

Jan. 11, 2007	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 38 - No. 2
Records	Sunday Jan. 7	Sunday Dec. 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	474	427	475
Worship A.M.	702	650	667
Worship P.M.	508	429	452
Wed. P.M.	312	375	360
Contribution	\$29,484.86	\$24,759.42	\$24,956.32
Weekly Budget	\$23,047.00	1-7-07 Bldg. \$1,120.00	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Roy Bench is undergoing tests. **Samantha Means** is undergoing more tests. **Frances Lowe**, Sharon Hammond's mother had heart bypass surgery Monday at ETMC. **Z.T. Craver**, Karen Stansbury's dad, is critically ill. **Blair Etheridge's** dad had double knee replacement surgery Thursday in Fort Worth. **Mattie Hawkins**, Kim Jordan's mother, is having health problems. **Brian Cox**, friend of the Chris Reynolds, was seriously injured in a car accident last week. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Jacque Biggar**, Teen Matysiak's daughter; **Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Cheryl Coleman**, Darrick Dempsey's sister; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mona Fergusson**, Marsha Wells' mother; **Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Jerry Howard; Keith Howard**, Jerry & Becky's son; **Sam Kennedy**, Karen Fedell's dad; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Faye Lanford**, Morris Hallman's mother; **Nicole Largent**, Roy & Fern Bench's granddaughter; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Ruth Mezell; W.A. Monk; Katie Murry**, Dan & Jon Murry and Laurie Kimball's mother; **Kay Parrish; Fred Powell; Maxine Ray; Mary Richey; Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad; **Odell Sessions; Judy Smith; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Bill Thompson**; and **Gloria Thippen**.

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Lord's Supper Charles Westerfeld
Dismiss Dr. Aaron DuVall

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Dismiss Charles Weeks

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Bill McCain Tim McLemee
Jim Mayer Stuart Means
Mike McClenny Jim McDonald
Dick McClenny Forest McFadden

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Melvin & Nina Crow & Calley Waggonner
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Walker Waggonner
Harold & Shirley Denman & Caroline Weathers
Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty
Dannie & Sue Skipper

Pick up cards January 14: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

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THE ASSEMBLY

Ken Joines, a faithful Christian who I am privileged to call my friend, has preached the gospel for nearly all of his life and for many years was the much loved preacher for the Goodman Oaks church in Southaven, Mississippi. Although Ken is somewhat "retired" now, he is busy all the time with preaching by appointment, writing, and doing good. He has printed a paper called "Ken's Newsletter" for the last three years and recently he published an article entitled "The Assembly" that provoked some thoughts with me that I want to share with you. Ken began his article with biblical statements that emphasize the assembly of the church such as, "they came together," "when the whole church comes together ...," "they came together on the first day of the week," and "do not stop assembling together." How do you feel about the assembly? Many of us grew up being taught that the assembly was important ... and so it is. There is something God intends for us to get from the assembly that is uplifting, edifying, and profitable. In Hebrews 10:22-24, the writer gives us three wonderful things that are accomplished by the church in assembly: (1) the praise of God (22); (2) the remembrance of Christ (23); and the encouragement of each other (24). No wonder the

inspired writer said, "Do not stop assembling together" (Hebrews 10:25). Being together as "the whole church" (I Corinthians 14:23) to sing together, to pray together, to commune together, to give together, and to listen together "causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love" (Ephesians 4:16). A lot of folks think they have come up with clever alternatives to the assembly, but my question is: are the alternatives promoted by some increasing our Bible knowledge, our genuine spirituality, our growth into the image of Christ, our ability to recognize and follow truth, the general growth of the church, and our ability to keep the saved? I know this for sure: when one misses the assembly on a regular basis he has taken the first steps toward drifting away from the Lord; when one because of illness is prevented from being a part of the assembly over a period of time, it is not unusual for them to say that the worst part of it all was missing "going to church"; and when a congregation demonstrates the most apparent signs of spiritual health, the assembly is emphasized in that church. Let's have the attitude of David who said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1) Thanks, Ken, for prompting these thoughts.

- Jav Lockhart

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sunday, January 14, 2007

A.M. Don Crawford

P.M. Danny Snell

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Youth With Heart... by 2007

THANKS!

Thanks to Barry Scarborough & Pam Fennell for helping host the high school devotional this past Sunday.

Thanks to Brody Clark for teaching in my absence last week.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

It's time! Video Bible Drama and Short Films will meet at 4:00 this Sunday afternoon. The LTC chorus will meet again on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00. Stay tuned for more details. Your deposit and room reservations will be due the end of January. We will be starting Drama & Puppets around the 1st of February. Let's get a good start for 2007 and make this the best year yet!

SERVANT RETREAT

Feb. 2-4 are the dates for the High School Servant Retreat. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday in time for the morning worship. Cost will be \$35. Please sign up ASAP! Don't miss it!

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other. Invite a friend to join us.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 14	Middle School Devo
Jan. 18	"CONNECT"
Jan. 21	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 29	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 2-4	High School Servant Retreat
Feb. 4	Super Bowl Party
Apr. 6-8	LTC Convention

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WHAT SINS?

Telling a Pharisee to go wash his sins away is a contradiction of terms. What sins? They were faultless in their own eyes. It wasn't until the scales fell from his eyes that Saul could see how he been persecuting Jesus. In the name of everything he thought was right, he had been beating innocent people and locking them in prison cells on fabricated crimes. The clothing stacked at his feet (Acts 22:20) were visions of guilt he saw in the three days of darkness (Acts 9:9).

Saul had other sins to wash away; spiritual arrogance to name one (Philippians 3:4-6). And no doubt thee were inner secret sins as well. It was apparent that all Pharisees carried such guilt or someone would have thrown a stone at the prostitute (John 8). They all walked away. They all harbored sin in their hearts. They all has their own private brand of sin that turned them into hypocrites every day.

When Jesus -- he showed no objection. He knew what they were. He wanted to get rid of them. Jesus offered him cleansing and freedom. The offer is still open to all who seek relief. Why object? Rise and wash your sins away calling on the name of the Lord!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Being a parent isn't always an easy task. Sometimes, because of the actions of our children, we question why we even bother being as involved as we are with our children. Unfortunately sometimes we even question our relationship with God.

Parents, count it a great blessing and give God thanks if your children are behaving as they should. I know that there are many children out there who are walking contrary to the godly path that you have shown them. Don't give up and remember to continually draw nigh unto God.

Whenever you start wavering in your commitment to God because the actions of your children have worn you out, take a moment to read the story of Aaron. Aaron held his peace and maintained his relationship with God even though his children rebelled and walked away from God. Aaron raised his two sons (Nadab and Abihu) to serve God. He was constant in his efforts to build them up in God's service, but they had other plans and

their plans cost them their lives. Their bodies were displayed and carried throughout the Israelite camp to remind everyone of the power of God and that His followers were to listen to every commandment that He gave. Aaron surely suffered as his son's bodies were displayed and he surely suffered as he heard the negative comments made about his children. He raised them according to God's Word but in the end he knew that they were lost. How that must have haunted Aaron! It would have been so easy for Aaron to blame God and to walk away from the responsibilities that God gave him but he remained faithful to his commitment to God until he died at the age of 123.

Where do we fit in, in this story of commitment to God? Many of us have raised our children in a godly way. Yes, we've made mistakes along the way but we did the best that we could do and we provided the groundwork for our children to build upon the solid foundation of God's Word. If our children (when they become adults) walk contrary to God's Word, fight to bring them back, wrestle with Satan if you have to, but never, never relinquish your commitment to God. Stay strong and perhaps somewhere down the road your prodigal will return.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you, tardily, for your prayers and concern during the time my hand has been in a cast due to surgery. You are a great blessing to me and to our family.

In Him,
Cathy Scroggins

I wanted to thank everyone for the food, cards, flowers and prayers during the loss of my grandfather. I feel very blessed to be a part of this church home.

Jana Hancock

WITH SYMPATHY

Michael Smith, friend of the Dale Blackstones, was killed in a plane crash last week. They had just found out that his wife is expecting their first child. The Blackstones have requested prayers for this family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Will and Anna Tanksley on the birth of a new baby boy! Wyatt was born January 2 and weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. William is the big brother and Bill and Judy Wilmeth are the proud grandparents.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Henry and Becky McRuiz on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on January 5. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

GIVE ME THE BIBLE Television Program

The "Give Me The Bible" television program has moved, as of January 7, to 7:30 a.m. on KETK-56 and to 7:00 a.m. on KLSB. They will be celebrating their 11th annual "Give Me The Bible" television program luncheon and conference at the Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine on Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Theme: "Reaching Out To Others in 2007." Speakers are Dan Manuel, Foy Forehand & Steve Neville. Congregational singing and Christian Products Bookstore display. Noon luncheon: \$6.00 per person (fried chicken, barbecue & all the trimmings). Call 903-723-6291 for more details.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Jay Landon Jones, Mark Jones., Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tull, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

Check out our website!
www.westerwin.com

To access all the interactive features congregational members are encouraged to join. To obtain schedules of events, prayer requests, hospital lists, class lessons etc. will require a user name and password. We believe this site will be a valuable tool to keep our congregation informed as well as an outreach to the world. If you have information or photos, please e-mail us at webadmin@westerwin.org.

THE GOLDEN RULE

Matthew 7:12

Be what you want others to be.
Say what you want others to say to you.
Love like you want to be loved.
Live like you want others to live around you.
Be faithful because you want others to be faithful to you.
Sing like you want our signing to be.
Be as faithful in worship as you want your children to be.
Serve like you want to be served.
Smile like you want others to smile around you.
Care for others because you need others to care for you.
Forgive others because you want others to forgive you.
Be there for others because someday you will need others there for you.

Compliment others and those around you will become a comfort to you.

Strengthen others and those around you will become your strength.

Be Christ-like and those around you will be Christ-like too.
Rejoice in the Lord and those around you will rejoice.

- The Bulletin Digest

"If you give your children nothing more, teach them the Golden Rule. It will ensure that they lead good, worthwhile, rewarding lives. They will be respected, admired, trusted and sought out by others. They will have integrity. What could be more important than that?"

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HOUSE MANAGERS NEEDED

Full time position at Christian Homes & Family Services for House Manager in the maternity home. Training, housing, and competitive salary provided. Must be active members of the Christian faith. Weekdays plus two weekends per month. Flextime schedule. Married applicants with no children at home will be considered. The husband may work outside the agency. Contact Cindy Miller @ 325-677-2205 or 1-800-592-4725 or cmiller@christianhomes.com

ELM OR EVERGREEN?

Several years ago the *Wall Street Journal* carried a story about Sally, an overly conscientious youngster who made herself miserable over the smallest failures and setbacks. Early one fall, while the leaves were still on the trees, there was an exceptionally heavy snowstorm. Sally's grandfather took her for a drive during which he said, "Notice those elms; the branches are so badly broken that the trees may die. But just look at those pines and evergreens. They are completely undamaged by the storm. My child, there are two kinds of trees in the world, the foolish and the wise. An elm holds its branches rigid. As it becomes weighted down, eventually its limbs break. But when an evergreen is loaded, it simply relaxes, lowers its branches, and lets the burden slip away. And so it remains unharmed. Be a pine tree, granddaughter." Christians who give all their cares to the Lord can face life's burdens much better than those who try to bear the weight themselves. - copied

THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart

aired each Sunday
at 10:00 a.m. On KYTX-19

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I AM AMAZED

Some might think I am legalistic. Others might say I am radical. Still others might show greater kindness and simply dismiss me as "one of those conservatives." I would rather think of myself as moderate. I still believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God which is our standard of authority in religion. I still believe that we must have biblical authority for what we believe and practice. I still believe we should respect the silence of Scripture. And I still believe that the appeal to be simply Christians and members of the church of the New Testament is desirable, practical, and possible. However, I do try to be tolerant, kind, and loving toward those who disagree with me. Having said all that, I want to add that I am amazed at what people do in religion. I am amazed by the use of cute and clever religious clichés that have no basis in Scripture. For example, I noticed this year more than usual the church billboards and car bumper stickers which read, "Happy Birthday, Jesus." Now, I'm

not really trying to be a Scrooge, but consider the facts. We do not know the time of year that Jesus was born. Jesus never asked anyone to remember his birth. He did, however, ask his followers to remember his death and we know that the first century church honored Jesus' request by observing the Lord's Supper every first day of the week. So what do religious people do today? They observe Jesus' birth and fail to observe the Supper except when they choose to do so. How strange! Then people in the church decide that Scripture can be changed to mean what it was never intended to mean, that God will accept whatever we offer to Him, and that if the Bible does not specifically forbid an action then that action is acceptable. Strange indeed! I am amazed at the way people reason in religion. If many of these folks reasoned in other areas of their lives as they do in religion they would lose their jobs, ruin their health, and be bankrupt. Interesting! Alarming! Who cares? - Jay Lockhart

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Sunday, January 7, 2007

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "What Does The Lord Require?"
(Micah 6:6-8)
P.M. "How Should We Read Scripture?"
(2 Timothy 1:12-13)

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny THANKS!

Thanks to all those who helped make the New Year's eve party at the Snell's a big success. Thanks to Tommy and Donni Cook, Marc and Ginger Philpot and LaDawn Ragsdale for helping and a special thanks to Marc for driving the bus.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU LIVING ON?

Remember the children's song we all used to sing, "Whose side are you living on?" We answered that question with the repetitive chorus, "I'm living, I'm living, I'm living, I'm living on the Lord's side!" I remember mostly singing that song at VBS, but seldom hear it any more.

When trouble knocks at our door, when the worries of life seem too much to bear, when we feel overwhelmed, that question is still a good question. "Whose side am I living on?" To ask ourselves this question requires something else in short supply humility. Peter brings this out when he wrote, "Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand" (I Peter 5:6). Two statements

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Parents, don't forget that our Kid's Kingdom (K-5th) will be meeting at *Jumpin' Jacks Party Shack* on January 15th at 10:00 a.m. for two hours of food, fun, and fellowship. Jumpin' Jacks is located south of Tyler on U.S. 69 (at the intersection of U.S. 69 and FM 346). I know this is going to be a great time for our K-5th graders to mix and mingle with each other as they jump their little legs off. We will jump from 10:00 - 11:15. At 11:15 we will enjoy pizza provided by Simple Simons of Whitehouse. Immediately following the pizza we will have some cake and punch. Parents, don't forget that a waiver form **must** be filled out before your child will be allowed to participate in this activity. The waiver forms are located at the Visitor Center and must be presented to the attendants at Jumpin' Jacks when you enter. If you forget your waiver form you may fill one out at Jumpin' Jacks but this will cut into your child's jumping time.

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

that lead us to humility are "I'm sorry" and "I need you." Using such phrases and casting our burdens on Him is where we will begin to find relief and peace.

You ask, "Why would God help me?" the answer is in the next verse, "Because He cares for you." God cares about you. He cares about your struggles. He cares that you feel overwhelmed. So, I suppose that question is still a valid question, "Whose side are you living on?" To find help in times of trouble we must be able to answer that question with, "I'm living, I'm living, I'm living on the Lord's side." What a great way to start a new year, especially if that song has not been part of the past year.

Interesting Quotes:

"A ship in a harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are made for." - anonymous
"We will never witness the sea part if we don't take the road that dead-ends at the beach." - Neil Cole

We've had a great year in our Kid's Kingdom ministry. In 2006 we had about six devotionals and about nine activities. Some of the activities were: (1) Egg hunt; (2) 3rd-5th grade participation in LTC; (3) Summer Extravaganza; (4) devotional/activity throughout the summer months; (5) Day Camp at Deer Run; (6) movie night; (7) Fall Festival; (8) Annual hayride; and (9) Christmas caroling. We are looking forward to adding a couple of more activities in 2007.

I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our volunteers in this fairly new ministry. We (technically) started our Kid's Kingdom ministry two years ago but this was the first year that I was freed up from some other obligations allowing me to focus more time in coordinating this effort. I'm extremely satisfied with the way this year went but I realize that without your help we would not have been nearly as successful. So, a great big thank you goes out to all who helped implement, set up and clean up for our Kid's Kingdom in 2006. I'm looking forward to an even larger volunteer group in 2007. God bless you in 2007 and let's get busy for His cause by serving our little ones in this great ministry. Thank you!



IN APPRECIATION

Mark, Kate and Patrick Sweeney wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the loving members of West Erwin Church of Christ during this tragic time in our lives. The visits, food, phone calls and words of support and love expressed in so many ways will never be forgotten by our family. Thank you for the flowers and the loving support of the congregation. May God truly bless each and every one of you.

In Christian Love,
The Sweeney Family

Dear West Erwin Friends and Family,

Words cannot express how appreciative we are for your love and concern for our family with the loss of our mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Sue Starnes. She loved the West Erwin church and the works she was involved in during her time here. She felt very fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful Christian family at West Erwin. Glyn & Fran Starnes & family

Dear Christian Friends,

My family and I would like thank all our friends here at West Erwin for the great help given my family during the loss of my sweetheart of 65 years. The flowers were beautiful, the food so delicious and great service to us and the love, support and prayers so needed. Thanks also for the many cards that mean a lot to us. Also for all who gave us hugs and told us they personally were praying for us - my what great Christian friends we have in Jesus. I love and appreciate each of you.

In Christian Love,
The Ground Family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Saturday, December 23, at the West Erwin church for Larry Ground, with burial in DeSoto. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to Jane, Tim and Patti and all the family and friends.

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Aren't these wonderful predictions!

Here's What's Going To Happen This Year:

1. The Bible will still have the answers.
2. Prayer will still work.
3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
4. God will still inhabit the praises of His people.
5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
6. There will still be singing of praise.
7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
8. There will still be room at the Cross.
9. Jesus will still love you.
10. Jesus will still save the lost.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Amanda Broome, daughter of Gary and Frances Broome, on the recent completion of her Masters of Science Degree in Horticulture at Texas Tech University in Lubbock! She is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Agriculture.

ATTENTION LADIES:

Remember the new Wednesday night ladies class beginning January 10 entitled "Our Father in Heaven ... Teach Us To Pray." Please sign up at the Visitor Center if you plan to attend so that we can know how many to prepare for.

A NEW YEAR BLESSING

May the road you walk be a smooth one,
May your troubles be few - if any,
May the days and years that lie ahead
Be healthy, happy and many,
May you have friends in abundance,
May the sun shine bright around you,
May the world be a wonderful place to live,
And may God's love always surround you.

HOUSE MANAGERS NEEDED

Full time position at Christian Homes & Family Services for House Manager in the maternity home. Training, housing, and competitive salary provided. Must be active members of the Christian faith. Weekdays plus two weekends per month. Flextime schedule. Married applicants with no children at home will be considered. The husband may work outside the agency. Contact Cindy Miller @ 325-677-2205 or 1-800-592-4725 or cmiller@christianhomes.com

A NEW BEGINNING

The old year is behind us. Forever! Some things God gives often, but He gives time only once. The flowers of spring return again and again. The trees burst into a new foliage year after year. But time does not come twice to anyone. We enter into the New Year with high hopes. Every new year holds a brighter hope than the last, and we are ever ready to shake off bad habits and to give life a new start and a new effort. Such thinking has possibilities, for every improvement begins with a thought. This was the power that turned the feet of the ancient Psalmist who said, "I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59). The trouble has been we have allowed some conflicting thoughts to grab us and change the direction of our feet.

So our *first* resolution is to keep our thoughts working for us. No person is better, bigger or stronger than his or her thoughts. *Second*, let us be grateful for the many blessings of last year. We are not worthy of more if we are ungrateful for what we have. *Third*, may we determine to be sympathetic toward all less fortunate persons than ourselves. Having a heart is a big accomplishment. *Fourth*, let us resolve to place the best reasonable construction on the words and deeds of others. *Fifth*, let us build life on the good foundation of loving God and our fellow men.

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Bible Class	401	474	426
Worship A.M.	652	702	624
Worship P.M.	342	508	484
Wed. P.M.	400	312	368
Contribution	\$22,598.53	\$29,484.86	\$24,699.83
Weekly Budget	\$23,047.00	1-14-07 Special 565.00	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Carolyn Womack is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Jan. 29. **Phil Marts** had laser surgery last Friday. **Luke Metcalf**, little son of Vance and Jamie, had tubes put in his ears Wednesday. **Ruth Meazell** is scheduled for surgery Thursday. **Odell Sessions** broke her wrist in a fall. **Samantha Means** is still undergoing tests. **Blair Etheridge's** dad had double knee replacement surgery Thursday in Fort Worth. **M.C. Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's brother, is undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer in his other lung. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Brian Cox**, friend of the Chris Reynolds; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mona Fergusson**, Marsha Wells' mother; **Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Mattie Hawkins**, Kim Jordan's mother; **Jerry Howard; Keith Howard**, Jerry & Becky's son; **Sam Kennedy**, Karen Fedell's dad; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Frances Lowe**, Sharon Hammond's mother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Katie Murry**, Dan & Jon Murry and Laurie Kimball's mother; **Kay Parrish; Fred Powell; Maxine Ray; Mary Richey; Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad; **Odell Sessions; Judy Smith; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Bill Thompson**; and **Gloria Thigpen**. (**Z.T. Craver**, Karen Stansbury's dad, died Wednesday).

