture: Dick McClenny  
Dismiss: Jay Bynum

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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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David Wicks: Ira Wilson  
Fred Wingate: Randall Wilson  
Ponder Wright, Jr.: Ray Womack

GREETERS

Tom & Beverly Hale & Kelsi Wicks  
Michael & Candace Hall & Hayley Wilson  
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Audrey Wright  
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn  
Bob & Pat Hackett

**Pick up cards October 2 & 9:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, & Keaton Conder.

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Nursery a.m.: Nerene Ingram; Nursery p.m.: Diane Weathers; Toddlers a.m.: Linda Marts & Judy Clark; Toddlers p.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; 2's: Mark & Melissa Frick; 3's & 4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

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### DAN GARRETT IS COMING ON OCTOBER 9

If we reflect for a moment upon our possessions in light of biblical truth we will no doubt reach these conclusions:

1. God owns everything: "The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).
2. All material blessings come from God: "Every good gift ... comes down from the Father" (James 1:17).
3. We are to be faithful stewards of what gives us: "It is required in stewards that one be found faithful" (I Corinthians 4:2). We are to be good stewards (I Peter 4:10) and we will give an account to God for our stewardship (Luke 16:2).
4. We want to give liberally and faithfully of our material resources to support the work of God (2 Corinthians 9:6-11; I Corinthians 16:1, 2).
5. We are to use all of our resources in a way that pleases and honors God (Matthew 25:14-30; Luke 12:16-21).

6. These principles surely include the use we make of our possessions while we live and what happens to them after we die.

Because of these truths, we have invited Dan Garrett, a Christian gentleman, an elder in the church, a Certified Financial Planner, and a consultant to Christian Services to visit with us on October 9, 2005. He will be speaking to our combined adult Bible classes on Sunday morning on the subject: *Stewardship Beyond Our Lifetime*. Then on Sunday afternoon Dan will be meeting with anyone who is interested in Estate Planning to show how to make the best use of resources while one lives and after one dies. There is no cost or obligation for attending the afternoon session (1:00 - 3:00 p.m.) but you can be assured that those who attend will greatly benefit from Dan's expertise. By practicing good principles of Estate Planning, you, your family, the church, and other non profit entities can benefit while you live and when you die.

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, October 2, 2005

A.M. Don Crawford

P.M. Dean Brookshire

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"The Church With Heart"



## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **HABITAT HOUSE**

Thanks to all the folks who came and helped with the house this past Saturday. We got a lot done with all the framing, trusses and roof decking completed! There will be several workdays between now and December. We still need to raise about \$10,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston Street (north on Broadway, left on M.L. King Blvd., north onto Gaston to 2300). We will work this Saturday from 8:00-12:00 on siding and the Mechanical deck. We need your help!

### **AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL**

Several churches from the area will be together this coming Sunday night @ the Shiloh Rd. Church. We will begin @ 6:20 and finish at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper. Parents can pick you up at Shiloh Rd. Don't miss this great opportunity to fellowship with other teens from the area.

## **COMMUNITY**

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

### **CHANGE FOR CHILDREN**

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### **IS THINKING BIG BAD?**

Is it bad to think big? Is it bad to concoct gigantic ambitions and plans for God's kingdom? I believe God wants us to think His thoughts and those thoughts are big! What does He think in terms of? Eternity. Creation. Galaxies. Light years. Salvation for all mankind. God thinks big! Maybe we ought to join Him. Maybe our thoughts are too small. Thinking small will produce small things.

## **"Heirs Of Life Together"**

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

What motivates a Bible school teacher to week after week, step into a class and teach his or her students concerning the Word of God? I mean, there's no pay in it, seldom is there any recognition for doing it, and all too often the only time you have a conversation regarding your class is when there is criticism about something that you did or said. So, who in their right mind would want to be involved in such a ministry? I hope we all understand why our teachers make such great sacrifices to teach their students. It has absolutely nothing to do with earthly rewards, but it has everything to do with heavenly rewards.

We all have a role to fulfill in God's Kingdom. We all need to seek out what our talents are and then to become active in those areas. To the 130 teachers that we have here at West Erwin, thank you for your labor of love. You have put into practice the Great Commission. God's Kingdom has been blessed. It may be

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 17. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to study God's Word and work together with a team to test over the material. We will be studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this year. Our first test will be on Monday, Oct. 17. Watch for more details.

### **FAMILY SKI TRIP MEETING**

Any of the West Erwin families that are interested in going skiing this winter need to meet Sunday at 4:30 in the small auditorium. We will discuss some possibilities and ideas.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Sept. 24</b>	<b>Habitat House Workday</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Ski Trip Meeting</b>
<b>Sept. 25</b>	<b>Area Wide Devotional @ Shiloh Rd.</b>
<b>Sept. 26</b>	<b>West Erwin Hosts - Karing Kitchen</b>
<b>Oct. 17</b>	<b>Bible Quiz</b>
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>
<b>Nov. 18-20</b>	<b>Middle School Retreat</b>

## **PRAYERS OF CHILDREN**

Maybe Cain and Abel would not have killed each other if they had their own rooms. That's what my mom did for me and my brother.

I bet it is very hard to love everyone in the whole world. There are only four people in our family and I'm having a hard time loving all of them.

I went to this wedding and they kissed right in church. Is that okay?

Thank you for my baby brother, but I think you got confused because what I prayed for was a puppy.

I think about You sometimes, even when I'm not praying.  
**Have a great week and don't forget to thank the One who gave it to you.**

true that periodically someone disagrees with you but as long as you have taught God's Word, you should consider their criticism as a badge of honor.

Perhaps there are some within our congregation who have never taught that would like to be a part of our education ministry. We have a plan to phase you into the work. We will place you in a class with an experienced teacher and have them mentor you. As time progresses we will slowly phase you into some teaching assignments and then when the time is right we will give you a class on a regular rotation. If you are interested in teaching at West Erwin, please see me at your convenience. Perhaps there are some who, at your former church, taught classes all the time and you too would like to be a part of our education ministry. Please see me. We will fit you into this ministry as quickly as possible. We at West Erwin are no different than other churches; we are always looking for sound qualified teachers. So please contact me at your convenience so that we can plug you into this wonderful and life changing ministry.



## **IN APPRECIATION**

The family of Bernice Majors acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expressions of your sympathy. Our family appreciates so much the flower basket and the "wonderful" meal you prepared for us. Thank you!  
Joe & Patricia Majors

## **WITH SYMPATHY**

Jerry Konczak died Tuesday night. Services are pending at this time. Services were held Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Robert McCoy, brother of the late Charles McCoy, known by many here and a member at Glenwood. Graveside services were held last Friday in Longview for Joy Kemp, Henry Brown's sister from Killen, Alabama. Services were held Thursday at Stewart Funeral Home for Clelie McRuiz, Henry McRuiz's sister-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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## **THOUGHTS FOR THE WEEK**

Just supposing we started this very day  
To live our lives in a different way  
Just supposing we vowed and constantly tried  
To help those in trouble on life's wayside;  
If we showed by our doings a hint of His love  
Wouldn't earth be a bit more like heaven above?  
Sunday - Don't let worry and care depress you, or brush the day's joy away. But arise and give thanks to God above for His love and another "blest day."  
Monday - Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own. Give someone faith and hope, it's such a beautiful loan.  
Tuesday - Gather a thought that's kind, one that's sincere and deep. Be sure to pass it along for such are too precious to keep.  
Wednesday - Forget yesterday's sorrows, mistakes, sadness, and pain. Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.  
Thursday - Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need. A little thoughtful gift, some flowers, or a smile make us all rich indeed.  
Friday - You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do. Don't put it off till tomorrow or the chance may be lost for you.  
Saturday - Today will soon be a memory so don't let it come to an end without a smile, without a song, or just a word from a friend. - copied

**Sunday evening services at 5:00 p.m.**

## **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We are very pleased to welcome Terry and Kim Frick back home to West Erwin. They are an active, talented and dedicated Christian couple and are an asset to the Lord's work wherever they are. Welcome home! Their address is 17220 CR 1204, 75703, ph. 894-9364.

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## **LADIES DAY**

Lake Shore Church of Christ, 2800 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, TX  
September 24, 2005 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
"A Merry Heart"- Speaker: Becky Blackmon  
Lunch provided - please RSVP for lunch count  
for more information call 753-1503

## **MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME**

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 24-28. They have requested that West Erwin collect toilet paper. Other items are also appreciated.

**LEADERSHIP:** "The ability to arouse enthusiasm among people is one of the greatest assets to possess, and the way to develop the best that is in a person is by appreciation and encouragement."

**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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.

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### HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF

Those who do not know and learn from history are bound to repeat history's mistakes. Just about one hundred years ago there were some church members who made some glaring mistakes. Some began to question the inspiration and accuracy of Scripture. Some denied the virgin birth and the deity of Christ as well as the need for the atonement of the cross. These denials resulted from man's own rational thought and the rejection of a divine revelation from God. Others, while holding to the teaching of the Bible about God, Christ, and inspiration began to deny that the Bible is a reliable source by which to determine what we believe and practice. Innovations began to creep into the church as brethren argued for the use of instrumental music in worship since the Bible does not say not to use them. Instruments began to be used in Sunday school and then were introduced into worship as an "expediency" or "an aid." These brethren began to view the church as simply a denomination among denominations and no longer made the plea for the church of the New Testament. Some affirmed that even

to think of a return to New Testament Christianity was neither practical nor desirable. Further, some of these brethren argued that the "pious unimmersed" should be received into the fellowship of the church and that the idea that the New Testament is our only guide in religion was ridiculous. They said that Christian liberty permits us to practice what is not authorized by Scripture. These brethren formed a coalition to undermine the faith and practices of local congregations. Anyone who disagreed with them was called "narrow and legalistic." Soon Christian schools began to follow these advocates of the authority of human reason. By 1906 division had taken its full course resulting in the Disciples of Christ (the most liberal views), the Christian church (conservative but with various practices not authorized by Scripture), and the Churches of Christ (those who wanted to honor biblical authority). Now, one hundred years later, here we go again, making the same invalid arguments for abandoning the authority of Scripture and holding to human reason. History does repeat itself.

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, September 25, 2005**

**By Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Spirituality: The Spiritual Elite"**

(Matthew 16:5-12)

**P.M. "A Holy People"**

(I Peter 1:13-15)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Larry

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Broadway, left on M.L. King Blvd., right onto Gaston to 2300). Be there at 7:30 Saturday morning and plan to spend the day working! Lunch will be provided.

### SERVING...

A group of men from West Erwin left early Friday and returned Wednesday on a trip to Gulfport Mississippi to assist the storm ravaged area in their recovery. The people were so grateful and amazed at all the people who have come to help. We were blessed by our participation.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Habitat House Construction Begins</b>
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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

**Pick up your can in the foyer.**

**Return by December 18**

The coins you collect for Medina Children's Home help them with all of their expenses in caring for children. But the coins themselves carry the real message. "United States of America" -- No, take another look. "One Cent" -- No, keep reading. "In God We Trust" -- YES. That's it! It's written on every single coin, but we seldom notice it any more. Every coin you send to Medina carries that message right on the coin - IN GOD WE TRUST.

Every time you see it, it should call you to stop and reevaluate. Are you trusting God? Or, are you worrying and fretting about things you cannot change? Or, maybe

it's just God's way of trying to initiate a conversation with you. How long has it been?

### HURRICANE EVACUEE RELIEF EFFORTS

Words cannot express the gratitude West Erwin has for all the hours Dale and Carolyn Blackstone and Shane and Becky Millican put into organizing the relief efforts for those who sought refuge from Katrina. Thank you for showing us the compassion God has placed inside you. May He be praised for all that was accomplished through you.

The donations came from everywhere! People gave all kinds of things from a 3/4 inch pipe threader to the small bag of toys and a sandwich bag full of pennies. Each touched our hearts as we opened the bags and boxes. Each had a special meaning. Each glorified God. Thanks to all of you.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

Can I take a moment to brag on the way churches of Christ have responded to the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina? I know the Bible tells us not to boast but I must tell you our brothers and sisters have really rallied together and they have done some great things for the Kingdom of God. I just returned from a trip through the Gulf Coast and our church buildings are filled with supplies and workers who are laboring together to bring aid to the victims of the hurricane. During my trip I saw a land devastated as if several atomic bombs had been detonated along the coast. The damage is really incredible. Yet, among all of the debris the church buildings were busy with the task of extending aid to those in need. For example, the Orange Grove Church of Christ in Gulfport had a steady stream of supplies being unloaded at one end of their parking lot while at the other end several workers were busy distributing supplies to the victims of this disaster. At the Long Beach Church of Christ the exact same scenario was being played out, even though the church building

was missing a roof and the interior of their building was completely ruined. The South Baton Rouge Church of Christ opened their doors and welcomed in evacuees as did countless other churches in the area. The South Baton Rouge church also had a unique opportunity presented to them. A lady (nonmember) who lived in New Orleans had access to an undamaged warehouse. She first offered it to another well known relief organization and surprisingly they turned it down. She then heard about the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc." who were working in conjunction with the South Baton Rouge church and she offered it to them. The church seized the opportunity and established a "Church of Christ Disaster Relief Distribution Center" at that warehouse. People were bypassing other well known relief organizations that were not functioning and heading to the Church of Christ relief center. So, as you can tell, I am really proud of the way we responded. Of course, the work is not over. To all of those who have helped here at West Erwin, in New Orleans and along the Gulf Coast, thank you for your labor of love. As we have helped others, God has blessed us.



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends,

Your loving welcome and concerns for Johnny and me since our coming to this fellowship have been most comforting. Bells Palsy continues to plague me energy wise and emotionally and difficult to explain. To add to this I had foot surgery Wednesday and will be in a cast for some time. Perhaps both will heal at the same time. We covet your prayers and may God continue to bless you, His children.

Our love and sincere thanks,  
Jo and Johnny Anders

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Thanks to all for your concern, calls, words of encouragement, and especially your prayers for our daughter, Kimberlee Lawless during her surgeries. Monday, October 10, she will begin a 12 month treatment with interferon. Your continued prayers are appreciated.  
Ernie and Sharon Gordon

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Roundrock for **Tom Moore**, grandfather of Dayne, Dalton and Drew Harris. Services were held last Friday in Tupelo, Oklahoma for **John Ellis**, LaDawn Ragsdale's stepfather. **Mary Catherine West**, Louis West's mother and a former member of the Rice Road church in Tyler, died August 20 in Houston. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to **Bill and Donna Mullins** on the birth of a new grandson! William Colton was born September 7 in Denver to Kyle and Marissa Mullins. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. **Louis and Jean West**, former West Erwin members now living in Houston, have a new grandson! Samuel Louis Keller was born August 24 to Scott and Gayla Keller. He has been hospitalized for dehydration (this has improved), and will have surgery on his eye due to a cataract September 13. Please pray for Sam and his parents

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.*

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**REMINDER: Our Sunday evening services from September through May is 5:00 p.m.**

### WHERE ARE WE NOW?

**September 17, 2005, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

White Rock Church of Christ  
9220 Ferguson Road, Dallas, Texas

An event to inform and encourage Churches of Christ in a time of identity crisis while avoiding extremes. Keynote speakers: Dr. Jay Lockhart, Jeff Jenkins, & Harold Taylor. See bulletin boards for more information.

### The Best Day of My Life

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

### LADIES DAY

Lake Shore Church of Christ, 2800 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, TX  
September 24, 2005 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"A Merry Heart"- Speaker: Becky Blackmon  
Lunch provided - please RSVP for lunch count  
for more information call 753-1503

### DOLLAR DAY

CHILDREN'S HOME OF LUBBOCK

Sunday, September 18, 2005

Your dollar (or more) will help to feed the children at the Children's Home in Lubbock

"Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again."

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Bible Class	422	398	406
Worship A.M.	621	580	608
Worship P.M.	395	401	362
Wed. P.M.	NC	280	310
Contribution	\$24,614.57	\$18,795.23	\$18,876.94
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(9-11-05 Building Fund \$895.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, Sept. 18, and Wednesday, Sept. 21: Tom Hale, ph. 597-1047. Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Gloria Thigpen** is in Mother Frances, room 5523, following surgery last Saturday. **Ben Young**, former West Erwin member, is critically ill in Sugarland. **Jo Anders** had foot surgery Wednesday. **Gary Nunn** was dismissed from Health South Tuesday. **Barbara White** will have breast cancer surgery Wednesday. **Leon Welborn** broke his arm. **Carl Stowers** has been diagnosed with hepatitis induced liver cirrhosis. **William Parker**, member of the church in Arlington, is in ETMC, room 3531. Continue to remember **Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Alice Cain**, Gary Cain's mother; **Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Blanche Dalton**, Rodney's mother; **Lela Duncan; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Ed Hunt; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Dorothy Newkirk**, Mary Richey's sister-in-law; **Kay Parrish; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother (under hospice care); **Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Crystal Starnes**, Sue's granddaughter; **Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson & Patsy Young.**

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	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell  
Prayer: Kenneth Muncy  
Scripture: Thomas Park  
Dismiss: Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
J.D. Osborn

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Mike Watts  
Scripture: Bill White  
Dismiss: David Gravley

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Kyle Willoughby: Bill Wilmeth  
David Wicks: Ira Wilson  
Fred Wingate: Randall Wilson  
Ponder Wright, Jr.: Ray Womack

GREETERS

Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Calley Waggonner  
Harold & Shirley Denman & Walker Waggonner  
Howard & Linda Dickson & Caroline Weathers  
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette  
Gary & Judy Mitcham

Pick up cards September 18 & 25: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Austin Millican.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, September 18:**  
Nursery a.m.: Mary Jo Crowder; Nursery p.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Toddlers a.m.: Donni & Caitlin Cook; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Stuart & Kathy Means; 3's & 4's: Dr. Monique Mills & Becky Millican.

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### SALMON

Most of us see *salmon* in a can or in the meat case at the grocery store. But people in the Northwest watch Pacific *salmon* as they grow through their life cycle. When *salmon* are hatched, usually in fresh water streams, they travel out to sea into salt water. They live there for about four years and during this time travel as far as 2000 miles and grow to an average weight of twenty pounds. After about four years the *salmon* begins its journey back to its place of birth. It knows the exact stream in which it was hatched and foregoes no effort to reach the place of its origin -- even jumping waterfalls up to twelve feet high. When *salmon* reach the place of their birth they pair off and the female lays up to 20,000 eggs on the rocky and sandy bottom of the rapidly flowing stream. After the eggs are fertilized by the male they are covered by sand and gravel by the female and hatch in two weeks to six months. After this process of spawning takes place the adult Pacific *salmon* die and the process of hatching,

journeying to the stream and returning to the stream begins again. I have some questions about the life cycle of the Pacific *salmon*. How do they know when they are four years old? How are they able to find the exact stream in which they are hatched? What guiding system allows them to travel up to 2000 miles and then return? Why do they not get mixed up or lost and why does this process always run like clockwork? Is it just an accidental process of evolution, or did some Intelligent Creator put the migration process into the *salmon*? Since some of us can't get to Dallas without a road map, how do the *salmon* travel successfully? The answer: "Then God said, 'Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures'... so God created ... every living thing ... with which the waters abounded, according to their kind" (Genesis 1:20, 21). Without God, man cannot explain the ways of a fish, much less an orderly universe.

- Jay Lockhart

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### Sermons for Sunday, September 18, 2005

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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford  
**ONE BODY, MANY PARTS**

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts -- so it is with Christ" (I Cor. 12:12). It has never been more evident at West Erwin than it has been this past week. Unity in its grandest form. Each working to achieve a common goal. Each doing a part. No part more important than another.. Each part so valuable.

I want to thank each and every person for your time and energy and resources which you have so unselfishly poured into the collection and distribution of needed items for our neighbors from Louisiana. Your demonstration of God's power working through you has been seen throughout our land. God has been glorified throughout the world. What we as a nation have witnessed with hurricane Katrina has brought us all to our knees

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! The phone has been ringing off the hook nonstop. People are gearing up to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina in unbelievable numbers. What a great country we live in and what a great church community to be a member of. I've received numerous calls from around East Texas asking for information on how to get help the quickest and most efficient way to the victims of Katrina. The answer that I'm giving is twofold: (1) if you want your help to go to those who have been displaced here in Tyler then give to our outreach effort, and (2) if you want your financial contribution to make an impact on those who are still in the Gulf Coast region then please give to "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc." out of Nashville, Tennessee. I've had the privilege of seeing this great work up close and personal for a few years now. Inevitably this organization is the first on the scene with viable, necessary supplies. I talked to the Director of Development, Lynn Cook, the other day and as we were speaking yet another truck was being loaded up by 350

### SERVING...

I have been amazed at the outpouring of donations and assistance in the face of this recent disaster. Maybe not really amazed, but deeply touched. I am not surprised... at all! This church and many others have always answered the need, whatever it might be. May God Bless You!

As many of you read this article, a group of men from West Erwin will be in Gulfport Miss. assisting the storm ravaged area in their recovery. We will be returning on Wednesday. Please pray for our mission and our safety. More on that later.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us this coming Sunday night after church for the middle school devotional. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30. Details in Class Sunday morning.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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thanking God for the things we so often take for granted. I am thankful...

For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

For the lawn that needs mowing, the windows that need cleaning, the gutters that need fixing, because it means I have a home.

For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

For the taxes I pay because it means I am employed.

For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means they are at home not displaced to unknown locations.

For a God who has promised those who trust Him a new home where there will be no more tears, or sadness, or sorrow.

volunteers and heading off to the Gulf Coast area. What an amazing work!

Lynn also shared with me a little information regarding the distribution centers in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. He said that the trucks that they were sending get as close to the disaster area as they are allowed. They set up shop in the parking lots of the church building and distribute the items from that location. Personnel from the local congregations are there to meet and greet those who are in need. Prayers are offered, information is gathered, and aid is extended to all who come by. From the information that is gathered, follow up visits are made by members of the local church when things settle down. Of course, this step will be somewhat altered because of Katrina but the local congregations will have the opportunity of reaching several people with the good news as well as food. This is a great church based organization that we should support in good times as well as bad times. If you'd like more information about the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc." please contact me at your convenience.



### IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers and concern as I underwent recent tests. Prayers were answered and I got good reports.

Henry McRuiz

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Many thanks to the West Erwin church of Christ for the many expressions of sympathy at the death of my sister, Lucille Robinson, for the many cards, calls, flowers, visits and food. The potted ivy with silk roses was so beautiful - I will think of all of you every time I see it. But most precious of all were the many prayers for me and my granddaughter, Crystal. Please continue to pray for both of us ... We are "gaining patience through tribulation," and your prayers are most helpful. One never knows how rich they are with a Christian family to lean upon until troubles hit home! Thanks to each of you for your compassion.

In Christan love,  
Sue Starnes

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Center for **Bill Perry**, Tim Perry's dad. Services were held Sunday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for **Mary Louise Owensby**, Pattie Tate's sister. Services were held Tuesday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for **Bernice Majors**, long time West Erwin member. Services were held Wednesday at Marvin Methodist church for **Barbara Craig**, Mary Beth O'Neal's sister-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage room. Fern Bench is leading the class in a study of "Renewing Your Spiritual Life." All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this time of Bible study.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Elizabeth (Liz) Rogers** into the West Erwin family. Liz came to request prayers for forgiveness of her sins and to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. Her address is 21251 CR 3124, Chandler, TX 75758, ph. 903-849-3318.

**Laurie Kimball** has made known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. She has three children, Matthew (age 8), Anne (age 6), and Catherine (age 3). Laurie is the sister of Jon and Dan Murry. She comes to us from the church in New Waverly, TX. Her address is 1313 Graham Dr., 75701, ph. 903-533-1999.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Karl & Tara Kilgore & family, 519 Abbey Road, Lindale, 75771.

I will do more than belong, I will participate.  
I will do more than care, I will help.  
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.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for ages 12 months through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at 903-839-8377 or the West Erwin church office for more information.

### NEW CLASSES OFFERED

Valentina Cliver will be offering a class in Conversational French for Beginners on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30; and Basics of Russian Language class will resume in September on Sundays from 3:30-4:30. Both these classes will be taught in our Fellowship Hall.

### LADIES' DAY 2005

Crockett Road Church of Christ  
"Women of the Bible: I Was There"  
Saturday, September 10, 2005, 10:30 - 1:00  
Door Prizes; Lunch will be provided  
RSVP to Crockett Road Church of Christ,  
P.O. Box 288, Palestine, TX 75802 or 903-723-6291

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Worship A.M.	580	615	650
Worship P.M.	401	395	429
Wed. P.M.	280	322	303
Contribution	\$18,795.23	\$20,531.55	\$18,265.70
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Milburn & Jan Cook & Patrick Sweeney  
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John & Virginia Pike

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## THE FRUITS OF UNBELIEF

It is interesting to contemplate the "faith" of unbelief. Unbelievers claim an orderly universe (with law, order, obedience, and design) exists without a Designer. Unbelievers like to talk about an orderly universe coming into existence from a "big bang," and we wonder where the stuff supposedly involved in the bang came from! Unbelievers enjoy speculating about the origin of man and the so-called "missing links" that supposedly show that man evolved from lower forms of life. Unbelievers want to rewrite history so as to ignore the religious faith of the founding fathers of our country. They are unhappy when believers want to mention God in the public arena, or when they want to pray, or when they want the possibility of the world being created by a Divine mind taught to school children. Also, have you noticed that unbelievers often portray believers as Bible thumping, radical extremists? Jesus once said, "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16). Let's look at the fruits of

unbelief. *First*, in the end it leaves man in despair and without hope. *Second*, in the present it gives man no standards for right and wrong and then is shocked when he lives like an animal. *Third*, in the aftermath of Katrina we are hearing every day what religious people are doing in helping people, in providing for needs, and in opening their hearts to suffering. What have you heard about what unbelievers are doing? As a matter of fact, who can name an orphan home, a hospital, or any other benevolent activity inaugurated by unbelief. When one begins with the assumption that there is no God, then where is the motivation for respecting the dignity of human life or for coming to the aid of the helpless or for being a person who is touched by human suffering? To answer that this motivation comes simply and entirely from the goodness of the human heart is to beg the question. The fruits of unbelief say otherwise.

- Jay Lockhart

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

## Sermons for Sunday, September 11, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Spirituality: What Happens In Worship?"

(Hebrews 10:19-25)

P.M. "Wrestling With God"

(Genesis 32:22-30)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### BLESSINGS...

This week, I have been reminded of how God takes care of us... no matter what the circumstances. This weekend, as I watched on TV the destruction that Hurricane Katrina has dealt the Louisiana and gulf coast, I thought about what it would be like to return home... to not find one... To evacuate the area, only to be told, you can't return for a week, how do you pay for that hotel bill... To not be able to afford the cost of gas to evacuate... Or those who drove to Texas and then stayed in a shelter all week. The list goes on and on. How can we help? Lets look for ways to serve those in need. That's one way God gives blessings!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this coming Sunday night after church for the combined devotional. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

### COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

### OXYMORONS

In case you don't know, and oxymoron is a common phrase made of two words that appear to be contradictory. For example: Jumbo Shrimp, Freezer Burn, Pretty Ugly, Original Copy, Random Order, Half Dead, Tax Return, Nonworking Mother, Death Benefits, Holy Wars, Safe Sex, and try this one, Worldly Christian.

Worldliness is one thing and Christianity is another. There can be no coexistence between Christ and Satan. There can be no coexistence between light and darkness. Someone once said, we might as well speak of a heavenly devil as a worldly Christian.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

If you could go back in time about 50 years to the mid 1950's, you'd find an attitude on college campuses in which most of the student body would confess some belief in God. If you could then fast forward from the mid 50's to the mid 70's you'd find that the attitude of many of our college students had changed. In the mid 70's if you asked a college student to quote a Bible verse to you, they'd quote John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." Now, from the mid 70's take a giant step to 2005 and if you're on a state campus, your faith will be tested by many of your professors, fellow students and friends. If you are bold enough to proclaim Christ publicly not only will you be made fun of but if you try to get others to believe what you believe many will quote a verse from the Bible to you but it

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Yet, we have been put here by GOD. When He gets ready to move us somewhere else, He'll take care of all the moving arrangements. Meanwhile, He has placed us here to be salt and light and leaven in this world in order to make a difference. Therefore, the holiest moment of a church service may be when we walk out the doors, after being strengthened through worshipping HIM, into the arena of the world to BE His church.

"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).

won't be John 3:16 which talks about the love of God but rather it will be Matthew 7:1, "Do not judge, lest you be judged." Things have changed and the response of many of us (churches of Christ) is that we are in full retreat. We packed up and got out of town. In doing so we left a devastated student body that was forced to search for truth in total darkness. We were the light on those state campuses and in essence we turned our light off and said to those students, "Good luck." There is a way we can correct our mistakes of the past. *First*, always remember to involve God in the process by praying to Him concerning this matter. *Second*, if by leaving these campuses we were going against the wishes of God, then the only thing we can do is repent. *Third*, once we have prayed and repented, then we need to roll up our sleeves and get busy for the cause of Christ on our campuses. There is plenty of work that needs to be done; the question is, "Are you willing to get involved?" We need your help. Please support our collegiate efforts here at West Erwin.



### IN APPRECIATION

Brothers and Sisters In Christ at West Erwin Church of Christ,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers on behalf of my brother, Calvin Morgan, who has been very ill for a lengthy period. He is doing considerably better now.

I also thank you for the prayers for my friend in Mississippi (Ivy Livingston). He is doing better also and he also thanks you. He will not know if he will have a return of the brain tumor or not but he is trusting what the doctors are saying and is still undergoing treatments on a periodic basis.

In Christian love,  
Carlos Morgan

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Dear West Erwin church,

Thank you for remembering Danielle in your prayer and with your support. She has arrived, settled in, and preparing for her first meeting with students. She has called twice and emailed saying she was fine, eating strange things and adjusting to the time change. Please keep her before the Father.

In Him,  
Joy & Jordan Rousseau

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I want to thank everyone for your cards, calls, visits and prayers while I was in the hospital and when I came home. We are blessed to be a part of this loving family.

Love to all,  
Louise Culpepper

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Your concern and thoughtfulness when my mother passed away was so comforting. We love and appreciate each one of you.

Sincerely,  
Rob Hilliard

### WITH SYMPATHY

Bill Perry, Tim Perry's dad, died Tuesday morning. Services were held last Saturday in Ladonia for Lois Hilliard, Rob Hilliard's mother. Lucille Robinson, Sue Starnes' sister, died last weekend in Phoenix. Our love and sympathy is extended these families.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

#### IN THE MILITARY

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### GREAT STRIDES WALK-A-THON

Cystic Fibrosis Research fundraiser  
September 25, Bergfeld Park, Registration 8:00; Walk 9:00  
Call Mercedes Chase for more information.

**REMINDER: Beginning Sunday evening, September 4, we will be meeting at 5:00 p.m.**

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Charleen Clayton** into the West Erwin family. She is a teacher in the West Erwin Playschool and already known by many here. Her address is 3129 Faith Lane, Tyler, 75701, ph. 566-8026.

**Mike and Dorothy Watts** came Sunday to make known their desire to be recognized as members of the West Erwin church family. They formerly worshipped with the church in Jamestown. Their address is P.O. Box 247, Van, 75790, ph. 963-5479.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume on September 7. They will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and brunch. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this time together.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for ages 12 months through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at 903-839-8377 or the West Erwin church office for more information.

### NEW CLASSES OFFERED

Valentina Cliver will be offering a class in Conversational French for Beginners on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30; and Basics of Russian Language class will resume in September on Sundays from 3:30-4:30. Both these classes will be taught in our Fellowship Hall.

### LADIES' DAY 2005

Crockett Road Church of Christ  
"Women of the Bible: I Was There"  
Saturday, September 10, 2005, 10:30 - 1:00  
Door Prizes; Lunch will be provided  
RSVP by Sept. 1 to Crockett Road Church of Christ,  
P.O. Box 288, Palestine, TX 75802 or 903-723-6291

### LADIES DAY

Lake Shore Church of Christ, 2800 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, TX  
September 24, 2005 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
"A Merry Heart"- Speaker: Becky Blackmon  
Lunch provided - please RSVP for lunch count  
for more information call 753-1503

### CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

#### Annual Auction September 24, 2005

You're invited to come be with us for our annual auction at the Cherokee Home campus. We will accept any and all usable items to put in the auction and will pick up items between now and September 15. This will be of great benefit to the children's home. Call us at 1-800-689-3292.

### MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 24-28. They have requested that West Erwin collect toilet paper. Other items are also appreciated.

### THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



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Worship P.M.	395	420	429
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## REFLECTIONS UPON PAT ROBERTSON'S STATEMENT

Pat Robertson is remembered as the host of "The 700 Club" on TV, as the founder of the Christian Coalition of America, and as a past presidential candidate. Robertson belongs to the evangelical movement within denominationalism, which means he has a conservative point of view in regard to belief in God, the deity of Christ, and the inspiration of Scripture. However, evangelicals generally place little or no emphasis upon the biblical view of salvation, the church, the worship of the church, the organization of the church, and countless other things. Generally, evangelicals accept the notion that all one must do to be saved is believe Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins. Pat Robertson certainly does not represent me in what he says. As you know, Robertson was recently in the news for saying on his TV show that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez should be assassinated by agents of the U.S. Government. Needless to say, this remark caused quite an uproar

among U.S. officials and leaders in the other parts of the world. Obviously, our constitution provides our citizens freedom of speech, so Robertson can say almost anything he wants to say (I say almost because no one has the right to yell "fire" in a crowded theater). What do you make of Robertson's statement? I object to it. I believe that people, especially those in the public eye, have the responsibility to refrain from expressing personal opinions that are inflammatory and which may hinder diplomacy from running its course. It just may be that even though Chavez is a critic, and perhaps even an enemy of democracy, Venezuela is the 5th largest oil exporter and the U.S. absorbs almost 59% of these exports. More important to me is the fact that unbelievers put all believers in one basket and when someone like Robertson makes such a statement it reflects negatively upon all believers. Although Robertson later apologized for his statement, the harm was done. - Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, September 4, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
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P.M. "Offended By God"  
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## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### SETTING THE PACE

The New York Times crossword puzzle is considered the puzzle of choice for hard-core addicts, but that hasn't always been true. In fact, the Times resisted crosswords for more than two decades. They considered themselves to be America's "newspaper of record" and the guardian of journalistic standards. They scoffed at crossword puzzles. They refused to print them.

The crossword puzzle boom started in 1924, but after six years began to fizzle - largely because the

puzzles in most papers had become so predictable, constantly repeating the same boring clues.

It was Lester Markel who finally said in 1941, in view of the need for some form of relaxation in these tense days, we ought to include crossword puzzles - not to do anything different but simply to do it better. They brought in the best puzzle editor. It was an instant success and the New York Times crossword puzzle has since been the one who sets the pace.

I share this story to simply say, West Erwin could be a "pace setter." We could set the goal to do what we do better than anybody else. We could ..... I know we could. If you agree, tell me so the next time you see me. You are loved and appreciated! May GOD bless you in your worship and ministry.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! What a great summer. I am so proud of all of our teachers. It isn't always easy to find people willing to put so much time and effort into a class during the summer months, but this summer all of our teachers did an excellent job. I'm grateful, parents are grateful, and the students are grateful. Now it's time to focus on the fall quarter, and I'm equally excited about what we have in store during the fall. The teachers are exceptional and so is the material. Be sure to take advantage of all the classes; you won't be sorry. In fact, you will be blessed. See you in class! Let's also remember that this Sunday is our "Promotion Sunday." All of our little ones will be promoted to the next level in the Bible school ministry. This will take place during the last 5 minutes of class time. Teachers, make sure that your students are ready to go as soon as the first bell rings. Escort them to their next class

as the new teachers (Sunday and Wednesday) are waiting to greet them. Some of us will be in the hallway to make sure this transition goes as smoothly as possible. This is a big day for all our classes. If you have any questions be sure to give me a call.

Wednesday, August 31st will mark our last Fellowship And Christian Training Series lesson for the summer of 2005. I hope everyone enjoyed these talks. These lessons were designed to (1) give us some insight into the works of other ministers, (2) to give us some insight into others ministries, and (3) to share a lesson of the evening. I think they were exceptional. A great big THANK YOU goes to Pam Lott for all of the work she put into the dessert fellowships. She sure made my job a lot easier.

August 31 -

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

"Plug Into The Power":  
Dan Manuel from Palestine, Texas  
Song Leader: Todd Kempton (No desserts)



### IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to everyone for thinking of me during my eye surgeries.  
Betty Jo Barajas

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Our West Erwin Family,

Thank you for your expressions of love and condolences at the passing of my brother, Aubrey Brown. His life was a testimony of love and sacrifice for his country, family and friends. "And it is appointed unto men once to die ..." (Hebrews 9:27). It was his time. May God bless you all with His grace and peace.

Jean Parker

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The family of Erna McCord acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and all your thoughts and prayers.

Donna Gilliam & Family

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Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers you sent for Leona Hardin (Aunt Lone). Thank you also for the cards, thoughts, and prayers during the last weeks. She was prepared and ready to meet her Lord.  
The family of Leona Hardin

### NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Odie & Dolores Kennedy on the birth of a new granddaughter! Hannah Nicole was born to Trent and Renee Arnold. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

### PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 28th is our annual promotion Sunday. During the last 5 minutes of our class time on that day the preschool through 5th grade students will be promoted into their new classrooms for the fall quarter. The current and fall teachers (Sunday and Wednesday) need to be in their classrooms at this time.

### SPECIAL THANKS

We owe Carlos Morgan a special debt of gratitude for building the beautiful new kiosk in the main foyer to display pictures of new members. We also will be putting information and pictures of our military personnel back on it. If you have updated information on the current status of your loved ones, please put it on the sheet on the Visitor Center. Carlos has also spent countless hours sanding, staining, finishing the set in the small auditorium to be used for our television program, The Search.

**REMINDER:** Beginning Sunday evening, September 4, we will begin meeting at 5:00 p.m. again.

### RESPONSES

Chris and Lara Reynolds came Sunday to ask for prayers for restoration and strength that they might put Christ first in their lives.

Patrick McGuffey came to request prayers of the church.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Charles Garrett will be moving Labor Day weekend. His new address is: 110 Shawnee, Henderson, TX, 75652.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Buddy and Dorothy Bell on the celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary on August 26. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for ages 12 months through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

### SCHOOL NIGHT FOR SCOUTING

Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
Thursday, September 1, 7:00 p.m.

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 churches of Christ. Call Keith Harris (245-1360) or John Shaw (839-8377) for more information.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will resume on September 7. They will meet in the Family Life Center at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study and brunch. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy this time together.

### ATTENTION: ALL LADIES

The North Tenneha congregation is hosting a Ladies Day program, "Getting A Faith Lift" August 27 from 8:30 12:00 noon. Talent presentations from all congregations are solicited. Your participation is vital!

### LADIES' DAY 2005

Crockett Road Church of Christ  
"Women of the Bible: I Was There"

Saturday, September 10, 2005, 10:30 - 1:00

Door Prizes; Lunch will be provided

RSVP by Sept. 1 to Crockett Road Church of Christ,  
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### LADIES DAY

Lake Shore Church of Christ, 2800 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, TX  
September 24, 2005 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"A Merry Heart" - Speaker: Becky Blackmon  
Lunch provided - please RSVP for lunch count  
for more information call 753-1503

### THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



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Records	Sunday August 21	Sunday August 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	444	396	423
Worship A.M.	645	613	642
Worship P.M.	420	370	385
Wed. P.M.	327	321	318
Contribution	\$20,682.56	\$21,041.04	\$22,739.63
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(8-21-05 Building Fund \$1735.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 28, and Wednesday, August 31:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Louise Culpepper is in Mother Frances, room 4512. Gary Nunn is in Mother Frances, room 591. Mary Gaiser is at her daughter's home in Pittsburg. Bernice Majors is not doing well. Heath Adams, Betty Barajas, Bill Bratcher, Gary Broome, Karen Fedell and Ron Lott are all recovering at home after recent surgeries. Ruth Bell injured her arm, may require surgery. Bill Perry, Tim Perry's dad, is under hospice care in Tenneha. Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter, will have surgery Aug. 26. Crystal Starnes, Sue's granddaughter, is in ICU at ETMC after a fall in which she broke her neck. Continue to remember Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Teen Matysiak; Fran McCauley, Gary Broome's sister; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Mark Musselman, Sharon Ainsworth's brother; Kay Parrish; Rex Power; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reaves, (undergoing chemo) friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Jo Rousseau, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother (under hospice care); Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Harlev Turner; and Mrs. Elvin (Bobbie) Wilson.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Dr. Jay Lockhart  
Prayer Jerry Mitchell  
Scripture Lee Mink  
Dismiss Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Jamon Kirby  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Dan Murry  
Scripture Buck Nowell  
Dismiss Fred Powell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Mark Sweeney John Tindel  
Mark Waggonner Greg Wagner  
Greg Walker Ray Vannoy  
Walker Waggonner Billy Terrell

GREETERS  
Dale & Dot White & Amye Scarborough  
Bill & Judy Wilmeth & Sara Scarborough  
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Chris Scroggins  
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones  
Milburn & Jan Cook

**Pick up cards August 28:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 28:**  
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**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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.  
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.  
**TUESDAY AND THURSDAY**  
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.  
11:30 A.M.  
**WEDNESDAY**  
Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.  
(Sept through May)  
7:00 P.M.  
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### EEM SUMMIT

On Monday, August 29, an Eastern European Mission Summit will be held in Dallas at the Hilton Hotel at Lincoln Center (5410 LBJ Freeway at the Tollway). A reception is scheduled for 6:30 with dinner to follow from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Several key people who have opened many doors to the Gospel in Russia, the Ukraine, and Eastern Europe will be present. Those coming from Europe include Dr. Vladimer Skovorodnikov, Igor Egirev, and Igor Kozlovsky, men who have played such vital roles in getting the Bible into the public schools of Russia and in nurturing the Christians there -- men we have met right here in Tyler. The meeting is designed to inform American Christians of the progress of the gospel in Russia, the Ukraine, and Eastern Europe as well as the opportunities and the strategies for further evangelizing that part of the world. Many states in Russia have asked for Bibles to be distributed to all their schools. Russian children are being given the opportunity to develop faith

and further teaching is planned for Russian summer youth camps. If you would like to hear more by attending the meeting in Dallas, you may RSVP by calling our church office or by calling EEM direct at 1-800-486-1818.

### DANIELLE ROUSSEAU TO CHINA

For many years Danielle Rousseau was an important part of our youth program. Upon high school graduation she attended and graduated from Harding University with a major in Education. Now Danielle has committed a year of her life to China where she, and others, will be teaching English by using the Bible as the textbook. Hopefully, the end result will be that many will learn the gospel in this way and become children of God. Be prayerful about Danielle during her stay in China that God will watch over her, will bless her, and return her safely to us.  
- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, August 21, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: The Fruit of the Spirit"  
(Galatians 5:22, 23)  
P.M. "Approaching God"  
(Mark 4:35-41)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Barry* **THANKS!**

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen last night as well as the City Wide Devotional this past Sunday.

Our young men did a great job leading us in worship last Sunday. Thanks to: Nathan Grounds, Alex Mullins, Toby Kennedy, Michael Ragsdale & Patrick Garrett.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

By the time you read this most of our young people will be back in school or beginning on Monday. Please pray for them as they start the school year.

Teens: Remember to let your light shine in school this year and never underestimate the influence you have on your friends. Just by your example, you can

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### **STRENGTH AND COURAGE FOR TODAY**

I was rereading the words of Jesus' prayer in John 17 the other day and one particular verse stood out like never before. The verse was 15: "My prayer is not that You (God) take them out of the world, but that You (God) protect them from the evil one."

The future is not as dark and mysterious as we have always thought. This verse tells us what to expect. This verse reveals what God intends to do and not do for us. He does not ask for us to be removed from this world of trials, struggles, and suffering. He does ask that we be protected from the evil one.

### **"Heirs Of Life Together"**

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

School has officially started back for all of our high school, as well as college students, and I'm already tired of it. The first day of school I had the privilege of driving my son Daniel to the Whitehouse High School. We left right at 7:10 a.m. and we arrived at our destination at exactly 8:00 a.m. This 15 mile drive took us 50 minutes and by the time we got there Daniel was a nervous wreck and I was about to blow a gasket over the traffic. I thought, "I'll sure be glad when summer gets here."

This is an exciting time for all of our students in our local schools. They are taking another step along the educational trail hoping to reach their destination of graduating and then moving out into the real world. I guess when our kids grow up and move out those frustrating drives to the school will be missed, but if we are lucky enough to live close to our grandkids I bet we will find the time periodically to take them to school.

bring your friends into a relationship with Jesus. Invite them to share in your faith. You may never know what a difference it can make to them.

### **HABITAT HOUSE**

On Saturday, Sept. 17, West Erwin will be joining Shiloh & Glenwood to begin construction on our 5th Habitat House. This has been a great ministry to help folks who would not necessarily have the opportunity to own their own home as well as a great opportunity to serve the community. We need to raise about \$10,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Aug. 21</b>	<b>Small Groups Meet</b>
<b>Aug. 28</b>	<b>Combined Devotional</b>
<b>Sept. 17</b>	<b>Habitat House Construction Begins</b>
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>
<b>Nov. 18-20</b>	<b>Middle School Retreat</b>

This is not just a well intentioned wish on the part of Jesus. This is His prayer for us. His words are in complete accord with the Father's will because He and the Father are one. Therefore, if Jesus prays for us to be protected from the evil one, then it's because He knows the Father fully intends to protect us. If Jesus prays for us not to be removed from the world, it's because He knows the Father has no intention of rescuing us from this place. It is the Father's will to leave us in this world of danger. It's also the Father's will that we are protected from the evil one.

So, here we are living in constant danger of being mugged, raped, and robbed. We live in danger of heart attacks, strokes, and cancer, but our God will not let the evil one have us!

I pray that you will find strength and courage in these words today.

Here at West Erwin, we are about to take another step in our Bible classes. Sunday, August 28th marks our annual "Promotion Sunday." During the last 5-7 minutes of our class time on that Sunday all of our students who are scheduled to move up to their next class will do so. All of our teachers (current and new; Sunday and Wednesday) are asked to be in the classroom so that our students can be greeted properly. Let's all try to be here for this important event. Remember, that's August 28th!

### **F.A.C.T.S. Schedule**

<b>August 24 -</b>	"Family Matters": Jeff Jenkins from Lewisville, Texas Song Leader: Wayne Berryman (No desserts)
<b>August 31 -</b>	"Television: Plug Into The Power": Dan Manuel from Palestine, Texas Song Leader: Todd Kempton (No desserts)

### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Leona Hardin, long time West Erwin member and aunt of James Hardin, died Sunday afternoon. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Rose Hill Cemetery. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.*

"A family is a deep rooted tree with branches of different strengths all receiving nourishment from an Infinite Source, where character is formed, values are learned, ethics are created and society is preserved."

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### **MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME**

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 24-28. They have requested that West Erwin collect toilet paper. Other items are also appreciated.

### **WELCOME HOME!**

We are pleased to welcome Michael and Chandra Bozeman back home to West Erwin! Their address is 20071 Hwy 69 W, 75703, his ph. 903-352-3585, her ph. 903-570-7131.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Frances Moore, 2301 Eagle Street, 75701.

### **ATTENTION: YOUNG AT HEART**

The Shiloh Road Church of Christ Prime Timer's invite you to join them for good food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m., August 19, 2005. We will be "stacking" our own tacos with fixins'. Entertainment will be The Lamplighters from Franklin, Texas. Come share a night of fellowship and fun.

### **PALESTINE DOGWOOD JAMBOREE**

Palestine Civic Center, Hwy 19 North & Loop 256  
Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m.  
Advanced tickets \$10.00 - at the door \$12.50  
Dan Manuel, Sandy Singleterry, Sissy Perry, Alina Tatum, 4 for Him, Joe Handcock, Ivey-Baker Country Band, Sonny Guess

### **EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

ETCA has a position open for After School Care from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The position for Director of Development is also open. If interested, please call the office at 903-561-8642.

### **CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN Annual Auction September 24, 2005**

You're invited to come be with us for our annual auction at the Cherokee Home campus. We will accept any and all usable items to put in the auction and will pick up items between now and September 15. This will be of great benefit to the children's home. Call us at 1-800-689-3292.

### **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

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Worship A.M.	613	632	638
Worship P.M.	370	400	416
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Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Mary Gaiser is in rehab at Health South. Bernice Majors is not doing well. Bill Bratcher had neck surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Heath Adams is at home after ankle surgery Monday. Ron Lott had knee surgery Thursday. Betty Barajas had another eye surgery Thursday. Karen Fedell is scheduled for surgery Monday. Ruth Ellis is undergoing more tests. Bill Perry, Tim Perry's dad, is under hospice care at home in Tenneha. Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter, will have surgery Aug. 26. Continue to remember Vera Beard; Buddy & Dorothy Bell; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Buddy Kennedy; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Teen Matysiak; Fran McCauley, Gary Broome's sister; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Mark Musselman, Sharon Ainsworth's brother; Kay Parrish; Rex Power; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reaves, (undergoing chemo) friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Jo Rousseau, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother (under hospice care); Charlie Scroggins; Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Mrs. Elvin (Bobbie) Wilson, and Ben & Patsy Young.

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Dismiss Phil Marts

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Scripture Jerry Howard  
Dismiss Wes Hilliard

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

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Mark Waggonner Greg Wagner  
Greg Walker Ray Vannoy  
Walker Waggonner Billy Terrell

GREETERS

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & George Richardson  
David & Ginny Wick & Kelsi Wicks  
Bill & Barbara White & Samantha Richardson  
Visitor Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui

Pick up cards August 21 & 28: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, George Richardson.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 21:**  
Nursery a.m.: Barbara Henderson; Nursery p.m.: Judy Yates; Toddlers a.m.: Donni & Caitlin Cook; Toddlers p.m.: Judy Clark & Linda Marts; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Jana Hancock.

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Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Jeff Holland
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### THE NIGHT COMES

Batsell Barrett Baxter was a great Christian, a great preacher, a great teacher, and a great man. He held a Ph.D. in Speech from the University of Southern California, preached for many years for the Hillsboro congregation in Nashville, taught Bible and speech and served as the Chairman of the Bible Department at David Lipscomb University, and was the speaker on the nationwide Herald of Truth television program. Dr. Baxter told this story. Once there was a farmer who had a very large wheat crop and he sent laborers into his fields to harvest the wheat. Before the laborers began, someone suggested that they get water for the workers. Then someone said they needed to build shelters from the sun under which the workers could rest. Someone else suggested that they take the time to sharpen their sickles for the harvest. After this someone suggested that the

workers break for lunch. Following lunch someone observed that the workers needed to rest awhile before going into the fields. Finally, after all these things were done and the sun was setting, a few workers went into the field to harvest some of the wheat before the night came when no man can work. Dr. Baxter then made this point: the work of the church is to go into the harvest. However, we can become so involved in many things that we neglect the real work to which God has called us. Whatever takes us away from the main thing is less important than the main thing. What we do in the church must in some way relate to the salvation of souls. If it doesn't, why are we doing it? We need to make sure we make the main thing the main thing. The fields are "white unto harvest" (John 4:35) and "the night is coming when no one can work" (John 9:4). - Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, August 21, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: Add To Your Faith"  
(2 Peter 1:5-7)  
P.M. "Seeing God"  
(Isaiah 6:1-8)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### **TEENS DIRECTING EVENING SERVICE**

Plan to be here as the teens direct the worship service Sunday evening and for the presentation of the Youth Summer Slide Show.

### **CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL**

We will have a city wide devotional at West Erwin Sunday night, August the 14th. After services we will be eating pizza and playing games before the night is ended with a devotional time.

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

A big THANK YOU to those who have taught classes in my absence. As you read this my wife and I will be on our way home from a vacation in Hawaii.

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### **PRAYER WARRIORS**

Charles Westerfeld recently made a plea in his Sunday morning Bible class for additional Prayer Warriors. Prayer Warriors were organized for one purpose -- to pray for non-Christians. For the past two years this group has had requests each week from the people who visit the benevolent center. Names and addresses are supplied along with their personal prayer requests via e-mail. Some of the Prayer Warriors have chosen to send cards, or notes of encouragement to some of these people telling them they have been praying for them. This is such a powerful ministry! If you would like to become a Prayer Warrior, please e-mail Charles at westerfeld@ev1.net and he will add you to his list.

### **"Heirs Of Life Together"**

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Last week in my bulletin article I wrote about the success of several *Campus Ministries* within the United States. I told you in that article that I have been researching these ministries in an attempt to find ways to improve our *Young Professionals* ministry. Recently I had the opportunity to sit down face to face with several campus ministers and pick their brains regarding ways in which we can improve the work here. They were all excited about what we've already accomplished at West Erwin as well as being extremely encouraged toward the cooperative effort of our Tyler Collegiate Outreach (TCO) ministry. We are on the right path and I am convinced that we need to continue to take these small but necessary steps to turn this ministry into a dynamic outreach effort within this community. Please keep praying for our success.

One of my greatest concerns regarding this new ministry is that we might become complacent in our approach to securing an "on campus site" to help us fulfill our goals. Many have said to

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Aug. 14 City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.  
Aug. 15 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen  
Sept. Habitat House Construction Begins

### **THE POWER OF WORDS**

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof" (Proverbs 18:21 KJV).

"The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked" (Proverbs 10:11).

"The tongue that brings healing is a tree of life, but a deceitful tongue crushes the spirit" (Proverbs 15:4).

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger" (Proverbs 15:1)

me, "Doug, why don't we use the former Tri-C building?" The answer to that question is that we don't own that building therefore we cannot use it. However, I, along with many others, have been praying that the former Tri-C building or another building like it will become available so that our students will have a place of refuge during their college years. I can think of a thousand reasons to be on campus but perhaps the most important is the opportunity we will have to build relationships with God, each other, and those who (as of right now) do not know God. Let's continue to pray about this matter and in so doing allow God the opportunity to amaze us with His power.

### **F.A.C.T.S. Schedule**

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\*Dessert: Cake and ice cream

Song Leader: Kalon Ainsworth

August 24 - "Family Matters": Jeff Jenkins

Song Leader: Wayne Berryman (No desserts)

August 31 - "Television: Plug Into The Power": Dan Manuel

Song Leader: Todd Kempton (No desserts)



### **IN APPRECIATION**

Dear Church family,

I would like to thank you for your many calls and cards during my recent recovery from surgery. Your Sister in Christ, Marsha Richardson

### **WITH SYMPATHY**

Services were held Wednesday at the Wieland Church of Christ for Erna McCord, Donna Gilliam's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Donna and to all the family.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Melanie Goodson, 5404 Hwy 31 W, 75709, ph. 903-595-4828.

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### **A Soul Winner's Prayer**

O give me, Lord, Thy love for souls, lost and wandering sheep,  
That I may see the multitudes and weep as Christ did weep.  
And help me to see the tragic plight of souls far off in sin,  
And help me love and pray, and go and bring the wandering in.  
From off the altar of my heart, take thou some flaming coals,  
Then touch my life and give me, Lord,  
a heart that's hot for souls,  
O fire of love, O flame divine, make thy abode in me  
Burn in my heart, burn evermore, 'till I burn out for Thee.

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Palestine Civic Center, Hwy 19 North & Loop 256

Saturday, August 20 at 7 p.m.

Advanced tickets \$10.00 - at the door \$12.50

Dan Manuel, Sandy Singleterry, Sissy Perry, Alina Tatum, 4 for Him, Joe Handcock, Ivey-Baker Country Band, Sonny Guess

### **DANIELLE ROUSSEAU TO CHINA**

Danielle Rousseau will be leaving for Wuhan, China August 22. She is going with the China Now Program through Harding University and will be gone the next year. She will be teaching English and sharing the gospel, privately, with Chinese students. She would greatly appreciate your prayers and support.

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### **LADIES' DAY 2005**

Crockett Road Church of Christ

"Women of the Bible: I Was There"

Saturday, September 10, 2005, 10:30 - 1:00

Door Prizes; Lunch will be provided

RSVP by Sept. 1 to Crockett Road Church of Christ, P.O. Box 288, Palestine, TX 75802 or 903-723-6291.

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### **LADIES DAY**

Lake Shore Church of Christ, 2800 Lake Shore Dr., Waco, TX

September 24, 2005 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

"A Merry Heart"- Speaker: Becky Blackmon

Lunch provided - please RSVP for lunch count

for more information call 753-1503

### **EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

Due to a teacher reassignment, ETCA is in need of a Middle School teacher in Science or English. Please contact Kay Bellar at 903-561-8642 for information.

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Worship P.M.	400	378	360
Wed. P.M.	310	320	313
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### THEY FORGOT TO FLY THE PLANE

I recently read a story. Flight 401, bound for Miami, had a light fail to come on that showed the landing gear was in place. The entire crew of the plane became involved in trying to get the light to come on. They fiddled with the bulb ... until the plane crashed. It was later observed that in working with the bulb the crew forgot to fly the plane! This story could be a parable of the local church. We are involved in so many projects and ministries ... good things to be sure ... that it is easy for us to forget the main thing -- what the mission of the church really is. What is our mission? One thing: to take the gospel to the world. Everything we do is to the end that the lost may be saved. To say that the mission of the church is threefold: to preach the gospel; to edify the church; and to perform acts of mercy is to overlook the fact that all of these things are designed to fulfill the one mission of the church: the salvation of souls. Yet it is

easy to become so involved in a myriad of other tasks that do not really contribute to this mission. Are these tasks good? Yes. Are they time consuming? Yes. But the question that remains is: do these things contribute to the salvation of the lost? What can we do to fulfill our real mission? One, let us be aware of the foregoing. Two, let us pray. Three, let us live right before a watching world. Four, let us be involved in the family of God. Five, let us invite people to participate in the service of God at this place. Remember that few people come to church because of the programs (2-3%), or because of the preacher (2-3%), or because of the Bible school (2-3%), or convenience (16%). Those who come are invited by friends, relatives or parents (70-90%). Yes, people must be taught and nurtured, but it may begin for you when you invite someone to come with you.

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, August 14, 2005

A.M. By Don Crawford

P.M. Danny Snell and the Youth Group Will Be Directing the 6:00 P.M. Service

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Nathan

### MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL LOCK-IN

All the middle school and high school students invited to the Family Life Center from 7pm Friday night to 7am Saturday morning, the 5th and 6th of August, for an all night lock-in. The night will be filled with fun games and spiritual experiences and is free of cost.

### CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL

We will have a city wide devotional here at West Erwin, Sunday night, August the 14th. After services we will be eating pizza and playing games before the night is ended with a devotional time. Also that Sunday night will be the Youth Summer Slide Show.

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Hello I'm Rickey

I'm delighted to have this opportunity to share this time with you. I will try to give you as much information I can about me in the short space that has been provided I'm from Dallas. I'm not know kid of pervert. I just made a mistake when I was young in life 80. Yes it have been along time. I'm behind in life I give up in God in 82 because of the thing that I was going through in her all the wilent I have seen here, but I knew it was someone watch over me up there, I didn't know who? I just learn to read and write steal learn that is why I want to write you. I don't want any money from you and will not think of ask you for that, I was young when I came here now I'm old 48 I'm black good looking :) I don't care what color you are just write and tell me about yourself I love to travel and

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I'm not exactly sure what makes a great campus ministry, but I am sure what makes a sorry one, and that is to do absolutely nothing for our college students. I'm glad that we have chosen to put together a "young professionals" ministry to aid our graduated seniors through 25 year olds. I understand (as Robert Frost once wrote) that we have miles to go before we sleep, but I feel that we are heading in the right direction and that we have already made great strides for the Lord. I have researched many of our college campuses and I am encouraged at the response of churches of Christ in those college towns. Many of them are stepping up to the plate and assuming the responsibility of making sure that while they have these young people with them they are going to make sure they train them in the Word of God. Places like Norman, Oklahoma (*Sooners For Christ*) and College Station (*Aggies For Christ*) and Nacogdoches (*The Yellow House*) have really stepped out and assumed a leadership role in ministering to college students. They really understand

### HELP NEEDED

Pat Snell, Danny's brother will be moving to Tyler, Monday, August 8th. If you are in the youth group and would like to help please see Nathan McBroom.

### SPECIAL THANKS

A big thank you to all the parents who have sent your children on the youth trips this summer and a bigger thanks to those who have come as sponsors on the trips. Without you this youth group would be crippled.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 8 Pat Snell needs help moving in**  
**Aug. 14 City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.**  
**Aug. 15 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen**  
**Sept. Habitat House Construction Begins**

visit all types of interesting places. I have been all over the world in my mind since I been here. I love to meet and socialize with different types of people form all walk of life and form different parts of the world and find out how they live I will end cause I will talke allday just writing. I just be here waited to here from you. or you give my litter to some one that don't have a friend like me. Here is where I stayed for the last 26 years.

Rickey Jetton 303912  
Robertson 12071 FM 3522  
Abilene, TX 79601

This letter was sent to West Erwin and with the written approval in the letter I have chosen to reprint it as it was originally penned. Perhaps you would like to correspond with Rickey, or just send him a card to let him know you have prayed for him. If you like you may use the church building as your return address.

the importance of training these young people who in the not so distant future will be assuming leadership positions in the church. The impact on the church will be for generations to come.

I want to end this article with a challenge to the leadership of all the churches in this area: Let's take the young professional ministry (or whatever you call that ministry at your congregation) a step further; let's make it a viable ministry that will impact Tyler Junior College, Texas College, and U.T. Tyler. Let's get on those campuses NOW! Let's turn those campuses upside down for the glory of GOD.

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Wini and Dan

### NEW ARRIVALS

Benjamin Davis Womack was born July 15 to Craig and Cynthia Womack. He weighed 6 lb. 11 oz. And was 19 1/4 inches long. Ray and Carolyn woamck are proud great grandparents!

Congratulations to Alan and Patsy Fisher on the birth of a new grandson born July 25 to Amy and Rob Buwalda. Brett Buwalda weighed 6 lb. 14 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long

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### A NIGHT OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Praise ye the Lord (Psalm 149:1)  
Watch and pray (Matthew 26:41)

We ask that you and your family join together with the North Tenneha Church Family for a night of prayer and praise on Monday, August 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Renaissance Center. Special prayer request cards are available in both foyers and may be placed in the special boxes provided by the *Overcomers*.

### BAPTISM!

We rejoice with **Chelsea Meazell** in her decision at a young age to live her life for Christ. She is the granddaughter of Bill and Ruth Meazell and was baptized into Christ Sunday. Her address is 223 North Kay Street, Winona, 75762, ph. 877-3660.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Nick Blaylock, 4400 Paluxy #1059, 75703  
**Phone Correction:** Cliff & Thelma Nolley, ph. 592-6614

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**The gift of laughter** - clip cartoons, share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."

**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 and may even change a life.

**The gift of a compliment** - a simple and sincere, "You look great in red, or "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.

**The gift of a cheerful disposition** - the easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone; really it's not hard to say, "Hello," or "Thank you."

**The gift of sharing the gospel** - there are people all around us that do not know God and have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus. This gift is the best!

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## AUTHORITY OF ELDERS?

There are different views on the authority, or lack of authority, of elders. Some view elder's authority as something that resembles a dictatorship (this view may be held by some elders). Others view elder's authority as being limited to their ability to be examples to the church (this view may be mostly held by non-elders who do not wish to submit to elders). There are, no doubt, varying points of view between the two extremes. What do the Scriptures teach? Let it be remembered that every command of God carries with it the authority to do whatever is necessary to obey that command. The command to baptize gives authority to provide enough water to immerse, whether it be a pond, a lake, a river, or a baptistery constructed for that purpose. Similarly, the command to sing carries with it the authority to provide a tune, words, a pitch, one or four part harmony, or a song book. When God authorized elders for local churches, those elders have the authority to do what God wants them to do as elders. It should be noted that authority to do what is necessary or helpful in obeying a commandment does not involve doing something different or in addition to what God commands. Therefore, the command to baptize does not permit sprinkling (something different). The command to sing

does not authorize playing instruments (something added to what God commands). The command to have elders does not allow one elder in a congregation or a statewide, nationwide, or worldwide organization (something different from what God authorized). Now, back to elders and their authority. In Acts 20:17, 28 three words are used to describe these men: "elders" (older in the faith), "overseers" (the word for bishops), and "feed" (the word for shepherd or pastor). Peter said elders were to serve as "overseers" (I Peter 5:2). If elders are to "oversee" or "shepherd" they must have the authority to do what overseeing and shepherding involves. So the writer of Hebrews says, "Obey your leaders and be submissive" (Hebrews 13:17). Are they dictators? No. Are they examples? Yes. However, their authority goes beyond simply being examples and they do not "lord it over" the flock (I Peter 5:3). But they must have the authority to do what God calls them to do. Therefore, when elders ask something of us we should be ready to respond positively so that they may lead "with joy and not with grief" (Hebrews 13:17). To do otherwise is to be in rebellion against elders and to disobey God. Think about this the next time elders make a request of you that is good and right and helpful. It's pretty serious business.

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**  
  
Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, August 7, 2005**  
**by Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
A.M. "Spirituality: Renewed Minds"  
(Romans 12:1, 2)  
P.M. "Seeking God"  
(Acts 17:24-31)

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"The Church With Heart"



## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Our mission trip to Nueva Rosita a great success. We taught Bible classes on Sunday, painted the inside of the Children's Home, repaired the roof of the preacher's home, cleaned playground, etc. A special thanks to the adult sponsors who went: Ken Culpepper, Patti Grounds, Curt Jordan, Pat & Kelli Malone, Nathan McBroom, Dannie Skipper and Doug Scroggins, and an extra special thanks to Henry McRuiz for going all these years and for continuing to do an outstanding job as translator.