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PLURALISM

The dictionary defines "pluralism" as "a theory that there are more than one or more than two kinds of ultimate reality." In our politically correct and anything goes culture, many are buying into pluralism. It is good that the dictionary includes "theory" in its definition because pluralism is a theory and it cannot stand up under the searchlight of investigation. I grant the fact that in the arena of human judgment there is room for a diversity of opinion. For example, in our economy there is room for diversity in deciding what brands we will eat, wear, drive, or live in and one may be as good as another. However, note that the dictionary includes in its definition of "pluralism" the words "more than one or more than two kinds of ultimate reality." the key is: "ultimate reality." It is here that pluralism fails. Let's look at the matter of origins. Either the universe and man came into being by the creative act of God or in some other way (perhaps by a "big bang" and organic evolution). Pluralism would affirm both positions of equal value and "reality," but opposite or contradictory

positions cannot both be true. Consider mathematics. Two plus two equals four and two plus two equals five are not two kinds of "ultimate reality." In science H₂O is water and is not sulfuric acid, and to say it is doesn't make it so. The same is true in religion. Either Jesus Christ was bodily raised from the dead or he was not, but both points of view are not "ultimate reality." Jesus is the one and only way to God, as taught in John 14:6, or there is another way to God, as taught by Islam, but both views are not correct. Either what we believe, teach, and practice must be in harmony with Scripture or we are free to introduce our opinions and preferences, but both positions are not "reality." Either how we worship matters or it doesn't, but both positions are not correct. Either baptism is a burial in water for the forgiveness of sins or it doesn't matter what the action is or what the purpose is, but there is not "some good in both positions." Can we not see that in "ultimate reality" there is really no place for pluralism no matter how much we might like to think there is?
- Jay Lockhart

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sunday, January 21, 2007

by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "What Does The Lord Require?"
(Micah 6:6-8)
P.M. "Freedom Or Slavery"
(Deuteronomy 6:4-7)

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Jan. 25	"CONNECT"
Jan. 29	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 2-4	High School Servant Retreat
Feb. 4	Super Bowl Party
Apr. 6-8	LTC Convention

SUMMER DATES

June 5-8	Middle School Madness
June 17-23	BackCountry Trek
July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 20-25	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

ALERT

Several families have come to me recently regarding a woman who is going door to door with her different stories. She may use my name to try to exploit money -- she seems to be very convincing. A word to the wise is to have her, or anyone else who goes door to door trying to get money and goods, to go to the Benevolence Center allowing the center to be the central location for help. I have had several tell they have given her cash ... that tells me she will continue doing what she is doing. God calls us to help those in need ... let's be wise in how we help.

*"Be kinder than necessary,
for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle."*

LUST

How do you deal with lustful inclinations? Jesus said we were to take drastic measures to be sexually pure ... gouge out our eyes and cut off our hands if we must! Don't pamper sin. Don't flirt with it. Don't nibble at sin like a fish toying with bait. With the rising waters of sexual impurity encircling us, we need to make firm commitments and we need to fill our hearts with the resolve to keep those commitments. While we may be able to name a dozen reasons why we want to remain pure, the main reason far surpasses all the others: because Jesus was pure!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

This morning I woke up at 4:30 a.m. and couldn't go back to sleep. As I lay in bed my mind began to flood with possible bulletin articles, class subjects, and church topics. Needless to say, at 6:50 a.m., I was still laying there eyes wide open.

One of the topics that I thought about in those sleepless hours was an old church expression that goes like this: "That person is about an inch deep and a mile wide." Have you ever thought about that expression? Let me assure you, it's not meant as a compliment! Basically, that expression is used to denote that a particular person isn't very deep spiritually. The above mentioned expression also denotes that a person may have a little biblical knowledge about a lot of subjects but they haven't really studied to show themselves approved about a single topic of importance in God's Word. Let's just be honest, if a person makes this statement about a fellow Christian, they are saying that the person being referred to is weak spiritually. None of us

want to be referred to as being weak spiritually. All of us want to be good students of God's Word. Guess what? There's only one way that I know of to accomplish this noble task: Pick Up The Book And Study It! That's right! Stop relying on the wisdom of men and start relying on the wisdom of God. Don't get me wrong, I'm not condemning the religious writings of men but I am promoting the Word of God.

In my library I have several books that I have written tucked away neatly on one of my bookshelves. It has never been my intent to publish these books. I wrote these books for my benefit and to help me in the teaching of a particular subject. I simply took God's Word and read about a particular subject; I also referred to a host of "experts" regarding the subject and then I put my thoughts down on paper. Whether I became a good student of the Word by doing this, I'll leave to others to decide but I firmly believe that it has helped me to grow spiritually in the wisdom and understanding of God's Word. Whatever method you use, try your best to study to show thyself approved. It could have eternal consequences.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers and cards during my recent illness.
Stan Smith

I would like to thank all of our wonderful Christian friends in the Tyler area for your generous donations to the Medina Children's Home. Your tremendous efforts in collecting 700 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank you."
Yours in Christ,
George Rose

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday in Athens for Mary Ireland, John Cliver's sister. We recently learned that Pat Bratcher's mother died. Services were held in Kaufman. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

"The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor. The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything. Love and peace be with you forever, amen."

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GOD'S ABC'S

Although things are not perfect
 Because of trial or pain
 Continue in thanksgiving
 Do not begin to blame
 Even when times are hard
 Fierce winds are bound to blow
 God is forever able
 Hold on to what you know
 Imagine life without His love
 Joy would cease to be
 Keep thanking Him for all the things
 Love imparts to thee
 Move out of "Camp Complaining"
 No weapon that is known
 On earth can yield the power
 Praise can do alone
 Quit looking at the future
 Redeem the time at hand
 Start every day with worship
 To "thank" is a command
 Until we see Him coming
 Victorious in the sky
 We'll run the race with gratitude
 eXalting God most high
 Yes, there'll be good times and bad, but
 Zion waits, where none are ever sad!

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are delighted to welcome **Sam** and **Dorothy Kennedy** into the West Erwin family. They are the parents of Karen Fedell and moved to Tyler recently from Denver, Colorado. Their address is 1521 Rice Road, D-104, 75703, ph. 581-1173.

RESPONSE

Dwight Sowle came Sunday to request prayers of his church family as he seeks to rededicate his life to Christ.

"Outlook determines outcome and attitude determines action."

ATTENTION LADIES:

If you are interested in helping with the Ladies Spring Retreat on April 13 and 14, please contact Arlene Lockhart, Carolyn Philpot or Ginny Wicks as soon as possible.

PSALM 23 (for the work place)

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

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Church of Christ in Wildwood

You are invited to share with us as we thank and praise God in dedicating our new building on Hwy 315 and Wildwood Estates (6/10 of a mile from NW Loop 436/Charles Thomas Pkwy west to Wildreness Estates in Carthage). Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 p.m. Jay Lockhart is the guest speaker. We look forward to having you as our guest.

HEARTS & FLOWERS TATER SUPPER

The Glenwood Pure Gold Group invites your Young at Heart group to enjoy a tater supper February 13, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, 5210 Hollytree Drive. Bring your spouse, friend or sweetheart. Please call the church office @903-509-9494 by Friday, February 9 to give the number of those planning to attend. Fellowship is one of the greatest joys of being a Christian. Make plans to take part in this time of togetherness.

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Worship P.M.	495	342	445
Wed. P.M.	NS	400	363
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"WHERE THERE IS LIFE THERE IS REPETITION"

A comedian was honored on a national television special for his many years in the entertainment field. One of the participants encouraged the comedian to keep telling the same jokes over and over again because, said he, "Where there is life there is repetition." How true! Perhaps that is one reason the apostle Peter, as he came near the end of his life said, "I think it is right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by reminding you" of truth ... "knowing that shortly I must put off my body, ... I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things" (2 Peter 1:12-15). One of the purposes of Peter's letters was to remind his readers of eternal truth by repeating truths they already knew, because "where there is life there is repetition." We see this illustrated in life when a little child says to its parent after hearing an oft repeated and familiar story, "Read it again, read it again." This truth is further illustrated by two people in love who keep saying to one another, "I love you." It is also illustrated by the human body which, as long as it lives, is fed and exercised and rested over and over again.

Even God, the author of life, is repetitious as He says to the sun every morning, "Do it again." He says to the stars every night, "Do it again." It is true, isn't it? ... "where there is life there is repetition." Our country, established upon the principles of individual liberty, economic well-being, and religious freedom is worth preserving. But, if the Republic stands it will be because enough people keep repeating the American dream and because we return again and again to the faith of our fathers because, "Where there is life there is repetition." In our spiritual lives there must be repetition if we are to live. We keep returning to the origin of Christianity as revealed in Scripture. We keep studying, praying, singing, giving, teaching, and eating the Lord's Supper. We keep on seeking to be Christians only and members of the New Testament church because, "where there is life there is repetition." Repetition should not mean boring or going through the motions or formalism, but repetition should mean life. So keep on doing the right thing because, "Where there is life there is repetition."

- Jay Lockhart

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Sunday, January 28, 2007

**by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Learning From Our Past"
(Deuteronomy 32:7-9)
P.M. "Learning From Our Past" (2)
(Romans 15:1-6)**

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THINGS TO DO LISTS

Who was it that got me started making a "Things To Do List?" Whoever it was, I have been loyal to operating on one for years. I'm not sure I can get through a day without it anymore. Yet, as I get older I have found even simple things scribbled and numbered. I suppose it's the sense of accomplishment I receive when I get to line through something that keeps me submissive and obedient to it.

This what I have learned. A *Things To Do List* was never meant to be empty. There are always phone calls that need to be made, projects to complete, and errands to run. A list was never intended to be completed. My friend never told me that.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I wanted to take my column this week to update the congregation on how some of our classes are going, as well as a couple of our ministries.

First, I'd like to thank all of our Kid's Kingdom (K-5th grades) participants for coming to our *Jumpin' Jacks Party Shack* outing the other day. Even though it was a little icy and very cold we had a very good turn out (30 kids). Everyone had a great time! The food was great, thanks to Simple Simon's of Whitehouse, and all of the Kid's Kingdom participants were very thankful. It was a great day.

Ladies, thanks so much for all of the time and effort you are putting into your classes this winter. We are having great attendance on Wednesday mornings and on Wednesday evenings. I know you put a lot of time, energy and sometimes even finances into these classes. God bless you for your labor of love. Please keep up the good work.

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Sometimes we have to remind ourselves that the purpose of life is not to get it all done but to enjoy the journey. Each step along the way must contain love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control for when we die there will still be unfinished business to take care of. You know what? Someone else can do it! Why waste more precious moments regretting what could not be completed? I'm reminded of Ecclesiastes 9:9-10: "Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun - all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun. Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom." A *Things To Do List* is a tool for us to use, but never let it rule. Have a great week and be sure to thank the One who gave it to you.

subject is the *Distinctive Nature of the Church*. We are studying topics such as: (1) The inspiration of the Bible, (2) male spiritual leadership, (3) how we are to sing in our worship services, (4) the role of elders/deacons/ministers/members, (5) etc. I have enjoyed teaching this class and I am thankful for all of the positive comments that have been made.

Our attendance for our classes on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings has been outstanding for the month of January. Let's keep up the good work, let's continue to invite our friends, and let's remember to visit our guests as we have the opportunity. God will surely bless us if we do.

As the summer months approach, please remember the following dates and events: (1) our Summer Extravaganza will be June 11th-13th; (2) I will be taking a group of our little ones to Camp Deer Run for day camp during the first session; and (3) let's not forget our Wednesday evenings Fellowship And Christian Training Series throughout the summer months with a variety of guest speakers. We will also have our dessert fellowships each Wednesday evening immediately following our services.



IN APPRECIATION

We have been overwhelmed with the outpouring of love and concern from our West Erwin family following my recent problem. Thank you so much for the calls, cards, and food, but especially your love and prayers. We love and appreciate each of you.

In Him,
Roy and Fern

Dear brethren at West Erwin,

Thank yo so much for donating the children's furniture for use in the Lord's work in Tanzania! We will be good stewards of these things, and I believe the children's classes in Tanzania will be enriched because of your generosity. May God bless you all in continued service to Him.

In Christ,
John Baker
Missionary to Tanzania

NOTE: John Baker, son of Kay Baker, will be teaching the adult Bible class and preaching both services at West Erwin on February 11. Chris Parker will be the guest song leader that day. John and his family will be leaving for Tanzania Africa the end of February. West Erwin will be supporting him in this work.

Jay Bynum

WITH SYMPATHY

Jerry Rutherford, Bob Paul's brother-in-law, died Sunday night. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services were held last Saturday at Sullivan Funeral Home in Marshall for Z.T. Craver, Karen Stansbury's dad. Samantha Seaberry, Charles and Louise's granddaughter, has requested prayers for the Woodall family. Mr. Woodall was killed recently in an accident when a semi hit his car on icy roads. The family are members of the church in Enid, OK. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Glenda Gacilos, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsaisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Cheryl Johnson, P.O. Box 268, Bullard, 75775.
Jim & Priscilla Mayer, 1309 Lamar, 75701.

ATTENTION LADIES:

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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."

Church of Christ in Wildwood

You are invited to share with us as we thank and praise God in dedicating our new building on Hwy 315 and Wildwood Estates (6/10 of a mile from NW Loop 436/Charles Thomas Pkwy west to Wilderness Estates in Carthage). Sunday, January 28 at 2:30 p.m. Jay Lockhart is the guest speaker. We look forward to having you as our guest.

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NORTH TENNEHA ADULT BIBLE BOWL

You're invited to join us at the North Tenneha Church of Christ on January 31 at 7:00 p.m. for our annual Adult Bible Bowl. The Shiloh Road church and the North Tenneha church will be competing.

A HOLY HUNGER FOR YOU

Lord, create in me .. a holy hunger for You and fan it each day like a fire 'til I'm totally dissatisfied with the things of this earth and Your glory is my utmost desire. Let me seek your face., Your honor and wisdom 'til my soul is consumed by Your flame. Let me inhale Your Presence, wanting more every breath so I'll exhale of the truth of Your name. May I wake every day with a renewing of passion and not be content with what You did in the past. For Your glory is more than a trophy to hole in the hope that its memory will last. Lord, fill me with joy, inexpressible joy from the depths of Your heart's flowing treasures. For I've found true happiness isn't held in my hands but in the spiritual I cannot measure. Pour Yourself out to me like only You can and I will grow wanting more of Your glory, manifested in me through the Word in my life and written into my life story. Let me die to myself and my selfish desires so that righteousness overflows from within. Till You're the last thought I have at the close of each day and the first thought as each new day begins. Amen. - copied

PLEASE NOTE: Tracts are available in the foyer

GIVE ME THE BIBLE

The "Give Me The Bible" television program has moved to 7:30 a.m. on KETK-56 and to 7:00 a.m. on KLSB. They will be celebrating their 11th annual "Give Me The Bible" television program luncheon and conference at the Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine on Saturday, January 27 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Theme: "Reaching Out To Others in 2007." Speakers are Dan Manuel, Foy Forehand & Steve Neville. Congregational singing and Christian Products Bookstore display. Noon luncheon: \$6.00 per person (fried chicken, barbecue & all the trimmings). Call 903-723-6291 for more details.

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Bible Class	505	475	439
Worship A.M.	720	715	624
Worship P.M.	494	495	423
Wed. P.M.	374	NS	349
Contribution	\$23,121.50	\$23,969.86	\$24,199.59
Weekly Budget	\$23,047.00	1-281-07 Bldg. \$470.00	

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Prayer: Gary Mitcham.
 Scripture: Jamon Kirby
 Dismiss: Jim Mayer

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Seth Bailey
 Roger Bailey
 Don McLaugherty
 John Shaw

Dalton Harris
 Keith Harris
 Randy Fedell
 Jeff Regian

GREETERS

Michael & Candace Hall & Hayley Wilson
 Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Audrey Wright
 Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Daniel Yates
 Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
 Milburn & Jan Cook

Pick up cards February 4 & 11: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

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"IS IGNORANCE BLISS?"

All of us are ignorant about some things. We may have some expertise in our specific field of training and experience, but even the rocket scientist is not competent in every field ... and that's okay. However, there are some things that we need to know and should know. For example, in some of the gritty areas of life we might not personally know the answer to some difficult questions and we might think that there is no answer. Such a belief may lead us to reach many false conclusions and into many troubles. In religion God wants us to know his Word and he holds us responsible not only for what we know but also for what we should have found out. In Matthew 11:20-24 Jesus upbraided the cities in which he had done most of his teaching and miracles because they did not believe him. He said it would be more tolerable in the day of judgment for those who never had the opportunity to hear his word than for those who heard and rejected that word. Jesus held those cities responsible for what they knew and for what they could have found

out. So what do you read? Do you read Scripture in order to find out what you need to know or to seek to prove what you want to believe? What else do you read? Do you read books that fortify faith or books that create doubts and damage faith? Have you ever read any of the classic books written in days gone by that deal with many of the issues that trouble the church today? Books like M.C. Kurfees' Instrumental Music In Worship or F.E. Wallace's God's Prophetic Word, or James DeForest Murch's Christians Only? Never heard of these? These and other books available to us just may contain some answers to questions that we have no answers to and that we may feel have no answers. Questions being raised today just possibly might have been considered and answered long ago and we might do well to consider what has been said. Just because you do not know the answer doesn't mean there is no answer. And remember, God holds us responsible for what we know and for what we could have found out. What are you reading?

- Jay Lockhart

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sunday, February 4, 2007
A.M. "State of the Church at West Erwin"
(Joshua 1:7-9) by Leon Welborn
P.M. "That I May Know Him"
(Philippians 3:7-11)
by Dr. Jay Lockhart

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

SERVANT RETREAT

Feb. 2-4 are the dates for the High School Servant Retreat. We will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday in time for the morning worship. Cost will be \$35. Please be at the building @ 5:00 on Friday. We will return in time for church Sunday Morning.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

All of those in grades 6-12 and their families are invited to the Super Bowl Party this Sunday night after church. Please bring snack foods. We will be finished when the game is over.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Feb. 5. Please mark your calendar and plan to help in this ministry.

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other. Invite a friend!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

3-8 Grade Short Film will meet All Day this Sunday. Please bring a sack lunch.

9-12 Grade Short Film will meet at 3:00.

Chorus will meet Sunday at 4:00.

Stay tuned for more details. Your deposit and room reservations is due!!! We will be starting Drama & Puppets soon. Let's get a good start for 2007 and make this the best year yet!

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
 MY WORST BAD HABIT

Interrupting someone else's story to inject my own is a horribly bad habit I have acquired. I know it reduces the joy the other person has and it makes me feel awful after I do it. Do you share this problem? The next time someone tells you a story or shares an accomplishment with you, notice your own tendency to add something about yourself in response: "Once I did the same thing ..." or "Let me tell you what I did ..." You may be caught in this ego trap with me. I'm working on it and I have discovered an almost magical return. A sense of peace is present when I surrender my own need for attention. In trying to bite my tongue from inserting my own story and saying to the other person, "That's great" or "Good for you" or "Tell me more"

and leave it at that, I've noticed the attention I thought I needed is replaced by an inner peace and confidence that is derived from allowing others to have all the glory. You might try it a few times and watch for that peace. I wonder where it comes from?

NEW MEMBERS' PICTURES

We have had a number of new families place membership at West Erwin since we finished taking the pictures for our new directories. It's too late to get your picture in the directory, but we do have a couple of locations where we can display your picture in order to help all of us learn your name. We will be taking those pictures this coming Sunday, February 4, in the small auditorium immediately after the morning worship. It will only take a few minutes. Thank you for your cooperation. Cliff & Thelma Nolley will be taking the pictures.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

One of the highlights of my year is Freed Hardeman University's annual lectureship. From 1979 until 2004 I made the journey to Henderson, Tennessee to hear learned men present great lessons regarding God's Word. For the last two years I have been unable to attend the lectureships but if all goes as planned and if the roads stay dry I'll be heading back to FHU for a few days the first full week of February. This year's lectureship is entitled: *Hear O Israel*. The series of lessons presented throughout the week will be dedicated to preserving God's Word. I sometimes wonder if we (the church universally) are still trying to preserve God's Word. I have great confidence that here at West Erwin a genuine effort is made by all involved to listen and obey the instructions as given by God through His Word on how we are to behave in our worship to Him. However, apparently not all of our brothers and sisters throughout this nation (and perhaps the world) are following those instructions. It only takes

a quick look at the latest edition of the *Christian Chronicle* to see why so many of us have become frustrated; learned men and women leaving their first love to accept denominational teachings rather than the pure and undefiled teachings of the Word.

When such things happen it only makes me more resolved to fulfill the task that has been laid at my feet here at West Erwin (to oversee the education ministry). I really want to have solid biblical teachers in the classrooms presenting lessons that are: (1) Christ centered; (2) needs orientated; and (3) Bible based. Help me fulfill this task by: (1) studying to show yourself approved; (2) finding your place within the education ministry of the church; (3) dedicating your time, talent, and energy to teaching and; (4) making the teaching of others regarding God's Word your mission in life. A difference can be made but it won't happen if you stay on the sidelines. Get involved now! God will surely bless you if you put forth the effort to teach others about Christ.



WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday at Laurel Land Funeral Home in Dallas for Mona Fergusson, Marsha Wells' mother. Services were held last Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Jo Warner, Mike Warner's mother. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families

NEW ARRIVALS

Robert and Kathy Hilliard are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, Brady Clayton Hilliard, born January 24 to Chad and Kristan Hilliard of Brownsboro. He weighed 8 lb. 11 oz and was 21 inches long. Carly is the big sister. Great grandparents are Winnie Bell and Rob and Carmen Hilliard.

J.R and Sylvia Tharpe have a new granddaughter, born January 26 to Randle and Desiree Tharpe in Ward, Arkansas. Lexi was one month premature and is in an induced coma and on a breathing machine. She is improving and your prayers are appreciated.

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GOD SAID NO!

I asked God to take away my habit.
 God said No. It is not for me to take away but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.
 God said No. His spirit is whole; his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.
 God said No. Patience is a by product of tribulations; it isn't granted; it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.
 God said No. I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.
 God said No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and brings you closer to Me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.
 God said No. You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.
 God said No. I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me.
 God said ...Ahhhhh, finally you have the idea. - copied

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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us in celebration of
 Sue Ramsour's 80th Birthday
 Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
 West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center.
 (Your presence is the only gift requested)
 Kay & Terry Doyle (830-537-3916) & Tom & Sondra Ramsour

RECEPTION

You're invited to a reception honoring
 Jay and Arlene Lockhart
 Sunday, January 18, 2007 - 4:00 pm
 West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center
 Your presence is a welcome gift - No other gifts, please

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WSM FREE CAR CARE SERVICE

(Widows and Single Mothers)
 Saturday, February 3, 2007
 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the church building

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER

Boles Children's Home's annual Dallas Dinner & Silent Auction will take place on Friday, February 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Hall of Dallas Union station, 401 South Houston Street. Gene Stallings, former coach for the University of Alabama and assistant coach for the Dallas Cowboys, will be the guest speaker. Individual tickets are \$150.00, sponsor tables \$1500.00 and platinum sponsor tables are \$2,500.00 and includes a pre-dinner reception (6:00 p.m.) with Gene Stallings. Tables seat 10. To purchase tickets or tables, contact David Arnwine at 214-770-5878, Ken Bonham at 214-460-0215, Kristen Bollman or Josh Clem at 903-883-2204.

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Dr., Longview
 Theme: Bible Treasures; Things of Eternal Importance"
 Ken Hope preaching

"But the judgment of God is upon the church as never before. If the church of today does not recapture the sacrificial spirit of the early church, it will lose its authentic ring, forfeit the loyalty of millions and be dismissed as an irrelevant social club with no meaning for the twentieth century. I am meeting young people every day whose disappointment with the church has risen to outright disgust." - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Bible Class	466	505	432
Worship A.M.	710	720	633
Worship P.M.	416	494	405
Wed. P.M.	346	374	345
Contribution	\$27,666.47	\$23,121.50	\$25,942.11
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	2-8-07 Bldg.	\$530.00

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PRAYER AND CARE - Bob Threadgill is now in hospice. **Carolyn Stitt** is in Mother Frances with heart problems. **Jon Sorrells** was admitted to Mother Frances Tuesday night. **Barbara Henderson** is in Mother Frances for tests. **Jerry Howard** is not doing well after recent surgery on a broken hip. **Sylvia Tharpe** is having recurring eye problems. **Carolyn Womack** is scheduled to go home Thursday. **Buck Nowell** is undergoing treatment for a herniated disc. **Roy Bench** had an angiogram Thursday. **Stephanie Ruddell** is scheduled for another back surgery. **Paul Watkins**, a 17 year old extended family member of Janice Hardaway, has a life-threatening heart condition. **J.E. Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Houston for cancer consultation. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Mattie Hawkins**, Kim Jordan's mother; **Sam Kennedy**, Karen Fedell's dad; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Samantha Means; Ruth Mezell; W.A. Monk; Katy Murry**, Dan & Jon Murry and Laurie Kimball's mother; **Charles O'Neal; Kay Parrish; Betty Price; Maxine Ray; Mary Richey; Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad; **Odell Sessions; M.C. Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's brother; **Judy Smith; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Bill Thompson; Gloria Thigpen** and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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 Scripture: Randy Farrar
 Lord's Supper: Daniel DuPree
 Dismiss: James Sublette

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 Scripture: David Frick
 Dismiss: Steve Denman

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Aubrey Morman: Dan Murry
 Charles O'Neal: Jon Murry
 Bill Mullins: J.D. Osborn
 Kenneth Muncy: Larry Murphey

GREETERS

Mike & Dorothy Watts & Cameron Ables
 Don & Nerene Ingram & Chloe Ainsworth
 Louis & Jane Jones & Keaton Ainsworth
 Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
 Gary & Judy Mitcham

Pick up cards February 11: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

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MISSIONARIES TO TANZANIA

The mission work known as "Tanzania 2000" was begun by the elders of the Kensington Woods church of Christ in Hattiesburg, Mississippi in 1998. Designed as a 20 year effort, "Tanzania 2000" is focused on planting and growing the Lord's church in Northern Tanzania with a special emphasis on helping African congregations to become self-supporting without a long-term need for American missionaries and funds. In order to help achieve this goal, John and Angie Baker, with their two small children, Daniel and Abby, will be leaving the United States to go to Arusha, Tanzania the end of February. There John will be focused on teaching in the preacher training school, which prepares men to become gospel preachers, teachers and leaders in the Lord's church in East Africa. Angie will be involved in teaching bible classes and conducting bible studies as well as developing children's curriculum with local congregations.

The Bakers will be joined by a team of several other American families who have been working in Northern Tanzania for nearly eight years.

John and Angie met with the West Erwin mission committee last July as they began to make plans for this work. As mentioned in our "State of the Church" presentation last Sunday, West Erwin will be involved in supporting the Bakers in this effort.

John will be here Sunday to preach at both services as well as teaching the combined adult classes. This will be a great opportunity to get to know John and his family and to hear more about our part in "going into all the world to preach the gospel".

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



**Sunday, February 11, 2007
by John Baker**
Adult Bible Class: "The Parable of the Prodigal"
 (Luke 15:11-32)
A.M. "God's Commentary on the Cross"
 (Matthew 27:45-54)
P.M. "Jesus, Man of the Word" (John 6:68)

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IN APPRECIATION

To the dear family of West Erwin,

Thank you for the comfort of flowers and cards sent at the passing of our dad, Z.T. Craver. There is no coincidence in prayer: within 24 hours of announcing the need for prayer, he became peaceful and made the brave decision to enter hospice. Our greatest comfort comes from knowing he is with Mom and pain free!

Our best,
Karen Stansbury

Jay and West Erwin,

As in the past, you and the church encourage me in one of my darkest hours. The love, support and friendship mean more than words can express. You continue to be a life line to something greater than myself. I love you all and may God bless you.

Marsha Wells

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Sunday in Mountain View, Arkansas for Marie Yates, Doug Yates' stepmother. Services were held Saturday in Mesquite for Tammy Williams, Barbara Henderson's 43 year old niece, who died unexpectedly last Tuesday. Services were held last Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for Gerald Montgomery, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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BLOOD DONATIONS & USAGE

If you are donating or wish to donate blood to the Stewart Blood Center, please remember to request that it be added to the West Erwin Church of Christ blood bank. Also, if you or a family member need blood, ask that it be taken from the West Erwin account. It is there for your use.

"Outlook determines outcome and attitude determines action."



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Please join us in celebration of
Sue Ramsour's 80th Birthday

Sunday, February 11, 2007 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center.
(Your presence is the only gift requested)

Kay & Terry Doyle (830-537-3916) & Tom & Sondra Ramsour

RECEPTION

*You're invited to a reception honoring
Jay and Arlene Lockhart*

Sunday, February 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center

Your presence is a welcome gift - No other gifts, please



RETIREMENT RECEPTION

The children of Gary and Sandra Montgomery
request your presence in honoring their parents
as they retire from full time ministry

A reception will be held February 17, 2007
from one-thirty to five o'clock at the Hico Church of Christ Fellowship
Hall, 301 Pecan, Hico, Texas No gifts please. However if you have any
pictures or stories to share, please send them to Angela Montgomery
Smith, 320 Abbey Drive, Austin, Texas 78737 or email:
smithhak@audtin.rr.com

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BIBLE HOUR HOMECOMING

All Bible Hour students and their families are invited to Bible Hour Homecoming in the Family Life Center Sunday, February 11, immediately after the evening worship assembly.

PLEASE NOTE: We have a number of handicapped parking spaces that are available for those who need them. Also, remember the "reserved" pews for visitors and latecomers.

"It's good to be saved and know it!
It's better to be saved and show it!"

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

3-8 Grade Short Film will meet All Day this Sunday. Please bring \$3 for lunch & \$5 for the shirt. Remember to bring black pants/skirt for the filming. We will finish about 30 minutes after church Sunday night.

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Chorus will meet Sunday at 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights @ 7:00.

Live Drama will meet beginning Sunday, Feb. 18 @ 3:00.

Stay tuned for more details. Your deposit and room reservations are due!!! Please be present for practice!

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THANKS!

The Servant Retreat was a great weekend. 26 of us were blessed to have been a part of this special time together. A special thanks to Kelli Malone, Ginger Philpot, Barry Scarborough and David Wicks for going as sponsors.

Thanks to all of those who came to the Super Bowl Party! We had a great time!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We had a great turnout with lots of help.

SUMMER DATES

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July 5-14 Nebraska Mission Trip
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THE BACK BURNER

Have you discovered how to use the back burner of your mind? It's an excellent way to reduce stress by allowing your mind to solve problems while you go about your other business.

The back burner of your mind works much the same way the back burner of your stove works. Usually we put things we want to cook slowly on the back burner. We add all the ingredients together, let it simmer, and we interfere with it very little.

The back burner of our minds can solve many of life's problems if we gather the facts and variables to let

them simmer just like we do a pot of soup. Sometimes our thoughts and ideas need to be left alone to slowly cook together. We don't always have to deep fry everything!

The back burner is not an excuse to procrastinate. To put it all together, place it on the back burner and then turn the burner off is not going to help solve anything. The back burner is to gently, softly, and quietly hold the problems in your mind. It will bring out your most creative juices and your most effective source of thinking in order to work for you on those issues you have no immediate answers for. The most important part is that it offers you time to pray about it.

It's a simple technique and will help you solve many problems and greatly reduce the stress of your life.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When January began we implemented a visitation ministry through our adult Bible classes. Before we began this ministry I met with our adult teachers and education committee for 3 to 4 weeks. In these meetings I explained the mechanics of this visitation ministry. We prayed about it, we involved God in the process, and we designed the nuts and bolts of this ministry. When January rolled around we were ready to go. Since we implemented this ministry multiple members have been checked on and visited. Phone calls have been made and cards of encouragement have been sent. The main purpose of this ministry is to check on those who are absent to make sure their needs are being met, but indirectly this ministry is also geared to help maximize our attendance to our Bible school. Remember our mission statement within the Bible school ministry is: *to edify the believers through a systematic study of God's Word and through our study we will also have the opportunity to*

evangelize those who are lost, we can successfully grow our classes into a Great Commission model.

Teachers, I hope you are taking this visitation assignment seriously and that you are implementing it with every fiber of your body. This is serious business and it has been laid at our feet (as teachers) to implement. Please figure out a way to maximize this effort and remember to continually involve God in the process.

Just to let you know of the effects that this visitation ministry can have, let me tell you of some of the comments and observations that have come out of my classroom. **First**, probably 3 to 4 of my students have told me how much they appreciated the phone call, letter, e-mail or visit they received when they were absent from class. They were greatly encouraged and motivated to be sure to be in class the following week. **Second**, our numbers in my class have risen from about 45 to 63 in just four weeks. Eighteen people who perhaps weren't involved in a study of God's Word now have the opportunity to listen and discuss a subject that could lead them closer to God and ultimately to heaven. Teachers, God bless you as you instruct your classes.

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Bible Class	413	466	413
Worship A.M.	634	710	638
Worship P.M.	NC	416	445
Wed. P.M.	327	346	375
Contribution	\$19,477.19	\$23,121.50	\$24,585.02
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	2-11-07 Bldg.	\$115.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, February 18 and Wed., Feb. 21: Don Inorram. nh. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Jerry Howard will begin another series of chemo. **Ruth Mezell** is at home after being hospitalized with congestive heart failure. **Janice Hardaway** fractured her shoulder. **Barbara Henderson** is at home but undergoing more tests. **Sylvia Tharpe** is having recurring eye problems. **Carolyn Womack** is recuperating at home. **Roy Bench** got a good report, will not require surgery. **Paul Watkins**, a 17 year old extended family member of Janice Hardaway, had surgery Friday for critical heart condition. **J.E. Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother, is in Houston for cancer consultation. **E.P. Malone**, Pat Malone's grandfather, had heart surgery at ETMC. **Glenn Chinn**, Charles Seaberry's cousin, has metastasized cancer and serious side effects from chemo. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Sam Kennedy**, Karen Fedell's dad; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Samantha Means; W.A. Monk; Katy Murry**, Dan & Jon Murry and Laurie Kimball's mother; **Buck Nowell; Charles O'Neal; Kay Parrish; Bettye Price; Mary Richey; Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad; **Stephanie Ruddell; Odell Sessions; M.C. Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's brother; **Judy Smith; Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carolyn Stitt; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Bill Thompson; Gloria Thigpen and Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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

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.
	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M.	(903) 592-0809
	11:30 A.M.

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

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Carlos Morgan
Scripture: Jordan Mullins
Lord's Supper: J.D. Osborn
Dismiss: Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

Prayer: Tommy Parrish
Scripture: Bob Paul
Dismiss: Fred Powell

SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

Aubrey Morman: Dan Murry
Charles O'Neal: Jon Murry
Bill Mullins: J.D. Osborn
Kenneth Muncy: Larry Murphey

GREETERS

Todd & Kenna Kempton & Brittany Asbill
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Betsy Asbill
Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Preston Conder
Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

Pick up cards February 18 & 25: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Feb. 18:
Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Rhonda Haws; Toddlers a.m.: Martha & Calley Waggoner; Toddlers p.m.: Patti Grounds & girls; 2's: Diane Weathers & girls; 3's & 4's: Laurie Kimball & Dr. Monique Mills.

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THE LORD WHO IS FAITHFUL

In Isaiah 49 the Lord (*YAHWEH* or *JEHOVAH*), who refers to himself as "the Holy One of Israel," made some great statements and gave some wonderful promises to his Old Testament people, Israel. These statements and promises, which are highly Messianic, have meaning and application to us, his New Testament people. Notice what the Scripture says

1. "The Lord has called me from the womb" (49:1)
2. "From the inward parts of my mother he has made mention of my name" (49:1)
3. "Who formed me from the womb to be his servant" (49:5)
4. "I have heard you ... I have helped you ... I will preserve you" (49:8)
5. "He will guide them" (49:10)
6. "The Lord has comforted his people, and will have mercy on His afflicted" (49:13)
7. "I will not forget you ... I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" (49:15, 16)

These words prompt several responses. *First*, all of those who promote "freedom of choice" and believe an

unborn child is simply a lump of protoplasm are hard pressed to explain how the Lord calls me from the womb and knows the names of the unborn as they are in the womb (1, 2, 3 above; see also Jeremiah 1:5). *Second*, it is most encouraging to know that God hears his people when they pray, helps his people when they are in need, and preserves his people when they are troubled (4 above). *Third*, it is most reassuring to know that God guides his people and that they are never forsaken (5 above). *Fourth*, it is good to know that the Lord comforts his people in their time of trouble and has mercy upon them when they are afflicted (6 above). *Fifth*, it is comforting to know that God will never forget his people and the words, "I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands" are tender reminders that they are in the thoughts of God and near to his heart (7 above). Add to this the fact that God says he is faithful (49:7) and our confidence in the words of the Lord is so great that we know we never need to be afraid.

- Jay Lockhart

"Going On To Perfection"



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**Sunday, February 18, 2007
by Dr. Jay Lockhart
A.M. "Why I Came To You"
(Romans 1:8-15)
P.M. "Finally Brethren"
(Ephesians 6:10-13)**

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10th ANNUAL A CAPELLA PRAISE NIGHT

The Alpine Church of Christ, 610 East Loop 281, Longview, TX 10th annual acapella praise night, Sunday, March 4, 6-7:30 pm. An evening of teaching and enjoying new acapella praise music presented by Alpine Music Ministry. For more information: 903-758-0161.

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

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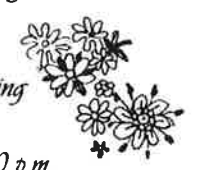
RESPONSES

Monica (Starr) Hartman came Sunday to request the prayers and support of her church family as she deals with a very tough time in her life.

Kenna Kempton also came to ask for the prayers of her church family that she might be a better Christian example, dependent on the ever-present God for peace and understanding.

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BRIDAL SHOWER

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GOSPEL MEETING

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From a strictly Mathematical Viewpoint:

What Equals 100%? What does it mean to give MORE than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100%? We have all been in situations where someone wants you to give over 100%. How about achieving 101%? What equals 100% in life? Here's a little mathematical formula that might help you answer these Questions:

If: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Is represented as: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26.

Then: H-A-R-D-W-O-R- K
8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98%

and K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E
11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96%

But, A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E
1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100%

AND, look how far the love of God will take you
L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101%

Therefore, one can conclude with mathematical certainty that: While Hard Work and Knowledge will get you close, and Attitude will get you there, it's the Love of God that will put you over the top!

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BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Sunday, Mar. 4. We will have a study session on Sunday, Feb. 25. We will meet for lunch and work together until 3:00.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT?

It's easy to get lost and overwhelmed in the daily grind of life on this planet. If you are like me when I get there I usually let what's most near and dear to my heart slip by undetected. What's really important is a question that helps me stay focused. What's really important reminds me that I have a choice where I put my attention and energy. And the answer to that question keeps me more present-time oriented and slows me down. I don't run out the door, I don't work late, nor do I lose patience as often. So, take a minute to check in with yourself, asking what's really important

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today? I think it's all part of becoming like Jesus and learning to make conscious, loving decisions.

ENLARGING OUR VISION

It's time to enlarge our vision at West Erwin. Have you ever heard this: "What you expect is what you will get"? It's usually true. Therefore, a key element to enlarging our vision is to raise our level of expectancy. For we serve the King of kings, the Most High God. His dream for West Erwin is so much bigger and better than we can ever imagine. Let's remain in prayer asking Him to show us this vision He has for us. Let's trust Him and not lose heart. Once again He is the King of kings and Lord of lords!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

David and Virginia Demic have worked countless hours trying to get our libraries back in order since our remodeling project was completed. Folks, I have good news to relay to you because both of our libraries (children's and adult reference libraries) are now ready to be used. Both of these libraries use a simple system for checking books out and back in. The procedure is explained in detail in both of the libraries. We also have several newly acquired books to be looked at and used. It is our hope that videos and DVD's will soon be added and that our libraries will serve as an enhancement tool for both the enjoyment of reading as well as the enjoyment of studying. Parents, teachers, students, please take advantage of our libraries and gain as much wisdom and understanding of God's Word as possible so that you will be able to move in the direction that God would have you to. Once again, thank you, David and Virginia, for your labor of love in organizing our libraries.