### NEW SONGS CLASS

We will have a special class to learn some new songs on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5:30 in the high school classroom.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Aug. 14 City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.**  
**Aug. 15 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen**

### **YOU TELL ON YOURSELF**

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek,  
 By the very manner in which you speak,  
 By the way you employ your leisure time,  
 By the use you make if the dollar and dime.  
 You tell on yourself by the things you wear,  
 By the spirit in which you your burdens bear,  
 By the kind of things that make you laugh,  
 By the places you go to photograph.  
 You tell on yourself by the way you walk,  
 By the things of which you delight to talk,  
 By the manner in which you bear defeat,  
 By so simple a thing as how you eat.  
 By the books you choose from the well filled shelf,  
 In these ways and more, you tell on yourself,  
 So there is not a particle of sense,  
 In an effort to keep up a false pretense.  
 "Ye shall know them by their fruits." Matt. 7:16a

### **COMMUNITY**

..... by Don Crawford

#### **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

God has blessed us at West Erwin with opportunities and resources to be of assistance to many people in need. We often visit with these people during the week and weekends trying to help them through some difficult times. In most cases, we know their plight and have been involved in some way or another. Lately we have had people panhandling the crowds in the parking lots as they leave after worship services. This is not an acceptable practice, nor do we feel safe about such activity. Please report these situations to a minister, elder, or deacon immediately and please do not give them money. Most of the time we have resources to help them, but they must go through the proper channels. Thank you for being alert to these activities.

### **LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE?**

West Erwin has numerous ministries available for every member. If you are looking for a place where you can use the talents and abilities God has given you maybe I can help to get you plugged into such a place. Please feel free to call on me: Don Crawford at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org

### **SMALL GROUPS**

Our small group ministry is designed to enhance times of fellowship among the members at West Erwin. It also provides a comfortable setting to invite newcomers and visitors. We are always looking to birth new groups. Perhaps your area would be suited for such a new group and perhaps you are interested in becoming a coordinator. Please contact Don Crawford. If you want to know about groups that meet in your area, please visit with me about your needs and desires.

### **"Heirs Of Life Together"**

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

When I began to put together our Fellowship And Christian Training Series for the summer months of 2005 I was just a little bit nervous. After all, we were venturing out in a new direction with our topics. For the first time since we started our F.A.C.T.S. ministry we were not going to be looking at a book of the Bible to break it down but rather we were going to be looking at our ministries here at West Erwin and then attempting to make them even better than they already are. Even though I was nervous about this new approach I was very confident that it would be successful because of the thought and prayer that went into developing it, but also because of the quality of the speakers that were invited. I must say your response to our summer series has solidified my confidence. What a great summer we have had thus far. Our attendance is up, our speakers have engaged us in a variety of ministries that have worked at their home congregations and we have been challenged to step up and deliver here at home.

Thanks for all the kind comments regarding this ministry and thanks for your support as we truly become "heirs of life together." May God continually bless us in all of our ministries.

Please notice the list of speakers below and let's be in attendance as we finish up with some great lessons which, during the month of August, will mainly be focusing on edification and evangelism.

### **F.A.C.T.S. Schedule**

**August 3** - "The Macedonian Call": Jay Lockhart  
 \*Dessert: Banana Splits  
 Song Leader: Dr. Wayne Berryman  
**August 10** - "The Power of the Pen": Eddie Cloer:  
 \*Dessert: Favorite Dessert  
 Song Leader: Gary Ables  
**August 17** - "Revitalizing the Saints": George Jones, III  
 \*Dessert: Cake and ice cream  
 Song Leader: Kalon Ainsworth

### **BAPTISM**

We rejoice with Missy Price, 12 year old sister of Curtis Elmore, in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Friday in Whitehouse.

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**Correction:** Donna Gilliam's phone number was incorrectly listed in the bulletin. Her phone number is 903-882-4861.

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

### **AN IMPORTANT LIST FOR ALL OF US**

The most destructive habit.....Worry  
 The greatest Joy.....Giving  
 The greatest loss.....Loss of self-respect  
 The most satisfying work.....Helping others  
 The ugliest personality trait.....Selfishness  
 The most endangered species.....Dedicated leaders  
 Our greatest natural resource.....Our youth  
 The greatest "shot in the arm".....Encouragement  
 The greatest problem to overcome.....Fear  
 The most effective sleeping pill.....Peace of mind  
 The most crippling failure disease.....Excuses  
 The most powerful force in life.....Love  
 The most dangerous pariah.....A gossip  
 The world's most incredible computer.....The brain  
 The worst thing to be without.....Hope  
 The deadliest weapon.....The tongue  
 The two most power-filled words....."I Can"  
 The greatest asset.....Faith  
 The most worthless emotion.....Self-pity  
 The most beautiful attire.....SMILE!  
 The most prized possession..... Integrity  
 The most powerful channel of communication.....Prayer  
 The most contagious spirit.....Enthusiasm  
 AND --- ALWAYS REMEMBER THE IMPORTANCE OF A SMILE

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 12434 FM 344 W, Bullard

Selections: Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, & Penney's  
 Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation

### **50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to Milburn and Jan Cook on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

### **MARRIAGE MATTERS**

A marriage enrichment seminar  
 with Dr. Jerry & Lynn Jones  
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 Brochures at Visitor Center

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### **EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY**

ETCA has openings for a middle school math teacher and a Director of Development. Contact the school at 903-561-8642 for information.

### **NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED**

The Shiloh Road congregation is looking for a paid nursery attendant for the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. For more information, please call Judy Wilmoth ay 903-839-3746.

### **Think about it .....**

"True wealth is what you are, not what you have"  
 "To change everything, simply change your attitude."  
 "The surest way to make yourself happy is to make someone else happy."  
 "Your religion is what you do when the sermon is over."  
 "Nothing will ever be attempted much less accomplished if all possible objections and obstacles must first be overcome."

### **THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart**



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Records	Sunday July 24	Sunday July 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	401	423	303
Worship A.M.	602	616	577
Worship P.M.	305	385	284
Wed. P.M.	347	303	336
Contribution	\$19,978.37	\$20,503.37	\$18,356.05
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(7-24-05 Building Fund \$260.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 31, and Wednesday, August 3:** David Wicks, ph. 534-9568. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Teen Matysiak is in ETMC, room 3307, due to heart fibrillation. Mollie Mink had a tonsillectomy last week. Betty Barajas is scheduled for eye surgery August 4 & 18. Mrs. Elvin (Bobbie) Wilson, former West Erwin member now living in Hereford, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's disease. Continue to remember Vera Beard; Buddy & Dorothy Bell; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Gene Chandler; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Kyle Curry, friend of the Vannoys; Lela Duncan; Margaret Evans, Jennifer Paltjon's mother; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Leona Hardin; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; Tommy Lowrance; Bernice Majors; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Fran McCauley, Gary Broome's sister; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Bill Mullins; Rex Power; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reeves, (undergoing chemo) friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Marsha Richardson; Jo Rousseau, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; Janet Sills; Buddy Smith, Connie Sublette's brother; Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Crystal Starnes, Sue Starnes' granddaughter; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Mike Trostel, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, Harley Turner; Billy Weaver, Margie Hunt's brother; and Ben & Patsy Young.

CALL TO WORSHIP  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Tim Grounds  
Prayer J.D. Osborn  
Scripture Cody Mitcham  
Dismiss Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Brody Clark  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Harold Denman  
Scripture Howard Dickson  
Dismiss Jeff Fennell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Joe Roach Art Rowland  
Doug Scroggins Casey Sittin  
Barry Scarborough Dannie Skipper  
Keith Skender Bill Smith

GREETERS  
Gary & Judy Mitcham & Blake Lowry  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Haylee Lowry  
Joe & Connie Roach & Alex Mullins  
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards July 31: Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins, & Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 31:**  
Nursery a.m.: Donna Wright; Nursery p.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; Toddlers a.m.: Sue Skipper & Carolyn Welborn; Toddlers p.m.: Camille & Mollie Mink; 2's: Heath & Kandi Adams; 3's & 4's: Stuart & Kathy Means.

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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	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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## POLITICAL CORRECTNESS AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST

There are explosive issues facing us as the church and as a nation today. These issues may be the most serious challenges we have faced in half a century. They have to do with the mindset of the post modern culture. Let us remember that the pre-modern age lasted through the 17th century. Up until this time western man generally believed in a Supreme Being and in the Bible as a revelation from God. The modern age was from the 1700's to the 1900's. During the modern age man experienced what the historians called "The Enlightenment" when there was an explosion of knowledge about the universe. As man's knowledge of his world increased his pride also grew and he still believed in God and the Bible, but he elevated human thinking to the level of Scripture. Now, in the post modern age (from the 1900's until the present) man has eliminated revelation from God and any standard of right and wrong (except his own), and his emphasis is upon himself. Since he accepts no absolutes, he believes that nearly "anything goes" and, therefore, we should speak approvingly about various lifestyles and ideologies. In other words, we should be

"politically correct." As Christians, we are taught to "be gentle" (James 3:17), to "be kind" (Ephesians 4:32), and to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:16). There is never a time for us to be arrogant, haughty, or harsh with people. However, we are to speak the truth and that demands that issues be confronted in the spirit of Christ. So, I'm going to speak out about "alternative lifestyles," abortion, the spiritual leadership of men, and efforts to remove God from our lives. I'm going to be suspicious of a person of Middle East origin wearing a backpack. I'm sorry, but the events of our world have made me cautious. I'm going to keep calling for biblical authority for what the church teaches and practices. And I'm going to be suspicious of someone who claims that the church is filled with "old fogies" who know little and can't get that little right. I'm sorry, but I've been conditioned. I'm also getting a bit weary of hearing about the need to be politically correct when we are facing issues that would do much harm to our country and to the church. Do you agree?  
- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**Sermons for Sunday, July 31, 2005**

**by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "Spirituality: The Model Prayer"**

(Matthew 6:9-13)

**P.M. THE SEARCH: A New Format for TV**

(Matthew 28:18-20)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. We will have details for you in class Sunday morning.

### NEW SONGS CLASS

We will have a special class to learn some new songs on Wednesday, Aug. 3, at 5:30 in the high school classroom.

### IMPORTANT DATES

July	22-27	Mexico Mission Trip
July	24	Middle School Activity
Aug.	14	City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.
Aug.	15	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Sept.		Habitat House Construction Begins

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### Looking for a Place to Serve?

This is one of those behind the scenes places, but serves a great purpose for the benevolent center and our community. Three members from the Glenwood congregation work two hours each Wednesday morning from 8:30-10:30 at the East Texas Food Bank. They could use some help. Your volunteer hours give the West Erwin Benevolent Center grant allocations each month which help to pay for the food we distribute weekly. Interested? Call Don Crawford for more details.

#### Small Group

Our Small Group meetings are once each month. They typically meet on the third Sunday evening of each month

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It is hard for me to believe that the summer is drawing to a close. School will be starting back in just a couple of weeks. Some of our college students who attend school elsewhere will be making their journey back to those institutions of higher learning in less than two weeks. The good news is that even with those leaving us and returning to their universities, we will be gaining a whole new group of young professionals as we welcome our incoming freshmen into this wonderful ministry. To celebrate this event we will be hosting an area wide "Welcome Banquet." Jon Murry has agreed to oversee this event and I know that the existing members of our young professionals can't wait to add to their number with the freshman class's arrival. To our current young professionals, please make every effort not only to be present at this banquet, but to also invite students that you know who are freshmen (2005). We'd love to see a big turn out for this event. The date has not yet been determined but it

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As most you read this column, a group of 26 from West Erwin will be in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We will be arriving Friday evening and returning Wednesday night late. We plan to work at the church and the children's home. Our projects will include cleaning, painting, roof repair and fixing up the playground. We will also be teaching the children's classes on Sunday. Please pray for us to have a safe trip and to make a difference in that community. Pray for the following folks who are going: Brittany Asbill, Kaitlyn Carder, Patrick Garrett, Hannah Grounds, Nathan Grounds, Colt Keeney, Hutton Moon, Kara Murry, Jordan Rousseau, Jared Jordan, Michael Ragsdale, Chris Scroggins, Shannon Snell, Danielle Henry, Alex Mullins, Dayne Harris, Ken Culpepper, Patti Grounds, Pat & Kelli Malone, Nathan McBroome, Henry McRuiz, Dannie Skipper, Doug Scroggins & Curt Jordan.

after worship services. Eighteen such groups involving about 340 people are participating. Our small group ministry was designed to enhance times of fellowship among the members and to invite newcomers and visitors into a comfortable home setting,

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*"A gentle response defuses anger,  
but a sharp tongue kindles a temper-fire."*

*"Kind words heal and help;  
cutting words wound and maim."*  
Proverbs 15:1, 4 The Message

will more than likely be the middle of August. We're looking forward to meeting and greeting all of you.

Let's also remember our weekly devotionals. We are excited to have incorporated several additional churches into the rotation of the Tyler Collegiate Outreach (TCO) ministry recently. Let's support all these devotionals and grow as God would have us to grow.

#### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

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Song Leader: Gary Ables



### IN APPRECIATION

Family and Friends:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their love and support during the past weeks. We both loved our mother dearly and it was comforting to see how many of you did as well. Just as our mother was with us when we came into the world, we were both by her side when she left this world. We both realize this sorrowful time was just a fragment of our lives together and we have many years of fond memories that she is responsible for. We were reminded of this when our childhood football coach pulled us aside at our mother's funeral and told us "they can't take your memories." A reoccurring thought that gives us strength to pass through these hard times is knowing mother is with daddy in heaven. The flowers that were sent on behalf of the church were beautiful. We thank you so much for the love you gave to us. She would have loved the flowers.

A heartfelt thank you!  
Tim & Barrett Faulkner

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How blessed I am to have such a caring church family. Thanks for the prayers, calls, and food. The last surgery was very successful. I am no longer in the chronic pain as before. I have a lot of rehab facing me, but with your continued prayers that too will pass. Thanks.

Bettye Price

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On behalf of the Andrews family, "thank you" for your outpouring of love and sympathy in the loss of my brother, Lloyd. God's grace and your prayers continue to sustain us during this difficult time. Lloyd was a faithful Christian who loved his family and the Lord's church. He was loved by many and will live on in our hearts. A special "thank you" to the Boomer's class, the Sunday A.M. Ladies class and the Tuesday benevolent workers. May God bless as you have blessed us.

In Christ,  
Marjorie Moriole'

### WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Saturday at Memorial Cemetery for **Herman Browning**, Nelda Browning's brother-in-law. Services were held Saturday Memphis, VA for **Aubrey Brown**, Jean Parker's brother. Van Snell, Danny's uncle, died last week. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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July 24-27, 2005

"Bug Safari" for ages 3-11 - Stories, Games, Fun & Snacks

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### THE TRIOS OF LIFE

Three things in life that once gone never come back

Time, Words and Opportunity.

Three things in life that should never be lost

Peace, Hope and Honesty

Three things in life that are most valuable

Love, Faith and Prayer

Three things in life that are never certain

Dreams, Success and Fortune

Three things that make a man

Hard Work, Sincerity and Commitment

Three things in life that can destroy a man

Lust, Pride and Anger.

Three things that are truly constant

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.-

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Bible Class	423	366	379
Worship A.M.	616	609	570
Worship P.M.	385	315	64
Wed. P.M.	303	262	NC
Contribution	\$20,503.37	\$20,186.10	\$16,788.97
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(7-17-05 Building Fund \$750.00)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Leona Hardin** is back in Park Place after being hospitalized with pneumonia. **Betty Barajas** is scheduled for eye surgery August 4 & 18. **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad, had an MRI this week. **Fran McCauley**, Gary Broome's sister, is critically ill in Palestine. **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister, had a heart cath last Friday in Houston. **Crystal Starnes**, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is ill in Plano. **Billy Weaver**, Margie Hunt's brother, is recovering after recent lung cancer surgery. Continue to remember **Vera Beard; Buddy & Dorothy Bell; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Gene Chandler; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Kyle Curry**, friend of the Vannoys; **Lela Duncan; Margaret Evans**, Jennifer Paltjon's mother; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Bill Mullins; Rex Power; Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reeves**, friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons; **Marsha Richardson; Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; **Jewel Scroggins**, Doug's stepmother; **Janet Sills; Buddy Smith**, Connie Sublette's brother; **Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Mike Trostel**, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, **Harley Turner**; and **Ben & Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship  
Prayer  
Scripture  
Dismiss

Tim Grounds  
Stan Mallory  
Jordan Lyons  
Leon Welborn

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Mike McClenny  
6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer  
Scripture  
Dismiss

J.D. Mitchell  
Carlos Morgan  
Alan Montgomery

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Joe Roach  
Doug Scroggins  
Barry Scarborough  
Keith Skender

Art Rowland  
Casey Sitton  
Dannie Skipper  
Bill Smith

GREETERS

Bob & Barbara Paul & Tyler Lott  
Fred & Sara Powell & Lindsey Lott  
Pat & Laurie Pattillo & Chelsea Pattillo  
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee  
Hugh & Glenda Mills

**Pick up cards July 24 & 31:** Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins, & Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 24:**  
Nursery a.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman; Toddlers a.m.: Marisa Suggs; Toddlers p.m.: Becky Howard & Judy Wilmeth; 2's: Daniel & Kim DuPree; 3's & 4's: Marc & Ginger Philpot.

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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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	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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## "THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST AND THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST"

The United Church of Christ has been prominent in the news over the last few weeks due to the adoption of a resolution at their July Synod meeting in Atlanta that approves same sex marriage. I have been asked in recent days if the United Church of Christ and the Church of Christ are one and the same. The United Church of Christ began in America on July 4, 1961 when members of several Protestant denominations united in an effort to increase their membership and accomplish more of what they considered their mission to be. The immediate problem that arose was the liberalizing of each church's beliefs in order that they might unite. Additionally, these churches agreed on a common creed, other than the Bible; were organized with leadership roles, synods, and other offices unknown to Scripture; and had an earthly headquarters in New York City. Because of their liberal approach to Bible teaching, it was a short step to the recent adoption of the same sex marriage resolution. In contrast to the United Church of Christ, which traces its origin back to 1961, the churches of Christ in America came about by the plea for the unity of believers upon the basis of what the New Testament teaches as the only rule of faith and practice. Rather than creating a denomination, the

early citizens of the United States who made the plea to be Christians only and members of the church Jesus promised to build, wanted to restore primitive New Testament Christianity. Therefore, they traced their origin back to the first century. Rather than being a part of the main line denominations of the day, the restorers wanted to be members of no denomination at all. They believed that obedience to the simple gospel of Christ would make them the same thing it made disciples in the first century and that the Lord would add them to His church. The United Church of Christ and the churches of Christ are polls apart in their teaching and practice largely because the one has a human agenda and the other seeks only a divine agenda. One votes on and passes human laws that violate Scripture and the other seeks to be subject to divine law. One views Scripture as a part of the basis of their beliefs and practices while the other views Scripture as the final, complete, and authoritative standard for beliefs and practices. The United Church of Christ is one of the most liberal denominations in America while the churches of Christ are seeking a conservative approach to religion as they seek to be governed by the teachings of the Bible only.

- Jay Lockhart

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

## Sermons for Sunday, July 24, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: A Work In Progress"  
(I Corinthians 2:14 - 3:3)  
P.M. Daniel Morgan  
will report on his recent mission trip to Brazil

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Sunday was a monumental day in West Point, Nebraska, as they celebrated being debt free by having a note burning after the morning worship service! As I reflect on our partnership with this great church over the past 15 years and the number of our people who have been blessed, as well the children in West Point influenced for Christ, I am proud of West Erwin's participation. Thirty-two from West Erwin went to West Point for this year's VBS. It has been an incredible week! There were 81 in attendance Monday and 100 Tuesday. Thanks to all who went: Cameron Ables, Chloe Ainsworth, Brad Asbill, Betsy Asbill, Brittany Asbill, Cayti Bynum, Christina Denman, Patrick Garrett, Dayne Harris, Scottie Hart, Colt Keeney, Ashley Laird, Alex Mullins, Hutton Moon, Kara Murry, Tanner Philpot, Jordan Rousseau, Sara Scarborough, Chris Scroggins, Jordan Snell, Shannon Snell, Kelsi Wicks, Hayey Wilson, & Kristen Yates. A special thanks to our sponsors: Tammy Asbill, Gary

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### Borrowed from a passing e-mail

Just up the road from my home is a field with two horses in it. From a distance each horse looks like every other horse. But, if you look closely you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse, the larger one, will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.

The other horse, the smaller of the two, has a bell attached to her bridle. When she moves the bell rings out a message to let her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her. Watching the two friends you can tell how she looks after him and he's always

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Since Brad Harrub spoke to us during our *Summer Extravaganza* I have had several requests to order additional material that he had on display while he was here. I just wanted everyone to know that it isn't too late to place an order. In fact, I left an Apologetics Press catalogue in the foyer and all you have to do is pick out the material needed, write a check for the amount, give it to me and I will make sure the order is placed. All of this material backs up the thoughts that Brad presented to us. It would be in your best interest to study this material because it will help you come to a better understanding of the truth of God's Word.

I know everyone is looking forward to the talk that Chris Frizzell will deliver to us on July 20th entitled: *Organizing The Masses*. Chris works with the Granbury congregation as their involvement minister and he will approach his talk from that perspective. Please be here not only for the lesson but also for

Broome, Debbie Bynum, Caysi Bynum, Ken Culpepper, Nathan McBroom, Danielle Rousseau & Danny Snell. Please continue to pray for our safety as we return Saturday.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

There will be a meeting Sunday at 5:00 for all who are participating in the Mexico mission trip. Remember that paper work for the trip must be turned in by Wednesday, July 20. We will leave July 22 and return Wednesday, July 27. Please pray for our safety and success.

### NEW SONGS CLASS

We will have a special class to learn some new songs on Wednesday, July 20, at 5:30 in the high school classroom.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 17** Small Groups meet  
**July 22-27** Mexico Mission Trip  
**Aug. 14** City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.  
**Aug. 15** West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen  
**Sept.** Habitat House Construction Begins

listening for her bell. He will slowly move to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Here's the message of this picture. Like the owners of the two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others to see God.

May the Lord bless your week as you serve Him. May the Lord bless you with peace and assurance that no matter how dark this world gets He is nearby.

the fellowship which follows. On July 20th Pam Lott will be serving the congregation Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes. You won't want to miss this event.

The summer continues to go by quickly. Again, let me take just a moment to thank all of our teachers who work so hard here at West Erwin, making sure that our Bible school ministry goes smoothly. Your hard work is deeply appreciated.

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

**July 20** - "Organizing the Masses": Chris Frizzell

\*Dessert: Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes

Song Leader: Kalon Ainsworth

**July 27** - "The Shepherding Elders": David Tarbet

\*Dessert: Cobblers

Song Leader: Todd Kempton

**August 3** - "The Macedonian Call": Jay Lockhart

\*Dessert: Banana Splits

Song Leader: Dr. Wayne Berryman



### IN APPRECIATION

We thank you and appreciate the cards, verbal expressions of sympathy, and the beautiful flower arrangement from the West Erwin church at the death of my sister, Mavis Bolton. We are blessed to be part of a loving, caring family.

Claude & Odell Sessions

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This church has given me so much. When I came to this church almost two years ago I was lost. Now I can proudly say that I am found and am heaven bound. Thank you for all the support and prayers and for the graduation Bible. God bless you all.

Scottie Hart

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We cannot fully convey our thanks for your prayers, phone calls, and visits during my recent visits to the hospital. God has given me a new appreciation for surgery, recoveries, and Christian brothers and sisters. Your prayers and concerns have meant so much to me and my family.

In Christian Love,

Bill and Donna Mullins

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To our brethren,

We would like you to share in our joy and celebration of God's gracious kindness. He has enabled the church of Christ here in West Point to make its final building payment and be debt free. Through the financial help as well as the labor of many individuals and some churches here in Nebraska, along with the West Erwin church in Tyler, Texas, we have been able to construct and then pay off this debt we incurred in May of 1998. It is our desire to have a note burning on Sunday, July 10, immediately after our morning worship to express our thanks to you who have helped and to God who gives all.

Ray Maxwell,

for the West Point church

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Russell Wells, & Jordan White.*

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for ages 12 months through pre-k. Call Terry Shaw at (903) 839-8377 or the West Erwin church office at (903) 592-0809 for more information.

### TEACHERS WORKSHOP

If you are interested in attending the Teachers Workshop July 22-23 in Austin, please call Dale Blackstone. The church will pay registration fees.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **J.D.** and **Sherry Osborn** into the West Erwin family. The Osborns are well known by many of us and we know they will be an asset to the work of the Lord at this place. Their address is 414 Eisenhower Drive, Tyler 77504, ph. 903-592-0034.

**Donna Gilliam** came Sunday to request prayers for strength and forgiveness that she might be restored to a right relationship with her Lord and to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin church. We are very happy to welcome her into our family. Her address is 10835 CR 4150, Tyler, 75704, ph. 883-4861.

### RESPONSE

**Laura McClenny** came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family that she might overcome personal difficulties in her life and to trust God and live for Him.

**ADDRESS CHANGE:** Doug & Cathy Scroggins, 405 Amanda Court, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-7624.

### 22 things to always remember

...And one to never forget

Your presence is a present to the world.  
Your life can be what you want it to be.  
Count your blessings, not your troubles.  
You'll make it through whatever comes along.  
Understand, have courage, be strong.  
Decisions are too important to leave to chance.  
Reach for your peak, your goal, your prize.  
Nothing wastes more energy than worrying.  
Remember that a little love goes a long way.  
Do ordinary things in an extraordinary way.  
You're unique and one of a kind.  
Take the days just one at a time.  
Don't put limits on yourself.  
Don't take things too seriously.  
So many dreams are waiting to be realized.  
Remember a little goes far!  
Life's treasures are people!  
Live a life of serenity, not of regrets.  
Realize that it's never too late.  
Have hearth and hope and happiness.  
Remember that friendship is a wise investment.  
The longer one carries a problem,  
the heavier it gets.  
And don't ever forget, not even for a day,  
just how very special you are!  
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### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Arp Church of Christ, 109 Barron, Arp, Texas

July 24-27, 2005

"Bug Safari" for ages 3-11 - Stories, Games, Fun & Snacks

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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.

### THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



is now aired each Sunday  
at 10:00 a.m. on KYTX-19

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Records	Sunday July 10	Sunday July 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	366	401	387
Worship A.M.	609	622	538
Worship P.M.	315	338	348
Wed. P.M.	262	325	320
Contribution	\$20,186.10	\$20,553.83	\$21,246.36
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(7-10-05 Building Fund \$1,125.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 17, and Wednesday, July 20:** Charles O'Neal, ph. 509-3582. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Leona Hardin** is in ETMC, room 3503, with pneumonia. **Gene Chandler** had surgery again Thursday. **James Phillips** is at home after being hospitalized due to heart fibrillation. **Bill Mullins** continues to improve. **Wini Cullinan, Bettie Price, and Marsha Richardson** are all recuperating at home. **Fran McCauley**, Gary Broome's sister, is critically ill in Palestine. **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister, had a heart cath Friday in Houston. **Crystal Starnes**, Sue Starnes' granddaughter, is very ill in Plano. **Billy Weaver**, Margie Hunt's brother, had lung cancer surgery last Friday at UTHC. Continue to remember **Vera Beard; Aubrey Brown, Jean Parker's brother; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Zona Crone; Kyle Curry, friend of the Vannoys; Margaret Evans, Jennifer Paltjon's mother; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Rex Power; Taylor Nicole Reeves, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Jo Rousseau, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; Jewel Scroggins, Doug's stepmother; Janet Sills; Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Mike Trostel, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, Harley Turner; and Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law and Ben & Patsy Young.**

CALL TO WORSHIP  
 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Call to worship  
 Prayer Roger Knight  
 Scripture Joel Knox  
 Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
 John Lacy  
 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
 Prayer Matt Haws  
 Scripture Mike Harris  
 Dismiss Tom Hale

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
 Michael Ragsdale Rex Power  
 Brant Prestidge Jordan Rousseau  
 Chris Reynolds Ralph Rowe  
 Tom Ramsour Jeff Ruddell

GREETERS  
 Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Taylor Lemons  
 Noel & Jean Parker & Paige Lemons  
 Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Kara Murry  
 Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty  
 Dannie & Sue Skipper

Pick up cards July 17: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender, & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 17:**  
 Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman; Nursery p.m.: Jerry & Becky Howard; Toddlers a.m.: Greg & Debbie Jones; Toddlers p.m.: Arlene Lockhart & Judy Mitcham; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Shaun & Joanna Stamps.

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 Don Crawford - Involvement Danny Snell - Youth

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 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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.  
 June-Aug 6:00 P.M.

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

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

7:00 P.M.  
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## "DEMOCRACY IS A VERY POOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT"

It was Winston Churchill who said, "Democracy is a very poor form of government ... but it is the best form of government devised by man." We agree. Despot ruler did not work because it promoted the oppression of the masses. Fascism did not work because government was by dictators who abolished freedom and treated disagreement as treason. Communism did not work because it left the common people, who it claimed to champion, in misery, poverty, and bondage. Democracy is the finest form of government man has devised. Government is ordained of God and citizens are to be obedient to the principle of law (Romans 13). Any form of government is better than no government because without government society exists in chaos. However, we affirm that democracy is the best form of government. Our country was born 229 years ago upon the principles of God, individual liberty, and a free enterprise system. This nation has been blessed and has prospered as "the land of the free and the home of the brave." However, our country may be in jeopardy. We do not believe the country is about to collapse, but we are concerned about her future. Why

are we in jeopardy? Here are some of the reasons. *First*, we have shut God out of our society. *Second*, we kill the unborn. *Third*, there is little accountability and a blurred sense of right and wrong. *Fourth*, we have left the principles upon which the nation was founded. *Fifth*, many deny the intentions of the founding fathers of our country by claiming that they were not God fearing people who wanted to establish a nation upon the teaching of Scripture. This is indeed strange since the name of God and quotations from the Bible are found in public places all over our capital city. Many years ago a visitor from France came to America to see why she was great. His conclusion was that America was great, not because of her land, her commerce, or her wealth, but she was great because she was good. His conclusion: "When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great." If America is to continue to be the greatest nation in the world, she must return to God, to the principles of His Word, to morality, to honesty, to integrity ... to sanity. Then, perhaps, "the government of the people, by the people, and for the people" will not perish from the earth. - Jay Lockhart

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

## Sermons for Sunday, July 17, 2005

By Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "The Sanctuary Of God"

(Isaiah 66:1-2)

P.M. "Jerusalem"

(Isaiah 66:10-13)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Wow, what an experience we had in New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness last week. Our group spent some great time together working, bonding, praying, singing and riding. The scenery was great as well as the weather. Thanks for praying for our group.

### NEBRASKA DEVOTIONAL

All middle & high school students are reminded about the devotional this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. All of those going to Nebraska (sponsors & students) are invited to come.

### MEXICO MISSION TRIP

All of those signed up for Mexico need to meet on Wednesday, July 6 @ 8:00 in the Heritage Room for a brief meeting.

### NEBRASKA MEETING

Teens please remember to get your classrooms ready and service hours in. Teens, you can come up during the week and work on your classes. We will work this Sunday from 4:30-5:20. We will have a meeting for all parents and participants at 5:20. Frances McBee will be here at 5:40 to notarize your forms. Please bring your forms and the \$50 fee to the meeting.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>July</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nebraska Devotional</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>Mexico Meeting</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>Middle School Activity</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>7-16</b>	<b>Nebraska Mission Trip</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>22-27</b>	<b>Mexico Mission Trip</b>
<b>Aug.</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>City Wide Youth Devotional @ W.E.</b>
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<b>Sept.</b>		<b>Habitat House Construction Begins</b>

## COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

Differences in worship preferences make lots of people uncomfortable. In the worst case scenario it often causes divisions among us. Perhaps the difficulty lies somewhere else?

Lots of pressure has been placed on "worship leaders" to generate a spirit of worship on Sunday mornings. However, it has come to me that "worship" has a lot more to do with what's happening in each of our lives Monday through Saturday. What leads us into a worship experience on Sunday is not the style of how we worship, but how actively we have immersed ourselves into Him through His Word, meditation, and prayer Monday through Saturday.

How can we celebrate something on Sunday that hasn't been real to us any of the other days of the week? How can we celebrate something that has not happened. We sing hymns about surrender, when we have not surrendered, nor do we have any intentions of surrendering? We sing songs about freedom in Christ, when the truth is we're actually still living in the bondage of sin. We give a token amount because we don't recognize God's blessings, nor are we thankful. We don't bring our Bible because we don't know where it is -- we haven't seen it in a couple of weeks. We can't join in prayer because our thoughts are so tied up in our personal activities.