The spring quarter is almost upon us and all of our teachers have been selected and will be ready when March 4th rolls around. We are in the process of ordering the material and it should be here soon. Thank you so much for accepting the position of Bible school teacher here at West Erwin. Remember, hold fast to God's Word and He will bless your work as a teacher.

I have been thoroughly impressed with our Bible school attendance so far this quarter. It is up dramatically on both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. Thank you so much for supporting this important ministry. If you have any suggestions or comments that you would like to make regarding our Bible classes, please feel free to contact me at your convenience. Let's keep things moving in the right direction on our classes.

Teachers, I know that periodically your classes become frustrating and that you wonder if you are making an impact on your students. Let me assure you that if you are teaching God's Word in your class then you are making a positive impact on your students. Please keep up the great work because it will make a difference in the lives of your students. God bless you.

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Bible Class	447	413	401
Worship A.M.	729	634	624
Worship P.M.	493	NC	439
Wed. P.M.	370	327	369
Contribution	\$27,079.67	\$19,477.19	\$22,270.87
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	2-18-07 Bldg. \$300.00	

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WHY INVITE PEOPLE TO CHURCH?

Though 85 percent of Americans call themselves Christians only 69 percent of Americans regard themselves as church members. Only 43 percent will attend church on a given Sunday. Another 22 percent will attend occasionally. Only 22 percent of Americans attend Bible classes on Sunday mornings. There are now 79 million "unchurched" people in America.

Many of these people are "notional" Christians. They claim to be Christians but do not practice their Christianity by church attendance. These are people who need a church home.

Why do they need a church home? For the same reasons you do. They need the spiritual help and climate going to church provides. They need to hear the Scripture preached and to remember the Lord's death in His Supper. They need to praise the Lord in song and to pray

about their needs. They need the Lord's help and teaching from week to week.

They also need a church home because we all need our brothers and sisters in Christ. Life has a way of handing us surprises. It means so much to have the support of loving brothers and sisters who will pray with us and for us when we need them. Solomon was right when he said that "two are better than one" (Eccl. 4:9). There is strength in numbers, and brothers and sisters assure our hearts when they walk beside us in serving the Lord. "Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Prov. 27:17).

Surely you know someone who needs a church home. Won't you help them? Bring them to the Lord.

- by Phil Sanders

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

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REMEMBER... Pre-Convention Deadline is Monday, Feb. 26. This includes: Audio Broadcast, Essay, Fiction, Web Page, PowerPoint, Poetry, Song Writing & Short Film. They need to be Postmarked by Monday. If you want me to mail them, have them here at the church office by Noon on Monday. For addresses, see www.niltc.org.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be Sunday, Mar. 4. We will have a study session on Sunday, Feb. 25. We will meet for lunch and work together until 3:00. Please bring money for Mazzios.

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

Odell Sessions is in need of a good heavy duty wheelchair as soon as possible. If you can help, please call the church office @903-592-089 this week. Thank you.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Have you ever been told that your life will follow your expectations? It's true. This is why Paul told the church in Colosse to change their thinking. He said, "Since then you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things" (Col. 3:1-2). Set your mind on higher things and keep it there.

Jesus said (John 14:12) "... anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." Expect great things! Expect circumstances to change for the best. Expect God to send you the people you need. Expect to be in the right place at the right time. Expect the Holy Spirit to equip you for whatever task God lays before you. Expect God to be there and He will be. The things of this world are negative and filled with doubts. Expect little and you will receive little. Expect the worst and you will see it grow worse. Rest assured, "earthly thoughts" are not coming from God, but from Satan who wishes to see your faith in God fail. So if we want to be serious about living this new life in Christ we must act like it for our lives will follow our expectations.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Our spring quarter is fast approaching and all of our teachers are in place. It has been a little tricky preparing for the spring quarter. There have been a lot of concerns and suggestions made on how to handle our adult classes but I think we've settled on a format that will move us in the right direction for the next 13 weeks. Please pray for the success of our adult education ministry as we fill in the gaps that Jay's departure has created. We wish Jay and Arlene the best in their new work in Benton, Kentucky. We've been blessed here at West Erwin with great teachers who at a moments notice will lend their expertise as a substitute teacher within our education ministry. We've selected five teachers to work with the Seeker's class on Sunday mornings: (1) Todd Kempton; (2) Bob Paul; (3) G.W. Cliver; (4) Wayne Berryman; and (5) J.R. Tharpe. By using these men we will be able to complete the spring quarter and then we will see where we need to go from there.

On Wednesday evenings we will have a 13 week series of lessons taken from the book of John entitled: *The Irony Of John*. I will be teaching this class. It will not be set up in The Search television format but instead as an interactive class, so please read the book of John and be ready to give your comments during this class. This class will begin on March 7th.

It is also during the spring quarter that LTC gets into full swing. We will more than likely need to make some adjustments within our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades because the vast majority of them will be pulled out of class for LTC activities. Once we see just how many are affected we will make the necessary changes. I'd like to encourage all LTC participants who meet in the workroom on Wednesday evenings to remember that we are having classes in that general area and to please stay as quiet as possible so that there will be no unnecessary disruptions to our classes. Also, please make sure that the workroom is cleaned up and back in working order at the end of your work session.

Again, I'd like to thank all who have jumped in to help the education ministry out for the spring quarter. It is my hope and prayer that this quarter will be a great success.



WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Covington, Tennessee for Jean Cole, Shane Millican's grandmother. Services were held last Saturday in Grapeland for Flavil Caskey (brother of the late Bud Caskey), Melissa Frick's great uncle. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linselsen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Chris Montgomery, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

"Spend less time worrying who's right, and spend more time deciding what's right."

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The time has arrived once again for the opportunity to support Christian education by participating in the annual East Texas Christian Academy Charity Auction. This auction is the primary fund raising event sponsored each year to benefit the school. The auction, this year "Wild About Kids" is a safari theme and will be held February 24th, 2007 at the TASCAs Ornalas Activity Center, 3402 Old Omen Road. This year we hope to continue the tradition of success with your generous participation. More details will follow, however, if you would like more information or for tickets, please contact ETCA directly at 903-561-8642.

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Eastern European Mission Benefit Dinner

Tuesday, April 3, 2007, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tasca Ornalas Activity Center, Tyler

3402 Old Omen Road (off SE Loop 323 & University Drive)

More information coming soon. If you have questions, please

contact Dale Mitchell, Regional Coordinator for EEM at

903-388-8453 or theway.1@sbcglobal.net

ATTENTION LADIES:

Sign-up for the Ladies Spring Retreat will begin Sunday, February 25 in the main foyer. Cost is \$40.00. Dates April 13-14. Where: Stone Fort Encampment in Tyler. Theme: "Help Me Lord, My Purse Is Full." Watch for more details.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m.

for the 2007 North Texas Benefit Dinner & Auction

Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas with Avery Johnson, head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, as guest speaker.

For more information contact Richard Brown @ 214-684-2458 or Linda Cause @ 972-898-6326.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **John Turner** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Monday evening. John will be married March 10 to Lauren Laningham and has been attending with her for some time and studying with Jay. His address is 808 Pam, 75703, ph. 903-714-0790.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Addie Marie Harraid** into the West Erwin family. She came by the office Monday to make known her desire to work and worship with the church here. Her address is 1311 South Robertson Ave., 75701, ph. 903-533-9095.

RESPONSE

Bill and Judy Wilmeth came Sunday to ask for the prayers of their church family as they seek to continue to serve God as He would have them to do.

Sorry to lose: Jane Ground is moving to be closer to her daughter. Her new address is Champion Cove, 1600 South Main, Apt. 135, Duncanville, TX 75137.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

honoring

Lauren Laningham

(daughter of Marc and Tammy Lemons,

granddaughter of Velma Lemons)

bride-elect of John Robert Turner, Jr.

Sunday, February 25, 3:30 - 4:30 in the Family Life Center

Selections: Target & Linens N' Things

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS: Children's and adult men's & ladies' winter clothing, especially large sizes. Thanks for your help!

HOME-AID CAREGIVERS

Home-Aid Caregivers, owned by Joey Coker, provides personal care, homemaker services and companionship to elderly persons in their homes. If you are an honest, caring and dependable employee and wish to be paid for making a difference in your life and in the lives of others, please call for additional information or consultation at 903-533-1300 or e-mail www.home-aid.us. No certification is required. Training is provided and schedules are flexible for those who only want part-time work. Also, for anyone who is in need of such part-time or full-time assistance as an alternative to having to move into a senior care facility, services are reimbursed by private pay and long term care insurance.

THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



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Bible Class	471	447	425
Worship A.M.	694	729	670
Worship P.M.	470	493	526
Wed. P.M.	351	370	328
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THE WONDER OF LIGHT

A long time ago, God asked a wise man named Job, "By what way is light diffused?" (Job 38:24). Job did not know very much about light. Though we still do not understand everything about light, we do know some things—both from the Bible and from science.

For example, we know that material light has not always existed, for God spoke, and light came into being (Genesis 1:3). Also, we know that light travels at a speed of over 186,000 miles a second. It takes about 8 minutes for light to reach the Earth from the Sun.

When an object provides its own light, it is called **self-luminous**. The Sun is a self-luminous body.

Some other objects in space, such as the Moon, only **reflect** light. Moonlight is merely reflected sunlight. When you see a person in the moonlight, you see light that has been reflected twice. Of course, people in very ancient times did not understand the difference in the kinds of light provided by the Sun and Moon.

In a spiritual sense, Jesus Christ is the light of the world (John 8:12). His own divine nature supplies that light (spiritual teaching). On the other hand, when we live like Jesus wants us to, we become "lights" which show His wonderful teaching to others (read Philippians 2:15). Jesus is the source; we are the reflectors. Let us be sure that we do our very best to be good .
- Wayne Jackson

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Our next Bible Quiz will be Sunday, Mar. 4. We will go together on the bus and eat lunch @ Jason's Deli and then go to Shiloh for the test @ 2:30. Please bring money for Jason's. We will return back to the building when it is over.

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High School Students: Due to the Spring Break schedule, we will not meet again until Mar. 22. Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wick's home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other.

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"I LOVE YOU"

Have you ever wondered why "I love you" is so hard to say? It took me a while after I married Nancy to realize that when she said "I love you" she was not only making the statement because she wanted me to know - but she was also wanting to hear those words coming from my lips. I realized I was not saying those words enough to her. The fact that I carried the trash out, helped with the dishes, washed her car, made sure it had gas, and shared in the house cleaning chores was not enough - she wanted to hear the words. So, if you read this far I want you to stop right now and tell your spouse, your parents, or your children that you love them.

Here are some questions to consider: How do you love someone when you get no love in return? Is it possible to love with both compassion and honesty? How do you do that? It seems to me that if I'm compassionate, people tend to use me, and when I'm honest they get angry. What did Jesus do? Notice Matthew 18:15, "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you." That person may not like it, but they need your honesty. If you abandon the truth telling you to allow them to continue to hurt themselves and others as well. We are called to be truth tellers because our world has thieves, liars, murderers, adulterers, abusive husbands, and mean wives. So, if a person is on the wrong path, they will continue down that path unless they face the truth. Offering compassion only simply contributes to the wrong and our love is incomplete. Our compassion must always be accompanied by truth. This is how Jesus did it.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

This coming Wednesday evening I will begin a study in the small auditorium entitled: *The Irony Of John*. This will be a unique study because it will focus solely on the 11 ironic statements made in the book of John. Even though I extracted these verses from the book of John as I studied it the thought of this study was not original with me. In fact the story I'm about to tell you is ironic within itself.

I had many wonderful Bible teachers throughout my college years. Men who dedicated themselves to a daily study of God's Word and men who wanted to share their knowledge with their students. I am a better person for having had the opportunity of sitting at their feet. One of my Bible teachers would often say, "One day I'm going to write another book and I'm going to call it the irony of John." My friend never fulfilled this dream because he lost his life.

The ironic twist to his story is that the man who had dedicated his life to the preaching and teaching of God's Word, in a

moment of weakness due to his severe bout with depression, took his life. When I heard of his tragic death one of the first things that crossed my mind was I wondered if he ever wrote that book. I found out later that he had not and so I sat down and over a six month time span I put together this study on the irony of John.

I love to write but I do not consider myself to be an author by any stretch of the imagination. It may be true that I put this material together to honor my friend but I want to assure the audience who will attend this class that I want this class to exalt and praise the name of God above all other names. I also would like to ask this class to begin an in-depth study on the book of John. Take a little time each day to look at this wonderful book and perhaps even put down your thoughts on paper. Particularly look within the text for ironic statements regarding the life of Christ. If you do this you will be built up as a follower of Christ, you will be edified as a believer, and you will obtain a higher understanding of His Word. God bless you as you begin this journey through the book of John.



IN APPRECIATION

Thanks, church family, for the love and support I felt when the lovely cards arrived. The virus was not in my surgical plan and the cards were a great lift. People without a church family are so poor. Thanks for making me rich!
Carolyn Womack

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Dick and Shirley McClenny on the birth of a new grandson! Cord Wade Regan was born January 10 in Arlington to Chad and Robyn Regan. He weighed 9 lb. 9 oz. and was welcomed by big brother Cole. Ray and Linda Maxwell are the proud grandparents of Donovan William Bebermeyer, born February 1 to Brad and Kristi (Maxwell) Bebermeyer.

WITH SYMPATHY

We learned of the death of Thomas Holland, a former member at West Erwin who had in more recent years been living in Plano. Services were held at the Church of Christ in Richardson. Our love and sympathy is extended to this family and friends.

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to

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two thousand and seven
at six o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
420 West Erwin
Tyler, Texas

BENEVOLENT CENTER NEEDS: Children's and adult men's & ladies' winter clothing, especially large sizes. Thanks for your help!

"Spend less time worrying who's right, and spend more time deciding what's right."

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I said a prayer for you today
and know God must have heard.

I felt the answer in my heart
although He spoke no word.

I didn't ask for wealth or fame;

I know you wouldn't mind.

I asked Him to send treasure
of a far more lasting kind.

I asked that He be near you
at the beginning of each new day.

To grant you health and blessings
and for friends to share your way.

I asked for happiness for you
in all things great and small.

But, it was for His loving care
that I prayed for most of all.



MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. for the 2007 North Texas Benefit Dinner & Auction Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas with Avery Johnson, head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, as guest speaker. For more information contact Richard Brown @ 214-684-2458 or Linda Cause @ 972-898-6326.

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Bible Class	455	471	417
Worship A.M.	684	694	597
Worship P.M.	424	470	346
Wed. P.M.	334	351	380
Contribution	\$27,433.65	\$28,090.03	\$24,526.78
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	3-4-07 Bldg. \$375.00.	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Caddie Niles had hand surgery Friday. Ruth Meazell is scheduled for leg surgery March 13. Marlene Latham will have back surgery March 26. Jerry Howard is undergoing chemo. Phil Marts is having more tests. Trey Rousseau, father of Danielle and Jordan, is hospitalized with kidney failure, is on dialysis. Joseph Page, Rebecca Andrews' uncle in Lake Jackson, had abdominal aneurysm surgery last week, also he and his children lost everything in an apartment fire Feb. 24. Madeline Pritchett, classmate of Jessica DuPree, ruptured her spleen and collapsed her lung in a trampoline accident last week. E.P. Malone, Pat Malone's grandfather, is in ICU at ETMC. Scott Smith, husband of Michelle Smith, is undergoing treatment for lymphoma. Continue to remember J.E. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother; Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Glenn Chinn, Louise Seaberry's cousin; Raymond Christopher, Pam Bynum's grandfather; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Barbara Henderson; Sam Kennedy; John Knox, Karen Fedell's brother; Dorothy Mannen, Joy Rousseau's mother; Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Samantha Means; W.A. Monk; Katye Murry; Kay Parrish; Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother; Betty Price; Mary Richey; Odell Sessions; M.C. Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's brother; Judy Smith; Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; and Ponder Wright.

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Paul & Carolyn Montandon & Austin Fisher
Alan & Candace Montgomery & Chance Fisher
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
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Pick up cards March 11: Bryson Bellar, Casey McClenny, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

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Keith Hodges

On Sunday, April 1, Keith Hodges will start his work with the West Erwin Church of Christ as the interim pulpit minister. Keith and his wife, Francie, have lived in the Northeast for over 25 years, all in the greater Philadelphia region. This work has been mostly "mission work" with church plantings or smaller congregations. West Erwin has been involved with Keith as a missionary since 2003.

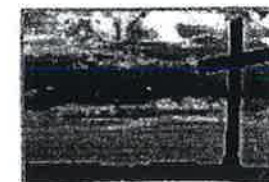
Keith grew up in rural Western Kentucky. He attended Lubbock Christian College on a basketball scholarship and obeyed the gospel late in his freshman year. Later he decided to preach and ended up receiving a degree in Bible. While in college Keith went on a summer mission trip to Europe and met Francie, who was from Oklahoma and was also on the mission trip. A year later they were married. They have two adult children who are married, and two grandchildren. Their children and their families are all actively involved in congregations of the Lord's church where they live.

Keith's passion is for preaching, and he also enjoys other aspects of church work including teaching, personal work, and "just encouraging folks." He enjoys watching college and professional sports, and an occasional game of "H-O-R-S-E." He also enjoys writing articles for bulletins and various publications. His book about the Apostle Peter is being published at this time.

Keith and Francie welcome this opportunity to serve in Tyler, not only because of the good relationship they've had as a missionary for West Erwin, but also because they've been thinking about getting back closer to where their children and other family members live. She will join Keith when she completes the school year and completes her job as an elementary principal.

As they help West Erwin through a transition, we want to extend to them the friendship and love that will make their move a little easier. We look forward to having Keith and Francie become a part of our family while they work with West Erwin. - Bill Mullins

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*A man is known by his ...
 Character - what he is.
 Conversation - what he says.
 Conduct - what he does
 Contribution - what he gives.
 Creed - what he believes.*

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

The making of our newest directories has not been without its share of glitches. We wanted to have new packets made to fit in our old binders but now we found the holes don't match. Therefore, if you picked your packet up Sunday and you need help making the new holes, please bring the packet back with you when you come and we will have someone to assist you.

The packets that were available Sunday were for those who had their pictures made for the directory. If you did not have your picture put in the directory and you want a directory, you will need to contact the church office and a packet with your name on it will be provided. If you are

one of our newest members and you don't have a binder, please let us know and that will be provided as well.

We are working this week to get the new directory added to our web site. Hopefully we will be able to keep it up to date on the web site by adding pages of new members pictures. You will need to register with the web master in order to be able to access the directory (www.westerwin.com).

*"Filled with compassion
 Jesus reached out his hand
 and touched the man.
 'I am willing,' he said.
 'Be clean!'"
 Mark 1:41*

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The story is told that in 1735 there was a troubled youth named Robert Robinson. He and some of his hoodlum friends heard that the famous preacher, George Whitfield would be holding a meeting in their town. They went to this meeting with every intention of disrupting it and breaking it up but instead young Robert was converted.

Robert quickly gave up his old way of life and began to study to become a preacher. In his spare time he would write songs, one of which became extremely popular: Come, Thou Fount Of Many Blessings. The third verse of that song proved to very prophetic. It states: "prone to wander, Lord, I feel, prone to leave the God I love." These words rang true

in the life of Robert Robinson. After many years of preaching he slowly slipped back into his former life and became known as the town drunk.

One day, in a drunken stupor, he was riding in a carriage with a few other passengers. A young lady was quietly singing Robinson's song. In a rude way he asked her to stop, to which she replied, "Maybe you need the message of this song in your heart." To which he replied, "Madam, I'm the man that wrote that song, and I would give a thousand worlds to have those feelings back again."

Isn't it sad that we often allow the fire that we have for the Lord to be extinguished. Isn't it sad that one time faithful members wander back to their former life. I wish the right words could be found to lead them back to the fold. I wish we would stay faithful through death. - Revelation 2:10



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Friends,

Thank you so much for the wonderful reception you had for us on Sunday afternoon, February 18. The occasion was delightful in every way and we enjoyed seeing so many of you and friends from other congregations and from the community. We also want to thank you for the beautiful gifts you gave us and for the twenty two years we worked together. Our very best to you now and always.

With much love,

Jay and Arlene Lockhart

Thank you all so much for your prayers, phone calls, letters and words of encouragement for Samantha and our family. You don't know how much this has lifted our spirits. God bless you all. The Means Family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Williams Funeral Home in Garland for Buddy Bell, former West Erwin member. Our love and sympathy is extended to Dorothy and all the family and friends.