A hard, dry, empty heart is not easily stirred by different worship styles. It still has everything to do with (James 4:8), "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

The month of June was an extremely successful month at West Erwin. I was very pleased with the attendance for our *Summer Extravaganza*. We averaged 374 at this year's event. Our theme was: *Built Upon the Solid Foundation of Christ*. All of our students, from preschoolers through the adults had the opportunity to grow spiritually as they heard lessons built around our theme.

Our "young professional ministry" also had a very good month. We are averaging about 30 to our weekly devotionals. During the month of June we had 5 of these devotionals. Our young professionals also played their first three softball games this month (I won't tell you their record, but I will tell you that they had a lot of fun). Our young professionals were involved in our Summer Extravaganza and they really did an outstanding job. They also had the opportunity to help with the Karing Kitchen work at the beginning of the month. One trait that we want to establish within our young professionals is for them to

have the heart of a servant. I'm proud of how active they have been in the area of service here at West Erwin. I hope they continue to grow in this way. We also want to be involved in some fun activities. We are in the early stages of planning a trip to Six Flags as well as a retreat at Lake Texoma.

Our Fellowship And Christian Training Series is also going great. The month of June saw us focus on a variety of topics all of which were well covered and well attended. Please check the calendar below for upcoming speakers.

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

<b>July 6</b>	- Staff led Devotional *No Dessert
<b>July 13</b>	- "Go and Be Filled": Don Crawford *Dessert: Homemade Ice Cream
<b>July 20</b>	- "Organizing the Masses": Chris Frizzell *Dessert: Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes
<b>July 27</b>	- "The Shepherding Elders": David Tarbet *Dessert: Cobblers
<b>August 3</b>	- "The Macedonian Call": Jay Lockhart



### IN APPRECIATION

I want to thank all of my church family for the prayers, food, flowers and cards during the loss of my parents, Opal & S.L. Ellis.

In Christian Love,  
Glenda Howell

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

Kathy Portwood

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To our Family at West Erwin,

Words cannot truly express our feelings for you. The cards, visits, food and especially the prayers show what loving people are at West Erwin. We love you.

Glynn & Fran Starnes

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Many thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards sent to me during my bypass surgery. Thanks to the "Lunch Bunch" for the lunches. I am getting stronger each day but still have a long way to go.

In Christian Love,  
Margie Hunt

### WITH SYMPATHY

Lloyd Andrew, Marjorie Moriolo's brother, died unexpectedly Friday in Dallas. Private services were held Wednesday at Welch Funeral Home in Longview for Mavis Bolton, Clause Sessions' sister. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

#### IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Russell Wells, & Jordan White.*

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"Give God A Chance"

I asked for strength, God gave me difficulties to make me strong.  
I asked for wisdom, God gave me problems to solve.  
I asked for courage, God gave me danger to overcome.  
I asked for love, God gave me troubled people to help.  
I asked for favors, God gave me opportunities.  
I received nothing I wanted, I received everything I needed!

### TEACHERS WORKSHOP

If you are interested in attending the Teachers Workshop July 22-23 in Austin, please call Dale Blackstone. The church will pay registration fees.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tim** and **Gayle Holt** and their children, **Kimberly** and **Tim, Jr.** back home to West Erwin. Tim grew up here and he and Gayle attended here as young marrieds. We look forward to our work together for the Lord. Their address is 1700 South Mahon, 75701, ph. 595-0766.

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**NEW ADDRESS** - Congratulations to Dr. Jason Paltjon on his recent residency graduation! He will begin his practice in the Waco area. Jason and Jennifer Paltjon, Evan and Ethan's new address is 824 Pawnee Trail, Hewitt, TX 76643, ph. 254-666-1597. They will be missed but we wish them well in their new home.

### THE GOOD BOOK

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

An unknown author once said of the Bible: "This old book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's compass, the soldier's sword, the believer's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It should be a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of joy. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents." If our society regarded the Scriptures with reverence as it once did, this world would be a much better place. - copied

### SHARE! YOUR HEART & HOME

East Texas volunteers are needed to host international teens for the 2005-06 academic year. They are in need of caring persons to provide a home, bed, meals, and friendship, understanding, and genuine desire to share the American way of life. The students speak English, are covered by medical insurance, have spending money for their personal expenses, and hope to arrive in August for enrollment in their new high school. For more information, please call Yvette Coffman at 1-800-941-3738.

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

### THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



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Bible Class	374	441	387
Worship A.M.	615	658	538
Worship P.M.	395	364	348
Wed. P.M.	282	417	320
Contribution	\$19,828.20	\$21,263.47	\$21,246.36
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(6-26-05 Building Fund \$1,125.00)	

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"The Church With Heart"



## Youth With Heart... by Nathan

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This week, 27 young people and adults from West Erwin have been backpacking in New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness. We arrived in Santa Fe Monday, set up base camp; High Camp Tuesday; day hike to Lake Katherine Wednesday, day hike to Santa Fe Baldy Peak on Thursday. Please pray for our safety, health, and good weather as we depart for home on Saturday.

### CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Youth Group are invited to go with us to Glenwood on Sunday, June 26, after the evening assembly for a devotional time. Don't miss it!

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Jesus was the best story teller. For instance, he filled his sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) with sharp concise stories that literally reach out to all generations. With simple words he described both the way we live and the way we ought to live. His stories deal with life's difficulties that we have met in a less than Christ-like fashion. Contempt, bitterness, rage, and hostility come easy for most. Loving our enemies, returning good for evil, and showing mercy are not typically our reactions.

Case in point .... Matthew 5:23-24. While in worship, a man remembers a grudge that an old friend had against him. Instead of staying for worship, he left, patched things up, and then went back to worship.

Jesus started this sermon (5:3-10) by telling us the power to love differently is well beyond our own power, but

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our Summer Extravaganza was a great success! We had approximately 45 members helping with this year's event and everything went very smoothly. I couldn't begin to properly thank everyone who helped but I do want you to know that I am extremely grateful for your labor of love. Without help we would have failed miserably, but because of your help we had a great time. Thank you So Much!

Our attendance was also outstanding. Over the past five years we have seen our VBS attendance grow from 202 in 2001 to 374 in 2005. The greatest spike in attendance has happened over the last two years (since we changed our format from VBS to Summer Extravaganza). In just two short years we have increased our average attendance to over 100 people. I'm proud of this jump in attendance and I hope that over the next few years (giving God the glory) it will continue to grow.

Two years ago we made the decision to combine our *Camp Friendship* and *Vacation Bible School*. At that point we were not

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### THINK ABOUT IT ....

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

"Don't expect others to listen to your advice and ignore your example."

"Your mind can only hold one thought at a time. Make it a positive and constructive one."

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 26	Youth Devo
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 22-27	Mexico Mission Trip

never above God's. The needed power for the transformation comes in the form of "blessings."

- ♦ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.
- ♦ Blessed are those who mourn, for you will be comforted.
- ♦ Blessed are the meek, for you shall inherit the earth.
- ♦ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for you will be filled.
- ♦ Blessed are the merciful, for you will be shown mercy.
- ♦ Blessed are the pure in heart, for you will see God.
- ♦ Blessed are the peacemakers, for you will be called sons of God.
- ♦ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for yours is the kingdom of heaven.

What is it that releases God's divine favor? How are His blessings imparted?

sure what to call this new ministry but we settled on the title of *Summer Extravaganza*. The format included (1) preschool learning centers, (2) K-5th grade learning centers, (3) 6th-12th grade classes, and (4) adult classes. We turned this event into a family affair and we have been extremely blessed because of this decision. Please continue to pray for the success of this ministry and let's continue to grow as God would have us to grow.

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

- June 29** - "Get Into The Trench": Charles Hodge  
\*Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake Sundaes
- July 6** - Staff led Devotional  
\*No Dessert
- July 13** - "Go and Be Filled": Don Crawford  
\*Dessert: Homemade Ice Cream
- July 20** - "Organizing the Masses": Chris Frizzell  
\*Dessert: Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes
- July 27** - "The Shepherding Elders": David Tarbet  
\*Dessert: Cobblers



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family in Christ,

Words cannot express our gratitude for the overwhelming response to the tragic loss of our son, Jimmy. Thank you for your continuous prayers for Jimmy's recovery and for our family when he did not. The love and concern shown us during this time exceeds anything we have ever experienced. Our many thanks to the Marts and Sublette shepherding groups for the meals provided. Thanks to the church for the flowers, the meal for the family and the DPS recruits, and to the West Erwin singers. Thanks to all of you who sent cards to express your sympathy, and for the individuals who brought food. We know that God is in control and He will heal our hurt with time. He never gives us more than we can bear, even though our loss is hard to understand. Please continue to pray for Christy and the children. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving family and we love you with the love of the Lord.

In Christ,  
Jim, Sue, Shawn & Tara

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I want to thank everyone for their prayers, flowers and food during the loss of my parents, Opal and S.L. Ellis.

Glenda Howell

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Dear friends at West Erwin,

I just wanted to take a minute to say thank you, and let you know how honored I was to be able to speak at your "Summer Extravaganza." In addition, I appreciate your kind words and genuine hospitality. It was a pleasure working with you and I look forward to visiting with you all again. May our great God continue to bless the congregation there at West Erwin!

Sincerely,  
Brad Harrub

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To our West Erwin Family:

Once again we have seen the outpouring of your love - We feel so proud to be a part of this wonderful family. Thank you so much for your gifts of food, cards, calls, visits, and most of all your prayers. The recovery has been slow But I think I will make it.

In Christian love,  
John & Ruby Cliver

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*"You don't have to look far to see a miracle. What could be more supernatural than a caterpillar turning into a butterfly, and egg yolk into a chicken, and an acorn into a mighty oak tree."*

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Annie Marie Coomer** and her family in her decision at a young age to live her life for Christ. She was baptized into Christ Sunday by her grandfather. She is the daughter of Teresa Coomer and granddaughter of James and Corrie Holland, all of whom are former West Erwin members, now living in the Fort Worth area. We are pleased to share this special event in their lives.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Kathryn Wallace**, long time West Erwin member, on Monday morning. Services were held Thursday at Stewart Funeral Home. Our love and sympathy is extended to all her family and friends.

### CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Hospice of East Texas offers a free support group every Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. at the Pat Oge Center for Living, 4111 University Blvd. in Tyler. This group is for adults and children age 10 and older. Please contact the Bereavement Dept. at 266-3400, ext. 127 or e-mail kayreed@cox-internet.com for any questions.

*"Beginning today, treat everyone you meet as if they were going to be dead by midnight. Extend to them all the care, kindness and understanding you can muster, and do it with no thought of any reward. Your life will never be the same again."*

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*"Life Way's Ramblin' Road Trip: Which Way Do I Go?"*  
For ages 2 through grade 5 or 10 years of age

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June 27-30, 6:30 - 8:30 nightly  
*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

2 years through 5th grade & adult  
University Church of Christ  
11114 Spur 248

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## Youth With Heart... *by Nathan*

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Thanks to Ginger Philpot, Camille Mink, Tammy Asbill & Nathan McBroom for going to Middle School Madness as sponsors. Nathan did an outstanding job with the lessons. It was a great week for all who went!

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## COMMUNITY

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

### "LITTLE ONES"

**Matthew 18:1-6**

Our pictures of Jesus with "little ones" are prominent scenes in Matthew's gospel. Sometimes the term "little ones" refers specifically to children. Other times it was his way of designating his disciples.

Little ones are always standing in need. In the case of children, we know them to be less able than adults to fend for themselves in this dangerous world. Jesus says there will be no mercy for the one who takes advantage of a "little one" (Matthew 18:6).

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

I hope everyone is enjoying the F.A.C.T.S. lectures this summer. We have had some great speakers so far. I hope this series is motivating us to better understand the Great Commission. Let's all continue to support not only the lectures but also the fellowship in the Family Life Center which follows.

Over the past few weeks I have read several articles which have been written within the brotherhood regarding campus ministry. I'm telling you this because of the new enthusiasm that seems to be swelling within the churches of Christ to seize the opportunity of training our college students while they are away at college and then once they graduate and head to places that they will live, having the assurance that they will be ready to take on the responsibilities that lie before them. If there is a better way to do mission work than this, please share it with me. We have a golden opportunity laid at our feet to impact the world. I hope we seize the moment and through preparing these young men and women we begin to turn the world right side up for Christ. It can be done!

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This next week, 27 of us from West Erwin will be backpacking in New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness. We will depart Sunday afternoon and return Saturday night. We will climb Santa Fe Baldy Peak on Thursday. Please pray for our safety, health, good weather and for our transportation. We will meet at 3:00 on Sunday to leave.

### CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Youth Group are invited to go with us to Glenwood on Sunday, June 26, after the evening assembly for a devotional time. Don't miss it!

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>June 19</b>	<b>Small Groups Meet</b>
<b>June 19-25</b>	<b>BackCountry Trek</b>
<b>June 26</b>	<b>Youth Devo</b>
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On the other hand, those who treat little ones well possess the merciful character necessary to be great in the kingdom of heaven (:4). This kingdom character is formed in people who see themselves as "little ones" and who stand in the need of God's mercy for their own survival. Therefore, mercy is the standard by which the King of kings evaluates His servant. Being forgiven, let's not find ourselves refusing to forgive.

### Comments Never Heard at Church

1. Hey! It's our turn to sit on the front pew.
2. I was so enthralled, I never noticed the sermon went 20 minutes overtime.
3. I love it when we sign hymns I've never heard before!
4. Since we're all here, let's start our worship early.

Our schedule is filling up fast for the young professionals. During this summer we will take a canoe trip, go to Six Flags, have a retreat at Lake Texoma, welcome the graduating seniors into the young professional group with a special dinner, and perhaps a work project which will be coordinated through the TCO. We were also heavily involved in our Summer Extravaganza. Please pray for these ministries and the work of our young professionals.

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\*No Dessert
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- July 20** - "Organizing the Masses": Chris Frizzell  
\*Dessert: Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you for the visits, cards, calls, food and most of all the prayers during Kenneth's recent surgery. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving, caring congregation.

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy

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Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the Bible and "Purpose For Everyday Living" book. I know I will use them quite a lot at college this fall. Thank you again!

Sincerely,  
Hayley Simmons

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**ATTENTION YOUNG AT HEART GROUP:** The Pure Gold group of the Glenwood church invites to you to come enjoy Bar-B-Que, buns and fixin's at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in their Family Life Center. Please sign up on the Visitor Center by Sunday, June 19, if you plan to attend so that we can let them know how many to expect.

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*On the occasion of his Residency Graduation*

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*in the Family Life Center*

*Your presence is our gift - no gifts, please*

It is said that 86% of Americans believe in God. Therefore I have a very hard time understanding why there is such a mess about having the 10 commandments on display or "In God We Trust" on our money and having God in the Pledge of Allegiance. As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have The Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW?

As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW?

James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."

DID YOU KNOW?

Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: "It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great Nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ".

DID YOU KNOW?

Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW?

Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law an oligarchy, the rule of few over many.

DID YOU KNOW?

The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said: "Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."

How, then, have we gotten to the point that everything we have done for 220 years in this country is now suddenly wrong and unconstitutional? And why don't we see this printed more in the newspapers or reported on the TV news?

**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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.

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Bible Class	415	416	422
Worship A.M.	584	591	595
Worship P.M.	429	382	336
Wed. P.M.	320	320	299
Contribution	\$18,589.19	\$21,343.97	\$22,960.74
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(6-12-05 Building Fund \$620.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 19, and Wednesday, June 22:** Charles O'Neal, ph. 509-3582. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Kathryn Wallace had surgery Tuesday. Marsha Richardson had surgery Tuesday. Bettye Price had back surgery Thursday. Glynn Starnes is at home after kidney surgery, got a good report. Bill Mullins got a good report after surgery and is at home. Wini Cullinan is in Health South. Pat Hackett had carpal tunnel surgery last week. Jessica Maxwell had an emergency appendectomy last weekend. Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter, will begin a year of treatment after more surgery. Jo Rousseau, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother, is hospitalized after a heart attack and several small strokes. Continue to remember Mildred Barnwell; Vera Beard; Aubrey Brown, Jean Parker's brother; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Zona Crone; Margaret Evans, Jennifer Paltjon's mother; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Margie Hunt; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Buddy Kennedy, father of Kathy Cooley & Rita Sitton's brother; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Kenneth Muncy; Rex Power; Taylor Nicole Reeves, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Janet Sills; Judy Smith; Lisa Snell; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Jeffery Tarpley, Mary Gaiser's grandson; Mike Trostel, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, Harley Turner; and Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law and Ben & Patsy Young.

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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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SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell  
Prayer: Tommy Cook  
Scripture: Jim Armstrong  
Dismiss: Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Tony Adams

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Bradley Asbill  
Scripture: Nick Blaylock  
Dismiss: Will Christian

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jordan Mullins: Larry Murphey  
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Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy  
Wilmer & Diane Little & Hannah Grounds  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Nathan Grounds  
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack  
Alan & Candy Montgomery

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### A DOUBLE STANDARD

It's been all over the news -- "U.S. Soldiers desecrated the Koran," the holy book of Islam, by flushing it down the toilet! This news prompted outbreaks of violence among certain Islamic people. Upon further investigation, it has been reported that the claims were grossly overstated and that the toilet incident was in fact carried out by imprisoned Islam devotees. Meanwhile, Amnesty International claims that the United States is guilty of prisoner and human rights abuses because of the way suspected terrorists are being treated while in detention at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. Now all of us, no doubt, would agree that prisoners should not be treated inhumanly and that books considered holy by non-Christian religionists should not be desecrated. However, we hear little about the sensitivity training that members of our armed forces undergo to teach them tolerance toward the Islamic religion. And where is Amnesty International when innocent workers are kidnapped and beheaded on Islamic television and why is there no outcry when little children and civilians are

killed by terrorists bombs? The fact is that there is a double standard when it comes to terrorists and people from the West. Islam extremists are on record as saying there can be no peace in the Middle East until the nation Israel is exterminated. Islamic mosques in America and other parts of the world are places where hatred of non Muslims is preached and violence is encouraged. We also know that throughout the Muslim world intolerance toward other religions is practiced even to the point of persecution and that a Muslim who leaves "the faith" is subject to death. Where is the outcry against such! Jesus did not teach acceptance of opposing views, but he did teach tolerance toward all. Terrorism is a real threat to the western world and as such it must be opposed. Treat others with respect? Yes. Treat prisoners humanly? Yes. Stand opposed to terrorism? By all means! It isn't of God and it will come to nothing (Acts 5:38. Whether or not America survives an enemy like this will depend upon how much salt and light is left in our nation.

(For some of the facts in this article I am indebted to syndicated columnist Cal Thomas). - Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, June 19, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "The Redeemer Will Come To Zion"  
(Isaiah 59:19-21)  
P.M. "A New Name"  
(Isaiah 62:1-2)

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Nathan*

### THANKS!

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

### PROMOTION!

This past Sunday, we promoted the 5th grade into the youth group. Please pray for them as they get involved in all the activities. We also promoted the 8th grade into the high school group. They will be an asset to the high school group.

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to sign up for our mission trips and BackCountry Trek. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. **Remember, you need 25 service hours.** See Danny for details. Teens & Sponsors, please check to see if your name is on the list because we will be making reservations soon and need to have a firm count. See Danny for the Sign-up lists.

Nebraska meeting this coming Sunday at 4:30.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Are you preparing? We will have a meeting on Wednesday, June 15 @ 8:00. We also will be making a trip to Dallas on Thursday, June 16 to get the remaining supplies. If you want to go, let me know by Sunday.

### COMBINED ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle & high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night. We'll go over details in class Sunday morning.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 13.

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 12	Combined Activity
June 13	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
June 19	Small Groups Meet
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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### REST: IS IT REALLY POSSIBLE?

Our frantic paced society leaves each of us longing for rest. Our typical pursuit of rest never seems to really provide any rest at all. Does Jesus offer a different approach to rest?

He says, "Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." This great invitation comes to us in Matthew 11:28. Strangely enough he says in the very next verse, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

First, Jesus offers rest not by throwing off all yokes, but by bearing His yoke. My own wisdom tells me wearing any kind of yoke is hardly rest. A yoke is a burden and requires submission ... does not sound like rest! Yet this is precisely what Jesus offers. His yoke is easy and His burden is light -- not because it is unimpressive, but because Jesus is gentle and humble in heart. He is not like the Pharisees who tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and laying them on the shoulders of others when they themselves were not willing to lift a finger to move them (23:4). While their yokes are heavy and burdensome, Jesus' yoke actually brings rest for your soul because he helps bear the burdens.

We live in a society that thinks all yokes are oppressive and freedom of all yokes sound restful. Yet the irony of it all is this -- freedom of all yokes brings more restlessness. Jesus says here is a yoke that provides rest for your soul. Maybe we should lay ours down and pick His up?

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Brad Harrub has written many articles, published several books, and delivered countless lectures regarding Christian evidences. Brad will be our guest speaker during our Summer Extravaganza-2005. He will deliver four lectures to us during his stay. Brad will begin his series on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., and then on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the 6th grade through adults will gather in the small auditorium at 6:30 to hear three more lessons. Please make every effort to be present for these lessons. You'll be glad that you were here.

At the same time that Brad is delivering these lessons on Christian Evidences, the rest of us will be either in the Heritage Room (preschool) or across the street in the Family Life Center (K-5th grade). Parents, please be sure to have your children and their guests present a little before 6:30 p.m. This is crucial if we are going to fit everything into this 1 1/2 hour time frame. Also, be sure to pick up your children immediately following Brad's lectures. Our Summer Extravaganza staff has already put a lot of

time and energy into this ministry so please be courteous to them by being prompt in picking up your children.

All of us need to remember that this year's Summer Extravaganza will only be a success if you make sure that you are present and if you bring a guest with you. The work on the staff's part has been done, now it's your turn to be involved.

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule

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Brad Harrub (Montgomery, Alabama)

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Thank you! Your gift of groceries and other items at the 2005 Cherokee Day Food Drive provide nurturing and caring homes for children. Your generosity is sincerely appreciated.

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During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us ... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the family of Opal Ellis. Thank you for your prayers. The flowers were beautiful.

Glenda Howell

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Dear Church Family,

I am happy to say that my surgery for a new knee is successful. I am very grateful for your prayers for my recovery. Your kind deeds with visits, calls, cards, food and gifts have been encouraging. I feel blessed that walking is no longer a painful problem, but I consider one of my most wonderful blessings is to be a part of this great West Erwin church family. Thanks for every remembrance.

Nelda Browning

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

If you would like to volunteer in the toddler class during morning and/or evening worship, please contact Diane Weathers at 839-9797. No class preparation is needed, but 16-20 adults per month are required to keep this class going. Choose a Sunday or two in the months of June through September that would be convenient for you and call Diane.

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### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Wayne & Molly Lou Terry** on the celebration of their 58th wedding anniversary on June 5th. Congratulations to **Clifton and Marjorie Cox** on the celebration of their 63rd wedding anniversary on June 6. We rejoice with these couples in these happy milestones in their lives.

### BON VOYAGE

**Brent Carder**, son of Tom and Pam Carder, left June 7 for Navy Boot Camp. Our prayers and best wishes go with him as he begins this new phase in his life.

**NEW ADDRESS:** John & Terry Shaw, 18785 Oakbrook Rd., 75703.

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### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

If you have books checked out of the Children's Library, please return them as soon as possible for inventory purposes. Also there are posters missing that were in the library. If you know the whereabouts of these, please contact David Demic. Thanks for your cooperation.

*Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply.  
Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The kiosk with our current and past service men's pictures has been taken down temporarily. Carlos Morgan is building a more permanent structure and it will be put up (with pictures) along with new pictures and information as soon as it is completed. Please keep us updated on your loved ones.

"Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could; some blunders and absurdities crept in -- forget them as soon as you can. Tomorrow is a new day. You shall begin it well and serenely, and with too high a spirit to be encumbered with your old mistakes and nonsense." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

**SUNDAY SERMONS** are now available on CD as well as cassette tapes. If you would like a CD or a tape of current Sunday sermons, you may call the church office at 592-0809, or e-mail jobutler@westerwin.org.

**REMEMBER THE TIME CHANGE:** Sunday evening worship begins at 6:00 during June, July and August.

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Wed. P.M.	320	312	310
Contribution	\$21,343.97	\$22,620.27	\$21,524.81
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(6-5-05 Building Fund \$2,300.00)	

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**PRAYER AND CARE** - Glynn Starnes had kidney surgery Wednesday. **Bill Mullins** is scheduled for surgery Friday at ETMC. **Kathryn Wallace** is scheduled for surgery June 14. **Lisa Snell** is at home after surgery last week. **Wini Cullinan** is in Health South after surgery last week. **Margie Hunt, Archie Kennard and Kenneth Muncy** are all recuperating at home. **Janet Sills** had surgery last week in Dallas. **Buck Hamilton** suffered broken ribs in a fall. **Buddy Kennedy**, father of Kathy Cooley & Rita Sitton's brother, had surgery last Wednesday. **Mike Trostel**, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, is slightly improved after a recent brain aneurysm. **Aubrey Brown**, Jean Parker's brother in Memphis, VA suffered a massive stroke. **Jill Rue**, Kevin Sustaire's mother, is recovering after kidney removal surgery. **Margaret Evans**, Jennifer Paltjon's mother in Waco, will begin treatment when she is recovered from surgery. Continue to remember **Mildred Barnwell; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Gene Chandler; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Kimberlee Lawless; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Rex Power; Taylor Nicole Reeves**, friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons; **Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Jeffery Tarpley**, Mary Gaiser's grandson; **Harley Turner**; and **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

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Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Gene Chandler  
Scripture Casey Haws  
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Caleb Bynum  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jordan Mullins  
Scripture Scottie Hart  
Dismiss Curtis Elmore

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Jordan Mullins Larry Murphey  
Alex Mullins Dan Murry  
Buck Nowell Jon Murry  
Kenneth Muncy Bryce Murry

GREETERS

Peggy Garner & Norene Ingram & Lauren Florence  
Louis & Jane Jones & Lauren Garrett  
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Patrick Garrett  
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..... 11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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## SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA 2005

**Theme: BUILDING ON THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF CHRIST**

**Place: West Erwin Church of Christ**

**Date: June 13th - 15th**

**Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

The Summer Extravaganza ministry was started in 2003. It was 2003 that we decided to combine our annual Vacation Bible School with our annual day camp that we called Camp Friendship. This ministry is geared for the entire church family (preschool through adults). Please be present as we *Build Upon The Solid Foundation of Christ*.

- ◆ Refreshments will be served nightly in the foyer of the main auditorium for our 6th grade through adults. The two other groups will have refreshments in their rooms.
- ◆ Preschool will assemble nightly for lessons, crafts, and refreshments in the Heritage Room .



- ◆ Kindergarten through 5th grade will assemble in the Family Life Center. They will have Bible lessons, a drama presentation, crafts, cooking, and other activities.
- ◆ Sixth grade through adults will assemble in the small auditorium for a class on Christian Evidence which will be presented by Brad Harrub (formerly of Apologetics Press, Montgomery, Alabama).

**"Our God Is Able"**

**Ephesians 3:20-21**

**Sermons for Sunday, June 12, 2005**

**by Dr. Jay Lockhart**

**A.M. "How To Honor God"**

**(Isaiah 58:13, 14)**

**P.M. Kick off for our Summer Extravaganza with Brad Harrub speaking on Christian Evidences**

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Nathan*

### THANKS!

Thanks to the Snells, the Asbills, my Aunt and Uncle, Pat Snell, and all others who have helped clean my house, fill it with furniture and make my change as smooth as possible

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to sign up for our mission trips and BackCountry Trek. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. **Remember, you need 25 service hours.** See Danny for details. Teens & Sponsors, please check to see if your name is on the list because we will be making reservations soon and need to have a firm count. See Danny for the Sign-up lists.

### BACKCOUNTRY TREK

Are you preparing? We will have a meeting on Sunday, June 5 @ 5:00.

## COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

### NOT BEING FED

If you have not uttered these words, you have certainly heard them spoken: "I'm just not getting fed." Once those words come to our lips they seem to show up every time we open our mouths. It gets to the point where we become so critical about every detail that no one enjoys being around us.

Perhaps God is keeping those words in front of us so we can truly hear them rather than speak them. Just suppose He continually has these words, "I'm just not getting fed" loudly and frequently in our thoughts. Maybe God is trying to get us to ponder our present starvation so that His Holy Spirit can inform us the problem is not with the preacher, the problem is with me!

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

In just a few weeks we will be conducting our 3rd annual Summer Extravaganza. I am really looking forward to this year's event. Since we started our new format in 2003 we have doubled our attendance to our annual summer Bible school. I hope this year's attendance will be even higher than the previous two years. I know that if each of our students will begin right now inviting their friends, neighbors, and relatives we will have a fantastic Summer Extravaganza. This year, more than ever, I need the adults to invite their friends, neighbors and relatives. We have a special treat for our adults which comes all the way from Montgomery, Alabama. Brad Harrub will deliver 4 lessons (beginning Sunday evening) focusing his thoughts on Christian Evidences. Brad has delivered many speeches, written many articles, and published several books dealing with this subject. He is truly an expert on this subject and the wealth of information that we can discover during these 4 lessons will be information that we will benefit from for the rest of our lives. So,

### MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night. We'll go over details in class Sunday morning.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

West Erwin will serve at the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 13.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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God wants us to question aloud, "Why is the problem with me?" He wants to answer us through passages like Isaiah 1:19-20: "If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword."

In other words, the reason we feel like we are not being fed in His church is that though we are outwardly obedient, we are not willing! Willingness has to do with attitude. God wants to say, "Your attitude stinks!"

God sees our outward actions, yet He also sees the hidden attitude in our hearts. When we open ourselves to His will and His teaching we can sit in the same pew, listen to the same preacher, and God will open the heavens and astound us with His freshness. And we'll wonder what we have missed because of our bad attitude.

God prepares a banquet table for His people and He wants each of us to freely enjoy the benefits He has provided because He loves us.

to the West Erwin family and to the surrounding congregations, please be here on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. and on Monday through Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to hear Brad present lessons which will help us: "Build On The Solid Foundation Of Christ." Everything has been prepared; all we need is a commitment from you to be present and then we will be able to say, "This year's Summer Extravaganza was the best one ever!"

### F.A.C.T.S. Schedule (June)

**June 1st** - "Reach Out and Touch Someone": Tim Henderson \*Dessert: Coke Floats/cookies

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**June 29th** - "Get Into The Trench": Charles Hodge \* Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake Sundaes

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Sunday at Caudle Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for **Opal Ellis**, Glenda Howell's mother.

Jimmy R. Carty, Jim & Sue Carty's son and Tara Kilgore's brother, died last Thursday afternoon in Austin. Services were held Tuesday at the West Erwin church with full DPS honors. Jimmy also is survived by his wife, Christy, two sons and a daughter, and another sister, Shawn Holladay, other family and many friends.

Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

### CHILDREN'S WORSHIP WORKERS

If you would like to volunteer in the toddler class during morning and/or evening worship, please contact Diane Weathers at 839-9797. No class preparation is needed, but 16-20 adults per month are required to keep this class going. Choose a Sunday or two in the months of June through September that would be convenient for you and call Diane.

"I have three precious things which I hold fast and prize. The first is gentleness; the second is frugality; the third is humility, which keeps me from putting myself before others. Be gentle and you can be bold; be frugal and you can be liberal; avoid putting yourself before others and you can become a leader."

### WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

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### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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### CHRISTIAN HOMES OF ABILENE

Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., a licensed child placing agency, is accepting applications for infant adoption. If you are interested in adopting, please contact Angie Robbins at Christian Homes, ph. 325-677-2205.

*Some people think only intellect counts: knowing how to solve problems, knowing how to get by, knowing how to identify an advantage and seize it. But the functions of intellect are insufficient without courage, love, friendship, compassion, and empathy.*

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Cody** and **Larissa Mitcham** and their children, **Sydney** and **Clay**, into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and have already endeared themselves to us. We look forward to our work together for the Lord. Their address is 21070 Bluegrass Circle, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-8778.

*50th Wedding Anniversary  
The children of Willie and Faye Freeman  
request the pleasure of your company  
at a reception in celebration  
of their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
Saturday June 11th, from 2:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon  
at the Shiloh Road Church of Christ  
No gifts necessary - your presence is our gift*

### PRAYER MEETING

*Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ. We pray that the abundant blessings of God Almighty are filling your hearts with joy, hope, peace, and love. We, the Overcomers Support Ministry of the North Tenneha Church of Christ, with joy and thanksgiving invite you to come and be a part of our quarterly prayer meeting Monday, June 6, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Renaissance Center, 1701 North Tenneha Avenue, Tyler, Texas. "Pray for one another ,, the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The kiosk with our current and past service men's pictures on it will be taken down temporarily and reworked. Carlos Morgan has agreed to build a more permanent structure and it will be put up (with pictures) along with new pictures and information as soon as it is completed. Please keep us updated on your loved ones.

### CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

If you have books checked out of the Children's Library, please return them as soon as possible for inventory purposes so that we may determine what we have and what needs to be added. Thanks for your cooperation.

### I AM A CHRISTIAN

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'!"

I'm whispering "I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say... "I am a Christian" I don't speak of this with pride.

I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong.

I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success.

I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect,

My flaws are far too visible but, God believes I am worth it.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I still feel the sting of pain.

I have my share of heartaches so I call upon His name.

When I say... "I am a Christian" I'm not holier than thou,

I was just a simple sinner , a descendent of Adam who received

God's good grace, somehow.

author Carol Wimmer - Copyright 1988

### TIME CHANGE:

Beginning June 5, Sunday evening worship will begin at 6:00.

June 2, 2005	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 36 - No. 22
Records	Sunday May 29	Sunday May 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	392	373	393
Worship A.M.	549	601	600
Worship P.M.	328	328	333
Wed. P.M.	312	326	323
Contribution	\$22,620.27	\$21,963.51	\$18,555.74
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(5-29-05 Building Fund \$2920.00)	

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

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Lisa Snell had surgery Tuesday at ETMC. Wini Cullinan had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. Glynn Starnes is scheduled for kidney surgery June 8. Margie Hunt and Kenneth Muncy are both recuperating at home after recent surgeries. Janet Sills had surgery last week in Dallas due to severe burns. Archie Kennard is now at home. Buck Hamilton suffered broken ribs in a fall. Buddy Kennedy, father of Kathy Cooley & Rita Sitton's brother, had surgery Wednesday. Mike Trostel, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, is slightly improved after a recent brain aneurysm. Aubrey Brown, Jean Parker's brother in Memphis, VA suffered a massive stroke. Jill Rue, Kevin Sustaire's mother, had kidney removal surgery last week. Margaret Evans, Jennifer Paltjon's mother in Waco, is undergoing tests. Continue to remember Mildred Barnwell; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Gene Chandler; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; Dick Higginbotham; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Thomas Park; Rex Power; Taylor Nicole Reeves, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons; Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Pattie Tate; Jeffery Tarpley, Mary Gaiser's grandson; Harley Turner; and Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law and Ben & Patsy Young.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Todd Hancock  
Scripture Dayne Harris  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
James Hardin  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer David Gravley  
Scripture Dan Gillam  
Dismiss Nathan Grounds

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Gene Moon Hutton Moon  
Alan Montgomery J.D. Mitchell  
Lee Mink Jerry Mitchell  
Carlos Morgan Larry Moore

GREETERS  
Mr. & Mrs. Don Ingram & Austin Fisher  
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Chase Fisher  
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Megan Florence  
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

**Pick up cards June 5:** Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins & Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 5:**  
Nursery a.m.: Dolores Kennedy; Nursery p.m.: Sharon Gordon; Toddlers a.m.: Rhonda & Brittany Haws; Toddlers p.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Jana Hancock.

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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### REPORT ON RUSSIA

This Sunday evening Dannie Skipper and I will be making a report, during the sermon time, on our recent trip to Russia. West Erwin has been deeply involved in Eastern Europe since the collapse of the former Soviet Union. We have supported the printing and distribution of Bibles and religious materials; we have had several of our members go on campaigns to Russia; and we have supported students in the training school in Barnaul for some time. When the Skippers and the Lockharts went to Russia a few weeks ago the trip was primarily designed to visit the church and the school in Barnaul. What we found was most encouraging. The church has about 125 in attendance and the membership is impressive. The

school has a Russian faculty, except for the director, Jerry Sisemore, and occasional visiting teachers from the States. The faculty is well trained and the students get an intense two year study that equips them well for service in the kingdom. I know that you will be interested in getting a closer look at what you are helping to accomplish in Russia. So put this Sunday evening in your plans and Dannie and I will bring you up to date on this important work -- a work made possible because God has opened yet another door for spreading the gospel.

Remember that we meet at 6:00 this Sunday evening.  
- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, June 5, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "The Lord Who Is Faithful"**  
(Isaiah 49:7)

**P.M. A Report on Russia (Acts 13:42-47)**  
Dannie Skipper & Jay Lockhart

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"The Church With Heart"



## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who participated in the senior devo this past Sunday night. We had a great time honoring the seniors. They have lead us well.

### SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, remember to sign up for our mission trips and BackCountry Trek. All of those currently in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate. **Remember, you need 25 service hours.** See me for details. Teens & Sponsors, please check to see if your name is on the list because we will be making reservations soon and need to have a firm count. See Danny for the Sign-up lists.

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night. We'll go over details in class Sunday morning.

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We have a need next Wednesday to help move a lady. Teens, if you would help, contact Nathan McBroom. West Erwin will serve at the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 13.

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### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### I can't figure out ....

how we all got so mad. It seems everywhere I go people are angry. It's like ... there's barely an inch of civility covering a foot of anger. Am I the only one that's noticed this? I notice it in a line at Wal Mart. I notice it driving on the loop. Where has it come from?

Anger is the number one cause of damaged marriages, abused children, and violence in the home, school and workplace. It is the common denominator among juvenile delinquents and the reason so many youth are running away from home.

Many people think they have no problem with anger because they only "blow up once in a while." How would

you like to live next to a volcano that only erupted "once in a while?" You would have continual tension, wondering if today was the day it would erupt. This is the kind of stress that many marriages and families are experiencing.

The Bible says, "man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires" (James 1:19-20).

### THANK YOU!

Thanks for your help at the Food Bank on Saturday, May 15th. I know it's hard, hot, heavy work and your time and energy is greatly appreciated. The grant allocations this time went to the Karing Kitchen. Thanks to: Harvey and Verla Strickland, Patti, Nathan, and Hannah Grounds, Jim and Sue Carty, Kelsi Wicks, Diane and Christina Denman, Noel and Jean Parker, Carolyn Hays, and Pam Bynum.

Alabama) will be our guest speaker and he will deliver his lessons on the subject of *Christian Evidence*. Don't miss these lessons.

Let's also remember that each Wednesday night throughout the summer months we will have a guest speaker. These lessons will be presented in the small auditorium and will focus on the theme of: *Outreach 101*. Let's also remember that immediately following our lessons we will gather in the FLC for desserts.

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### IN APPRECIATION

To my Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the cards, flowers, food, and prayers during Edgar's illness and after his death. Thanks to the men who sat with him during his last days. He loved West Erwin. May God's blessings rest on all.

Delle Bullard

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My sincere thanks for all of the many kindnesses shown to me during my recent surgery and ongoing therapy and recovery. Thank you for the phone calls, cards, visits, food, and most of all your prayers.

Rose Teel

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Dear West Erwin Church Members,

We want to thank you for the love, support, prayers, and plant. It's times like these when we all need the prayers from our brothers and sisters in Christ along with His love to see us through our time of sorrow. Love in Christ

Rebecca Dale

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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, visits, and food prepared during my recent gall bladder operation and recovery. I appreciate every thoughtful act showing your care and concern for me.

Love, Frances Phillips

### WITH SYMPATHY

**Gussie Beaty**, a sweet Christian lady and long time West Erwin member, died Thursday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Sunday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home. She was the mother of Kathy Portwood and grandmother of Jeri Prestidge. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

**Zena Wright** came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin congregation. We are very pleased to welcome her into our church family. We hope to be a blessing to her as she has blessed us by her coming. Her address is 3409 Bienville, 75701, ph. 903-216-4497.

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### CONGRATULATIONS, COLLEGE GRADUATES!

**Chris Ables** recently graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelors Degree in Business Management. He is employed at Ables, Land, Inc. His new address is 3426 Iberville, 75701, ph. 903-520-7419.

**Cody Ables** also graduated from Abilene Christian University with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and Finance. He is employed at Ables Land, Inc. His new address is 3424 Iberville, 75701, ph. 903-520-9525. They are the sons of Gary and Julie Ables and the grandsons of Arnold and Agnes Ables.

**Caleb Bynum**, son of Jay and Debbie Bynum, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physics and Math from Austin College in Sherman on May 15. Caleb has been accepted into the School of Engineering at Texas A&M where he will pursue a degree in Civil Engineering in the fall.

**Caysi Bynum** graduated from Texas A&M in December 2004 with a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Science. She received a second degree from Texas A&M in December 2005 with a 4.0 GPA with a teaching and biology certification.

**Brittany Ann Haws** graduated from Abilene Christian University *Summa Cum Laude* with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. She received special recognition for graduating in three years with a 4.0 GPA. Brittany plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall to pursue School Psychology in a doctoral graduate program. She is the daughter of Matt and Rhonda Haws and granddaughter of Max and Mary Haws.

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at a reception in celebration

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Worship A.M.	601	619	629
Worship P.M.	328	385	330
Wed. P.M.	326	320	345
Contribution	\$21,963.51	\$17,533.23	\$17,406.78
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(5-22-05 Building Fund \$400.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 29 and Wednesday, June 1: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Margie Hunt** is at home after bypass surgery last week. **Kenneth Muncy** is at home after surgery Monday. **George Daugherty** had kidney surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. **Janet Sills** had surgery Monday in Dallas due to severe burns. **Archie Kennard** was admitted to Mother Frances Monday. **Glynn Starnes** is scheduled for kidney surgery June 8. **Jimmy Carty**, Jim & Sue's son, remains in ICU in Austin after brain surgery due to an injury, had a major setback Tuesday night. **Mike Trostel**, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew, slightly improved after a recent brain aneurysm. **Margaret Evans**, Jennifer Paltjon's mother in Waco, is undergoing tests due to a recurrence of cancer. **Jill Rue**, Kevin Sustaie's mother, had kidney surgery Wednesday. **Buddy Kennedy**, father of Kathy Cooley & Rita Sitton's brother, will have surgery June 1. Continue to remember **Mildred Barnwell**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Delle Bullard**; **Tillie Carpenter**; **Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt; **Gene Chandler**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Leona Hardin**; **Joan Harlak**; **Mary Haws**; **Dick Higginbotham**; **John & Mabel Holbert**; **Modena Jones**; **Tommy Lowrance**; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Shirley McClenny**; **W.A. Monk**; **Thomas Park**; **Rex Power**; **Taylor Nicole Reeves**, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons; **Judy Smith**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**; **Pattie Tate**; **Jeffery Tarpley**, Mary Gaiser's grandson; **Harley Turner**; and **Will Williams**, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

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Prayer Rex Power  
Scripture Michael Ragsdale  
Dismiss Jordan Rousseau

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
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Alan Montgomery J.D. Mitchell  
Lee Mink Jerry Mitchell  
Carlos Morgan Larry Moore

GREETERS  
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Jamie Ellis  
Tom & Beverly Hale & Payton Fedell  
Michael & Candace Hall & Tanner Fedell  
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan  
Bill & Donna Mullins

**Pick up cards May 29 & June 5:** Austin Millican, Ryan Haws, Carter Blackstone, Grant Perkins & Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 29:**  
Nursery a.m.: Kandi Adams; Nursery p.m.: Ruth Ellis;  
Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn Welborn & Connie Sublette;  
Toddlers p.m.: Kim & Paige Lemons; 2's: David & Sharon Hammond; 3's & 4's: Shane & Becky Millican.

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### THE GOOD OLE SUMMERTIME

Summer is here! We know it by the calendar and by the record high temperatures we have experienced over the past several days. Summer means that school is out, people are going to be on vacation, and a number of mission trips will be launched from West Erwin. Summer means that a lot of our folks will be away at different times over the next three months. When we go we should remember to "go with God" (to be in worship wherever we are), to leave our contribution at the home church, have a safe, pleasant, and profitable trip, and return refreshed and ready to renew our work at West Erwin. Also, summer means that our evening worship assemblies will be moved to 6:00 o'clock. Even though a number of our people will be gone each week, let's make

a special effort to have 450 in Bible classes, 650 in worship, and 450 on Sunday nights! Also, let's be involved in our Summer Series on Wednesday nights (we have a great program planned) and in our Vacation Bible School for three nights, June 13-15. Apologetics Press is providing our speaker for the adult class during VBS and he will present some great information on Christian Evidences. The key word is INVOLVEMENT. Let's be involved in good things that are going on around West Erwin. Another key word is DEDICATION. That's where involvement begins. DEDICATION and INVOLVEMENT! Summer is like a marathon. Let's get in the race and run! DEDICATION and INVOLVEMENT!  
- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, May 29, 2005**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "A Pardon Is Offered"  
(Isaiah 55:6, 7)  
P.M. "Fear Not"  
(Isaiah 41:8-10)

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"The Church With Heart"

# Congratulations

**Bradley Asbill** is a Distinguished Achievement Program graduate, was in National Honor Society, was named to Who's Who and National Honor Roll. He was in HOSA, President Area III; Student Council; Spanish Club; Drama Club and *Every 15 Minutes*. Bradley participated 4 years in LTC, 3 years backpacking, and 5 years in Nebraska mission trips. He plans to attend Texas A&M College of Biomedical Science to become a Veterinarian. He is the son of David and Tammy Asbill and will graduate from Whitehouse High School.



**Bradley Asbill**

**Cayti Bynum**, daughter of Jay and Debbie Bynum, is graduating from Whitehouse High school where she was on the National Honor Roll 2 years; was in Who's Who 2 years, and served as a student ambassador. She has been active in the youth group, participating in LTC 8 years, Nebraska mission trips 5 years, and also served as a counselor for the middle school retreat. Cayti plans to attend TJC and become a Registered Nurse, possibly furthering her education to become a nurse practitioner.



**Cayti Bynum**

**Lacie Carpenter** is in the National Honor Society and was named in Who's Who. She was also named Texas Merit Music Scholar 2 years; played with Chamber Orchestra/Swing Fiddle and played violin with other church members at nursing homes. She was awarded the Orchestra Parents Club Scholarship, Partners in Art Scholarship, and Buskirk Music Scholarship. She will attend Stephen F. Austin University majoring in music, violin performance, with a minor in education. She is the daughter of Sylvia Carpenter and granddaughter of Tillie Carpenter.



**Lacie Carpenter**

**Lauren Garrett**, daughter of Jeff & Pam Fennell, was in choir 1 year, played basketball 3 years, winning all district award team 2, and directed a play during her 2 years in Drama. She was active in the youth group, participating in LTC since 3rd grade, served as a coach for the 3rd grade puppet team, leading them to a gold medal. She also participated in mission trips to Nebraska. She will graduate from Lindale High School and plans to go to Massage Therapy school.



**Lauren Garrett**

**Scottie Hart** is an honor graduate of Whitehouse High School where he played defensive tackle on the varsity football team and was on the National Honor Roll 3 years. He served as a counselor for the middle school retreat, participated in LTC, backpacking, and Nebraska mission trip. He plans to go to TJC for pre-engineering, followed by a masters in engineering at A&M University.



**Scottie Hart**

**Lindsey Lott**, daughter of Ron and Pam Lott, will graduate from Brook Hill High School as Salutatorian. She was in National Honor Society and was named in Who's Who Among American High School students. She participated in LTC, helped with Camp Friendship and Vacation Bible School. She plans to attend TJC in the fall.



**Lindsey Lott**



**Emily McDonald**



**Jordan Rousseau**

*Not Pictured*

Amy Estes

Megan Florence

Melissa Sills



**Blake Lowry**



**Alex Mullins**



**Hayley Simmons**

**Blake Lowry** has attended ten different schools, along with home schooling and fourteen school changes while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and being ranked 5th in his class. As an honor graduate he has been involved in golf, football, track, bowling, UIL and One Act play. He is also a member of National Honor Society, Library Club, Chess Club and Robotics. Graduating in the top ten of his class he has received a full 2 year scholarship from TJC where he will attend in the fall. After completion of junior college, he hopes to earn a degree in Networking or History and become a teacher. Blake has attended West Erwin for about 7 years and has participated in LTC events, October Fests, and Mexico mission trips. He is the son of Terry Lowry.

**Emily McDonald**, daughter of Jim McDonald, played softball at Robert E. Lee, was a member of the Health Occupations Students of America Club and is graduating with a 3.8 GPA. She plans to attend UT Tyler next year.

**Alex Mullins** was a three year member of National Honor Society, played varsity soccer 4 years, was a State Qualifier in tennis and was named Mr. Tennis in '04. He was active in LTC, 4 years in BackCountry trek, and participated in mission trips to Nebraska and Mexico. He plans to attend Oklahoma Christian University and play soccer while pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. He was awarded Presidential Academic Scholarship, JV Soccer Scholarship and ET Association of Petroleum Landmen Scholarship. He is the son of Bill and Donna Mullins.

Jordan Rousseau, son of Joy Rousseau, was awarded a scholarship to Harding University on SAT scores where he plans to major in Theatre and Music. In high school he was in National Honor Society; OAP; Best Actor; All Star Cast 2003 and 2004; UIL State Contest Saxophone 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005; Band Beau 2005 and Voice of the Tigers 2004-05. He plans to teach Theatre Arts.

**Hayley Simmons**, daughter of Royce and Carolyn Simmons, will graduate from Whitehouse High School. She was on the yearbook staff, Art Club, and was named in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She participated in LTC and helped with Vacation Bible School. She plans to attend Harding University in the fall.

## Seniors 2005

May 19, 2005	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 36 - No. 20
Records	Sunday May 8	Sunday May 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	437	416	442
Worship A.M.	619	660	688
Worship P.M.	385	355	320
Wed. P.M.	320	320	342
Contribution	\$17,533.23	\$24,977.25	\$21,820.48
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(5-15-05 Building Fund \$903.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 22 and Wednesday, May 25:** Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Margie Hunt had bypass surgery Wednesday at ETMC. Kenneth Muncy is scheduled for surgery May 23 at Mother Frances. Nelda Browning, Ruby Cliver, Clelia Faye Elliott and Archie Kennard are all at home. Mary (Keith) Hunt is at home and doing well after recent surgery. Mike Trostel, Charles & Louise Seaberry's nephew in Dallas, is recovering after a recent brain aneurysm. Margaret Evans, Jennifer Paltjon's mother in Waco, is undergoing tests due to a recurrence of cancer. Jill Rue, Kevin Sustaire's mother, will have surgery May 25 for a tumor on her kidney. Taylor Nicole Reeves, granddaughter of friends of Marc & Tammy Lemons, is undergoing treatment for brain cancer, also found cancer on her spine. Continue to remember Mildred Barnwell, Linda Marts' mother; Vera Beard; Gussie Beaty; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Sylvia Caskey, Melissa Frick's aunt; Gene Chandler; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Wyatt Durham, Don & Norma's grandson; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Leona Hardin; Joan Harlak; Mary Haws; Dick Higginbotham; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Shirley McClenny; Mary McFadden; W.A. Monk; L.T. Murry; Thomas Park; Kay Parrish; Rex Power; Judy Smith; Robert & Pat Stokes; Kate Sweeney; Pattie Tate; Jeffery Tarpley, Mary Gaiser's grandson; Harley Turner; and Will Williams, Harvey Strickland's brother-in-law.

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SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Chris Conder  
Scripture Milburn Cook  
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
G.W. Cliver  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Melvin Crow  
Scripture Don Crowder  
Dismiss Dan Cullinan

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

James Martin Bill McCain  
Forest McFadden Jim Mayer  
Phil Marts Mike McClenny  
Glen May Jim McDonald

GREETERS

Howard & Linda Dickson & Dru Dawkins  
Don & Norma Durham & Grant DuVall  
Curtis Elmore & Charles Garrett & Tyler DuVall  
Visitor Center: Jerry & Becky Howard  
Bill & Judy Wilmeth

**Pick up cards May 22:** Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 22:**  
Nursery a.m.: Freida Starr; Nursery p.m.: Diane Weathers;  
Toddlers a.m.: Judy Clark & Donna Wright; Toddlers p.m.:  
Arlene Lockhart & Shirley Denman; 2's: Kenna Kempton  
& Dr. Monique Mills; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

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### IN APPRECIATION

I am now over my lung infection. Thank you for your prayers.  
Molly Lou Terry

### RESPONSE

David Asbill came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that God will lead him in the direction that is right for him and his family as he makes decisions about his future.

**NEW ARRIVALS** - Griffin Felix Pavlock was born May 17 in New Braunfels to Dave and Shelley Pavlock. He weighed 8 lb. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Gretchen is the big sister, Sherryl Miles is the proud grandmother and Velma Lemons is the great grandmother.

Rebecca Grace Holland was born May 18 in Searcy, Arkansas to Jeff and Brenda Holland. She weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. Josiah and Ellianna are big brother and sister.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Edgar Bullard, a much loved and respected Christian gentleman and West Erwin member for the last 55 years, passed from this life on Friday, May 13. Services were held Monday afternoon at our building. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Delle and all the family and friends.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Lcpl. Stowers, K.S., 3rd Plt, 3rd AA Bn, D Co., Unit 41660, FPO-AP 96609-1660. Kyle is now in Okinawa, Japan, part of the Combat Assault Battalion, serving as driver for the platoon commander's amphibious vehicle. They are scheduled to go to Fiji sometime in July.

**SUMMER TIME CHANGE:** during the summer months of June, July, and August, the West Erwin church will meet on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. rather than 5:00 p.m.

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, May 22, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "The Highway of Holiness"  
(Isaiah 35:8-10)  
P.M. "The Providence of God"  
(Isaiah 45:1-7)

"The Church With Heart"

October 6, 2005	<b>From the Heart of Tyler</b>		Vol. 36 - No. 39
Records	Sunday October 2	Sunday September 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	382	359	428
Worship A.M.	592	592	644
Worship P.M.	349	386	339
Wed. P.M.	356	395	320
Contribution	\$20,372.62	\$19,921.16	\$21,877.05
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(10-2-05 Building Fund \$1,000.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 9, and Wednesday, Oct. 12:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Delle Bullard** is in Mother Frances, room 593. **Gloria Thigpen** is in Mother Frances room 428. **William Tanksley**, baby son of Will and Anna, had hernia repair surgery Tuesday in Dallas. **Don Young**, Edie's husband, had emergency eye surgery last Friday. **Stephanie Ruddell**, Sherryl Miles' daughter, continues to have back problems. **Betty Barajas** had eye surgery Thursday. Continue to remember **Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Alice Cain**, Gary Cain's mother; **Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Mary Cutshall** (10 year old girl in West Point, Nebraska, undergoing chemo); **Lela Duncan; Mary Gaiser; Cindy Galletly**, Joe & Frances McBee's daughter; **Kristen Gravley; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Ed Hunt; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Dorothy Newkirk**, Mary Richey's sister-in-law; **Gary Nunn; Kay Parrish**, Jeff's mother; **Bettye Price; Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother (under hospice care); **Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson; & Patsy Young.**

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Stan Clark  
Scripture Mark Sweeney  
Dismiss Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Wally Dawkins  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Daniel DuPree  
Scripture David Demic  
Dismiss Jay Culpepper

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Milburn Cook Gary Broome  
Cameron Ables Jim Armstrong  
Stan Clark Dale Blackstone  
Tony Adams John Cliver

GREETERS

Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Kristen Yates  
Jerry & Becky Howard & Daniel Yates  
Todd & Kenna Kempton & Cameron Ables  
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack  
Louise Seaberry

**Pick up cards October 9:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarborough, Parker Hall, & Keaton Conder.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 9:**  
Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook;  
Toddlers a.m.: Diane & Caroline Weathers; Toddlers p.m.:  
Camille & Mollie Mink; 2's: Keith & Jennifer Skender; 3's  
& 4's: Marc & Ginger Philpot.

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		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
	Jeff Holland	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	7:00 P.M.	
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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		11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

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### "AM I IN THE PLACE OF GOD?"

Joseph's brothers had sold him as a slave into Egypt and allowed their father to believe he had been killed by a wild animal. God blessed Joseph and within a dozen years he was a prince in Egypt. Because of a famine Joseph's brothers eventually were forced to Egypt to buy grain ... from Joseph. Finally, Joseph and his brothers were reconciled and the whole family moved to Egypt. When their father Jacob died the brothers were fearful that Joseph would exact revenge on them, but he refused saying, "Am I in the place of God?" (Genesis 50:19). Joseph forgave his brothers because vengeance belongs to God Joseph was not God. That's a good question: "Am I in the place of God?" It is a short step in religion, which is influenced so heavily today by post modern thinking, to assume that we know how God thinks, how God feels, and what God wants -- the assumption is that Divine thoughts, feelings, and desires are the same as ours. In a post modern world where what is right is often determined by what flawed humans think is right, it is

easy to put ourselves in the place of God and to make decisions based upon human thinking rather than upon divine revelation. People approach the Bible as though it is a smorgasbord where we can choose what we like and reject what doesn't appeal to us. We decide some things are important and some are not, depending upon our likes and dislikes. What is big and what is little must be decided by God and not by human reason. Ask Nadab and Abihu, or Uzzah, or Ananias and Sapphira. If God's Word is not the ultimate standard of right and wrong, then the church is on a sea of speculation without chart or compass. The real issue is whether God will be God or we presume to be "in the place of God." What does the Bible say? That's the question. Granted, there are some things more important than others but to acknowledge this fact is a far cry from concluding that anything God says is unimportant to be decided by faulty human reason.

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, October 9, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: The Nature of Man"  
(I Thessalonians 5:21-23)  
P.M. "Is The Church Relevant?"  
(Matthew 16:13-16)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 17. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to study God's Word and work together with a team to test over the material. We will be studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this year. Our first test will be on Monday, Oct. 17. Watch for more details.

### LAST CALL FAMILY SKI TRIP

Last call for any of the West Erwin families that are interested in going skiing this winter. I need to have a confirmation and deposit by Sunday, October 9, to reserve a spot. The dates are Dec. 26-31 @ Keystone.

### HABITAT HOUSE

We still need to raise about \$5,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston St. We need your help!

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### I'M NOT DOING CHEMO!

For all of you out there who are concerned about my health, I need to let you know I've never been better. I've been on Weight-Watchers and I've cut my hair shorter. I am not taking chemo treatments. I'm "counting points."

Someone's comment was, "I bet you feel better." I do. I am no longer embarrassed to look into a store window as I walk by. For years I walked by storefronts and all I could see was the reflection of myself. I never saw the merchandise. I never liked what I saw either. Mirrors are so insensitive. Even brutal. They don't mind pointing out every flaw and they do it so harshly that it makes me run from them.

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7      Douglas L. Yates

Recently I was looking over some materials that I have put together regarding the various learning styles of children. I was reminded that as children begin to learn, each child will develop a preferred learning style. The children we teach will make up a variety of each of those styles. Ninety percent of children learn best using the kinesthetic learning styles. Less than 20% learn best with the combined styles of auditory and visual. It is important that we experiment with a lot of different methods along the way but once we settle on a certain credible way of reaching our students, let's give ourselves wholeheartedly to that style.

Let's also remember that since each of our students has a different style of learning that if we teach: (1) abstractedly, (2) concretely or factually, (3) reflectively, and (4) actively, we can reach all of our students. It is a combination of these four

## CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Several churches from Tyler will be together Sunday night, Oct. 9 @ the Shiloh Rd. Church. We will begin @ 6:20 and finish at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper. Parents can pick you up at Shiloh Rd. Don't miss it!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Kara Murry won the Tri-Color ribbon at the East Texas Fair for her LTC artwork. Shannon Snell and Peyton Fedell were inducted into the National Honor Society last week. Nathan Grounds serves as President of the National Society. Way to go, guys! We're proud of you!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 9 City Wide Youth Devotional @ Shiloh  
Oct. 17 Bible Quiz  
Oct. 23 Area Wide Activity @ Glenwood  
Oct. 24 West Erwin Hosts - Karing Kitchen  
Oct. 30 Fall Festival  
Nov. 18-20 Middle School Retreat

Then it dawned on me that the Bible is a mirror that reflects our soul. I've often walked past verses that made me want to look the other way; Scriptures that reveal every impurity, every weakness, every sin. This is where I usually stopped reading. But the difference I found, unlike the gruff store windows, God's Word still speaks the truth but He is kinder. Kindness is encouraging. His Word gives me hope. And hope is what we all need.

May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you hope and peace.

### Medina Children's Home

Change for Children

Pick up your can

In the foyer

Return it by December 18

methods that will aid us in reaching *all* of our students. Periodically, along the way, we will encounter some of our students who will have difficulty in learning the material that we present. It is not their fault. They can understand the material if it is presented to them in the right way. Let me pass on this information to you that will aid you in reaching these students.

- ◆ Don't forget to read not only questions that you are asking but also the answers to those questions. Also remember to point to each response as you read that response.
- ◆ When you use memorization (for example, of characters of the Bible) be sure that you have visuals with the names printed on the front of those visuals so that each student can associate the name with the person, place or thing.
- ◆ Use flash cards when possible.
- ◆ Associate the area that you are talking about with a map and have the students to color that area on the map.
- ◆ And utilize your helper to be involved with those who struggle.



## IN APPRECIATION

"Thank you" to everyone who remembered us with comforting words, cards and calls at the death of my sister-in-law, Clelie McRuiz. We appreciate our caring church family.  
Henry & Becky McRuiz

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at the church building for **Ben Young**, long time West Erwin member. Ben served the Lord at this church as a Bible class teacher, deacon and elder before moving to Sugar Land several months ago due to ill health. Services were held last Friday in Houston for **John Everett**, Carolyn Carruth's brother-in-law. Services were held Saturday in Irving for **Iva Smith**, Bill Smith's aunt. **Billy Weaver**, Margie Hunt's brother, died Monday in Jefferson. Services were held Wednesday at Haggard Hester Funeral Home. Services were held Wednesday in Shreveport for **Roy Richardson**, Mozelle Brown's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Gary & Frances Broome, 5207 Hollytree Dr., #606, 75703 (same phone #).

## 4th ANNUAL FALL LECTURESHIP LAPOYNOR CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 9-13, 2005

"Will God Always Bless America?"

Speakers: Russel Bell, John Thompson, Dan Manuel, Al Parr, Eli Crow & Dr. Jay Lockhart

See bulletin board in office area for details

## MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

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If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you don't.

If you like to win but think you can't,  
it's almost certain that you won't.

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger woman or man,  
but sooner or later, those who win are those who think they can.

Sunday evening services at 5:00 p.m.

## WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. George Wayne Fleming  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter

Jessica Leigh  
and

James Weldon Farabee  
son of

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Warburton  
Saturday, the fifteenth of October

two thousand five

at seven o'clock in the evening  
Shiloh Road Church of Christ

1801 Shiloh Road

Tyler, Texas.

(This is the grandson of John and Ruby Oliver)

## CHANGE THE WORLD AWARD

**Belinda Berryman Smith** was selected posthumously for a *Change the World Award* in celebration of ACU's Centennial. These awards recognize individuals who quietly made a difference in small or large ways on campus, in the community and throughout the world. For this very special year 100 recipients have been chosen from more than 88,000 alumni and former students. As a recipient of the *Change the World Award*, we believe Belinda was the epitome of all we hope our graduates will become, both personally and professionally.

## THE GOOD BOOK

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

An unknown author once said of the Bible: "This old book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's compass, the soldier's sword, the believer's charter. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It should be a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of joy. It is given you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and will condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents." If our society regarded the Scriptures with reverence as it once did, this world would be a much better place. - copied

## LITTLE PEOPLES SCHOOL

Little People's school has an opening for a Pre-K teacher. If interested, please call Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
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Prayer Dr. Aaron DuVall  
Scripture Jerry Howard  
Dismiss Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Terry Frick  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Jon Murry  
Scripture Terry Lowry  
Dismiss Ray Womack

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Jeff Fennell Chuck Gillam  
Daniel DuPree Don Durham  
Wally Dawkins David Demic  
Harold Denman Don Drummond

GREETERS  
Don & Nerene Ingram & Chloe Ainsworth  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Toby Kennedy  
Wilmer & Diane Little & Keaton Ainsworth  
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts  
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

**Pick up cards October 16 & 23:** Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender, & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 16:**  
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Toddlers a.m.: Greg & Debbie Jones; Toddlers p.m.:  
Melvin & Nina Crow; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's  
& 4's: David & Sharon Hammond.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
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Jay Bynum	Don Durham	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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	Jeff Holland		
	Ron Lott		
	Dannie Skipper		
	Leon Welborn		

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### "Rewriting History"

Those who would like for our nation to move further and further from the faith of the founding fathers have an agenda. The agenda is what has been called "revisionist history" -- it is an effort to rewrite history to make it what they want it to be rather than what it is. The revisionists would have us believe that the fathers of our country were simply deists who had no real convictions about God or the Bible. It's difficult for them to make their case, however, since the name of God and quotations from Scripture are seen in public places throughout our nation's capital, largely due to the influence of those early Americans. There is no doubt that some of the founders were deists (those who believed in God but One who gives no revelation and who is not involved in the world), but most were men of faith. For example, John Adams said that men must be influenced by morality and religion because, "Our constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government on any other." Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence said that religion must be the "foundation for a useful education." Gouverneur Morris, penman and signer of the Constitution stated: "I believe that religion is the only solid base of morals and that morals are the only possible support of free governments." John Jay, the

original Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, affirmed that "the Bible is the best of all books, for it is the word of God." George Washington believed that "religion and morality are the essential pillars of civil society." The battle of modern day radical secularists can misrepresent and misquote the founders, but their words of faith cannot be rebutted. In a similar way, some church leaders take the words of the early preachers of the American Restoration movement out of context in an effort to make them say what they never meant. For example, some of the men who in the early 19th century began to move away from denominationalism and to make the appeal to be Christians only, to be members only of Jesus' church, and to speak as the Bible speaks have been misrepresented by present day "church historians." We have been told that they believed the pious unimmersed were to be accepted into the fellowship of the church and that the worship of God could be altered to meet the desires of men. Historians must be true to the facts. Any effort to rewrite the history of a nation or the history of the church discredits the historians and assumes that none of us know our history. Despite efforts to the contrary, history cannot be rewritten.