GOSPEL MEETING

LaPoynor Church of Christ
 Hwy 175, 1.5 miles west of Poynor
 Jay Lockhart, guest speaker

Theme: "The Challenge"

March 11-14, Sunday 9:30 & 10:30 am & 6:00 pm
 Monday through Wednesday services at 7:00 pm

ADDRESS CHANGE: Odell Sessions is back at her home: 3408 Silverwood, 75701, ph. 592-2795.

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THE FIRM FOUNDATION LECTURESHIP SERIES

March 11 - 14, Sun: 9:30, 10:30, 6:00 & 6:45; weeknights 7:00
 Carthage Church of Christ, 1309 West Panola, Carthage, TX
 For more information call 903-692-3269

Daylight Savings Time begins
 Sunday, March 11
 Spring forward 1 hour
 so you'll be on time for Bible class!



WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Jeremy** and **Jenny Wilson** and their children, **Jerrod** (5th grade) and **Jaycie** (2nd grade), into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for some time and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Jenny is the daughter of Gaylan and Margie Seagler and sister of Kim Johnson. The Wilsons live at 1949 Frostwood Dr., Tyler, 75703, ph. 561-4569.



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CHURCH LIBRARY

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"Outlook determines outcome and attitude determines action."

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CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The Boles Children's Home Charity Golf Tournament will take place this year on May 14, 2007 at the Eastern Hill Country Club located at 3000 South Country Club Road in Garland, Teas. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join in the fun! Brochures will be mailed to those who have participated in the past. For more information contact Josh Clem at 903-883-2204 or Ken Bonham at 214-460-0215

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Bible Class	331	455	425
Worship A.M.	556	684	617
Worship P.M.	328	424	427
Wed. P.M.	NC	334	346
Contribution	\$21,249.40	\$27,433.65	\$22,408.55
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	3-11-07 Bldg. \$105..00.	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Jerry Howard is in Mother Frances, has a spot on his brain which will be treated with radiation. **Brody Clark** is recovering at home after being airlifted to LSU Burn Center in Shreveport Sunday due to a burn accident. **Marlene Latham** will have back surgery March 26. **Phil Marts** is scheduled for surgery March 28. **Joan Harlak** is in Health South after a fall in which she fractured ribs. **Caddie Niles** had hand surgery last Friday. **Ruth Mezell** did not have surgery due to other health problems. **Emma Cagle**, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter, is having tests due to a chronic infection. **E.P. Malone**, Pat Malone's grandfather, is in ICU at ETMC. **Scott Smith**, husband of Michelle Smith, is undergoing treatment for lymphoma. Continue to remember **J.E. Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother; **Nell Beard**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Delle Bullard**; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Lela Duncan**; **Clelia Elliott**; **Mary Gaiser**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Buck Hamilton**; **Barbara Henderson**; **Sam Kennedy**; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews**; **Teen Matysiak**; **Shirley McClenny**; **Carolyn McCune**; **Samantha Means**; **W.A. Monk**; **Katye Murry**; **Kay Parrish**; **Joseph Page**, Rebecca Andrews' uncle; **Ellen Poindexter**, Kenna Kempton's mother; **Bettye Price**; **Madeline Pritchett**, classmate of Jessica DuPree; **Mary Richey**; **Trey Rousseau**; **Odell Sessions**; **M.C. Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's brother; **Judy Smith**; **Jon Sorrells**; **Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers**; **Pattie Tate**; **Gloria Thigpen**; and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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Roy Bench
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Prayer: Gene Chandler
Scripture: Will Christian
Dismiss: Mark Frick

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GREETERS

Carlos & Emma Morgan & Payton Fedell
Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Tanner Fedell
Noel & Jean Parker & Kenzie Fedell
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards March 18 & 25: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, George Richardson, & Grant Perkins.

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HOW TO FALL IN LOVE

If you are reading this bulletin, chances are you are old enough to know something about the feeling we call love – romantic love that is. How do we fall in love? What is the process? What is the formula?

- Did you prepare a to-do list with step-by-step instructions?
- Did you go to a seminar on how to fall in love?
- Did you go over a study chart with your sweetheart to see if you might fall in love?
- Did you win the heart of your lover by clever debate strategy?
- Did you read her resume and decide she was the one?

Here is what you did: **YOU GOT TO KNOW HER.**

Love for your wife or husband is not a scientific or accounting process, it is a relationship. And God wants a relationship with us so badly that He sent Jesus to show us The Way. When we really get to know Jesus we love Him (God is love). When we love Him, obedience is a pleasure, not a hardship (His burden is light).

From tablets of stone to writing on the heart (Jeremiah 31:33)

More than anything else, the story of Jesus is a love story. When Jesus described the judgment scene, he did so not in the language of theology, not in the language of piety, but in the language of relationships (Matthew 25:31-46).

- What are the greatest commandments? (Matthew 22:36-40)
- What is pure religion? (James 1:27)
- Want to pass from death to life? (1 John 3:14)
- How do you get into Heaven? (Matthew 25:31-46)
- How do we obtain mercy? (James 2:13)
- How do we grow as disciples? (Ephesians 4:15,16)

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35) All men? Could it really be that simple? Let's give it a try.

GOT LOVE?

- Ray Vannoy

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Sunday, March 25 - puppets meet all day

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IN APPRECIATION

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Kevin, Shelly, Ashley & Brice Sustaire

WITH SYMPATHY

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NEW ADDRESSES:

Carla Lemons, 3101 Hwy 31 East, #109, 75702
Dan & Lynn Murry, 20411 CR 146, 75703, ph. 894-6613.

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CHRIST'S HOPE FOR THE ADDICT & THEIR LOVED ONES

A One Day Seminar, March 31, 2007, 8 am - 5 pm
Alpine Church of Christ, 610 East Loop 281, Longview
Lunch and all materials provided
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Reba Sorrells on being honored recently with a group of ladies as "Women Who Have Triumphed" on Women in Tyler Day. Reba was honored for her 27 years in education (retired as a principal), then was active as a volunteer at Boles Children's Home for several years. She spends countless hours teaching the Bible through World Bible School. She received the Points of Light Award and the Governor's Lonestar Achievement Award in 2006.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 7-11. West Erwin is requested to collect Velveeta cheese or Cheez Whiz. Other items, including cash, are welcomed also.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The Boles Children's Home Charity Golf Tournament will take place this year on May 14, 2007 at the Eastern Hill Country Club located at 3000 South Country Club Road in Garland, Texas. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join in the fun! Brochures will be mailed to those who have participated in the past. For more information contact Josh Clem at 903-883-2204 or Ken Bonham at 214-460-0215.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. for the 2007 North Texas Benefit Dinner & Auction Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas with Avery Johnson, head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, as guest speaker. For more information contact Richard Brown @ 214-684-2458 or Linda Cause @ 972-898-6326.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WIN/WIN ???

The text is Luke 16, the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The scene is a Bible school class. The teacher describes the rich man as wearing purple and having a fat wallet. He could afford anything he wanted. Lazarus is described as a beggar, sitting at the gate of the rich man. He is covered with sores; infected because dogs were licking them. Mental pictures are drawn. He goes on with the story telling how the rich man died and was being tormented in hell. Lazarus also died and the angels carried him to be with Abraham. The teacher then asked the question, "Which one of these men would you rather be?"

From the back row came this answer: "I would rather be the rich man while I'm living and Lazarus when I die."

Is this not the norm in our nation today? We want life to be a "Win-Win" situation. But Jesus says it's impossible to have it both ways (:13). To die in the Spirit we must live in Spirit. The flesh and the Spirit are moving in opposite directions. Living as the world lives, honoring what the world honors is still our choice, but it comes with an eternal price tag.

Solomon wrestled with chasing the things of this world and in the end he concluded that the only thing that is important is that we fear GOD and keep His commandments. May GOD keep this clear in your mind as you walk and breathe on this earth.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The story is told that in 1735 there was a troubled youth named Robert Robinson. He and some of his hoodlum friends heard that the famous preacher, George Whitfield would be holding a meeting in their town. They went to this meeting with every intention of disrupting it and breaking it up but instead young Robert was converted.

Robert quickly gave up his old way of life and began to study to become a preacher. In his spare time he would write songs, one of which became extremely popular: Come, Thou Fount Of Many Blessings. The third verse of that song proved to very prophetic. It states: "prone to wander, Lord, I feel, prone to leave the God I love." These words rang true

in the life of Robert Robinson. After many years of preaching he slowly slipped back into his former life and became known as the town drunk.

One day, in a drunken stupor, he was riding in a carriage with a few other passengers. A young lady was quietly singing Robinson's song. In a rude way he asked her to stop, to which she replied, "Maybe you need the message of this song in your heart." To which he replied, "Madam, I'm the man that wrote that song, and I would give a thousand worlds to have those feelings back again."

Isn't it sad that we often allow the fire that we have for the Lord to be extinguished. Isn't it sad that one time faithful members wander back to their former life. I wish the right words could be found to lead them back to the fold. I wish we would stay faithful through death. - Revelation 2:10

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Bible Class	450	331	424
Worship A.M.	690	556	598
Worship P.M.	438	328	400
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	314
Contribution	\$22,534.48	\$21,249.40	\$22,237.97
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	3-11-07 Bldg. \$330.00.	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, March 25 and Wed., Mar. 28, Don Ingram. nh. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Jerry Howard is at home and continuing treatment. The Wynne Weathers family are now at home recovering from injuries received in an accident last week. Brody Clark is recovering at home after a burn accident. Mary Beth O'Neal is having tests, initial tests were not good. Marlene Latham will have back surgery March 26. Phil Marts is scheduled for surgery March 28. Bobby Davis, Roy & Fern Bench's son-in-law, is scheduled for neck surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Scott Smith, husband of Michelle Smith, is undergoing treatment for lymphoma. Emma Cagle, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter, is undergoing treatment due to chronic kidney infections. Kenneith Lacy, John Lacy's dad, is hospitalized in Ft. Worth. E.P. Malone, Pat Malone's grandfather, is in ETMC. Continue to remember J.E. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother; Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Joan Harlak; Barbara Henderson; Sam Kennedy; John Knox, Karen Fedell's brother; Dorothy Mannen, Joy Rousseau's mother; Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Carolyn McCune; Samantha Means; Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Katye Murry; Kay Parrish; Joseph Page, Rebecca Andrews' uncle; Bettye Price; Mary Richey; Trey Rousseau; Odell Sessions; M.C. Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's brother; Judy Smith; Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; and Ponder Wright, Sr.

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	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133	
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	11:30 A.M.		

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Scripture: Michael Hall
Dismiss: Paul Hancock

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James Sublette: Kevin Sustaie
Stuart Suggs: Charles Starr
Jack Stringer: Harvey Strickland

GREETERS

Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Cody Frick
Bob & Barbara Paul & Kayla Gallegly
Wendell & Anita Potter & Patrick Garrett
Visitor Center: Glynn & Fran Starnes
Fred & Sara Powell

Pick up cards March 25: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, George Richardson, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, March 25:
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SPIRITUAL HEALTH

In today's society we are bombarded with information keeping us focused on our physical health. On a daily basis we are concerned about health issues dealing with our weight, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, physical fitness, etc... and the list never ends. The state of our physical health is important, but when compared with our spiritual health the priority of our concerns may need some reflection. As a physician a patient's physical health is of great importance and I encourage patients to be compliant with medical therapy, not to neglect preventive measures that help maintain good health, and to keep their physical health a priority. However, we have to remember that life is but a vapor and the portion of our life we spend on earth is like a blink of the eye compared to the eternal life span of our souls. Therefore, how much more concerned should we be about our spiritual health than our physical health.

Jesus has provided the example that we are to follow to ensure spiritual well being. For us to be able to follow Christ we have to be strengthened on a daily basis. A healthy prayer life and a healthy spiritual life go hand in hand. We would never expect to have a healthy marriage if we didn't have effective communication with our spouse

on a daily basis. Even more so, how can we stay in touch with our God and his will in our lives if we don't talk with him daily. Prayer is a time for us to submit ourselves to God's authority by reflecting on our priorities and realigning our life with God's will. We are instructed to pray continuously throughout our day, but we also need to have private, intimate time with purposeful prayer (Matt. 6:6-7 .. go into your inner room and when you have shut the door, pray to your Father who is in secret ... and when you are praying do not use meaningless repetitions ...). While on earth Christ was strengthened through prayer. Christ needed prayer. We need prayer.

Sometimes we cannot control what happens to our physical health despite our best efforts and intentions. Illness and death are inevitable because we live in a fallen world. If we follow the plan God has for us our spiritual health is assured. Jer. 29:11-13: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

- Dr. Aaron DuVall

"Going On To Perfection"



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Sermons for Sunday, March 25, 2007

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"The Church With Heart"

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

Live Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00.

Chorus will meet Sunday at 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights @ 7:00.

Bulletin Boards please contact Ruth Ellis.

March 25: Puppets will meet Sunday for lunch and work until 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Bring \$3. Please be present!

April 1: Drama will meet for lunch and work until 3:00. Chorus will meet from 3:00 until 4:30 in time to go to Shiloh.

Attention All LTC Attendees: We will have a very important meeting this Sunday night after church in the FLC. Supper will be provided. Bring \$3. Please plan to attend as we will settle the bill and go over all the transportation plans as well as final details.

Mar. 29

Apr. 1

Apr. 6-8

Apr. 15

Apr. 16

Apr. 22

June 5-8

June 17-23

July 5-14

July 20-25

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wick's home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other. We will not meet on Apr. 5 due to LTC.

IMPORTANT DATES

"CONNECT"
Area Wide Worship @ Shiloh Rd.
LTC Convention
Small Groups Meet
West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
LTC Celebration

SUMMER DATES

Middle School Madness
BackCountry Trek
Nebraska Mission Trip
Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

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MY HOUSE

Jesus said, "My house will be called a house of prayer" (Mt. 21:13) and a few verses later says, "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer" (:22).

If there is one thing that we should always be ready to do is pray. I receive several calls a month from people wanting someone to pray for them right then. I am always ready to do that. I always ask GOD from His goodness to bless them as they seek Him through prayer. The Benevolence Center has become known as a place where people will pray with you and for you. I can't think of a better reputation.

Our recent weeks have been weeks of prayer for all of us at West Erwin. So many things have happened, so

many major concerns. It helps us to understand Paul's comment about "praying without ceasing."

When Brody had his accident, neighbors came running to his aid and he told them to pray. They said, "You bet, we will." Brody said, "No! Right now!" When the helicopter came to pick him up he told them to pray. They said, "Sure, we will pray for you." He said, "No! Right now!" What a tremendous representation of what we stand for as His House." Thank you, Brody. GOD has used you to spur the rest of us on to being what we are called to be ... a house of prayer.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

If you have not picked up your new directory packet, it is available in the foyer. If your packet is not in the box, please sign the sheet on the clipboard and it will be there for you next week or simply call the office.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A few years ago I read a book entitled: The One Minute Manager. The point of the book was to encourage the reader to set goals, praise and reprimand behaviors, encourage people, speak the truth, laugh, cry, work, and enjoy life.

After reading this book I thought that this was great advice not only for the business world but also for the religious world. We should be people who are goal oriented, who know both how to laugh and to cry. We need to be people of great encouragement but also a people who will stand up for the truth and reprimand when the need arises.

The more I read the descriptive language that I found in this book the more I thought about Barnabas,

a man of great encouragement. When Barnabas needed to he could stand firm (even with his friends) but he is most noted for his uplifting words. He not only involved himself in this great walk of faith but he tried his best to help others on this journey also. Barnabas helped to lead many of his countrymen as well as the Gentiles to Christ. We can learn much from his life.

Let's remember we are also on this great journey of faith. We also need to be people of great encouragement. We need to set goals, praise and reprimand, speak the truth, laugh, cry, work, and enjoy life. We (like Barnabas) need to offer to help others along the way.

I'm not surprised that encouragement plays such a prominent role in a Christian's life, what surprises me is that periodically we have to be reminded of this.



IN APPRECIATION

I want to thank everyone for the calls and cards sent to me during my recent illness and back problems. It was a lift for me and very thoughtful of all of you.

Buck Nowell

West Erwin Church Family,

Thank you for the visits, cards, plant and caring concern for us during the death of my Father. I really appreciate you and love you!

Sherrie & Ira Groom

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday in Lubbock for **H.L. Montandon**, Paul Montandon's uncle. Services were held Thursday in Bloomsdale, Missouri for **Marian Johnston**, Cathy Stowers' mother. **Todd Holmes**, the State Trooper who was killed, was married to Cathy Culpepper's niece. Our love and sympathy is these families and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Tom and Beverly Hale on the birth of a new granddaughter! Sydney McKenna was born March 10 in Tyler to Lance and Amanda Hale. She weighed 8 lb. 11 oz.

ATTENTION LADIES:

Please sign-up for the Ladies Spring Retreat in the main foyer. Cost is \$40.00. Dates: April 13-14. Where: Stone Fort Encampment in Tyler. Theme: "Help Me Lord, My Purse Is Full." Guest speaker: Cathy Messecar. For more information, call Ginny Wicks at 752-3271 or Carolyn Philpot at 882-6938.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 3, 2007

Eastern European Mission Benefit Dinner

Tuesday, April 3, 2007, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Tasca Ornalas Activity Center, Tyler

3402 Old Omen Road (off SE Loop 323 & University Drive)

If you have questions, please contact Dale Mitchell, Regional

Coordinator for EEM at 903-388-8453 or

theway.1@sbcglobal.net

Please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center no later than March 25 if you plan to attend so they can know how many to prepare for.

LADIES DAY

Swan Church of Christ, 14260 CR 471, Tyler, 75706

Saturday, April 7, 2007 - Breakfast/Registration 8:00 am,

Program 8:50 am, lunch immediately following program

"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?" studying the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26)

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Chuck** and **Keli Rothwell** and their young children, **Adie** and **Gracy**, into the West Erwin family. They come to us from the church in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Their address is 420 Amanda Court, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. (his) 903-530-4001 and (hers) 903-530-4002.

Pam McGee came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. Her son Blake is stationed at Camp Pendleton and is soon to end his tour in the Marines. Her address is 1015 South Broadway, 75701, ph. 903-714-0971.

Whitney Bobbitt has been attending here for some time and wishes to be recognized as a member of the West Erwin family. We are very happy to welcome Whitney back home. Whitney is known by many of us as the adult granddaughter of the late Roy and Chloe Clark and the daughter of Allen and Sherry Bobbitt. Her address is 300 Ridgecrest, 75701.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Yates
announce the marriage of their daughter
Kristen Nicole
to Brison McPhail
on Thursday, March 15, 2007
in Destin, Florida



BABY SHOWER

You're invited to a baby shower honoring
Jodie Albritton (it's a girl!)
Sunday, April 1, 3:30 - 4:30
Family Life Center



Selections: Toys R Us, Target, Storkland, Dillard's
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 31, 1:00 - 3:00 pm
for toddlers through 5th grade students
at the home of

Dale and Carolyn Blackstone
2339 CR 1128, 75704

Bring large baskets or containers!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Henry and Mozelle Brown celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on March 19! We rejoice with them in this significant and happy milestone in their lives.

CITYWIDE MEETING

Sunday, April 1, Shiloh Road church,
Guest speaker: Dr. Jerry Taylor.

LTC choruses will perform at 5:00 p.m.

Worship assembly will be at 6:00 p.m.

Welcome to West Erwin, Keith Hodges!
Sunday, April 1, 2007

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Worship P.M.	471	438	NS
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PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Beth O'Neal had more tests, a kidney stent implant Wednesday, will see oncologist again Monday. **Jon Sorrells** had another heart ablation procedure Tuesday. **Marlene Latham** had back surgery Monday. **Phil Marts** had surgery Wednesday. **Jerry Howard** is continuing treatment. The **Wynne Weathers** family is recovering from injuries received in a recent accident. **Brody Clark** is recovering at home after a burn accident. **Ed Stansbury**, Dennis Stansbury's dad, is in hospice. **C.R. Perry**, Tim Perry's grandfather, had bypass surgery last Friday. **Bobby Holly**, Taylor Holly's dad, will begin treatment after lung cancer surgery. **Bobby Davis**, Roy & Fern Bench's son-in-law, had successful neck surgery Monday. **E.P. Malone**, Pat Malone's grandfather, is in ETMC. Continue to remember **J.E. Adams**, Wanda Frick's brother; **Nell Beard**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Delle Bullard**; **Emma Cagle**, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Lela Duncan**; **Clelia Elliott**; **Mary Gaiser**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Buck Hamilton**; **Joan Harlak**; **Barbara Henderson**; **Sam Kennedy**; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews**; **Teen Matysiak**; **Shirley McClenny**; **Carolyn McCune**; **Samantha Means**; **Ruth Meazell**; **W.A. Monk**; **Kay Parrish**; **Joseph Page**, Rebecca Andrews' uncle; **Bettye Price**; **Mary Richey**; **Trey Rousseau**; **Odell Sessions**; **M.C. Silvertooth**, Ruth Hearne's brother; **Judy Smith**; **Scott Smith**, husband of Michelle Smith; **Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers**; **Pattie Tate**; **Gloria Thigpen**; and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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Scripture: Stephen Leung
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Rick Fedell

5:00 P.M.
City-Wide Services at Shiloh
(no evening services at West Erwin)

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Mark Sweeney
James Sublette
Stuart Suggs
Jack Stringer

Dr. Dennis Stansbury
Kevin Sustairste
Charles Starr
Harvey Strickland

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Hannah Grounds
Joe & Connie Roach & Preston Haile
Gaylan & Margie Seagler & Brady Johnson
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards April 1 & April 8: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 1:
Nursery a.m.: Candace Montgomery; Nursery p.m.: Ruth Bell; Toddlers a.m.: Sharon Gordon & Connie Sublette; Toddlers p.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; 2's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge; 3's & 4's: Cassandra & Amy Estes.

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World Bible School and West Erwin

We believe as disciples of Christ that we have a charge and responsibility to carry the gospel message to others. West Erwin has many programs designed for sharing the gospel, and our mission program is an example of this. We are thankful that we are supporting mission efforts in such places as Central America, Mexico, Eastern Europe, Pennsylvania, and others. One mission work that I would like to tell you about is World Bible School at West Erwin.

Reba Sorrells and J.R. Tharpe send lessons weekly to students in such places as Nigeria, Kenya, England and South Africa. When completed lessons are returned to them, they then check the answers and return that lesson with a new lesson to the student. After completing 6 lessons, a student receives a graduation certificate. All through the lessons, the student is encouraged to obey the gospel. West Erwin pays for materials and postage. Frances McBee prepares the lessons for mailing, and Ray Womack takes them to the post office. Others that have been involved as teachers are Jane Ground, Marjorie and Victoria Moriole, Lynda Terrell and Carmen Hilliard. Aubrey Morman currently teaches World Bible School by computer.

Reba Sorrells became involved with the World Bible School while she lived in Quinlan. Reba's husband wanted to spread the gospel from his home, even though his health was not the best. He has passed away, but Reba has carried on with World Bible School. She has taught over 2600 students with many of these being led to Christ. J.R. Tharpe and Aubrey Morman have also been teaching World Bible School students for a long time and have influenced many students to obey the gospel.

West Erwin sends \$1200 each year to Nigeria for a preaching school that Reba encouraged us to support. When a student of World Bible School in Nigeria seeks additional study or baptism, contact is made by this school to the student. Many have been led to Christ and baptized as a result of this contact.

Many of us are hesitant to approach people about the gospel. The World Bible School have names just waiting for someone to teach them the gospel. It is an easy and effective way to contact people about such an important message. If you are interested in getting involved in World Bible School, Reba Sorrells (581-6593) will be glad to get you started. If you prefer to teach by computer, please contact Aubrey Morman (596-7706).

- Don Durham

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, April 1, 2007
A.M. - by Keith Hodges
P.M. City-Wide meeting at Shiloh
5:00: LTC Choruses
6:00 Worship: Dr. Jerry Taylor, speaker

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Contribution	\$27,935.49	\$25,158.58	\$22,495.85
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Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards April 8: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Sean Denman, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

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I AM GLAD TO BE AT WEST ERWIN!

I deeply appreciate the warm and enthusiastic welcome I have received! Your comments have been very encouraging.

And I am doubly appreciative of those of you who have made special efforts to help me get oriented, to furnish my "bachelor's apartment" (until Francie and our things arrive), and making sure I am eating!

The office ladies and my fellow ministers are all knocking themselves out to help me get oriented in things both great and small.

I am very excited to have been invited by Danny Snell to go to most of the LTC activities this weekend in Dallas. I'm looking forward to seeing this program firsthand, and more importantly to support and get to know some of our young people. (I will be returning late Saturday in order to teach and preach here on Sunday morning.)

As I am sure you know, this Sunday is observed by many as "Easter Sunday," and we'll no doubt have some with us who are not otherwise with us that much. Of course with our *first day of the week worship and weekly*

observance of the Lord's Supper we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus every Sunday of the year. Those of us who have been united with Jesus' death, burial and resurrection through our baptism realize that our "new birth" and the hope that comes with it, is inexorably tied to Jesus' resurrection. Faithful Christians, in effect, live daily with gratitude and motivation from these basic truths.

I welcome our visitors who will be with us Sunday. We don't alter the design or purpose of our worship because of them, or because it's a special day ... but we will can be mindful of trying to say and do things that will encourage them to return more frequently. And I will try to carefully present a lesson that emphasizes a number of important points of the gospel, including the resurrection!

So let's look forward to being together this Lord's Day ... and looking forward to welcoming all of our guests!

Finally, only about 400 of you told me your names last Sunday ... and can you believe that I remembered every one! (Well, actually not!) Be patient with me.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, April 8, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "A Living Hope"
(I Peter 1:3-6)
P.M. "The 5 Psalm Rule"
(Psalm 1)

"The Church With Heart"

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

Well... the time has come! This weekend, about 185 of us from West Erwin will join about 6000 young people and sponsors at the annual Leadership Training for Christ convention in Dallas. At the same time at two other convention sites in the Dallas, an equal number will be present. Our young people have worked hard in preparing their presentations and this weekend will really be just the icing on the cake. Please pray for all those who are attending. Thanks to all of those who put it together!

FAMILY FUN EVENING

All middle & high school families are invited to an evening of outdoor fun and an opportunity to visit with Alan Gower, our intern for the summer. The date is Saturday, Apr. 14. We'll have a cookout and play games from 5:00-9:00. More details to come. Join us!

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

FOR PACK RATS ONLY

Elimination. It is necessary. It's also very difficult -- especially for pack rats (people who collect and hoard meaningless items). Elimination becomes offensive and challenging. It's like you are asking them to do away with history!

As Christians we have a tendency to clutter our lives with meaningless activities while we neglect the more important matters like justice, mercy and faithfulness (via Matthew 23:23). Eliminating clutter in our lives rates up there with cleaning out the gutters at our house. It's needed, but easily put off. Recently, I had to remove my gutters and replace the wood trim because the cleaning out

process was neglected. Our lives will do the same thing if we neglect the elimination of meaningless activities.

So, to help us with this elimination concept here is a practical exercise for you to work through while you also think about eliminating the clutter in your life. Go through your closet and pick out two articles of clothing from each member in your family that you are no longer wearing. I'm not asking you to do a spring cleaning, just two articles of clothing from each member in your family. Bring it to the foyer and we will transfer them to the benevolence center to be redistributed to others who are in need. In this practical exercise, please do not neglect the thoughts that come to mind regarding the elimination of other things that have cluttered your life and are keeping you from being a greater servant for Christ. Enjoy Sing and Pray while you work, and be thankful for all you have been given.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Recently I had the opportunity to look at a study that attempted to answer this question: "What is the number one issue facing the church?" Believe it or not the number one response was unskilled leadership (referencing ministers, deacons and elders). At first I kind of resented that response mainly due to the word: *unskilled*. What exactly did that mean, unskilled? Within about one hour of the time that I heard about this study I found myself talking to a leader from a church that I worked with at one time in my past. He was relaying to me the decision that the elders at that particular church recently made to hire an "outreach" minister. Unbelievably, he then turns to me and said, "Doug, what exactly would an outreach minister do?" It was at that very moment that I realized what those who were surveyed meant when they said *unskilled leaders*. Unskilled leaders (ministers, deacons, elders) have a hard time grasping between cultural ideologies and scriptural doctrine. They struggle between tickling the ears of man rather

than holding firm to the truth of God's Word. They take a ministry and turn it into a program rather than a life altering work for the Lord. And, yes, they find terms like "outreach" hard to define.

I consider Christ to be the greatest leader who ever existed. I wonder if Christ would find it hard to define "outreach." It seems to me that his whole life was geared around outreach. Let me suggest a few ways that will help you to make sure that you are never considered to be an unskilled leader:

1. Involve God in your leadership role: - what I mean by this is first and foremost pray to God that He will bless you as a leader.
2. Study to show yourself approved: - Take Paul's instructions to Timothy seriously and open the Bible and wear it out to His glory.
3. Live out the song: *O To Be Like Thee*: - Sing this song and really mean it. Take on the actions of Christ, the motives of Christ, and the purpose of Christ.
Perhaps if you do these three things no one will ever accuse you of being an unskilled leader.



IN APPRECIATION

This past weekend approximately 80 members of the West Erwin Church of Christ, along with their friends, enjoyed an egg hunt at Dale and Carolyn Blackstone's home. Dale and Carolyn, the Kid's Kingdom ministry would like to thank you for planning and implementing this get together. Doug Yates

Thanks to you my sister-in-law went through the open heart surgery very well. Her recovery has had some complications, yet is progressing. Please continue to pray for Lucy Chavarria. The doctors were able to repair the two torn valves and the aorta. Also, pray for my wife and the rest of my sisters-in-law that they continue to have courage during this difficult time.

Armando Alaniz

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home for Katy Murry, mother of Dan and Jon Murry and Laurie Kimball. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Harry Hayes, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

LADIES DAY

Swan Church of Christ, 14260 CR 471, Tyler, 75706
Saturday, April 7, 2007 - Breakfast/Registration 8:00 am,
Program 8:50 am, lunch immediately following program
"Mary, Mary Quite Contrary, How Does Your Garden Grow?"
studying the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26)

LADIES DAY

Rusk Church of Christ, 202 N Main, Rusk, TX
April 21, 2007, 9:00 am - 12 noon
"If the shoe fits ...", Speaker: Diane Litton
Lunch provided, please RSVP no later than April 11

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Annual Appreciation and Awards Banquet
Saturday, April 28, 2007

The festivities begin at 11:00 am with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the two new triplex apartments. A free lunch will follow at noon in the Moody Building. After lunch there will be special campus tours and fellowship. Please RSVP number of members planning to attend.

LADIES NIGHT

Chandler Street Church of Christ
2700 Chandler Street, Kilgore, 75662
May 4, 2007, Registration 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 pm
Theme: "Better Understanding God"
Speaker: Denell Dennis
Fellowship and refreshments following the program

BAPTISM



We rejoice with Tanner Philpot in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening by his dad. He is the son of Marc and Ginger and grandson of Jimmie and Carolyn Philpot. Their address is 14724 CR 411, Tyler, 75706, ph. 903-882-8639.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Con Sweet came Sunday to make known his desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. He comes to us from the Hyde Park church in Austin. His address is 3110 Towne Park Dr., #2003, 75701, ph. 903-561-7267

WEDDING SHOWER

There will a table shower
Sunday, April 8 & Sunday, April 15

honoring

Kristen Yates McPhail

daughter of Doug and Judy Yates

Selections: Target & Bed Bath & Beyond

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation



CHEROKEE HOME FOR CHILDREN

Annual grocery drive May 26, 2007

West Erwin is requested to collect pie fillings, canned fruit, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges.

No gallon cans, please.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 7-11. West Erwin is requested to collect Nilla Wafers. Cash donations are also appreciated to be used to purchase milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. for the 2007 North Texas Benefit Dinner & Auction Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas with Avery Johnson, head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, as guest speaker. For more information contact Richard Brown @ 214-684-2458 or Linda Cause @ 972-898-6326.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The Boles Children's Home Charity Golf Tournament will take place on May 14, 2007 at the Eastern Hill Country Club located at 3000 South Country Club Road in Garland, Texas. Please make plans to join in the fun! Brochures will be mailed to those who have participated in the past. For more information contact Josh Clem at 903-883-2204 or Ken Bonham at 214-460-0215.

Please note: The West Erwin church ministers and secretaries have a staff meeting each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., therefore are unavailable during that time.

THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



aired each Sunday
at 10:00 a.m. on KYTX-19

April 12, 2007	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 38 - No. 15
Records	Sunday April 8	Sunday April 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	322	459	386
Worship A.M.	688	712	632
Worship P.M.	249	NS	346
Wed. P.M.	380	350	376
Contribution	\$27,953.11	\$27,935.49	\$22,495.85
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PRAYER AND CARE - Anna Mitchell is in Mother Frances with a blood clot in her lungs. Mary Beth O'Neal has started treatment for pancreatic cancer. Billie Bob Hickman is at home after going to her daughter's after a recent "light" heart attack. Gail Bennett had shoulder surgery Thursday. K. Max Haws had knee replacement surgery Wednesday in Dallas. Don Weathers is at home after back surgery. Wanda Weathers continues to have back problems also. Nella Ware is at home. Jon Sorrells is at home after a heart procedure. Marlene Latham is at home after recent back surgery. Toby Kennedy got a good report, no aneurysm! Jerry Howard is continuing treatment. Stephanie Ruddell is scheduled for a pre-surgery discectomy April 20 in Plano. Gene Welborn, Leon's brother, is to see a specialist for bladder cancer May 2. Continue to remember Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Emma Cagle, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Bobby Davis, Roy & Fern Bench's son-in-law; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Joan Harlak; Barbara Henderson; Bobby Holly, Taylor Holly's dad; Sam Kennedy; John Knox, Karen Fedell's brother; Linda Lockhart, Sue Carty's sister; E.P. Malone, Pat Malone's grandfather; Dorothy Mannen, Joy Rousseau's mother; Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Kay Parrish; C.R. Perry, Tim Perry's grandfather; Bettye Price; Mary Richey; Trey Rousseau; Odell Sessions; Judy Simpson, Ruth Ellis' sister; Judy Smith; Scott Smith, Michelle Smith's husband; Bertie Steel, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; Esther Wilson and Ponder Wright.

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Maselyn Walker Mike Watts

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Billy & Lynda Terrell & Tailor Jackson
D.L. & Alice Thompson & Ember Johnson
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards April 15 & 22: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarbrough, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 15:
Nursery a.m.: Norma Sorrells; Nursery p.m.: Judy Mitcham; Toddlers a.m.: Dorothy Watts & Judy Yates; Toddlers p.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; 2's: Stuart & Kathy Means; 3's & 4's: Stefan & Rebecca Andrews.

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MY FIRST "LTC" ... AM & PM SERMON SERIES ... SOME PERSONAL PLANS

I was pleased to see firsthand the "Leadership Training for Christ" program in Dallas ... but even more pleased to spend some good time with children, teens and adults from West Erwin.

While most of the LTC participants remained in Dallas for their Sunday morning worship, I thought we had a fine morning here, with lots of visitors!

I started a sermon series on Psalms that I'll be doing for a while on Sunday evenings. This Sunday morning I'm planning to start a series for those services based upon the book of Mark.

During the introduction to the series on Psalms, I introduced the "5 Psalm Rule." I have been

pleasantly surprised at the reaction to this, including several who've told me they plan to put it into use. (If you missed it, and want an explanation of the "5 Psalm Rule," ask me or someone who was there.)

I will be back in Pennsylvania for a few days next week seeing Francie, speaking at a lectureship, and readying our house for sale. But I should be back well before the 22nd to teach and preach. Also, we've confirmed plans for Francie to be here May 18-21. I'm proud of her, and want you to start getting to know her as well.

Love, Keith

PS - Did I tell you I'm glad to be here?

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, April 15, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Mark's 'In A Hurry' Gospel"
(Mark 1:1-8)
P.M. "Prosperity VS Perishing"
(Psalm 1:3-6)

"The Church With Heart"

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

Thanks to all who were a part of LTC over the past months. There are so many folks who worked hard together to put it together. This past weekend we were all blessed to be a part of the family of God who met together for LTC. We experienced our young people glorifying God through their preparation of their events not just those few days but all the months preceding. Congratulations on doing your best! God was, is and will be glorified through your lives.

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KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on April 16. We would love for you to help in this ministry!

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*
CATCHING FLACK

The bomber pilots from WWII always said, "If you're catching flack it's a pretty good sign that you are over the target." In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus seemed to say the same thing, but says it this way ... "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me." In other words, persecution will be the certificate of authentic Christianity. Jesus said (John 15:20) "If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." So what can we expect for living a life of radical purity? The Son of God was never insulated from the pain in this world. He was opposed, laughed at persecuted. Neither will we be insulated from the stress and tension in this world for being a follower of Christ Jesus. Suffering for the sake of righteousness may mean your family disowns you; it may mean you will be the brunt of jokes and sneers because you refuse to indulge in this world's

pleasures and entertainment; it may mean wives who take their children to Sunday school will be met with verbal abuse from their husbands. All in all Christians are unwelcome in Satan's villa! Expect trouble. Here's the interesting part ...how does Jesus expect His followers to react under persecution? (Mt. 5:12) "Rejoice and be glad." Sounds a bit masochistic, but we are to rejoice because we have a hope of a great inheritance ... "for great is your reward in heaven." And being glad means don't sulk, don't lick your wounds in self-pity, and don't retaliate. Expect persecution. Watch for it! It's coming! And keep your eyes on Jesus!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally we get calls from Betheseda Clinic to help someone in need. Usually it has to do with transportation to a doctor appointment, etc. If you are willing to help someone (not a W.E. member) with those needs would you call to let me know. This will give me a pool of volunteers to call on when the next opportunity arises. Thank you.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Colossians 2:8 is an important opening that Paul (through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit) gave to the church at Colossae and to us to warn all about the wickedness of man. This warning was issued toward those in the world as well as those in the church that might be teaching falsely regarding spiritual matters. Below is the scripture (Col. 2:8) taken from the New American Standard Bible. See if Paul's warning is as applicable today as it was in the first century: "See to it that no one takes you captive through (1) philosophies and empty deception, (2) according to the traditions of men, (3) according to the elementary principles of this world ..."

Far too often the world is captured by the agenda of Satan. Satan would love to entrap all of us in this web of deceit. His main goal is to shackle us to his way of thinking and then pull us down to the fiery pits of hell with him. The world should thank Paul for this warning but instead the world has closed its eyes and ears to this sound advice. But what about the body of

Christ (church), have we also closed our eyes and ears to this teaching? Recently articles of explanation have been written by some of our brothers in Christ explaining why they have decided to fellowship the denominational world in spite of their teachings which are contrary to God's Word. Some have taken simple teachings, such as, "sing and make melody in your heart..." and they have distorted them into complex and hard sayings rather than accepting them in the simplistic way in which they were written. Some have gone as far as to suggest that baptism is no longer essential to our salvation. All who would teach in such a way are being held captive to the philosophies of men, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of this world.

Let me show you a better way! It is found in the last part of Colossians 2:8 and it is Jesus Christ. He is the better way. The world may follow Satan but surely we, as Christians (His followers), will not get caught up in such philosophies and traditions that will eventually hold us captive to Satan. Christians, rise up and put on the whole armor of God. Make a stand for truth and be counted worthy.



IN APPRECIATION

To our beloved Brothers and Sisters at West Erwin,

Words cannot begin to express our appreciation for all of the prayers that have been offered on our behalf. The good news is that they have been answered in a most dramatic way. I finished up my fourth and last round of Chemo on March 2nd. I recently had a Cat Scan. The results are so dramatic, that Dr Duvall said in his 15 years of treating patients with cancer of the Esophagus he has never seen results like mine. We are convinced that prayer is more responsible for my progress than the Chemo. There is no other explanation for the dramatic results. The Oncologist is also amazed at the results. The Drs will continue to monitor my condition by periodic Cat Scans, but there will be no more Chemo at this time. Thank you again for all of the prayers offered on our behalf. The Lord works in His own way but He surely hears the prayers of His Children

To God be the glory.

Sam & Dorothy Kennedy

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the flowers, the acts of kindness and prayers, and your presence during the days following the loss of Dad. You encouraged and strengthened us with your prayers.

Love,

Ray & Gail Vannoy

Dear West Erwin family,

Thank you for the flowers, cards, and food provided after the death of our mother and grandmother, Katye Murry. It is a great comfort to have such a caring church family during our time of loss.

In Christian love,

The family of Katye Murry

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Thursday at Cathedral in the Pines for Ed Stansbury, Dennis Stansbury's dad, who passed from this life last Friday. Services were held Tuesday at the Lakewood Village Community Christian Center in Fort Worth for Kenneth Lacy, John Lacy's dad. Burial was in Marshall at Colonial Gardens Cemetery. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

All currently published volumes of the Truth For Today Commentaries are now available for check out in the Adult Reference Library. Look for them in the New Books section.