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

### Sermons for Sunday, October 16, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: The Battle For The Mind"  
(2 Corinthians 10:3-6)  
P.M. "Burning Hearts"  
(Luke 24:28-32)

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### BIBLE QUIZ

Please note following date change. Due to a schedule adjustment for the churches involved, we will not begin Bible Quiz until November.

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Nov. 14. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to study God's Word and work together with a team to test over the material. We will be studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this year. Our first test will be on Monday, Nov. 14, over Joshua 1-12. We will have a study session on Nov. 6. Watch for more details.

### CITY WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Several churches from East Texas will be together Sunday night, Oct. 23 @ the Glenwood Church. We will leave immediately after church in the bus and return to West Erwin @ 8:30. Don't miss this great time together with churches from all over East Texas.

### HABITAT HOUSE

We still need to raise about \$5,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston St. We need your help! We will have a workday on Saturday, Oct. 22.

### MEN OF GOD...

As many of you know, a group of men from East Texas went to Gulfport, Miss. a few weeks ago to help in the Katrina relief effort. This group of men let their light shine brightly as they volunteered to help people remove trees. These men were a blessing to a lot of people. Thanks to the following who gave unselfishly: Wade Weathers, Todd Hancock, Jeff Hancock, Brody Clark, Jay Culpepper, Shawn Smith, Wynne Weathers, Walker Weathers, Ken Culpepper, Pat Malone, Jeff Parrish, Gary Mitchum, Barry Scarborough, Luke Smith, Marc Philpot, Sam Vercher, Rick Fedell, Jonathon Stone, Eric Thornton & Shane Millican. Way to go guys! Thanks to all of you who prayed for these men and supported this effort.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 16	Small Groups Meet
Oct. 23	Area Wide Activity @ Glenwood
Oct. 24	West Erwin Hosts - Karing Kitchen
Oct. 30	Fall Festival
Nov. 6	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov. 14	Bible Quiz
Nov. 18-20	Middle School Retreat

### COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

#### BANKRUPTCY

I'm not sure I understand the ins and outs of bankruptcy. Delta Airlines recently filed chapter 11 (I hope you sold that stock early!). They continue to do business as usual. One day they were deep in debt, the next day they were free to go out and borrow \$2+ billion. I don't understand what 's right about it. I'm sure one of my readers will help me on this.

I do know the worst bankruptcy in the world is the person who has lost his enthusiasm. When the odds are against us, the hours are long, and the end is not yet in view, enthusiasm is what rescues us from the temptation to quit or run away. Remove enthusiasm from the daily

whirl of life's activities and you create what is called a grinding wheel.

Emerson wrote: "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Athletes feed on it. Teachers count on it. Students fail without it. And I am convinced that one of the reasons God gives us so many personal promises in Scripture is to stir up our enthusiasm. Maybe we should reread the words of Matthew 29:19-20 every day? If our enthusiasm is gone what has our worship and service to God become?

Have you noticed how well the new Benevolent Center is coming along? It will soon be weathered in and the work on the inside can begin. The new center will be approximately 9,000 square feet. It will house all of our benevolent ministries and become our outreach center for local evangelism.

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When you hear the words: *Christian Education*, what do you think of? Do you think of our Bible school ministry at church? Do you think of private schools such as *East Texas Christian Academy*? Or do you think of an institution of higher learning such as one of our Christian Universities? Perhaps you think of all three of these examples.

When I hear the words, "*Christian Education*," I think of people, people who range in age from our infants to our elderly. The fact of the matter is that all of us need to be good students of the Word of God. We all need to be educated in the teachings of Christ. Unfortunately, far too often we settle for two hours of Bible time a week and then we seem to be content with that offering to God. I can remember a time when we were challenged from our pulpits, from our leadership and from our parents to study God's Word daily. It seems to me that we have

made a decision to settle for mediocrity when it comes to our daily study of God's Word. That's why I'm so thankful that we have a solid Bible study ministry here at West Erwin that has dedicated teachers who are willing to teach our students concerning God's Word. You are making a tremendous difference in lives of your students. That's why I'm glad that we have East Texas Christian Academy here in Tyler which offers an additional five hours of Bible study time a week along with two chapel services each week. Those who teach at that institution are also making a difference in the lives of their students. And without a doubt, I am so grateful for the various institutions of higher learning who also offer their students a study period that will take them on a daily walk with God.

Teachers (within all of these learning institutions) thank you for a job well done. You have dedicated your life to this great labor of love for the Master. You have spent countless hours in your effort to be the best that you can be. In so doing you have laid up an enormous treasure in heaven. May God continually bless you in this effort.



### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Mineola for Mrs. Gertrude Willingham, David Blaylock's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

### NOTE FROM KYLE STOWERS:

Dear Church Family,

We are finally back in Okinawa after Jungle Warfare training in Fuji. While in Fuji we practiced live grenade throwing, we fired heavy machine guns and grenade launchers, followed by multiple small arms weapons. We practiced infantry skills such as patrolling and setting up defenses. When not working or training we climbed Mt. Fuji, went to Colts vs Falcons football game in Tokyo, went to two different amusement parks, and helped out at a local orphanage. My fellow Marines and I appreciate all the prayers and support. I am personally thankful for the letters and cards of encouragement. We are scheduled to return to the States in early December. I look forward to seeing everyone.

With Christian Love,  
LCPL Kyle S. Stowers  
3rd Plt., 3rd AA Bn, D Co.  
Unit 41660  
FPO-AP 96609-1660

"To change everything, simply change your attitude."

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"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year."  
- Ralph Waldo Emerson

### A MAN WITH A PLAN

John Tindel, Nettie Potts' grandson, has plans to become a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. He is consistently pursuing activities that will position him to get the job of his dreams. He has already earned two Associates Degrees from TJC in Government and History. He is currently one of only 138 students nationwide to be selected to receive a *National Security Education Program David L. Boren Undergraduate Scholarship* and is attending classes at the Center of Russian Language and Culture in St. Petersburg, Russia for ten months. This program is guided by a mission that seeks to lead in the development of the national capacity to educate U.S. citizens, understand foreign cultures, strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness and enhance cooperation and security. The only requirement imposed upon the scholars is that they serve one year with the Federal Government in the Department of Defense, Homeland Security, or the Department of State, which clearly fits with John's plan..

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Christian Services of East Texas presents *The Vocal Majority Chorus* in concert on October 29, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caldwell Auditorium. With its international reputation, The Vocal Majority has performed in Atlanta's Olympic Centennial Park attended by over 135,000 people. December of 2002, they were featured on a CBS 11 television special, *A Vocal Majority Christmas*. General Admission: \$15; Reserved section tickets: \$50 & \$30; for ticket information call Christian Services at 903-509-0558.

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The North Tenneha church family invites you to the East Texas Unity conference on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Several East Texas ministers will be participating in the conference. The subjects discussed will be relevant to today's issues in the church. In the eye of the storm of religious controversies, God can do something wonderful through the power of the pure Word. Please join us to pray for solidarity in the church. (see bulletin board in the office area for details).

### GOSPEL MEETING

Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler St., Kilgore, TX  
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## "When God Left The Church"

The Greek word for "church" is *EKKLESIA*, a compound word, *EK* meaning "out of," and *KALEO* meaning "to call." So the word means "the called out" and always refers to people. In the broadest sense it may have reference to any people called out for any purpose. In the Old Testament the people of Israel were called out of Egypt by the Lord and, therefore, were "God's church (*EKKLESIA* -- JPL) in the wilderness" (Acts 7:38). In the New Testament the worshippers of the goddess Diana were "called out" in an assembly to defend the honor of this false god and they were called an *EKKLESIA* (Acts 19:41). Of course the people most often referred to as the church are the people of God, those called by the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:14) and "called out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were no people but are now the people of God" (I Peter 2:9, 10). Whether one thinks of God's Old Testament people as His church in the broadest sense or of His New Testament people as the church for which Jesus died, God has always desired to dwell among His people (Isaiah 12:6; Matthew 18:20). However, there are times when God leaves His "church."

After the golden calf incident at Mount Sinai, God left the camp of Israel (Exodus 33:7). In the days of Ezekiel, God showed the prophet a vision in which the glory of the Lord left the temple and then the city of Jerusalem because of the sinfulness of His people (Ezekiel 10, 11). The Lord threatened to leave the church at Ephesus because she had "left her first love" (Revelation 2:4, 5). The church at Laodicea was lukewarm and the Lord was going to sever the church from Himself because she had left Jesus outside (Revelation 3:15-20). When a church forgets what it is supposed to be and do, God will leave that church. It does not matter that it may have a beautiful building. It does not matter that it meets for worship. It does not matter that it does good things. If a church is not seeking to be what God wants it to be in its respect for the authority of Scripture, in its worship, in its faithful living, and in fulfilling its mission, God will leave that church. And if God, who is light, leaves a church, then that church is in darkness, and if the light becomes darkness, "how great is that darkness."

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**  
  
Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, October 23, 2005**  
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A.M. "Spirituality: A New Spirit"  
(Ezekiel 18:30-32)  
P.M. "The Passover"  
(Exodus 12:21-27)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

Several churches from East Texas will be together Sunday night, Oct. 23 @ the Glenwood Church. We will leave immediately after church in the bus and return to West Erwin @ 8:30. Don't miss this great time together with churches from all over East Texas. Please bring money for supper as we will be stopping at a fast food place on the way home.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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### MEN OF GOD...

On October 3, several of us went to Jasper to help in the Hurricane Relief with the church in Jasper. We spent 2 days helping folks remove trees from the yards and homes. A special thanks to John Shaw & David Blaylock for letting their light shine in Jasper, Texas. Way to go guys!

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### BOAST LESS -- BOOST MORE

John tells us in I John 2:16 that boasting about what we have comes from the world and he groups that with our sinful cravings and our lustful eyes to let us know how God feels about boasting. In Jeremiah 9:23 the Lord says, wise men, don't boast about your wisdom; strong men, don't boast about your strength; rich men, don't boast about your wealth -- if you need to boast, boast that you know Me. "I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth."

Why not spend our time boosting rather than boasting? Who among us does not need

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglass L. Yates

Two weeks ago my wife and I, along with Roger and Kay Bellar (Shiloh Road Church of Christ), were invited by my daughter who works at Clear Springs Restaurant to eat as her guests at the restaurant. I was thoroughly impressed with the restaurant and the service we received while we were there. The atmosphere was fantastic, the food was terrific and the service was superb. The part I enjoyed most was the conversation that Judy and I had with Roger and Kay. They are great people who represent the Shiloh Road congregation very well. One thing I noticed during the course of the evening was that all four of us managed to return to one central theme quite often and that theme was *East Texas Christian Academy*. Kay is the Junior High and High School principal and I want to tell you all, she is passionate about her job. If you want to see her light up, just bring up the subject of East Texas Christian and its high beam

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jessica Keeney for being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society @ Bullard Jr. High. Way to go Jessica!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Oct.	23	Area Wide Activity @ Glenwood
Oct.	24	West Erwin Hosts - Karing Kitchen
Nov.	5	Family Hayride @ Snell's
Nov.	6	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov.	14	Bible Quiz
Nov.	18-20	Middle School Retreat

### FALL FESTIVAL

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encouragement? Without encouragement no one will ever reach their full potential.

We can offer a boost in numerous ways. The next time you come to church try sitting by someone you don't know and express a genuine interest in them. Or, while everyone finds fault in someone, you be different. Find something good to say. Make an effort to brighten someone's day -- you are the light of the world! And God will make sure your own day is brighter.

### DON'T FORGET THE WSM CAR CARE SERVICE

Carlos Morgan is at the church building every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 am to help widows and single moms with their car care. What a great service! Give him a call if you have questions.

time. Fonda Wilmarth is the elementary principal and she is equally passionate about the school. As I reflect on these two godly women and the role that they provide at the school I can't help but think how fortunate E.T.C.A. is to have them involved in the school system. On a personal note, as a parent of one the seniors at E.T.C.A., I'm also very grateful for their passion. Thank you, Kay and Fonda, for a job well done.

*East Texas Christian Academy* is a school that has been in existence for 26 years. The school is located at 1801 Shiloh Road. All of the staff members at the school are extremely dedicated to its mission: "To create an environment where God is the focus and His Word is presented daily in every aspect of the student's experience." Friends, there is nothing as important as this is there? We all should dedicate our lives to such a mission as this.

If you would like more information regarding the school I know they would love to talk to you. You may reach them at 903-561-8642. If you are interested in enrolling your child, contact Kerri Alexander at 903-561-9582.



### IN APPRECIATION

My genuine thanks to each of you for your prayers, food from the Lunch Bunch on many Tuesdays, and others who have brought food, your cards, calls, and especially your prayers. Others have stopped by to help with chores which has been a tremendous help, especially to Johnny. My foot is doing well and the cast will be off in two weeks but no walking, just the boot for protection. Not much change with the Bells Palsy but feel sure it will leave one these days and I will be able to return for worship with you. It is good to be able to hear Brother Jay at 10 am on Sunday mornings.

Loving thanks,  
Jo Anders

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Dear Friends,

Jerry Lynn loved the West Erwin church and all the people within it. Thanks for caring for her and sending the cards, flowers and food. We love you.

Tommy Konczak

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Dear West Erwin Church of Christ,

The family of Billy Weaver (Margie Hunt's brother) would like to thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you for all your prayers.

In Christ,  
The Weaver Family

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Words can't say how grateful I am for all the love shown me during my long stay in the hospital. Thank you all for every card, call, flowers and visits, especially all the prayers. I love all of you and hope to be back with you in church as soon as I can.

Love to all,  
Gloria Thigpen

### WITH SYMPATHY

Jim Welch, an elder at Glenwood and known and loved by many here, died last Tuesday. Services were held Friday at the Glenwood church building. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

#### IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

### GOSPEL MEETINGS

Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler St., Kilgore, TX  
October 23-26, Sunday 7:30, weeknights 7:00  
(dinner Monday at 6:00)  
Dan Manuel, Guest Speaker

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Church of Christ, 1948 Hwy 323 W, Henderson  
October 23-28, Sun. 9:30, 10:30 & 6:00, week nights 7:00 pm  
Guest speaker: Mark Sloan of Carthage

Sunday evening services at 5:00 p.m.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Mrs. Blanche Dalton** into the West Erwin family. Blanche is the mother of Rodney Dalton and has been attending for some time. She also requests the prayers of this church family. Her address is 19814 CR 4145, Lindale, 75771, ph. 569-3668.

### RESPONSE

Ginger Pippin came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for good health and good news as she faces tests this week due to a spot on her thyroid.

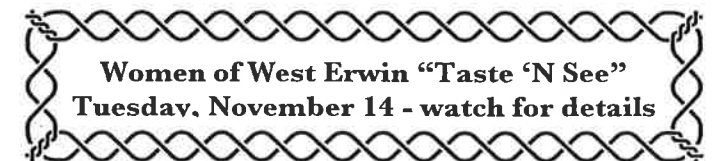
### NEW ARRIVALS

**Jack and Johnnie Stringer** are the proud grandparents of a new great granddaughter! Layla Grace was born October 16 to Chad and Mandy Faubus in Bentonville, Arkansas. She weighed 5 lb. 15 oz. Congratulations to **Louis and Jean West**, former West Erwin members, on the birth of a granddaughter! Abigail Ruth Musser was born in Washington DC to Heather and Phil Musser on October 12.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Todd & Jana Hancock, 10257 FM 344 E, Whitehouse, TX 75791 (same ph. #).

### THE VOCAL MAJORITY

Christian Services of East Texas presents *The Vocal Majority Chorus* in concert on October 29, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Caldwell Auditorium. General Admission: \$15; Reserved section tickets: \$50 & \$30; for ticket information call Christian Services at 903-509-0558.



Women of West Erwin "Taste 'N See"  
Tuesday, November 14 - watch for details

### MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of October 24-28. They have requested that West Erwin collect toilet paper. Other items are also appreciated.

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT NORTH TENNEHA

You're invited to join us in song and sermon on Saturday, October 22, at 6:30 pm the North Tenneha Church of Christ as we host a Katrina spiritual relief concert. The Male Chorus, the Wondering Travelers, Renaissance, and other great singers will lift up the name of Jesus in song. Errol Reid, minister of the Elysian Field Church of Christ in New Orleans will be with us. Also lunch will follow our 10:15 am worship service on Sunday morning, October 23.

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Bible Class	366	436	394
Worship A.M.	562	595	588
Worship P.M.	390	417	376
Wed. P.M.	356	351	300
Contribution	\$21,468.73	\$19,092.46	\$17,892.56
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(10-23-05 Bldg. Fund \$20,505.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, October 30, and Wednesday, Nov. 2:** Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Ruth Mezell** had angioplasty Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Gary Nunn** is in Mother Frances, room 491. **Nettie Potts** is scheduled for removal of basal cell carcinoma of her nose Nov. 15. **Gloria Thigpen** is at her daughter's home (3420 Robin Rd. Plano, TX 75075). **Greg Anding** is at home after back surgery. **Sue Starnes** is now at home. **Ginger Phippen** got a good report after recent tests. **Judy Smith** is ill at home. **Kenna Kempton** is undergoing tests. **Chris Scroggins** had surgery on his hand. Phil Marts' niece, **Rubann Tubb**, and her sister-in-law have been dismissed from the hospital. Continue to remember **Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Alice Cain**, Gary's mother; **Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Mary Cutshall** (undergoing chemo); **Lela Duncan; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Ed Hunt; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Dorothy Newkirk**, Mary Richey's sister-in-law; **Kay Parrish**, Jeff's mother; **Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Douglas Reed**, Velma Lemons' brother-in-law; **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; **Paul & Signa Stanley; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; & Bobbie Wilson.**

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Carlos Morgan  
Scripture Carroll Magee  
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Charles Westerfeld  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Bob Hackett  
Scripture Alan Montgomery  
Dismiss Hugh Mills

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Tyler DuVall Tanner Fedell  
Dr. Aaron DuVall Mark Frick  
Rick Fedell Claude Figueroa  
Payton Fedell Dan Gillam

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May & Kaitlyn Carder  
Forest & Mary McFadden & Preston Conder  
Lee & Camille Mink & Mollie Mink  
Visitor Center: Fred & Sara Powell  
Glynn & Fran Starnes

Pick up cards October 30 & November 6: Austin Millican, Braydon Kempton, Justin Parrish, Grant Perkins & Steven Figueroa.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, October 30:**  
Nursery a.m.: Rhonda Haws; Nursery p.m.: Pam Lott;  
Toddlers a.m.: Harold & Shirley Denman; Toddlers p.m.:  
Arlene Lockhart & Judy Mitcham; 2's: Dr. Monique Mills  
& Cassandra Estes; 3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
		Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
		Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
	Jeff Holland		
		<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
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		

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## PROPOSITION 2

Texans will be going to the polls between now and November 8 to decide nine proposed amendments to the State Constitution. I am especially concerned about Proposition 2 which defines marriage as "the union of one man and one woman." The ballot language reads as follows:

*The constitutional amendment providing that marriage in this state consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage.*

There has been a lot of rhetoric about this amendment, but the bottom line for believers is this: how does the Bible define marriage and can we support a definition of marriage that violates God's plan? Not only does God say that marriage "from the beginning" has been that "a man shall ... be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh" (Matthew 19:4-8), but He also says that so-called alternative lifestyles are prohibited (I

Corinthians 5:10; 6:9, 10; Romans 1:27; Leviticus 18:22). To assume that alternative lifestyles should be accepted as right is to reach a false conclusion because this reasoning begins with a false premise -- the false premise being that both God and man are obligated to approve actions prohibited by Scripture. It seems to me that on this one we must stand up and be counted ... we are for God's definition of marriage.

- Jay Lockhart

## HOLIDAY BANQUET

The Seekers Class, taught by Jay Lockhart, will host the annual Holiday Banquet in our Family Life Center on Saturday, December 3, at 6:30 p.m. This year's event promises to be bigger and better than ever. In the past many have worked hard to make this banquet a highlight event and we are grateful to all who have helped. This year we will feature great food, great fellowship, and outstanding entertainment. Make your plans now to attend. More later.

## "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

## Sermons for Sunday, October 30, 2005

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Spirituality: The Seven Churches of Asia" (Revelation 1:9-11)

P.M. "Remembering The Forgotten: Moses' Helpers" (Exodus 31:1-6)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We had a great turnout with over 20 adults and teens to help. This is a wonderful ministry and makes a difference in many lives. Our next time will Monday, Nov. 21.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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### CONGRATULATIONS!

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Jr. National Honor Society @ Hubbard Middle School. Way to go Ross & Grace!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

West Erwin and several other churches that are participating in our benevolent ministry are beginning a Peanut Butter Drive to help supply a commodity that is difficult to get through the Food Bank and we are asking for your help. Please bring your donations to the table in the foyer (small to medium size jars). Thank you for your help.

### DON'T FORGET THE WSM CAR CARE SERVICE

Carlos Morgan and Odie Kennedy are at the church building every first Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 am to help widows and single moms with their car care. What a great service!

The new Benevolent Building is really coming along. Please be prayerful about this ministry, asking God to bless all that He wants to come from this work. Ask Him to create in this new building a vibrant outreach center for sharing Christ with our community.

### Points to Ponder

- Why do we say something is out of whack? What is a whack?
- Why does "fat chance" and "slim chance" mean the same thing?
- Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
- If work is so terrific, why do we have to be paid for it?
- Why do you press harder on the buttons of a remote control when you know the batteries are dead?

**Have a wonderful week and don't forget to thank the One who gave it to you.**

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The months of October, November and December will be busy months for our kindergarten through 5th graders.

First, we start off in October with the Fall Festival. That activity is always well put together and very well attended. To those who spend countless hours preparing for this event, let me say thank you because I know that our little ones deeply appreciate your time, energy and effort.

Second, it seems like as soon as the Fall Festival ends it's time for our annual family hayride for this age group. This year we will once again meet at the Snell's for some food, fun and fellowship. The date is November 5th and we will begin the festivities at 6:00 p.m. Once again the church will be providing hot dogs, buns, condiments, etc. Parents are asked to bring chips, chili, and desserts to this event. There is a sign up sheet for these food items at the Visitor Center. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Third, during the month of December our Bible Hour groups will once again go on their annual Christmas caroling tour of some of the local nursing homes. Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, along with Nancy Crawford, always do a great job of planning this event. I'm not exactly for sure who leads the singing at this event but over the years I have observed that if you can start it, the kids can scream it and the nursing home staff and patients seem to enjoy it.

October, November, and December are three very busy months but it is also three months of great joy. My favorite holiday of the year is fast approaching (no, it's not Halloween). Thanksgiving seems to sum up the way I feel about why we are here in the first place. What a wonderful holiday! We have a lot to be thankful for and so as that holiday approaches let's thank God for all that He has done for us. Even with all the tragedies this country has faced in the past year, in so many ways we are still a blessed nation. May we always be thankful to God and it is my prayer (as I know it is yours too) that God continues to bless us.



### IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and beautiful white rose spray for our Dad's funeral. We are blessed to belong to such a caring family.

In Christian Love,  
Tim Perry & Family

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To the West Erwin Family,

Once again I would like to say thank you for all the cards, visits, the food Carolyn Welborn brought us from the Tuesday group, but most especially for the prayers offered in my behalf. You are truly a caring family and you mean so much to both of us.

For Him,  
Kay and Tommy Parrish

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Thanks so much for your kindness over the past month at the loss of Henry's sister and my brother. Your cards and prayers meant so much.

In love,  
Henry & Mozell Brown

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Stewart Funeral Home for Al Rocha, Henry McRuiz's nephew (a Tyler barber known by many here). Larry Andrews, Stefan Andrews' uncle died last Friday. Norma and Dennis Woodruff, Ginny Wicks' cousin and husband, were found murdered in their home in Royce City. Their families need our prayers. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

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

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday night meals are back! This week's menu is Mexican food. Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please indicate on your attendance card if you plan to participate. It's important that we get an accurate count.

### BOLES CHILDRENS HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in the Tyler area the week of December 12-16. West Erwin asked to collect Cherry & Peach Pie Filling, Nuts (pecans, walnuts, peanuts, almonds, etc.), & Facial Tissue. Other items are also appreciated.

Don't forget! Daylight Savings time ends Sunday. Fall BACK 1 hour. Enjoy an extra hour of sleep and be on time for Bible Class!



### BAPTISM!

We rejoice with Benny Young in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Sunday. He is a young single man and his address is 615 North Border, Tyler, 75702, ph. 903-372-8175.

### BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Jennifer Garner, bride-elect of Charlie Scroggins

Sunday, November 6, 3:30 - 4:30, Family Life Center

Selections: Target

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



### NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to James and Connie Sublette on the birth of a granddaughter! Presley Shea Holmes was born October 21 in Irving to Michael and Kimberly Holmes. She weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Ethan Stone would like to announce that he has a new cousin. Kara Lee Sanders was born October 18 to Jake and Lisa Sanders. She weighed 6 lb. 9 oz. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Larry and Lynne Murphey.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** Randy Farrar & Joyce Farrar, 2323 Pinehurst, 75703, same phone #.

Pattie Tate is back at her daughter's home: 16409 CR 498, Lindale, 75771.

### W.O.W.

(Women of West Erwin)

**Holiday Taste 'N See**

Tuesday evening, November 15

Family Life Center

Taste favorite holiday foods

See holiday craft demonstrations

(watch for details)

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of additional drivers to drive the church minibus on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. There are several people who depend on this transportation. Please call Don Ingram at 509-8955 if you can help with this ministry or if you would consider serving as an alternate.

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Bible Class	409	366	456
Worship A.M.	556	562	637
Worship P.M.	470	390	413
Wed. P.M.	NC	356	288
Contribution	\$19,141.52	\$21,468.73	\$19,318.73
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(10-23-05 Bldg. Fund \$1,895.00)	

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Scripture Jamon Kirby  
Dismiss Dannie Skipper

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Stan Mallory  
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Scripture Taylor Lemons  
Dismiss Jimmie Philpot

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Tyler DuVall Tanner Fedell  
Dr. Aaron DuVall Mark Frick  
Rick Fedell Claude Figueroa  
Payton Fedell Dan Gillam

GREETERS  
Hugh & Glenda Mills & Caitlin Cook  
Henry & Becky McRuiz & Chandler Cook  
Alan & Candy Montgomery & Dru Dawkins  
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell  
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards November 6: Austin Millican, Braydon Kempton, Justin Parrish, Grant Perkins & Steven Figueroa.

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

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
	Jeff Holland	Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
		June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	7:00 P.M.	
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	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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## WHERE HAVE ALL THE CHILDREN GONE?

One of the things that impresses every parent is the way time flies in regard to their children. A child is born and sooner than we anticipate the child waves good-bye as he enters the first grade and the mother fights back tears. Then it seems only like days the child is in middle school, high school, and college. What happened to childhood, the teen years, and dependence? Then comes graduation from college, leaving home for good, and marriage and/or careers. The empty nest syndrome sets in and parents wonder, "Where have all the children gone?" As your child grows up and establishes a place for himself in the world, what does he remember about his childhood? Let me tell what I remember. I don't remember so much what cars we had or our house or the other things. I remember godly parents who loved Jesus, who were totally active in church, and who practiced what they taught my brother and me. I remember honesty, integrity, and faithfulness. I remember the Bible study, worship and service. I remember the quality time they spent with us, the right kind of example, and discipline. I remember a Christian home in every sense of what that means. I remember faith and hope and love. I remember encouragement to be a Christian in word and in deed. I remember that activities did not come before our responsibilities to Christ and the church ... ever. My involvement with the church today, and the involvement of my brother, can be traced back to what we first saw in the lives of our parents. Most of the time faithful parents means faithful children and many times spiritually mediocre parents means faithless children. Are your children still under your care? Make the most of your opportunities as you "bring them up in nurture (let them see Christ in you) and the admonition (let them be encouraged by you) of the Lord." Before you know it you may be asking, "Where have all the children gone?"

- Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**  
  
Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, November 6, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Spirituality: The Holy Spirit"  
(Acts 2:36-41)  
P.M. "Remembering The Forgotten: Solomon"  
(2 Chronicles 1:7-12)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Fall Festival this past Sunday. We estimate that about 400 came and had a great time together. Thanks to: all the teens who set up and worked the booths, the many who baked cookies and brought candy, the folks who prepared and served the food, those who did the costume contest and those who helped cleanup. Way too many people to mention individually! Thank you all for a great event!

### BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Nov. 14. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to study God's Word and work together with a team to test over the material. We will be studying Joshua, Judges & Ruth this year. Our first test will be over Joshua 1-12. We will have a study session this Sunday, Nov. 6, from 11:30-3:00. Please bring money to eat at Wendy's. Study Sheets are available this week.

## COMMUNITY

### ..... by Don Crawford OPPORTUNITIES AT BETHESDA

Bethesda Health Clinic is a faith-based clinic dedicated to providing affordable, high quality, health care for the working uninsured of Smith County through a volunteer staff. Opportunities to serve our community through this effort include physicians, nurses, technicians, interpreting, child supervising, receptionists, clerical, maintenance, and patient advocates. Training and orientation is provided. If you are interested, please contact Don Crawford. What a great opportunity to make a difference in our community!

### PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

for West Erwin Benevolent Center  
Please bring your donations to the table in the foyer (small to medium size jars). Thank you!

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

The Bible School ministry is such a vital part of our church life but far too often we take it for granted. Far too often we become lackadaisical in our attendance as if to suggest that we already know enough about God's Word and therefore our attendance isn't necessary. My approach to my personal Bible study habits has always been to continue to be a good student of God's Word and I'm telling you that there is no better way to accomplish this goal than through faithful attendance to our Bible classes. Generally I am very optimistic in reporting to this congregation regarding our numbers but this report will be somewhat different. Our numbers are down in our Bible classes and in our worship attendance for this fall quarter. I'm not going to tell you why I believe that this is the case but I do want to challenge you to tell me what you think the problem is. Perhaps if you get involved in the solution process then we can make some changes that will see our attendance rise.

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 5	Family Hayride @ Snell's
Nov. 6	Bible Quiz Study Session
Nov. 6	High School Devotional
Nov. 13	LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 14	Bible Quiz
Nov. 18-20	Middle School Retreat

## DON'T FORGET THE WSM CAR CARE SERVICE

### Widows and Single Moms

Saturday, November 5, 2005  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
at the church building

### PRAYER WARRIORS

Your prayers are so important and very encouraging to the people on the prayer list. They have specifically asked for us to pray for certain matters. I am in the process of designing a prayer card to be sent out to these people. These will be available in 2 - 3 weeks. If you would like to be part of the *Prayer Warriors Ministry*, please contact Charles Westerfeld at westerfeld@evl.net. It's all done via e-mail. All the prayer requests come from people outside West Erwin.

I've attempted to dedicate my life to the service of God by coordinating Bible classes at three different churches. I have enjoyed this type of work very much. This week completes my 5th year at West Erwin and they have been great years. During this 5 year period our numbers have risen during our Sunday morning Bible classes at a slow and steady rate. Our Wednesday evening figures have skyrocketed. Let's not fumble the ball now. Let's dedicate ourselves to: **First**, making sure that we are here each and every time the doors are open and then **second**, to get others involved in attending our classes. We need to remember that if we accomplish these two goals then we can help fulfill the following educational goals here at West Erwin:

1. **Reaching** the lost through our Bible School ministry.
2. **Teaching** those who attend our classes.
3. **Winning** our students to Christ through evangelism.
4. **Maturing** all of our students into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you in Bible Class this Sunday and Wednesday.



## IN APPRECIATION

In the last year I have had five surgeries and three other procedures, and this last week I was diagnosed as being clear of any tumors. During that time, we have had many prayers offered to God for us. We also received many cards, calls, and expressions of concern. Each of these meant very much to Gwen and me. Thanks so much for your love. We love our church family at West Erwin.  
Gene Chandler

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Restland in Dallas for Juanita Lowry, former West Erwin member more recently living in the Christian Care Center in Mesquite. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Mary Gaiser is now in Garden Estates, 2055 Grande Blvd., 75703. Larry & Lynne Murphey, 917 Pam, 75703.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday night meals are back! Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please indicate on your attendance card if you plan to participate. It's important that we get an accurate count.

## BOLES CHILDRENS HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in the Tyler area the week of December 12-16. West Erwin asked to collect Cherry & Peach Pie Filling, Nuts (pecans, walnuts, peanuts, almonds, etc.), & Facial Tissue. Other items are also appreciated.