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WEDDING SHOWER

There will a table shower
Sunday, Sunday, April 15
honoring

Kristen Yates McPhail

daughter of Doug and Judy Yates

Selections: Target & Bed Bath & Beyond

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation



NEW ADDRESS: Jeff & Stephanie Ruddell, 1004 Dulce, 75701

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HEART TO HEART HOSPICE OF TYLER

1402 Rice Rd., suite 100, Tyler, 75703, ph. 903-593-6619

If you have a caring heart and time to spare, come join our team and help us make a difference in someone's life. Call Kay Woodward, Volunteer Coordinator at 903-530-6397. We believes Volunteers have the magic touch.

GOSPEL MEETING

Fruitvale Church of Christ, 301 VZ CR 1110

(one block south of Hwy 80) in Fruitvale

April 22-25, Sunday, 10 & 11 am, 7:30 pm, Mon.-Wed. 7:30 pm

Speaker: Darwin Hunter from Sunset church in Shreveport, LA

Theme: "The Greatest Issue: Saved Or Lost?"

LADIES DAY - Fruitvale Church of Christ

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RSVP by April 16 @ 903-962-3000 or 903-962-4535

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NORTHWEST/CRESCENT HEIGHTS REUNION

Former members and friends of the Northwest and/or Crescent Heights Church of Christ are invited to the 2007 Reunion on May 5th, from 10 am to 2 pm at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Please call 903-593-3092, 903-894-8912 or 903-939-3454 to make reservations for noon lunch at \$10.00 per person. We hope to see you there.

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Bible Class	429	322	291
Worship A.M.	669	688	664
Worship P.M.	405	249	253
Wed. P.M.	322	380	373
Contribution	\$25,084.79	\$27,935.11	\$18,638.37
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	4-15-07 Bldg.	\$220.00; bus 25.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 22, and Wed., Apr. 25, Don Ingram,
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PRAYER AND CARE - **Aubrey Morman** is having tests to determine treatment for an aneurysm. **Mary Beth O'Neal** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Anna Mitchell** is at home after being hospitalized with blood clots in her lungs. **Billie Bob Hickman** is at home after a recent heart attack. **Gail Bennett** is recovering after shoulder surgery. **Johnnie Stringer** is ill at home with shingles. **Linda Marts** injured her shoulder in a fall. **K. Max Haws** is in rehab after knee replacement surgery. **Don Weathers** is recuperating after back surgery. **Wanda Weathers** continues to have back problems also. **Nella Ware** is at home. **Marlene Latham** is at home after back surgery. **Becky Howard** is recuperating after day surgery. **Jerry Howard** is continuing treatment. **Stephanie Ruddell** had a pre-surgery discectomy Friday in Plano. **Gene Welborn**, Leon's brother, is to see a bladder cancer specialist May 2. Continue to remember **Nell Beard**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Delle Bullard**; **Emma Cagle**, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Lela Duncan**; **Clelia Elliott**; **Mary Gaiser**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Buck Hamilton**; **Joan Harlak**; **Ralph & Barbara Henderson**; **Bobby Holly**, Taylor Holly's dad; **Sam Kennedy**; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews**; **Teen Matysiak**; **Shirley McClenney**; **Ruth Meazell**; **W.A. Monk**; **Kay Parrish**; **Bettye Price**; **Mary Richey**; **Trey Rousseau**; **Odell Sessions**; **Judy Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' sister; **Judy Smith**; **Scott Smith**, Michelle Smith's husband; **Jon Sorrells**; **Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers**; **Pattie Tate**; **Gloria Thigpen**; **Esther Wilson**; and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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Wade Weathers Randall Wilson
Walker Weathers Charles Westerfeld
Ross Weathers David Wicks

GREETERS

Mike & Dorothy Watts & Jared Jordan
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Colt Keeney
David & Ginny Wicks & Jessica Keeney
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
Gene & Gwen Chandler

Pick up cards April 22: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrev Scarbrough, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 22:
Nursery a.m.: Judy Mitcham; Nursery p.m.: Norma Sorrells; Toddlers a.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; Toddlers p.m.: Dorothy Watts & Judy Yates; 2's: Diane Weathers & girls; 3's & 4's: J.D. & Anna Mitchell.

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DYNAMIC CHRISTIAN LIVING – Introduction

Years ago I developed this list, and have it written in the front of some of my Bibles. My plan is to write a series of bulletin articles, using each of the 10 points as a subject. I doubt these articles will occur in uninterrupted succession. It is more likely I'll see the need to interject other things, as needs dictate.

Here's the list:

1. Imitation of Jesus Christ.
2. Personal reading and study of the Word.
3. Personal prayer.
4. Church meetings.

5. Giving.
6. Fellowship with Christians.
7. Using your personal "gift(s)."
8. Sharing your faith.
9. Holy living.
10. Submission and obedience to spiritual leaders.

Love, Keith

PS – Lord willing, I'll return from my quick trip to PA on Friday; looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, April 22, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "The Unique John the Baptist"
(Mark 1:4-8)
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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

LTC CELEBRATION

Sunday evening will be our LTC Celebration and Awards Presentation. Our young people will be presented their plaques and medals. Several of our young men will lead that worship time together. You will also get to see a video sampling of all the LTC events our group was involved in. Wear your LTC Shirts and bring your art work to display.

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Ainsworth's home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

As in years past, West Erwin will help host the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3, the National Day of Prayer. We will need about 12 men to help with that. If you are interested, sign up at the Visitor's Center.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THE WAR IS OVER

The Tyler newspaper, Sunday, April 8, printed an article in the *Raves, Rants & Roses* section declaring the war in Iraq is over. We Won! We won it quickly. The mission was accomplished. Victory was ours. "Our troops performed with bravery and tremendous distinction." They continue to do so under dreadful, difficult circumstances. He said, what's going on now is not war -- it's "occupation and nation-building in a country at war with itself."

Allow me to take this much of the article to draw a parallel from our Christian perspective. The war is over! Jesus won! His mission was accomplished. Victory was

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A couple of weeks ago I taught a class on Wednesday evening that focused on outreach and evangelism. The positive response from that talk overwhelmed me. I had about 20 people come up to me after class and suggest that we begin a training class in which we focus our attention toward outreach and evangelism into this community. Because of that response I have placed a sign up sheet at the Visitor Center to see just how many of us are really serious regarding outreach into this community. We all know there is a need for the gospel to be taken to this community so if you are willing to go through a training class, we can begin the process of evangelizing the lost in Tyler. It is my hope and desire that this ministry will fulfill three areas of responsibility that all of us as Christians share: (1) evangelize the lost; (2) reach out into this community and (3) help those who have already obeyed the gospel to continue in the faith. In other words this ministry should: (1) evangelize; (2) edify, and (3) be benevolent.

AREA WIDE YOUTH GATHERING

Sunday night is the Spring Area Wide Youth Gathering at the Glenwood church. We will go together after church Sunday night. Please bring \$2 for supper. Parents can pick you up at Glenwood @ 8:00. Several of the LTC Drama Teams from the other churches will perform as well as West Erwin's 11-12th Grade Team. See Jon Murry for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 22	LTC Celebration
Apr. 22	Area Wide Youth @ Glenwood
Apr. 26	"CONNECT"
May 3	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
May 19	Jr-Sr Banquet
May 20	Baccalaureate Hosted by West Erwin
June 5-8	Middle School Madness
June 17-23	BackCountry Trek
July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 20-25	Mexico Mission Trip

His. Satan is doomed to eternal punishment and nothing can change that. There will be no paroles ... no pardons. What's going on now is occupation and kingdom-building in a world that does not want us to be here. As Christians we are fighting from victory not for victory. Spend some time this week pondering what this means to us, His people, and to us as individuals as we continue to occupy this world.

THE WEST ERWIN PRAYER CHAIN

For a long time West Erwin has maintained a prayer chain system that alerts those who commit to praying when called on. The notices are all given out through e-mails. If you would like to be an active part of this prayer ministry, please contact Fern Bench at fbench@suddenlink.net. She will be happy to give you the particulars and welcome you into the circle of intercessors.

I would also like to see this training class develop into a focus/strategy class in which we bounce various approaches and methods off one another and then formulate a game plan to take the gospel to Tyler. Of course (as with any ministry) we should begin by involving God through a study of His Word on this subject and by going to Him in prayer regarding this matter. At that point we would then need to go through the training process. Hopefully, once that part of the class is concluded we can formulate our game plan. All of this will be done through our education ministry in a class setting.

Do you have a talent in talking to strangers? This class could be for you. Do you have a benevolent heart? This class could be for you. Do you have the ability to bond with people? This class could be for you.

Please pray for this ministry. Please be involved in this ministry. Let's reintroduce the gospel to the lost or erring of Tyler and let's turn this city right side up for Christ. I will be announcing the time and place for our first meeting. Please read the bulletin and listen for updates regarding this matter.



IN APPRECIATION

We are blessed to be a part of this loving family. We truly are thankful for your prayers, calls, cards, visits, and food following my surgery and then during my recovery. We love you all.

Phil & Linda Marts

Thanks for the beautiful plant, it was very thoughtful and added a nice touch. Most of all thank you for your prayers and cards!

John & Phyllis Lacy

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for E.P. Malone, Pat Malone's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family.

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR GOD-GIVEN GIFT(S)

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"To change everything, simply change your attitude."

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LADIES NIGHT

Chandler Street Church of Christ
2700 Chandler Street, Kilgore, 75662

May 4, 2007, Registration 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 pm
Theme: "Better Understanding God" - Speaker: Denell Dennis
Fellowship and refreshments following the program

3rd ANNUAL EAST TEXAS MEN'S RETREAT

May 5, 2007, 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

"Mighty Men Of God" featuring Michael Lincoln of Searcy, AR
All men, young and old, are encouraged to attend this dynamic and spiritually encouraging retreat. If you are seeking to be uplifted, challenged and strengthened in your walk with the Lord and seeking to build strong relationships with your brothers in Christ, make plans now to attend this year's retreat. Cost: \$15.00
Deadline to register May 2 @ 903-657-1408 or pre-register: office@southmainchurch.com

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, May 7, 8:30 am (Shotgun Start) Hollytree Country Club
Fee: \$125 per person, \$500 per team includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch. All proceeds will benefit the ETCA athletic program. Deadline is April 27.

CAMP DEER RUN

Camp Deer Run Workday is Saturday, May 19, beginning at 9 am. If you can help us make the final preparations of our buildings and grounds, bring some tools and join us. There will be several crews working on specific projects. Workers will be assigned tasks and a work team or pointed to where your specific skill can best be used. Lunch will be provided.

ATTENTION NURSES, DOCTORS AND EMTs: we are in need of volunteers for our camp medic position. We need someone to work one week during the weeks of June 10-22 and July 1-13. Come help us keep our campers safe and healthy.

Our horses need hay to eat this summer! If you have hay you would like to donate or sell, please let us know. Our horses arrive May 19 and will need enough hay to last through the first week in August. We will come pick it up, just tell us where it is. When the summer is over our horses need horse sitters for the fall, winter and spring. Your caring for our horses is considered a donation and is tax deductible. For more information, call Don Neal @903-629-7165. Most of all continue to pray that our campers and staff will have a fun, safe, and spiritually uplifting summer.

22nd ANNUAL HYMN FEST

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W, Daingerfield, TX
featuring "His Harmony," "Praises Four," and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders.

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PRAYER AND CARE - Jerry Howard is in Mother Frances with pneumonia. **Gaynelle Gray** is in ETMC following a heart attack last week. **Wanda Weathers** had back surgery Wednesday at the Spine & Joint Hospital. **Aubrey Morman** got a good report, no aneurysm emergency at this time. **Mary Beth O'Neal** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Terry Frick** is scheduled for back surgery May 3 at ETMC. **Michelle Kuechle** is scheduled for surgery May 7 at ETMC. **Carl Stowers** is in the VA Hospital in Dallas with pneumonia. **Kenna Kempton** is having tests. **Deloris Bundy** is seeing a specialist for an eye problem. **Betty Duncan-Clague** is having tests due to serious health problems. **Gail Bennett, K. Max Haws, Becky Howard, Marlene Latham, Stephanie Ruddell, Johnnie Stringer, Nella Ware, Don Weathers** are all recuperating at home. **Mary Tindel, Terry Tindel's mother,** has been dismissed from the hospital. **Gene Welborn, Leon's brother,** is to see a bladder cancer specialist May 2. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Delle Bullard; Emma Cagle,** the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Buck Hamilton; Joan Harlak; Ralph & Barbara Henderson; Bobby Holly,** Taylor Holly's dad; **Sam Kennedy; John Knox,** Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen,** Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Kay Parrish; Bettye Price; Mary Richey; Trey Rousseau; Odell Sessions; Judy Simpson,** Ruth Ellis' sister; **Judy Smith; Scott Smith,** Michelle Smith's husband; **Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel,** Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; Esther Wilson;** and **Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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 Scripture Don Chaffin
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Chris Conder

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Alan Montgomery
 Scripture Dan Murry
 Dismiss Buck Nowell

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 Wade Weathers Randall Wilson
 Walker Weathers Charles Westerfeld
 Ross Weathers David Wicks

GREETERS

Bill & Barbara White & Ashley Laird
 Dale & Dot White & Dylan Laird
 Ray & Carolyn Womack & Haylee Lowry
 Visitor Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper
 Jim & Sue Carty

Pick up cards April 29 & May 6: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 29:
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IMITATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Experts tell us we learn some of our most basic life skills - walking, talking, eating on our own, etc. - through imitation. But the most important imitating we'll ever do is in the spiritual area of our lives, and the ultimate role-model for this imitation is Jesus Christ. A "disciple" is not only a student, but a follower and imitator of his/her Master.

I have many "heroes" that, to varying degrees I try to imitate: my parents, my wife, older preachers (some deceased and several still living). I even have fictional heroes - like Forrest Gump or Jack Bauer - but I have to be very selective in imitating carefully selected traits, while thoroughly rejecting others. But my ultimate hero is, of course, Jesus Christ.

Paul told the Ephesians to "be imitators of God" (Eph. 5:1), which in our understanding of the godhead, would include Jesus. The writer of Hebrews told people to "fix your thoughts on Jesus" (Heb. 3:1), and "let us fix our eyes on Jesus" (Heb. 12:2). Peter enjoined his readers to look to Christ as He was "leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps" (I Pet. 2:21). John plainly told his readers that "whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did" (I John 2:6).

The only complete and accurate portrayal of Jesus is given in the pages of Scripture. If one is serious about being a Christian ("little Christ"), then they must spend time and energy learning about and imitating Him! This happens through personal study of the Word, being taught the Word, and listening to the Word being preached.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, April 29, 2007
 by Keith Hodges
 A.M. "Jesus' Baptism & What Followed Immediately" (Mark 1:9-13)
 P.M. Psalm 37
 (Psalm 37:1-4)

"The Church With Heart"

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

Thanks to those who helped with the worship time Sunday night: Spencer Shaw, Keaton Ainsworth, Jared Jordan & Patrick Garrett. Again, a special thanks to all of those adults who helped make this years LTC.

We are looking forward to LTC 2008, the 20th LTC. The theme is from the book of 1 Samuel, "Here Am I."

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church in the Family Life Center. Please bring \$2 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THE LORD'S SUPPER

As GOD grants us life each week He also has designed the most perfect way to begin each week and that is through a special communion with Him in remembrance of Jesus who has set us free from the bonds of sin. What could be better than that? We commune with GOD not because we are worthy, not because there is something magic in partaking of the bread and the cup, but because Christ bids us come. It is His table. He has invited us to join Him there. So, we come with thanksgiving; singing and praising Him. We empty our minds of everything but worship for our great GOD. However, sometimes that is more difficult than others. Probably because we have not

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The ladies class that meets each Wednesday night in the Family Life Center will begin a study on April 25 entitled: Seasoning Your Words. This book was written by Nancy Eichman who holds degrees from both Freed Hardeman University and Harding University. The study is entitled: God's recipe for controlling your tongue. The following ladies will teach these classes: (1) Linda Westerfeld, (2) Shelly Sustaire, (3) Angela Seals, (4) Billie Sue Sowle, (5) Stephanie Christian, (6) Kathy Means, and (7) Pat Mitchell. Ladies, thank you so much for agreeing to do this. I know that your students appreciate the time and effort you put into your class. I also know that your coordinator, Gail Vannoy, appreciates your willingness to take on this assignment. So, to all of the ladies at West Erwin, please make every effort to attend these classes. The study will end on May 30th.

Several continue to ask about the outreach and evangelism class. As of right now we have not set a date to begin these class.

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

As in years past, West Erwin will help host the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 3, the National Day of Prayer. We will need about 12 men to help with that. If you are interested, sign up at the Visitor's Center or contact me for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 29	Middle School Devotional
May 3	Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
May 3	"CONNECT"
May 6	High School Devotional
May 19	Jr-Sr Banquet
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planned to do the emptying before we arrive. Below are the words that came to one of our members while he was communing with GOD last Sunday morning. May his thoughts ignite a new emphasis on our time of communing with GOD.

THE TASTE OF LOVE

by Aubrey Morman

I tasted love as I ate the bread,

I knew there was love, that's what Jesus said,

I remember, it was for me he died,

On a cruel cross, Jesus was crucified.

I'm taking my time in putting all of this together because I want everyone to have the opportunity to sign up and get in on this at the ground level. I also want everyone to have some input into this class. Already I have received information from two individuals who have extensive background in evangelism and who would like to help in training the members of this class. Let's continue to bring this subject matter up to God through prayer, let's continue to study God's Word regarding this matter and let's put together a ministry that will be a long lasting solution to evangelizing Tyler. Keep reading the bulletin for updates.

Our Summer Extravaganza (VBS) will be on us before we realize it. The 6th grade through adults class will be taught by Jeff Jenkins. Jeff is the pulpit minister for the Lewisville Church of Christ just outside the metro-plex area of Dallas. I have known Jeff for 28 years and consider him a good friend. Velma and I have secured teachers for the preschool through 5th grade and so we are just waiting for June 11th-13th to get here. Please mark your calendars and be here at 6:30 p.m. each night as we will study about; (1) courage, (2) strength, and (3) faith.



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the care and concern shown to me during my recent hospitalization. The cards, well wishes, and especially the prayers were greatly appreciated. It will take some time but we think I am on the mend now.

Jon Sorrells

To our West Erwin Family,

All of the prayers, thoughts, letters, flowers, food and support received from you all were humbling to every member of our family. It is a wonderful thing to know that in a time of great need a person has such a terrific Christian family to fall back upon. We want all of you to know how grateful we are for everything that was done for us over the past few weeks. The words *thank you* just don't seem to cover it.

Sincerely,

The Wynne Weathers family

Thank you for the prayers, cards, calls and visits after my recent shoulder surgery. You have been great and I appreciate it more than I can say.

With Love,

Gail Bennett

Christian Homes and Family Services greatly appreciates the very generous gift from the Area Wide Worship service that was held Sunday, April 1st. This financial gift will help continue this ministry's work of the building "Forever Families" through maternity care, adoption, and foster care. Please continue to pray for this kingdom work as we serve His children.

Brad Spradlin

V. P. of Development

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Blake and Kenzi Smith on the birth of a baby boy! Wyatt Blain Smith was born in Jacksonville April 23.. Greg & Kris Walker are the proud grandparents and Maselyn is the happy uncle.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held April 11 in Ardmore, OK for Teresa Higgs, Chad Chauncey's aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended to this family.

"What we see depends on what we look for."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Evelyn Adkins, who has been attending with Johnny & Jo Anders, has made known her wish to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Her address is 209 Garden Estates, 2055 Grande Blvd., 75703, ph. 534-5500.

We are very pleased to welcome **Blake McGee** into the West Erwin family. Blake is the son of Pam McGee and will soon complete his tour of duty with the Marines. His address is 1015 South Broadway, 75701, ph. 903-780-0635.

"What you are makes you rich, not what you have."

LADIES NIGHT

Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street, Kilgore, 75662

May 4, 2007, Registration 6:30 pm, Program 7:00 pm

Theme: "Better Understanding God" - Speaker: Denell Dennis

Fellowship and refreshments following the program.

22nd ANNUAL HYMN FEST

Saturday, May 5, 2007, 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 W, Daingerfield, TX featuring "His Harmony," "Praises Four," and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders.

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3rd ANNUAL EAST TEXAS MEN'S RETREAT

May 5, 2007, 7:30 am - 2:30 pm

"Mighty Men Of God" featuring Michael Lincoln of Searcy, AR All men are encouraged to attend this dynamic and spiritually encouraging retreat. If you are seeking to be uplifted, challenged and strengthened in your walk with the Lord plan to attend this year's retreat. Cost: \$15.00. Deadline to register May 2 @ 903-657-1408 or pre-register: office@southmainchurch.com

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Monday, May 7, 8:30 am (Shotgun Start) Hollytree Country Club
Fee: \$125 per person, \$500 per team includes green fee, cart, range balls, and lunch. All proceeds will benefit the ETCA athletic program. Deadline is April 27.