## LONGVIEW SEMINAR

The Alpine Church of Christ will be sponsoring a "Small Group Seminar," along with a preschool through grade school workshop at their facility on Saturday, November 12.

## 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!

## BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a Bridal Shower  
honoring Jennifer Garner,  
bride-elect of Charlie Scroggins  
(son of Doug and Cathy Scroggins)

Sunday, November 6, 3:30 - 4:30, Family Life Center  
Selections: Target  
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center - Cost \$15.00 per person  
Register no later than Wednesday, November 23rd,  
(must have final count and payment by November 26th)  
If you would like to donate a door prize, please contact Dale or Carolyn Blackstone.

## NEW ARRIVAL

Lillian Claire Mitchell arrived about a month early but at this time both mother and baby are doing fine. Lillie was born in Dallas October 29 to J.D. and Anna Mitchell and weighed 4 lb. 12 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Ella is the happy big sister and Jerry and Pat Mitchell are proud grandparents.

**HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of additional drivers to drive the church minibus on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. There are several people who depend on this transportation. Please call Don Ingram at 509-8955 if you would consider this ministry as a driver or as an alternate.

## W.O.W.

(Women of West Erwin)  
**Holiday Taste 'N See**  
Tuesday evening, November 15  
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.  
Family Life Center  
Taste favorite holiday foods  
(Sign up in foyer to bring your favorite)  
See holiday craft demonstrations  
(each one should bring a sock - any color but preferably a bright color to use as a hat for your ornament)

## SPECIAL EVENT AT NORTH TENNEHA

The North Tenneha church family invites you to the East Texas Unity conference on Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Several East Texas ministers will be participating in the conference. The subjects discussed will be relevant to today's issues in the church. In the eye of the storm of religious controversies, God can do something wonderful through the power of the pure Word. Please join us to pray for solidarity in the church. (see bulletin board in the office area for details).

**THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart**  
is aired each Sunday  
at 10:00 a.m. on KYTX-19



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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Don Crawford  
Prayer Dr. Dennis Stansbury  
Scripture Kevin Sustaire  
Dismiss James Sublette

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Ira Wilson  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Fred Wingate  
Scripture Jim Mayer  
Dismiss Glynn Starnes

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
Dalton Harris Jamon Kirby  
Matt Haws Robert Hilliard  
Charles Harris Darryl Hendrix  
Dayne Harris Marc Lemons

**GREETERS**  
Phil & Linda Marts & Grant DuVall  
Gary & Judy Mitcham & Tyler DuVall  
Gene & Leah Moon & Chistina Denman  
Visitor Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui

**Pick up cards November 13 & 20:** George Richardson, Spencer Shaw, Carson Hancock, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, November 13:**  
Nursery a.m.: Frances Broome; Nursery p.m.: Rita Sitton;  
Toddlers a.m.: Donella Jackson & Judy Yates; Toddlers  
p.m.: Camille & Mollie Mink; 2's: Mark & Melissa Frick;  
3's & 4's: Todd & Jana Hancock.

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Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit  
Don Crawford - Involvement

**MISSIONS**  
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Keith Hodges  
Jeff Holland

**ELDERS**  
Jay Bynum  
Phil Marts  
James Sublette

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Danny Snell - Youth

Ron Lott  
Dannie Skipper  
Leon Welborn

**ASSEMBLIES**

**SUNDAY**  
Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.  
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Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.  
11:30 A.M.

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

7:00 P.M.

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### GOD IS DEAD?

When the 19th century German philosopher, Fredrich Wilhelm Nietzsche, announced that "God is dead," needless to say he caused quite a furor. Neitzsche was not the first to make this bold claim, and neither was he the last. In our times a renewed shock was created among modern man with Thomas J.J. Altizer's assertion that echoed Nietzsche. What did these men, and others, mean when they proclaimed that "God is dead"? First, it should be observed that the disciples of the "God is dead" philosophy chose not to believe in the God of revelation and history. Having made a choice not to believe, it was a short step for them to assert that the biblical concept of God was dead, or at least dying. Second, the proponents of the "God is dead" theory were saying that people were beginning to stop believing in God and with their unbelief the concept of absolute values and God's claim on our lives was irrelevant and died with belief. Of course, this entire line of reasoning is without any basis in fact and the "God is dead" movement, as such, has little effect on most of our lives. We believe that the God of the Bible is alive and well and will be long after the

"God is dead" advocates are forgotten. However, there just may be an element of truth in what Nietzsche, Altizer, and others were saying. We reject their reasoning and their conclusion but the fact remains that when God and his will no longer have influence on one's daily life, God is dead to them! Consider the man who sits in church on Sunday but is dishonest in business on Monday. Consider the woman who sings "Oh, how I love Jesus" on Sunday, but thinks little of him as she gossips on the phone on Monday. Or what about the young person who serves communion on Sunday and cheats on an exam on Monday. God is; God is alive; God rules his world; God's Word is the Bible; and one day God will judge us all. But, if God goes unacknowledged in the way we live, is he not dead to us? And if God is not allowed to impact our lives on a daily basis, what hope is there for us? If this is how it is, we are left only with the pessimism and despair of Nietzsche and Altizer. I prefer the optimism and hope that comes through practical and daily faith. What about you?

- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, November 13, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

**A.M. "Spirituality: The Holy Spirit"(2)**  
(Matthew 3:13-17)

**P.M. "Remembering The Forgotten: Jeroboam and Rehoboam" (I Kings 12:12-16)**

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Hayley Wilson who won a 1st Division @ UIL Twirling Competition for Individual Solo & Group. She will be going to State as well!

Congratulations to Lauren Gravley and the Overton Band who went to the State Marching Contest this week. Way to go!

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## COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

### THE CHURCH: A COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION

The more I read the New Testament and reflect on the life of Christ the more amazed I become that our perfect God would enter our world and walk along side people like me. As I place myself along the plum-line of Scripture, I expect God to be irritated with my inconsistencies, frustrated by my imperfections, and angry with my frequent failures. Yet I find only compassion.

Matthew 9:36 is one of those times: "When He saw the crowds He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd."

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 *Douglas L. Yates*

November 12th will be a special day for our preschool and elementary teachers as well as our small group leaders. The Alpine Church of Christ will be hosting two separate seminars for these two groups from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We've been announcing this seminar for a while now and the date is finally here. I hope everyone who attends this seminar will enjoy it. May God continually bless us in our efforts as teachers and small group leaders. Let's put into practice what we learn at these seminars.

Let me take a moment to thank everyone who helped out with our annual hay ride for our kindergarten through 5th graders. Our young ones really enjoy this time together. It was a blessing to see the joy on their faces as we met together for a good meal, had a devotional that centered on the theme of our earth and the heavens, and then enjoyed a hay ride. Danny and Lisa Snell were wonderful hosts.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Remember to sign up for the Middle School Retreat. The dates are Nov. 18-20. The cost will be \$30. Please sign up no later than Sunday, Nov. 13. All of those in grades 6-8 are invited. We plan to leave @ 5:00 on Friday and return in time for church on Sunday. The theme this year will be SYLO (Serving Yahweh Loving Others). Make plans to attend! This will be a great weekend at Lone Star!

### BIBLE QUIZ

The East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Monday, Nov. 14. Students need to meet at the Shiloh Rd. Church @ 6:45. Your parents can pick you up at the Braums on 110 @ 8:35. Study hard!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 13	LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 14	Bible Quiz
Nov. 18-20	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 20	Small Groups Meet
Nov. 27	Out To Eat

"When He saw the crowds ..." What do we normally see when encountering crowds? Noisy, rude people. People who tend to violate our space. Yet when Jesus saw them He saw distressed people. He saw their problems. We usually see the people as the problem.

He was compassionate even to those who seem to deserve condemnation. From the woman taken in adultery (John 8) to the thief on the cross (Luke 23) the Lord emphasized compassion over condemnation.

Compassion is a tough, risky way of life. It's not for cowards. It requires commitment. Jesus spent three years in a ministry that was driven by compassion and He has commissioned us to reach out to those in our generation who are hurting. Let's learn to see people with His eyes. Let's learn to be a community of compassion

Now, to our young professionals, let me share some dates that you will need to mark on your calendars. *First*, let's remember that the Shiloh Road congregation will be hosting our weekly F-3 (food, fun and fellowship) devotional. We will begin at 7:00 p.m. November 17th. Don't miss this event. *Second*, we will have their annual hay ride on December 1st. Once again we will meet at Sherrill Little's ranch for some food, fun and fellowship. Doug Hufstедler, Tyler Collegiate Outreach director, is over seeing this event. Let's make sure that we mark this date on our calendars. *Third*, also mark December 8th. On this date we will have a holiday party for our young professionals. The details for this event are not completely finalized as of right now but the date has been set. This event will also be coordinated through the Tyler Collegiate Outreach ministry.

### Tyler Collegiate Outreach Calendar of Events

November 17th	Coordinators meeting at Luby's (11:00 a.m.) F-3 devotional at Shiloh (7:00 p.m.)
December 1st	Hay ride at Sherrill Little's ranch
8th	Holiday Party (TBA)



### IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for everything! Thank you for the food, cards, and prayers.  
Greg Anding

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Dear West Erwin Family,

Thanks so much for every kindness you showed to myself and to my family at the time of Ben's death. Thanks for all the telephone calls, the cards, the flowers, the luncheon and for the nice attendance at the funeral. All of us miss West Erwin, but we have had such splendid medical care since moving to Sugar Land and also being close to Deb and Brian. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.

Love,  
Patsy Young

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To all our friends at West Erwin,

We love and appreciate all you did for us during my (Jane) surgery, the food, cards and prayers. What great Christian friends we have.

In Christian Love,  
Larry & Jane Ground

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, visits, food, and especially your prayers during my recent hospitalization. Your loving care and concern is appreciated very much.

Sue Starnes

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Dear West Erwin family,

I want to let you know how much I have appreciated your cards of love and prayers. After a biopsy the doctors were able to determine that what they were seeing was not cancer but the beginning of a goiter. We are very relieved and have been given the go ahead to start planning a family. Thank you for lifting me up during this uncertain time. I find myself so blessed with your love.

Sincerely,  
Ginger Pippin

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Carolyn and I want to thank everyone that helped during the hurricane relief efforts. Your outflowing of love and compassion had a lasting effect on our whole community with God receiving the glory. The following note from Schlesinger Nursing Home for Alzheimers patients in Beaumont reinforces my message. Thanks again for helping fulfill their needs.

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone

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Dear Brother Dale and members,

On behalf of the residents and staff, thank you for all that you did for us during the evacuation. We would have suffered such a severe hardship had it not been for the food, supplies and time you gave us. We will never forget you and we look forward to meeting again. May God bless.

Neda Wilson  
Schlesinger Nursing Home

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Candace Montgomery on her recent induction into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society at Tyler Junior College!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

Wednesday night meals are back! Prices are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Please indicate on your attendance card if you plan to participate. It's important that we get an accurate count.

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Tommy and Kay Parrish** to the West Erwin church. They are the parents of our Jeff Parrish and are already considered an important part of our church family. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 3118 Andy Lane, 75701, ph. 566-0376.

**Robert and Alice Wilson** came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They recently moved from Plano and have been attending here for several weeks. We are delighted to welcome them into our fellowship. Their address is 9300 Irish Moss Drive, 75703, ph. 489-1389.



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Family Life Center - Cost \$15.00 per person

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### W.O.W.

(Women of West Erwin)

**Holiday Taste 'N See**

Tuesday evening, November 15

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Taste favorite holiday foods

(Sign up in foyer to bring your favorite)

See holiday craft demonstrations

(each one should bring a sock - any color but preferably a bright color to use as a hat for your ornament)

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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Records	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	439	414	426
Worship A.M.	605	625	658
Worship P.M.	411	388	400
Wed. P.M.	370	330	281
Contribution	\$21,595.84	\$24,825.75	\$20,391.08
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(11-13-05 Bldg. Fund \$1,370.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, November 20, and Wed., Nov. 23:** Charles O'Neal, ph. 509-3582. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - **Harold Denman** got a good report after recent tests. **Nettie Potts** got a good report after surgery Tuesday for removal of basal cell carcinoma of her nose. **Gary Nunn** is now in The Clairmont. **Theresa Edwards**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's son-in-law's grandmother, is gravely ill with cancer in Lubbock. Continue to remember **Jo Anders**; **Greg Anding**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Delle Bullard**; **Alice Cain**, Gary's mother; **Tillie Carpenter**; **Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Mary Cutshall** (undergoing chemo); **Lela Duncan**; **Clelia Elliott**; **Mary Gaiser**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Buck Hamilton**; **John & Mabel Holbert**; **Cliff Hudspeth**, Kyle McRuiz's father-in-law; **Ed Hunt**; **Modena Jones**; **Buddy Kennedy**; **Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance**; **Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Teen Matysiak**; **Ruth Meazell**; **Shirley McClenny**; **Carolyn McCune**; **W.A. Monk**; **Frances Moore**; **Bill Mullins**; **Kay Parrish**; **Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; **Stephanie Ruddell**; **Judy Smith**; **Paul & Signa Stanley**; **Sue Starnes**; **Robert & Pat Stokes**; **Carl Stowers**; **Pattie Tate**; **Gloria Thigpen**; **Harley Turner**; **Bobbie Wilson**; **Don Young**, Sharon Wester's son's grandfather-in-law; **Don Young**, Edie's husband; & **Patsy Young**.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship     Don Crawford  
Prayer                     Greg Jones  
Scripture                 Roger Howell  
Dismiss                     Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
David Blaylock

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer                     Ponder Wright, Jr.  
Scripture                 Brody Clark  
Dismiss                     David Asbill

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Dalton Harris             Jamon Kirby  
Matt Haws                 Robert Hilliard  
Charles Harris             Darryl Hendrix  
Dayne Harris                 Marc Lemons

GREETERS

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Payton Fedell  
Noel & Jean Parker & Tanner Fedell  
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Christina Denman  
Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham  
Joe & Frances McBee

**Pick up cards November 20:** George Richardson, Spencer Shaw, Carson Hancock, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

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Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: Stefan & Rebecca Andrews; 3's & 4's: Heath & Kandi Adams.

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## END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

In addition to our regular worship and class times, the end of the year brings some special events and alterations in schedules for West Erwin. Mark your calendars and be fully involved in all activities in the weeks ahead.

Saturday, December 3 - The annual Holiday Banquet for adults in the Family Life Center at 6:30. Sign up through Wednesday, November 30, in the main foyer.

Sunday, December 4 - Emphasis upon the work in Russia with Sammy Flannery (Sunset International Bible Institute) and Jerry Sisemore (Director of Barnaul School of Preaching) teaching a combined class in our auditorium at 9:00 a.m., Jay Lockhart preaching at 10:00

a.m. and (Teacher in the Barnaul School of Preaching) preaching at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 11 - Special year-end contribution for our threefold building program. Regular service schedule.

Sunday, December 25 - There will be no classes on this day and one worship service at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 30 - Area-Wide Singing at the University congregation at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2006 - Regular Sunday schedule  
- Jay Lockhart

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Ephesians 3:20-21

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A.M. "Spirituality: The Holy Spirit"(3)  
(I Corinthians 12:12-20)  
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## **COMMUNITY**

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

### **NOT JUST GO TO CHURCH**

I believe there is a revolution taking place among the people of this nation and yes, even in West Erwin. "Going to church" has been a phrase used all my life. We've all heard the phrase. We've all used the phrase. "Going to church" has been a mark of *Spiritual Growth* for generations. Yet, "going to church" is no longer the desire of many who belong to Christ -- we want to "be the church." Never has this been made clearer to me than this past week when a special plea was made to "be the church" by helping a widow lady who was very distressed.

### **"Heirs Of Life Together"**

**I Peter 3:7      Douglas L. Yates**

Teachers of our preschool through 1st grade, please be sure to stop by the office and pick up your winter quarter teaching material. Also, if you have any unused material from the fall quarter, please give it to Velma Lemons. We have a church that is in need of unused material and this would be a great way to help them out.

Several people have asked me what our class schedule will be on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving (November 23rd). Most of us will be meeting in the small auditorium for a devotional centered on giving thanks. Only our preschool classes will meet in their regular classrooms. This has become a tradition here at West Erwin and it is a special time for all of us to give thanks. I've told you many times that Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday of the year. I thoroughly enjoy spending time with my family (generally in Arkansas) during this holiday. It has become a great time for my family to renew relationships.

## **BIBLE QUIZ**

The East Texas Bible Quiz started this past Monday. West Erwin had 3 teams participating. The next Quiz will be in late January. The text is Joshua 13- Judges 5. Study sheets will be available Sunday.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT**

Please pray for all of those going on the retreat this weekend. The cost will be \$30. We plan to leave @ 5:00 on Friday and return in time for church on Sunday. The theme this year will be SYLO (Serving Yahweh Loving Others). This will be a great weekend at Lone Star!

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Nov. 18-20      Middle School Retreat**  
**Nov. 20          Small Groups Meet**  
**Nov. 27          Out To Eat**

James says, "Do not merely listen to the word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1:22). Then he says, "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (1:27). Not only do we lend a helping hand, but are also keeping ourselves from being polluted by world views that are selfish and arrogant.

So, I say thank you. Thank you for your outpouring of generosity and concern for this lady. Thank you for "being the church." May each of you find renewal in the being. May God bless His church everywhere as we discover the joy of being and not just going to church.

Let me go ahead at this time and tell you about our class schedule on December 28th. The last Wednesday night of the year has been a time that the area churches get together for a "year-end" celebration of singing, prayers, and scripture readings. So, on December 28th we will not have our regular Wednesday evening classes. This year's year-end celebration will be at the University church of Christ. Also, mark December 4th as a day when all of our adult classes will meet in the auditorium on Sunday morning to hear about the Russian work. Then on December 25th we will not have classes but will meet at our regular worship time for our worship services.

Recently Sheri Figueroa told me she would not be able to teach in the Bible school ministry any more. I would like to take a moment to thank Sheri for the long term commitment that she has had with our children here at West Erwin. She is a wonderful teacher who puts a lot of effort into her classes. Sheri, you will be missed. Rest assured you have made a tremendous impact on our youth for generations to come. Thank you for your labor of love.

## **LADIES CLASS**

There will be no Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class the week of Thanksgiving. Enjoy the holiday with your families.

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

There will be no Wednesday night meal on November 23. There will be a special devotional time that evening for everyone in the small auditorium (except the preschool classes which will meet as usual).

### **PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY**

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### **PSALM 23 (for the work place)**

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

- selected

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

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**HELP NEEDED:** Please call Don Ingram at 509-8955 if you would consider helping with the minibus ministry as a driver or an alternate on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. There are several people who depend on this transportation.

**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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.



## **BAPTISM**

We rejoice with **Grant DuVall** in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism Wednesday night. He is the son of Aaron and Jean DuVall and has been taught the Christian way of life by godly parents all his life. Grant is in the 7th grade. Their address is 16215 FM 2964, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1840.

### **WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

We are delighted to welcome **Darrell and Nell Beard** into the West Erwin family. They have been attending for several weeks and came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with this congregation. They are good folks and will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 9308 Irish Moss, Tyler, 75703, ph. 903-839-6388.

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### **HOLIDAY DOGWOOD JAMBOREE**

The Young at Heart group is planning a trip to the Dogwood Jamboree in Palestine on Saturday, December 17. Please sign the sheet on the Visitor Center if you would like attend.

### **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.
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Worship A.M.	628	605	651
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Wed. P.M.	330	370	271
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Prayer Glen May  
Scripture Dick Higginbotham  
Dismiss Leon Welborn

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Greg Walker  
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Prayer Buck Nowell  
Scripture Mark Sweeney  
Dismiss Todd Kempton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Bill McCain Larry Moore  
Joe McBee Mike McClenny  
Phil Marts Stan Mallory  
Jim McDonald Forest McFadden


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Fred & Sara Powell & Chase Fisher  
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## WHO'S GOING TO CHURCH?

It might surprise you to know that a relatively low percentage of the population of Texas goes to church on Sunday -- 19:1%. The national average stands at 18:7% based upon actual attendance figures compared to population. There have been national polls that have indicated a higher percentage of church attendance, but these polls were based upon what people said about church attendance rather than what people actually did. Are you surprised that less than 1 in 5 people in Texas are in church on any given Sunday? If people are asked, "Do you attend church?" as many as 45% may say, "Yes." However, if the same people are asked, "Were you in church last Sunday?" less than 20% may say, "yes." How does this play out in the congregation where you attend? Several years ago I was talking with a preacher about the church for which he preached, and I asked him, "How many members do you have?" After he gave the answer I noted the attendance of this church was

only about 32% of this number. Recently I looked at the numbers at West Erwin. I divided our members and adherents (children and attending nonmembers) into our average attendance on Sunday mornings, minus visitors, and found that our attendance percentage is 60%. Does that surprise you? If you are reading these words and do not attend West Erwin, you might look at your own congregation and see how you compare. I know about shut-ins, those who are sick on a given Sunday, and those who are traveling, but the numbers are still amazing. It might be a good exercise to consider our personal attendance over the course of the past year and ask ourselves if we have done what we should have done; how we could have done better; and what we can do to improve in the new year.

*"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"*  
(Hebrews 10:25)

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## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### ATTRIBUTES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Several attributes of the Lord's body are made plain to us in Scripture. The first of these, and I will print one each week in this article, is the Lord's church absorbs pain.

The Old Testament foretold Jesus would bear our suffering and our punishment (Isaiah 52). At the synagogue, Jesus declared His mission was to bring good news to the poor and the suffering (Luke 4). Jesus cemented His declaration in Matthew 11:28 by saying, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest." The church, as the body of Christ, will be a community in which pain and suffering can be brought to rest. Jesus did not absorb pain from a distance and neither can the church, His body. Therefore, our

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our winter quarter is approaching fast and with the new quarter we will have many opportunities to attend new classes, which are geared specifically to your needs.

Let me take just a moment to introduce our ladies to their class topics for the winter quarter.

1. Every Sunday morning a group of ladies will gather in room 114. This class is coordinated by Sue Starnes and they study a host of materials. The material they are currently studying is from the book of Colossians.
2. Each Wednesday morning several of our ladies meet at the church building at 10:00 a.m. For their weekly Bible study. For the remainder of this calendar year they will be studying: Renewing Your Spiritual Life. Fern Bench coordinates this class.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Thanks to all of those who went on the Middle School Retreat this past weekend. We had a wonderful weekend of spiritual growth. Let's keep looking for those invisible people! Thanks to Shannon Snell, Sarah Scarborough, Shaun & Joanna Stamps, Wendy Culpepper & Barry Scarborough for going as sponsors.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Dec. 4	Combined Devotional
Dec. 9	Middle School Holiday Party
Dec. 10	High School Holiday Party
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Dec. 26-31	Family Ski Trip
Feb. 3-5	High School Servant Retreat

mission is to open our doors inviting in the pain and suffering of our community.

If living for God is not a challenge, nor a struggle, nor a risk, if it does not require giving of ourselves, then it becomes stagnant and lifeless.

### SMALL GROUP INFORMATION

About 350 people are involved in the small groups that meet on the third Sunday evening of each month. It serves as a great time of fellowship and a place to share your prayer concerns. Newcomers are not assigned to a small group, but are added either by a geographical location, or needs basis. Now would be a great time to step forward and say, we would like to be active in a small group. We are always looking to birth new groups as well. If you have questions, contact me and I will do my best to help you.

3. Then on Wednesday evenings our ladies have two opportunities presented to them. One of the classes meets in the chapel. This class is coordinated by Arlene Lockhart. Arlene has asked Carolyn Womack to teach this quarter and her study is entitled: Can I Fly? The other ladies class meets in the Family Life Center. This class is coordinated by Gail Vannoy. Gail has asked Jean DuVall to teach this quarter and her study is entitled: Women Opening The Word.

Ladies, as you can see, we provide a host of opportunities for you. For years many of you have taken advantage of these opportunities but some have not. To those who still are not attending one of our ladies classes, please start this winter. You won't regret it! May God continually bless our ladies as they grow in Christ.

Well, I saved the last little section of this week's bulletin article to let our men know they are not forgotten here at West Erwin. You all will have the opportunity of attending a men's class on Wednesday evenings that meets in room 112. This class has been meeting for a couple of years and it is very well attended. Tim Grounds coordinates this effort.



## IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ family,

Just to let you know Bill is doing great. The broken cheek bone, the other cheek bone fractured, the broken jaw, broken chin and broken bone in his upper gum are all healing on their own. No wires needed. The hole in his lung healed on its own. And the internal bleeding stopped. They don't know why but we do. The Great Physician heard all of your prayers. Thank you, thank you and may God bless each one of you.

The Bill Terry family

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Dear Church,

Your kindness is appreciated far more than you can know. Thank you for the cards, calls and visits, and for those healing prayers.

Love,  
Nettie Potts

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

*Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.*

If you think you are beaten, you are.  
If you think you dare not, you don't.  
If you like to win but think you can't,  
it's almost certain that you won't.  
Life's battles don't always go  
to the stronger woman or man,  
but sooner or later, those who win  
are those who think they can.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICES OF EAST TEXAS

CSET is seeking mature Christian couples who are interested in becoming licensed as foster or foster to adopt families. If you have ever considered being a foster parent then please call and find out more about this exciting opportunity. Children in foster care generally have had difficult experiences with family which impacts their behavior. What an opportunity God has placed before us not only to parent and role model Christ but to minister to the souls of those who need His healing touch. Our goal is to start a training class after the New Year so please call now to get more information. Contact David Asbill @903-509-0558 or dasbill@christianhomes.com.

## HOLIDAY DOGWOOD JAMBOREE

The Young at Heart group is planning a trip to the Dogwood Jamboree in Palestine on Saturday, December 17. Please sign the sheet on the Visitor Center if you would like attend.

"A happy heart is good medicine and a cheerful mind works healing, but a broken spirit dries up the bones" Proverbs 17:22 (AMP)

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

**J.R. and Sylvia Tharpe** came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. J.R. grew up at West Erwin and we are very pleased to welcome him back home. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 330 FM 315S, mail: P.O. Box 704, Chandler, Texas 75758, ph. 849-2626.

**Sonny and Sharon Hale** wish to be recognized as members of the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we are delighted to welcome them into our family. Their address is 6497 FM 724, 75704, ph. 903-592-4750.

## BAPTISM

Sharon Hale was baptized into Christ Monday afternoon following a study with Jay Lockhart.

## ADDRESS CHANGES:

Ed & Margie Hunt, P.O. Box, Bullard, Texas 75757.  
Clelia Faye Elliott, 5317 New Copeland Rd. #129, 75703.

## ANNUAL HOLIDAY BANQUET

Saturday, December 3, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.  
Family Life Center - Cost \$15.00 per person  
Register no later than Wednesday, November 23rd,

(must have final count and payment by  
November 26th)

If you would like to donate a door prize, please  
contact Dale or Carolyn Blackstone.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday night meals, please be sure to mark your card on Sunday so that we can know how many to prepare for.

## GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS

There will be Grief Support Group meetings Sunday evenings, December 4, 11, & 18, (during church) and Wednesdays December 7, 14, & 21 (during church).

## BOLES CHILDRENS HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in the Tyler area the week of December 12-16. West Erwin asked to collect Cherry & Peach Pie Filling, Nuts (pecans, walnuts, peanuts, almonds, etc.), & Facial Tissue. Other items are also appreciated.

## THINKABOUT IT ...

"It is the simplest things, not the great occasions, that in retrospect give off the greatest glow of happiness."

"It isn't the big pleasures that count the most, it's making a great deal out of the little ones."

"Humor helps us to overlook the unbecoming, understand the unconventional, tolerate the unpleasant, overcome the unexpected, and outlast the unbearable.

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Bible Class	412	460	455
Worship A.M.	650	628	616
Worship P.M.	376	405	389
Wed. P.M.	NC	330	NC
Contribution	\$19,533.92	\$20,587.79	\$18,875.10
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(11-27-05 Bldg. Fund \$1,280.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 4, and Wed., Dec. 7:** Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

**PRAYER AND CARE - Joe McBee** got a good report after tests, will not require surgery. **Harold Denman** had hernia repair surgery Thursday. **Louise Harris** is scheduled for a heart cath December 16. **Gary Nunn** is in The Clairmont. **Nelda Smith** is scheduled for cancer surgery December 13. Continue to remember **Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Alice Cain**, Gary's mother; **Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Mary Cutshall; Lela Duncan; Theresa Edwards**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's son-in-law's grandmother; **Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Ed Hunt; Modena Jones; Buddy Kennedy; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Ruth Meazell; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes granddaughter; **Kay Parrish; Nettie Potts; Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jo Rousseau**, Danielle & Jordan's grandmother; **Stephanie Ruddell; Judy Smith; Paul & Signa Stanley; Sue Starnes; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson; Don Young**, Sharon Wester's son's grandfather-in-law; **Don Young**, Edie's husband; & **Patsy Young**.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Dr. Jay Lockhart  
Prayer Tom Hale  
Scripture G.W. Cliver  
Dismiss Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Bob Paul  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer D.L. Thompson  
Dismiss Joel Knox


SERVING LORD'S SUPPER  
Bill McCain Larry Moore  
Joe McBee Mike McClenny  
Phil Marts Stan Mallory  
Jim McDonald Forest McFadden

GREETERS  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Lauren Gravley  
Joe & Connie Roach & Nathan Grounds  
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Hannah Grounds  
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack  
Louise Seaberry

**Pick up cards December 4:** Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Parker Hall, Jeffrey Scarborough, & Keaton Conder.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 4:**  
Nursery a.m.: Debbie Bynum; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddlers a.m.: Judy & Kristen Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Kristi & Megan Harris; 2's: Cody & Larisa Mitcham; 3's & 4's: David & Sharon Hammond.

MINISTERS		ASSEMBLIES	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
		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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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- December will be a busy month for most of us. Many will be out of town over Christmas and others will have family members visiting in Tyler. In the midst of the holiday season, let's be involved with our church family as we have opportunity. Here are some things to keep in mind as we enter the final month of the year.
- December 3 - The Annual Holiday Banquet Family Life Center at 6:30 Entertainment will include dinner music by Daniel DuPree; Tim "The Country Cousin" Grounds; and Lacie Carpenter, an outstanding musician.
  - December 4 - Combined Adult Bible classes in the main auditorium at 9:00 a.m. Speaker: Jerry Sisemore, Barnaul, Russia
  - December 11 - Special Year End Contribution for our Building Fund
  - December 25 - Worship at 10:00 a.m. (only service scheduled)
  - December 23 - church office will close at noon and be closed on Monday, December 26.
  - December 28 - Annual Year End Singing at 7:00 p.m. at the University Church of Christ. - Jay Lockhart
- Worship 10:00 a.m. - Speaker: Dr. Jay Lockhart  
Worship 5:00 p.m. - Speaker: Alex Mokrov, Barnaul, Russia

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, December 4, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Therefore, Stand"  
(2 Thessalonians 2:13-17)

P.M. Alex Mokrov

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by *Danny*

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Thanks to all who came to the LTC Sign-up this past Sunday. If you were unable to attend, we need your registration ASAP! All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to attend. LTC has continued to be a great blessing to all of those who participate, both adults and students. Call me with questions. It is very important for you to sign up ASAP!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle & high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to join this great time together. We will be finished at 8:30.

## COMMUNITY

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

### ATTRIBUTES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Several attributes of the Lord's body are made plain to us in Scripture. The first of these was the Lord's church absorbs pain. Jesus did not absorb pain from a distance and neither can the church.

Secondly, the body of Christ is called to proclaim hope in a despairing world. Now, if we claim that the gospel offers hope to the world, we must be willing to flesh that hope out as living sacrifices to that reality. Opening our eyes to the misery of poverty and helping by becoming part of the solution to help change the conditions that produce their despair. Offering encouragement is what gives people hope and making that hope real is to be an attribute of the body of Christ.

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

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

Our winter quarter is here and I want to take a moment to tell everyone about the winter schedule for our adult classes on Sunday morning.

1. Across the street in our Family Life Center *Todd Hancock* will be teaching the "Adventurers Class" on the subject of: *Hard Sayings Of Jesus.*
2. Across the parking lot in our Fellowship Hall *Jay Lockhart* will teach the "Seekers Class" on the subject of: *That You May Know: I John.*
3. In the Heritage Room *Ira Wilson* will teach the "Conquerors Class." Ira will be dealing with the *Minor Prophets* in his study.
4. I'll be continuing my study on *Fitting All the Pieces Together.* This study is geared toward our young professionals (graduated seniors through age 25). We meet in room 111.

## HABITAT HOUSE

We still need to raise about \$2,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston St. We need your help! We will have a workday on Saturday, Dec. 3 @ 1:00 to help Dayne Harris with the Landscaping. We will also work on Thursday, Dec. 8 from 9:00-12:00 and Saturday, Dec. 10 from 9:00-12:00 to finish all the details and lay the grass. The dedication will be Sunday, Dec. 11. Make plans to attend!

### IMPORTANT DATES

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### NEED YOUR ANTIFREEZE CHECKED?

Remember the WSM Car Care Service (widows and single mothers) that is being provided on the first Saturday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 am at the church building. It will only take a few minutes! Saturday, December 3rd.

### PICTURES OF NEW MEMBERS

Pictures of our new members will be taken Sunday, December 4th in the small auditorium. If you have not been scheduled for a picture, please plan to have your picture taken immediately following the morning worship assembly.

### MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

Change for Children cans  
are to be returned  
by  
December 18

5. *Brody Clark* teaches the "Discoverers Class." They meet in room 112. Brody's subject matter for the winter quarter will be: *A Textual Look At I John.*
6. As I mentioned in last week's bulletin the ladies class which meets in room 114 will continue their study on *Colossians.*
7. *Ray Vannoy* will be teaching on lessons from the book of *Romans.* He teaches our "Inquirers Class" which meets in the chapel.
8. In the small auditorium *Stan Mallory* will continue his study from the book of *II Corinthians.* Stan teaches the "Searchers Class."
9. Our "Explorers Class" which is taught by *Forest McFadden* will meet in the main auditorium. Forest will teach on the subject of: *I Peter.*

Let me take a moment to remind all of our adult teachers that as our building projects continue things will get a little hectic in the next few months. Some adjustments will have to be made and some classes will have to be moved around. We will try our best to make it as convenient as possible for our membership but there will be some adjustments. Please be patient!



## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your calls, cards, and especially your prayers. Lillie came home Sunday afternoon. She is doing very well. Many of you have mentioned bringing food and we feel blessed to have so many brothers and sisters in Christ care about us. Our doctors, however, have strongly advised us to keep her indoors and limit her visitors. Since she is a preemie she is very susceptible to a respiratory virus called RSV that can cause serious complications for her. Please just continue to pray for her and us as her parents. We love you all.

J.D. & Anna Mitchell

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Dear Church family,

It is such a blessing to be part of West Erwin. These past few years would have been almost impossible to bear without your love and prayers. Ya'll have made my recent recovery so much easier. Thank you all so very much!

Love to you all,  
Carolyn McCune

## NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mike and Linda McClenny on the birth of a new grandson! Wyatt Shane Parker was born to Adam and Leigh Ann Parker on November 22. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long.

## WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Forney, Texas for Calvin Morgan, Carlos Morgan's brother. Our love and sympathy is extended to Carlos and to all the family.

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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## A GIFT LIST ANYONE CAN AFFORD

The gift of listening, even when we are busy and don't want to be bothered.

The gift of a handshake, pat on the back, or a hug.

The gift of a note or letter long put off.

The gift of laughter, a cartoon or quip, a riddle or joke.

The gift of a game with a person who needs a partner.

The gift of a favor at the least expected time.

The gift of cheerfulness to those around you.

The gift of privacy for the others who need it.

The gift of a compliment.

The gift of a smile.

The gift of a prayer for all those you gifted above.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday night meals, please be sure to mark your card on Sunday so that we can know how many to prepare for. The menu for December 7 is Mexican food.

## HOLIDAY DOGWOOD JAMBOREE

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## DON'T FORGET THE WSM CAR CARE SERVICE

**Widows and Single Moms**

Saturday, December 3, 2005

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the church building

## RETIREMENT

Dr. Marian Rowe is retiring as professor from the University of Texas at Tyler College of Nursing in December. We wish for her a happy and healthy retirement as she begins a new phase in her life.

## 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

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Christian Homes, a domestic adoption and maternity care ministry, has been blessed with an abundance of opportunities to minister to young women with unplanned pregnancies who have decided to place their child for adoption. Christian Homes is committed to fulfilling its promise to each young woman to find a loving, Christian couple to adopt her child. If you or a Christian couple you know have considered adopting, please call Christian Homes at 1-800-592-4725 for more information or visit their website at [www.christianhomes.com](http://www.christianhomes.com).

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Bible Class	401	412	395
Worship A.M.	608	650	579
Worship P.M.	NC	376	351
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	303
Contribution	\$21,624.66	\$20,587.79	\$22,057.24
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(12-4-05 Bldg. Fund \$1,525.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 11, and Wed., Dec. 14:** Fred Powell, ph. 593-5229. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE - Kay Parrish** had a blood clot removed Tuesday in Dallas. **Gloria Thigpen** is undergoing treatment. **Louise Harris** is scheduled for a heart cath December 16. **Bettye Price, Carolyn Womack, and Betty Barajas** are all scheduled for eye surgeries next week. **Gary Nunn** is in The Clairmont. **Nelda Smith** is scheduled for cancer surgery December 13. **John Meazell, Bill & Ruth's** grandson and Chelsea's brother, is scheduled for surgery Dec. 27. **Buddy Kennedy**, Rita Sitton's brother, is scheduled for cancer surgery again. Continue to remember **Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth**, Les' mother; **Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Mary Cutshall; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Kimberlee Lawless**, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; **Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin**, Sandie's dad; **Herb Luke**, Irene Whaley's brother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Ruth Meazell; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Crystal Murray**, Sue Starnes granddaughter; **Taylor Nicole Reaves**, (undergoing chemo); **Jeff & Stephanie Ruddell; Judy Smith; Paul Stanley; Sue Starnes; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson; Don Young**, Sharon Wester's son's grandfather-in-law; & **Don Young**, Edie's husband.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY  
Call to worship Dr. Jay Lockhart  
Prayer James Hardin  
Scripture Jon Sorrells  
Dismiss Don Durham

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE**  
Bob Threadgill  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY  
Prayer Fred Powell  
Scripture Mark Frick  
Dismiss David Hammond

**SERVING LORD'S SUPPER**  
David Gravley Richard Gregory  
Nathan Grounds Scott Hackett  
Tim Grounds Ira Groom  
James Gullion Bob Hackett

**GREETERS**  
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Dayne Harris  
Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Dalton Harris  
James & Connie Sublette & Tailor Jackson  
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan  
Bill & Donna Mullins

**Pick up cards December 11 & 18:** Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Bryson Bellar, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 11:**  
Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Debbie Bynum; Toddlers a.m.: Donna Mullins & Arlene Lockhart; Toddlers p.m.: Donni & Caitlin Cook; 2's: Brody & Kimberly Clark; 3's & 4's: Stuart & Kathy Means.

<b>MINISTERS</b>		<b>ASSEMBLIES</b>	
Dr. Jay Lockhart - Pulpit	Doug Yates - Education	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Bible School ..... 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A.M.
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Rafael Falcon	Keith Hodges	Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
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Jay Bynum	Don Durham	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	(903) 592-0809	
		Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	
			11:30 A.M.

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### BARNAUL, RUSSIA

If I were to ask you, "What is the mission of the church?", most would answer, "The salvation of the lost." Jesus came to "seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10), and the church is to "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:16). All that we do, whether it be teaching, benevolence, or edification, must have as its goal the salvation of people. That's why we preach and teach at home, in Mexico, in Pennsylvania, in Africa, and in Europe. Last Sunday we saw first hand the results of our work in Barnaul, Russia. What a blessing it was to have Sammy Flannery, who works as Mission Coordinator to Europe with Sunset International Bible Institute, Jerry Sisemore, Director of the School of Preaching in Barnaul, Russia, Alex Mokrov, Instructor in the School of Preaching, and Alex's wife Lena with us. Jerry presented a most informative report during our class time on the work of the school and its impact on Russia and Alex warmed our hearts with his touching

presentation on Sunday evening. Having these wonderful people with us put flesh and bones on our work in Russia and we are encouraged to stay the course.

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

This Sunday, December 11, we will have the opportunity to make a special contribution toward our current three-phase building program. Progress is being made on these projects which will help us serve the Lord more effectively from the Heart of Tyler. Participate as fully as you can.

#### REMEMBER THESE DATES:

- December 25 - There will be one service only on this day at 10:00 a.m.
- December 28 - City Wide Year End Singing at the University congregation at 7:00 p.m.
- January 1 - We will meet at our regular times  
- Jay Lockhart

### "Our God Is Able"

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, December 11, 2005**  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart  
A.M. "Living With Purpose"  
(Philippians 3:13, 14)  
P.M. "Remembering the Forgotten: From Jehoram to Joash" (2 Chronicles 21:1, 4-7)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... by Danny LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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### HABITAT HOUSE

We still need to raise about \$2,000 as our part of the commitment. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details. The Habitat House is at 2300 North Gaston St. We need your help! We will have a workday on Saturday, Dec. 10 @ 9:00-12:00 to finish all the details and lay the grass. The dedication will be Sunday, Dec. 11 @ 2:30. Make plans to attend!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY

All of those in the 6-8 grade are invited to the Holiday Party at the home of Caroline Weathers on Friday, Dec. 9 from 7:00-10:00. Please bring a wrapped \$5-6 fun gift. For more info, call the Weathers @ 903-839-9797 or Danny @ 903-521-6864.

### HIGH SCHOOL HOLIDAY PARTY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the Snell's home on Saturday, Dec. 10 from 6:00-10:00. Instead of a gift exchange, please bring money to buy presents for a needy family. For more info, call Danny.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Dec. 9</b>	<b>Middle School Holiday Party</b>
<b>Dec. 10</b>	<b>High School Holiday Party</b>
<b>Dec. 11</b>	<b>Habitat House Dedication</b>
<b>Dec. 18</b>	<b>High School Lunch &amp; Shopping</b>
<b>Dec. 26-31</b>	<b>Family Ski Trip</b>
<b>Feb. 3-5</b>	<b>High School Servant Retreat</b>

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### ATTRIBUTES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Scripture informs us of the attributes of Christ's church. First, was the fact that His church absorbs pain. Secondly, she proclaims hope in a despairing world. Thirdly, the Lord's church will always point to the Father's authority.

All sorts of destructive powers claim the souls of men -- from pimps, pushers, and gangs to materialism, pride and arrogance. The body of Christ will chase away these demons of darkness. The true church will not bend to such earthly powers because they are in submission to the Supreme Authority who rules over all. Her allegiance is to the sovereign God and she will not allow earthly powers to intimidate her nor control her.

More than that, the body of Christ is a community of faith who will encourage and enable others to become free of such powers. She will not only oppose these evil powers, but announce to the world the kingdom of God as a reality and proclaim her new order of life.

### MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

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are to be returned  
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December 18

The Peanut Butter Drive for the Benevolent Center will continue through the month of December.  
Thank you for participating!

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

For the last two weeks I have used my bulletin space to update the congregation regarding our upcoming classes for the winter quarter. This week I want to conclude this update by telling everyone about our Wednesday evening class schedule. Wednesday evening is a time when we gather here to study God's Word. We'd love to have you present and attending one of our classes. Here's a list:

1. In the small auditorium Jay Lockhart will be studying the subject of: *The Nature of Scripture: Understanding the Bible in the Post Modern World.*
2. Tim Grounds will be teaching the men's class which meets in room 112. Tim will be teaching on topics that center around the spiritual growth of our men. This is a very popular class among our men so be sure to be present on Wednesday evenings.

3. Let's also remember that Carolyn Womack will be teaching one of our ladies classes and she will be covering the topic of: *"Can I Fly?"* This class will meet in the chapel.
4. Jean DuVall will pick up her study in the Family Life Center with our second ladies class. Jean will be teaching: *Women Opening The Word.*
5. Our young professionals (graduated seniors through age 25) will meet in room 111 and will be taught by Joe Roach. Joe's subject matter will focus on *Christian Apologetics.* Be sure to be present for this series of lessons.
6. Our singing class will restart in the Heritage room. This quarter Wayne Berryman will pick up the pitch pipe and lead this group as they practice new songs and revisit some of our old standards. Thanks, Wayne, for the work you do in this class.  
These six classes will make up our winter quarter for Wednesday evenings. I'm looking forward to great attendance as we finish out 2005 and begin 2006.

- Doug



### IN APPRECIATION

Carl "Hank" Trimble III landed at the San Antonio Army Base Sunday, November 27. He completed his one year in Iraq. Special thanks to Buck and Kathleen Nowell for choosing Hank to be his "prayer angels." Thanks to all for the prayers and interest. "Give God the glory." Joyce & Carl Trimble II  
Lorene Venable (grandmother)

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We would like to say thank you to our family at West Erwin for all the concern shown me in my recent illness, the visits, food, cards, and most of all your prayers. We love you.

Ruth & Bill Meazell

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Since Christmas comes on Sunday this year and we know that some people will be out of town or have visitors from out of town we did not schedule anyone to work in the nursery or children's worship that morning. If you would be available to volunteer your time that morning, please call Diane Weathers at 839-9797.

### WITH SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn of the death of Signa Stanley, former West Erwin member, last Thursday. Services were held Saturday at Heritage Funeral home in Brady. Graveside services were held Wednesday for Verna Jones, Joann Hancock's mother and Todd Hancock's grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

### PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

If you plan to participate in the Wednesday night meals, please be sure to mark your card on Sunday so that we can know how many to prepare for. The menu for December 14 is burgers, fries, and homemade pies.

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### BOLES CHILDRENS HOME

The Boles Home grocery van will be in the Tyler area the week of December 12-16. West Erwin asked to collect Laundry Detergent, Cherry & Peach Pie Filling, Nuts (pecans, walnuts, peanuts, almonds, etc.), & Facial Tissue. Other items are also appreciated.

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

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are delighted to welcome Sue Ramsour into our church family. Sue is the mother of Tom Ramsour and lives at 432 Mahon Avenue, 75702, ph. 592-3027.



### RESPONSE

Priscilla Mayer came Sunday to request prayers of her church family that she might be more faithful and a stronger Christian.

ADDRESS CHANGE: David, Ginny & Kelsi Wicks, 4517 Inverness, 75703, ph. 534-9568.

New Phone #: Ed & Margie Hunt, ph. 903-894-6434

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Buck and Kathleen Nowell on the celebration of their 56th wedding anniversary on December 2. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

### SPECIAL GIFTS

- ♦ **The gift of listening** - but you must really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning your response, just listening.
- ♦ **The gift of affection** - be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
- ♦ **The gift of laughter** - clip cartoons, share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, "I love to laugh with you."
- ♦ **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 and may even change a life.
- ♦ **The gift of a compliment** - a simple and sincere, "You look great in red, or "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal" can make someone's day.
- ♦ **The gift of a cheerful disposition** - the easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone; really it's not hard to say, "Hello," or "Thank you."
- ♦ **The gift of sharing the gospel** - there are people all around us that do not know God and have never obeyed the gospel of Jesus. This gift is the best!
- ♦ **The gift of friends** - friends are a very rare jewel indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise and they challenge us to do better. Share these special gifts!

### ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

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Records	Sunday December 11	Sunday December 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	430	401	422
Worship A.M.	631	608	617
Worship P.M.	373	NC	NS
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	328
Contribution	\$21,617.00	\$21,624.66	\$171,332.91
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(12-11-05 Bldg. Fund \$104,953.94)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 18, and Wed., Dec. 21:** Charles O'Neal, ph. 509-3582. Please call if you need transportation.

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Kay Parrish had another surgery this week in Dallas. Gloria Thigpen is undergoing treatment. Louise Harris is scheduled for a heart cath Friday. Candace Montgomery had foot surgery Tuesday. Bettye Price, Carolyn Womack, and Betty Barajas are all had eye surgeries this week. Gary Nunn is in The Clairmont. Nelda Smith did not get a good report after cancer surgery Tuesday. John Meazell, Bill & Ruth's grandson and Chelsea's brother, is scheduled for surgery Dec. 22. Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, is scheduled for cancer surgery again. Continue to remember Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth, Les' mother; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Mary Cutshall; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; John & Mabel Holbert; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; Tommy Lowrance; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Herb Luke, Irene Whaley's brother; Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Ruth Meazell; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Bill Mullins; Crystal Murray, Sue Starnes granddaughter; Taylor Nicole Reaves, (undergoing chemo); Jeff & Stephanie Ruddell; Judy Smith; Paul Stanley; Sue Starnes; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Bobbie Wilson & Patsy Young.

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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
	7:00 P.M.
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
	(903) 592-0809
	11:30 A.M.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Dr. Jay Lockhart  
Prayer Tommy Parrish  
Scripture Randy Farrar  
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Darrell Beard  
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer J.R. Tharpe  
Scripture Robert Wilson  
Dismiss Aubrey Morman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

David Gravley Richard Gregory  
Nathan Grounds Scott Hackett  
Tim Grounds Ira Groom  
James Gullion Bob Hackett

GREETERS

Billy & Lynda Terrell & Ember Johnson  
D.L. & Alice Thompson & Dylan Laird  
Ray & Gail Vannoy & Ashley Laird  
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones  
Milburn & Jan Cook

Pick up cards December 18: Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Bryson Bellar, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

**Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, December 18:**  
Nursery a.m.: Kandi Adams; Nursery p.m.: Ruth Ellis;  
Toddlers a.m.: Sue Skipper & Shirley Denman; Toddlers  
p.m.: Joanna & Caylee Stamps; 2's: Mark & Melissa Frick;  
3's & 4's: Tim & Beverly Perry.

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### THE GRACE OF GIVING

Here are some words the apostle Paul used to describe the Macedonian churches and the church at Corinth and their giving of their finances for the benefit of others and the glory of God: joy, liberality, willing, fellowship, grace, abundance, love, readiness, performance, zeal, purpose and cheerful. These words describe also the church I have known and loved for the past twenty-one years -- West Erwin. Because of your gifts this church has prospered at home and has taken the gospel to countless people throughout the world. In addition to worldwide missions and local outreach and ministry, you have made it possible for us to have adequate facilities to use in worship and service. In the past twenty-one years we have had two major remodeling projects: our old auditorium and our classroom and office areas. During this time we have purchased additional property and undergone two major building programs: our present auditorium and our Family Life Center -- both of which are paid for (our auditorium was paid off this year and our Family Life Center was paid for during and soon

after the time it was built). Now we are nearing completion of another building program: a three phase project that includes a new Benevolent Center, classrooms and offices in our present Benevolent building, and an additional children's wing where our present offices and library are. This program, that will see the new Benevolent Center completed in the spring and the entire project finished in the fall, will cost approximately 1.43 million dollars. Your giving to our building fund since its inception last year has been marvelous (including last Sunday's generous contribution of \$106,883, you have given a total of almost \$500,000 in gifts and pledges). As always, you saw the need, you responded to the vision of our leaders, and by God's grace you are making it happen. Your faith, your love, your liberality, and the grace of God within you causes "many thanksgivings to God" for you (2 Corinthians 9:12). We are now confident that our enabling God will give us the "sufficiency" (9:8) to "complete" the work to which we are committed (8:11). - Jay Lockhart

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

**Sermons for Sunday, December 18, 2005**

by Dr. Jay Lockhart

A.M. "Get Real"

(Philippians 1:9-11)

P.M. "Remembering the Forgotten: Amaziah, Uzziah, and Jotham" (2 Chronicles 26:1-5)

"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

### THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped on the Habitat House project this year. So many of you made donations and helped work on it. What a blessing you have been! Please keep praying for this ministry.

Thanks to Wade & Diane Weathers for hosting the Middle School Party this past Friday. We had a great time! Thanks to all of those who furnished food for the evening.

Thanks to Pat & Kelli Malone, LaDawn Ragsdale, David & Tammy Asbill and Lisa Snell for helping with the High School party this past Saturday night.

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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## COMMUNITY

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### ATTRIBUTES OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

Some say the church is facing a crisis in terms of the gospel we preach, claiming we have not authenticated ourselves to the world around us. They say we are not well versed in Scripture, yet the burden of proof is still on us just as it was on Jesus. What do you think?

In Matthew 11, John the baptizer heard what Jesus was doing and sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who was to come or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." Jesus

### "Heirs Of Life Together"

1 Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Wow! One hundred thirty-three volunteers in our educational ministry! I cannot begin to tell each and every one of you how grateful that I am for your labor of love toward this ministry. We are fortunate to have our members involved in our educational ministry from our Bible Hour programs to our Children's Worship ministry, and from our classrooms to our VBS program. Volunteerism is the key to our success. I hope you feel appreciated and that you feel comfortable enough with me to come to me at any time with suggestions regarding the improvement of this ministry. Your time, effort and input are vitally important to our success.

### HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

Join us this Sunday for lunch and shopping for gifts for the needy family we are helping this year. We will leave for lunch as soon as church is over and return from shopping about 3:00. Don't forget to bring your donation!

### SERVICE PROJECT

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to join us on Thursday, Dec. 22, from 9:30-3:15 as we work together in making Pins & Decorations and preparing a program for the folks at an assisted living center. Please bring money for Lunch at Jason's Deli. Don't miss this great time to share the holidays with some lonely folks.

### IMPORTANT DATES

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authenticated His message by His actions. He demonstrated the proof of his claim.

Our call as the church is not only to preach the gospel message but to authenticate our claims through the demonstration of Christ's love. We absorb pain, we proclaim hope, we point to God's authority, we bring people together, and we protect the vulnerable -- all in the name of Christ.

### MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

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December 18

The Peanut Butter Drive for the Benevolent Center will continue through the month of December.

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In the next few weeks I will be giving all of our volunteers within the educational ministry a gift from the church. Coordinators, please do not let me overlook anyone. Even though this is just a small way of showing our appreciation to our teachers, it nonetheless is important that all of our teachers receive one of these gifts. May God continually bless all of our teachers as they teach their students regarding His Word.

For the past five years I have been greatly encouraged to serve this congregation as the education minister. Just like with any other job, my job has its good days and its bad days, but it certainly has been a blessing to work with some of the best teachers in the brotherhood. Thanks for all that you do for the West Erwin Church of Christ. Continue to press on toward the mark..



### IN APPRECIATION

To my Church Family,

Words fail to express the feelings of gratitude I have for this congregation. During the long illness and loss of my brother I have received cards and words of comfort and prayers from many of you. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for such a loving group of God's people. May God continue to bless you in His work.

Carlos Morgan

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Please extend my gratitude to the West Erwin family for all the prayers, cards and food that my family received during the past year. I am slowly recovering from my most recent back surgery but I'm confident that it was the last (it better be or they'll have to install a zipper!). But seriously, I acknowledge the power of prayer every day of my life and I would like everyone to know that it has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. Many thanks.

Stephanie Miles Ruddell

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Dear West Erwin Family,

What a lovely surprise when Dillon and Evan and their mommy and daddy appeared at our door Saturday morning with a beautiful poinsettia. Thank you so very much! We are so happy to be part of the West Erwin family, and appreciate all the warmth and friendliness we have been blessed with this past year. We are grateful to all of you.

In Christian love,

Dale & Dot White

The above letter is typical of the many calls and cards of thanks received (too many to be printed in the bulletin) for the poinsettias delivered during the holidays. David Hammond and James Phillips were overseers of this labor of love. A special thanks to the ones who helped deliver them.

### WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday for Ted Snipes, former West Erwin member. Our sincere sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

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#### IN THE MILITARY

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Airforce Airman Caleb R. McLelland has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Caleb will be stationed at Barksdale Air Force base in Louisiana when he completes technical school in February. He is the son of Corky McLelland, Tyler, and Jan Foster, Mineola. He is the grandson of Bill and Sammie McLelland, Howard & Kay Kennedy and great grandson of Mary V. Richeyall of Tyler.

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

### WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Aubrey & Jean Morman** into the West Erwin family. Most of us already know them and we know they will be an asset as we work together for the Lord. Their address is 1925 Sterling Drive, Tyler, 75701, ph. 596-7706

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cody Frick, son of Mark & Melissa and grandson of David & Wanda Frick, on receiving the Arrow of Light award, the highest honor in Cub Scouts and was able to cross over into Boy Scouts.

**NEW ADDRESS:** Wendy Culpepper, 5621 Old Bullard Rd. #210, 75703.

### SPECIAL THANKS TO VALENTINA CLIVER

The Conversational French class taught by Valentina Cliver has concluded. We extend sincere thanks for her generosity in making this class available.

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### WORDS OF WISDOM

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

- To an enemy, forgiveness.
- To an opponent, tolerance.
- To a friend, your ear.
- To an employee, a good example.
- To yourself, respect.
- To all mankind, charity.

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*"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."*

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Records	Sunday December 18	Sunday December 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	427	430	422
Worship A.M.	624	631	625
Worship P.M.	343	373	368
Wed. P.M.	313	NC	309
Contribution	\$22,222.19	\$21,617.00	\$18,744.67
Weekly Budget	\$21,617.00	(12-18-05 Bldg. Fund \$4,318.00)	

**Minibus Driver for Sunday, December 25, and Wed., Dec. 28:** Greg Jones, ph. 565-4337. **Please call if you need transportation.**

**PRAYER AND CARE** - Gary Nunn was admitted to ETMC Wednesday. Gloria Thigpen is undergoing treatment. Louise Harris is doing well after a heart cath and stent implant, is being treated with medication. Carolyn Womack will have another cataract surgery Dec. 27. Candace Montgomery is recovering after recent foot surgery. Nelda Smith did not get a good report after recent cancer surgery. John Meazell, Bill & Ruth's grandson and Chelsea's brother, had surgery Dec. 22. Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's brother, will have cancer surgery. Continue to remember Jo Anders; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Tillie Carpenter; Beth Carruth, Les' mother; Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Mary Cutshall; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Rudy Gaddis; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Olyn Hill; John & Mabel Holbert; Rafael Horton; Modena Jones; Archie Kennard; Kimberlee Lawless, Ernie & Sharon Gordon's daughter; Tommy Lowrance; Nancy Martin; Ray Martin, Sandie's dad; Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Ruth Meazell; Shirley McClenny; W.A. Monk; Frances Moore; Jane Morrow, Priscilla Mayer's cousin; Bill Mullins; Kay Parrish; Taylor Nicole Reaves, (undergoing chemo); Judy Smith; Paul Stanley; Sue Starnes; Robert & Pat Stokes; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Harley Turner; Ashley Willis; Bobbie Wilson & Patsy Young.

SERVING SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell  
Prayer  
Scripture  
Dismiss Bill Mullins

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE  
Glenn Pemberton

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Morris Hallman Daryn Hanley  
David Hammond Dave Haneley  
Todd Hancock Michael Hall  
Paul Hancock Sonny Hale

GREETERS

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Jared Jordan  
David & Ginny Wicks & Kelsi Wicks  
Bill & Barbara White & Caylee Stamps  
Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper  
Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards December 25 & January 1: Austin Millican, Spencer Shaw, Braden Kempton, & Grant Perkins.

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

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 ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	7:00 P.M.
Christian Service Center ..... 9:00 A.M.	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
11:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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## Happy Holidays!



*From the West Erwin Staff*

**"Our God Is Able"**

Ephesians 3:20-21

Sermon for Sunday, December 25, 2005  
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

10:00 A.M. "The Gift"  
(Acts 20:32-35)

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"The Church With Heart"

## Youth With Heart... *by Danny* END OF THE YEAR THOUGHTS...

As 2005 comes to an end, I am reminded of the blessings that came to West Erwin. Just a few memory triggers: West Point, Nueva Rosita, Anatole, MSM, New Mexico, Gulf Port, Karing Kitchen, Raking leaves, Inviting friends, Dodge-Ball, Middle School Retreat, Servant Retreat, Devos, Service Projects, Habitat House, Bible Studies... and the list goes on! God used us to make a difference in peoples lives both here in Tyler and around the world. I wonder what God has in store for us this year!

### THANKS!

A special thanks to Tim & Patti Grounds for helping with the service project this week. Thanks also to all of those who helped with the presents for the needy family.

Thanks to Daniel Dupree for teaching this past Quarter and to Tim Grounds for filling in.

## COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

### OBSTACLES???

In ancient times a king had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blames the king for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way. Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. To his surprise he found a purse that had been lying under the boulder. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the king

## "Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Jim Valvano, or Coach V., was an inspiration to many of his players as well as countless others throughout the United States. Coach V. gave his all to the sport of basketball. He coached the North Carolina State team to a national championship, defeating the highly favored University of Houston team coached by Guy Lewis. That game really summed up the personality of Jim Valvano. The North Carolina State team never gave up. When they got behind they clawed their way back into the game. The game ended with a North Carolina State player taking a desperation shot from about mid court, having the ball fall well short of the basket, only to have one of the Wolfpack players catch the missed shot and put it in the basket right as the buzzer sounded. Coach V., along with the players and fans of North Carolina State, went crazy and shock waves were sent through the rest of the NCAA world as the Wolfpack team defeated the mighty University of Houston. What a game! Not too many years after this great victory, Jimmy Valvano was engaged in another

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Thanks to all who came to the LTC Sign-up this past Sunday. If you were unable to attend, we need your registration ASAP! All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to attend. LTC has continued to be a great blessing to all of those who participate, both adults and students. Call me with questions. It is very important for you to sign up ASAP!

There will be meetings coming up soon for all the team events. Please watch the announcements for your group.

### SERVANT RETREAT

Feb. 3-5 are the dates for the High School Servant Retreat. Teens, plan to attend this inspirational weekend. The cost will be \$30. We will have a sign-up list available soon. Don't miss this great weekend.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 26-31 Family Ski Trip  
Feb. 3-5 High School Servant Retreat

indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand. Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

### MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

Change for Children cans  
are to be returned  
This week!  
Thanks for your help!

Thanks for helping supply  
the Benevolent Center  
with Peanut Butter!  
You were a great help.

epic struggle. This time he was battling cancer. When it became apparent that he was going to lose this battle, standing before the world at the ESPY (sports awards), he made the following statement "Cancer can take away my life; but it cannot touch my mind, heart, and soul." It was also during that speech that he said the following, which became the motto for the Jimmy V. Foundation (an organization dedicated to fighting cancer): "Don't Give Up; Don't Ever Give Up."

There are many Christians today who give up. They start out strong, they become involved, they minister to others, but something happens along the way and they give up. I know I don't have all the answers for why this happens but I would like to offer just a suggestion or perhaps a remedy to this problem: Bible class attendance. That right Bible class attendance. I can't begin to tell you how many times attending a Bible class has helped me overcome some adversity in my life. Our teachers are trained, our classes generally are inspiring, and the message is Christ centered, needs orientated, and biblically based. Get involved in our classes; it might help you to never give up.



## IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Verna Metcalf Jones. Thank you so much for the food, flowers and cards and remembering us at this time.

In Christian Love,  
Paul & Joann Hancock  
Todd, Jana & family

## WITH SYMPATHY

Herb Luke, Irene Whaley's brother in Canada, died Saturday. Joanie Mason, Suzanne Linseisen's cousin, died in a car accident Saturday in Loveland, Colorado. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families.

NEW ADDRESS: J.D. & Sherry Osborn, 640 South Oakland Ave., 75701, ph. 903-593-6078.

## ONE TINY ACT

One tiny act is not measured as something that is small, Instead it could inspire or heal a broken heart, on call. A tiny act of kindness will reveal that someone's love Is shared to lift your spirits up through God's love from above.

One tiny act of tenderness can be a great big gift,  
Either a simple hug or kind word which gives a needed lift.

- Phyllis M. Peters

## PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Wesley Ackerman, Rowdy Anthony, Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Jonathan Bentley, Nicholas Blackstone, Ryan Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Evan Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Scott Gray, Eric Hass, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Chad Hughes, 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, Robert Songer, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Kyle Stowers, Hank Trimble, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, & Jordan White.

## EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA has an opening for a Director of Admissions/Marketing. Please contact Bettie Thompson at the school office @ 903-561-8642 for additional information or visit their web page at [www.etca.org](http://www.etca.org)

## ARE YOU INTERESTED IN ADOPTING?

Christian Homes, a domestic adoption and maternity care ministry, has been blessed with an abundance of opportunities to minister to young women with unplanned pregnancies who have decided to place their child for adoption. Christian Homes is committed to fulfilling its promise to each young woman to find a loving, Christian couple to adopt her child. If you or a Christian couple you know have considered adopting, please call Christian Homes at 1-800-592-4725 for more information or visit their website at [www.christianhomes.com](http://www.christianhomes.com).

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs. Mary Lou Wood into the West Erwin family. She recently moved here from Lubbock and is the sister of Odie Kennedy. Her address is 5401 Hollytree Dr. #1801, 75703, ph. 939-1097.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals will be discontinued until January 11.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Charlie Scroggins, son of Doug and Cathy Scroggins, graduated December 17 from Stephen F. Austin Cum Laude with a Masters degree in Professional Accountancy. His fiancé, Jennifer Garner, graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree. They will be married at West Erwin December 30.

## Sorry to lose ...

Nicholas Blaylock has moved to 2700 Whisper Meadow Lane, #705, Arlington, Texas 76006.

## 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.

## PLEASE NOTE:

- ♦ We will have one service only Sunday, December 25, at 10:00 a.m.
- ♦ There will be no bulletin next week due to postal regulations for second class mail.
- ♦ The church office will close at noon on Friday, December 23 and will be closed all day Monday, December 26; also Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2, for the holidays.
- ♦ There will be no services at West Erwin Wednesday night, December 28. The annual citywide year end singing will be at the University congregation at 7:00 p.m.

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](http://www.westerwin.org) and click on weekly bulletin.

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THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



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