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Bible Class	444	444	455
Worship A.M.	700	663	649
Worship P.M.	392	408	NC
Wed. P.M.	300	350	360
Contribution	\$23,976.57	\$24,285.23	\$21,581.37
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	4-29-07 Bldg.	\$460.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 6, and Wed., May 9, Don Ingram,
 nh 509-8955 **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Jerry Howard is in Mother Frances. **Terry Frick** had back surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Delle Bullard** is scheduled for back surgery May 7 at Mother Frances. **Michelle Kuechle** is scheduled for neck surgery May 7 at ETMC. **Gaynelle Gray** is at home after a recent heart attack. **Wanda Weathers** is at home after back surgery. **Mary Beth O'Neal** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Kenna Kempton** got a good report after recent tests. **Deloris Bundy** is seeing a specialist for an eye problem. **Betty Duncan-Clague** is having tests due to serious health problems. **Gail Bennett, K. Max Haws, Becky Howard, Marlene Latham, Stephanie Ruddell, Johnnie Stringer, Nella Ware, Don Weathers** and **Mary Tindel**, Terry Tindel's mother, are all recuperating at home. **Gene Welborn**, Leon's brother, was to see a bladder cancer specialist May 2. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is at their home and undergoing therapy. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Emma Cagle**, the Carlos Morgan's granddaughter; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren Gray; Lawrence Grayson; Buck Hamilton; Joan Harlak; Ralph & Barbara Henderson; Bobby Holly**, Taylor Holly's dad; **Buddy Kennedy; Sam Kennedy; John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Kay Parrish; Bettye Price; Mary Richey; Trey Rousseau; Odell Sessions; Walt Scoggins; Judy Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' sister; **Judy Smith; Scott Smith**, Michelle Smith's husband; **Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Carl Stowers; Peggy Suggs; Pattie Tate; Gloria Thigpen; Esther Wilson; Ponder Wright, Sr.; & Corbin Young**.

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 Prayer: David Hammond
 Scripture: Roger Howell
 Dismiss: Leon Welborn

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 Greg Jones

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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 Scripture: Dennis Kingsbury
 Dismiss: John Lacy

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Darrell & Nell Beard & Taylor Lemons
 Ernest & Gail Bennett & Paige Lemons
 Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Chelsea Meazell
 Visitor Center: Charles & Phyllis Rachui
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory

Pick up cards May 6: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender

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PERSONAL READING AND STUDY OF THE SCRIPTURES

If you regularly and faithfully read and study the Scriptures on your own, then I heartily commend you! But if you've been encouraged countless times to do these things, but somehow "just can't seem to find the time," then may I, for your sake not mine, strongly admonish you to change in this regard.

God's pattern for getting things done is this: first comes faith, and then comes action. We want every member to be actively involved in various church activities. These are manifestations of faith. But being involved in church activities does not necessarily, of and within itself, produce faith. Romans 10:17 is very clear: faith comes by "hearing" (paying attention to) the Word of God, i.e. the message of Christ. Most active church members hear God's Word regularly as they attend worship assemblies and classes. But how dramatically this

"hearing" is enhanced when those same members are additionally reading and studying the Word on their own!

Don't be either lazy or self-deceived in this regard. Your spiritual growth, regardless of how much other Christian activity in which you're involved, is directly proportional to the time you have an open Bible in front of you, in both group and private settings.

Love, Keith

PS - I'm looking forward to being a part of the city-wide Baccalaureate Service here on Sunday evening, May 20. Please be present, first to honor our own graduates, and then also to welcome neighboring brethren to West Erwin!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, May 6, 2007
 by Keith Hodges
 A.M. "Jesus Launches His Ministry"
 (Mark 14:14-28)
 P.M. "Accountability To God Who Already Knows Anyway!" (Psalm 139)

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to those who helped with the Middle School Devo last Sunday. Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, Mike Gravois, Lee Mink & Lisa Snell for helping.

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast this past week.

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

JR-SR BANQUET

All of those who are Jrs. & Srs. are invited to the banquet on Saturday, May 19. This will be a special evening in your honor! We have some great food and entertainment planned so mark your calendars!

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EVANGELISM/OUTREACH CLASS

The first Evangelism/Outreach class will meet this Sunday, May 6 at 4:30 in room 112 (back of the small auditorium).

"The prayers a man lives on his feet are just as important as those he says on his knees."

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GOSPEL MEETING

Church of Christ, Hwy 69 N, Emory, Texas
May 18-20, Fri., Sat. 7:00 pm; Sun. 9 & 10 am, 6:00 pm
Speaker: Jim Dearman, Program Director of the Gospel Programming Network

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

The Boles Children's Home Charity Golf Tournament will take place on May 14, 2007 at the Eastern Hill Country Club in Garland, Texas. Please make plans to join in the fun! For more information contact Josh Clem at 903-883-2204 or Ken Bonham at 214-460-0215.

EAST TEXAS CHARITY DRIVE

Golf Tournament & Silent Auction, Monday, May 21
benefiting Medina Children's Home

Oak Forest Country Club, 601 Tomlinson, Longview, Texas
Tee off at 7:30 am & 1:00 pm, lunch at 11:30 am - Shotgun start, Florida Scramble format. For additional information call Vance Slough @ 903-759-5348 or 903-452-0548

Please note: The West Erwin church ministers and secretaries have a staff meeting each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m., therefore are unavailable during that time.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Mike, Nora** and **Kaitlyn Gravois** back home! Mike worked with the West Erwin congregation as our education minister for several years before moving to Georgetown to serve as pulpit minister. They have moved back to Tyler and he is serving a Director of Admissions and Spiritual Life Director at ETCA. Nora is a case worker for UCP of Dallas. Kaitlyn is in the 7th grade at ETCA. Their address is 19078 Pinedale Circle, Flint, 75762, ph. 903-894-7149.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Amanda Broome, daughter of Gary and Frances Broome and a Department of Plant and Soil Science/ Horticulture Graduate Student, is part of a research team led by Ellen Peffley, a professor of horticulture in the Department of Plant and Soil Science, which is developing new food sources for use on extended space missions for NASA. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in horticulture, Amanda spent the next eight months doing more NASA-related onion research, primarily red onion variety trials. Then for the next year she was off to Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, to work on a year-long advanced plant science internship at Epcot Center. After completing her Disney internship, she returned to Tech to focus on her graduate studies on onions and space research, this time with the help of a fellowship from the Kennedy Space Center. Amanda completed her master's degree in horticulture, and is now extending her research program on onions to the doctorate level. She plans to finish in May 2008. For the "rest of the story" go to <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/agriculturalsciences/news/?p=245>.

CAMP DEER RUN

Camp Deer Run Workday is Saturday, May 19, beginning at 9 am. Bring your tools and help us make the final preparations of our buildings and grounds. Workers will be assigned tasks and a work team or pointed to where your specific skill can best be used. Lunch will be provided.

ATTENTION NURSES, DOCTORS AND EMTs: we are in need of volunteers for our camp medic position. We need someone to work one week during the weeks of June 10-22 and July 1-13. Come help us keep our campers safe and healthy.

If you have hay you would like to donate or sell, please let us know. Our horses arrive May 19 and will need enough hay to last through the first week in August. We will pick it up! Our horses need horse sitters for the fall, winter and spring. Your caring for our horses is considered a tax deductible donation. For more information, call Don Neal @903-629-7165. Most of all continue to pray that our campers and staff will have a fun, safe, and spiritually uplifting summer.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

A CHALLENGE FOR THIS WEEK

Here's a great challenge for you this week. Below are a number of statements that need a Bible text. Find one, write it down and get it back to me this week.

Example: The most useless thing to do --- worry

(Mt. 6:25-34)

The greatest joy --- Giving ()

The greatest loss --- Loss of self-respect ()

The most satisfying work --- Helping others ()

The ugliest personality trait --- Selfishness ()

The greatest problem to overcome --- Fear ()

The most powerful force in life --- Love ()

The worst thing to be without --- Hope ()

The deadliest weapon --- the Tongue ()

The greatest asset --- Faith ()

The most worthless emotion --- Self-pity ()

The most powerful channel of communication --- Prayer ()

The most contagious spirit --- Enthusiasm ()

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

When I was young I always anticipated going to church camp. It was a time to renew acquaintances, be filled spiritually, and to have a whole lot of fun. I started attending camp when I was 9 and stopped when I was 18. I then volunteered my time as a counselor for a couple of years. A few years later I found myself directing a one week camp session with over 100 campers. I did this for 7 years.

There are a host of camps that take place throughout the summer months (basketball; volleyball; art; creative writing; etc.) but for the dollar you won't find a better value than sending your child to church camp (residential or day camp), and you won't find a better camp for your dollar than Camp Deer Run. You'll find an amazing adventure waiting for you at Camp Deer Run this summer. You'll run and play, ride horses, and swim, and spend some time around a campfire with friends. You'll take part in Camp Deer Run's many traditions like Sadie Hawkins' Day and Killi Olympics. You'll also find the awesome

opportunity to grow and refocus your life on what really matters: living for God. That's the theme for this summer's camp: *Living For God*. II Corinthians 5:15 tells us: *"And He died for all. That those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."*

In order to attend resident camp you must be between the ages of 9-17. You must fill out a registration form and turn in a \$50.00 deposit. Please go to www.campdeerrun.com for additional information.

In order to attend day camp you must be between the ages of 5-8. The cost is \$60.00 per camp session. Please go to www.campdeerrun.com for additional information.

Each year we select the first session for our day campers to attend. Generally this is hardest week for the camp to fill and so to help balance things out we always pick up this week. The church van will only seat 12 of us comfortably so we have placed a limit of 12 on it. The van is full and so is the day camp for week number one. There may be other weeks that have not yet filled up. Please check with the camp for further details on which camp week still needs day campers.

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Worship P.M.	485	392	406
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 Dannie Skipper

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dr. Dennis Stansbury
 Scripture Shaun Stamps
 Dismiss Glynn Starnes

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 Fred Wingate Cameron Ables
 Keaton Ainsworth Scott Albritton

GREETERS

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Chase Mink
 Ruth Bell & Janice Hardaway & Mollie Mink
 Gene & Gwen Chandler & Kara Murry
 Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
 Joe & Connie Roach

Pick up cards May 13 & 20: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Spencer Shaw, George Richardson, & Grant Perkins

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 13:
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PERSONAL PRAYER

Would you agree with me that personal prayer may be the most neglected (cheated on, if you will) of the "disciplines" Christians should practice to maintain a dynamic relationship with God? That was the case for me. Is it for you?

We can fool ourselves into thinking that (a) it's not really that important to God, or (b) others won't know, or (c) it somehow won't matter to the development and maintenance of our spiritual growth. Until we each answer it personally, this haunting question remains: "If Jesus, who was sinless, felt the need to spend so much time in prayer to His Father, then how much more should I?"

For nearly 30 years (as a minister!) I talked some about prayer, and preached about it occasionally, but really didn't pray like I should. That all changed with a crisis. It wasn't a moral crisis or a health crisis for me or someone I loved, or even a financial crisis. It was a "ministry crisis" where I was trying to do something for God, and

was not getting anywhere until I literally got down on my knees and asked for His help.

This change of heart towards prayer has been wonderful. I don't want to ever go back to living with little or no prayer! I have even become something of an "advocate" for others to become or remain devoted to prayer.

As I have grown in my prayer-life, I have incorporated various "methods" - some popular at the moment and some "as old as the hills." These include "The Prayer of Jabez," "The A-C-T-S Method," and a utilization of "The Lord's Prayer."

This awakening to prayer even changed the way I prepare for sermons. I didn't start using prayer as a substitute for study - I don't study less, I just pray more.

Interested? Let me know, and I may plan a sermon series or class on personal prayer.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, May 13, 2007
 by Keith Hodges
 A.M. "A Miracle For Mother"
 (John 2:1-12)
 P.M. "Family Psalms"
 (Psalm 127 & 128)

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny "CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other.

BACCALAUREATE & SR. DEVO

West Erwin will host the Baccalaureate Service on Sunday, May 20 at 5:00. The Tyler churches will honor the graduating Seniors. There will be a reception in the Family Life Center following the service.

After the reception, we will have our annual "Senior Roast." All of those in the youth group are encouraged to attend. We should be finished at 9:00.

JR-SR BANQUET

All of those who are Jrs. & Srs. are invited to the banquet on Saturday, May 19. This will be a special evening in your honor! We have some great food and entertainment planned so mark your calendars!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

MORE THAN A LEGEND

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of passage into manhood? A boy's father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He can never tell the other boys of his experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He hears all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even another human being lurking in the dark to do him

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

A few weeks ago I began asking the parents of our 2 year olds through pre-K if they were satisfied with the format of our children's worship. I did this because some of our parents wanted to see a format that would allow for the little ones to stay in their classrooms after their regular class ended instead of being taken to the auditorium and then being brought back to the classroom after the Lord's Supper had been concluded. This was the format that we originally used here and like I said, some parents wanted to go back to that format. However, after surveying as many as I could regarding this matter the vote was split 50/50. I explained all of this to you just to inform you that we will be keeping the format as it presently is: *children remaining in the auditorium until after the Lord's Supper is finished*. If you would like to talk to me regarding this, please feel free to call me at your convenience. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter. Let's continue to remember this ministry in our prayers and may God bless our little ones and their teachers.

THANKS!

Thanks to those who helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last week! You came early & worked hard!!! Thanks to: Carl Garrett, Keith Hodges, Wayne Berryman, Tim Grounds, Wendell Potter, Melvin Crow, David Wicks, Jeremy Wilson, Tom Cook, & Barry Scarborough.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 13 Mother's Day
May 17 "CONNECT"
May 19 Jr-Sr Banquet
May 20 Baccalaureate Hosted by West Erwin
May 20 Devo Honoring our Seniors

SUMMER DATES

June 5-8 Middle School Madness
June 17-23 BackCountry Trek
July 5-14 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 20-25 Mexico Mission Trip

harm? The wind blew the grass and trees. The earth shook his stump. But the boy sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It was the only way for him to become a man.

Finally, after a horrific night the morning sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

Something that we too must learn on our own in this life is that we have not been left alone. Even when we don't know it, our Heavenly Father is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

May your troubles be less,
May your blessings be more,
And may nothing but happiness
Come through your door!

I am so pleased with the response to the "evangelism and outreach" class that we are trying to implement here at West Erwin. The number of those who would like to be involved in this new ministry is about to reach 30 members. That's 30 people who, after they are trained, will have the opportunity of reaching out to those in need and helping them to better understand God's Word. During Keith Hodges' sermon (4-29) he said that we need to be sure to involve God in this new ministry. Keith is right and so let's be sure to do this. To the congregation, please include this ministry in your prayer life throughout the month of May. Lift your voice to God and ask for His blessing and search out His Word to find your motivation to be involved in this great effort. The members of the class have already met once and we have searched God's Word for motivation and direction and we have lifted our voices to Him asking Him to bless this ministry. How successful we are with this ministry really depends a lot on how we conducted ourselves in the first meeting. I believe we are off to a great start. Our next meeting will be an organizational meeting on May 27th at 4:00 p.m. in room 112, then our class will begin on June 3rd. Thanks for your participation and may God continually bless this effort.



IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, and food during my recent illness.

In Christian love,
Nella Ware

Dearest Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

Words cannot express my tender feelings for each of you for all of your sweet cards, telephone calls, and your oral expressions of your concern and care. Thank you all so very much.

My Sincerest Love,
Billie Bob Hickman

WITH SYMPATHY

Jerry Howard, long time West Erwin member, passed from this life Tuesday morning after a valiant battle with cancer. Services were held Thursday at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup. Military burial was held Tuesday at the DFW National Cemetery for **Cecil Biggerstaff**, David Demic's brother-in-law. **Eddie Fennell**, Jeff Fennell's uncle, died Sunday in Gilmer. **Lois Ponder**, Nell Beard's sister in Lake Jackson, died Sunday. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

"Peace, hope, and comfort bloom in the garden of prayer."

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel

A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

For every time you've wiped my tears, and tried to heal my hurts,
For every hour of sleep you missed, to take good care of me,
For every time you were my nurse, and helped me to get well,
For every time you were a teacher, and helped me do my homework,
For every time I failed and you helped me to get up and start again,
For every time you did without, and unselfishly gave to me,
For every time you spoke my name to the Heavenly Father,
For every time you spoke of God and how beautiful He made the world,
For every thing you did for me when you were tired and feeling bad,
For every hug and loving smile that told me you approved,
For every hour you took time to play even though you had so much to do,
For every time you disciplined me, and made me do what's right,
For every time you laid awake and worried 'til I came home,
For every time you said how proud you were to be my mother,
For all of this, and so much more, "I'm proud to call you my Mother!"
-- David Sain

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA (VBS)

Mark your calendars! June 11-13, 6:30 - 8:00
Jeff Jenkins from the Lewisville Church of Christ will be teaching the Jr. High through adult class.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Marcie** and **Kaylee Brown** into the West Erwin family. Marcie is the sister of Lonnie Brown and Kaylee is in the 6th grade. Their address is 1025 South Azalea, 75701, ph. 531-9760.

RESPONSES

Samuel Mink came to ask for the prayers of his church family for forgiveness of sins, prayers for the victims and their families, and for his family and friends, and for strength and courage to face the difficult time ahead of him.

LaDawn Ragsdale came to request prayers for her and for her children that she might be strong enough to take care of them and be the Christian example they need, and for the wisdom and faith to face the daily challenges of being a single mother.

"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

CAMP DEER RUN

Camp Deer Run Workday is Saturday, May 19, beginning at 9 am. Bring your tools and help us make the final preparations of our buildings and grounds. Workers will be assigned tasks and a work team or pointed to where your specific skill can best be used. Lunch will be provided.

ATTENTION NURSES, DOCTORS AND EMTs: we are in need of volunteers for our camp medic position. We need someone to work one week during the weeks of June 10-22 and July 1-13. Come help us keep our campers safe and healthy.

If you have hay you would like to donate or sell, please let us know. Our horses arrive May 19 and will need enough hay to last through the first week in August. We will pick it up! We need horse sitters for the fall, winter and spring. Your caring for our horses is considered a tax deductible donation. For more information, call Don Neal @ 903-629-7165. Most of all continue to pray that our campers and staff will have a fun, safe, and spiritually uplifting summer.

GOSPEL MEETING

Church of Christ, Hwy 69 N, Emory, Texas
May 18-20, Fri., Sat. 7:00 pm; Sun. 9 & 10 am, 6:00 pm
Speaker: Jim Dearman, Program Director of the Gospel Programming Network

EXCERPTS FROM A LETTER FROM DOUG WHEELER

(The West Erwin church helps support Doug Wheeler in his missionary efforts in Nigeria). With joy in my heart, I'm sending you a report of my 78 day mission trip to Nigeria. I traveled and preached in 12 of the 18 southern states in Nigeria, conducting World Bible School seminars and/or Leadership seminars. 108 people were baptized into Christ where we preached. Because of your financial contributions, I was able to present 17 motorcycles to preachers for use in their ministry, purchase over 5,000 Bibles that were given out members of the church or prospects of Nigerian congregations who needed them, provide many \$500 preacher training scholarships and give out thousands of dollars of benevolence to needy Nigerian brethren. The power of the gospel of Christ is alive and well in Nigeria, West Africa!

THE SEARCH with Dr. Jay Lockhart



aired each Sunday
at 10:00 a.m. on KYTX-19

May 17, 2007	From the Heart of Tyler		Vol. 38 - No. 20
Records	Sunday May 13	Sunday May 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	362	430	362
Worship A.M.	681	703	658
Worship P.M.	332	485	300
Wed. P.M.	300	300	330
Contribution	\$28,128.07	\$26,059.74	\$20,290.48
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	5-13-07 Special	400.00

Minibus Driver for Sunday, May 20, and Wed., May 23, Don Ingram,
 nh 509-8955 Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Gloria Thigpen is now in East Texas Hospice, room 102. **Odell Sessions** was admitted to Mother Frances Wednesday for blood transfusions in preparation for colon cancer surgery Friday. **Tammy Asbill's** initial test results (Wednesday) were good, no cancer or tumors, was referred to Dr. DuVall for further evaluation and treatment. **Deloris Bundy** is scheduled for retina surgery May 22 at Mother Frances. **Terry Frick** is at home after back surgery. **Mary Beth O'Neal** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Kenna Kempton** is being treated with medication for a right bundle heart blockage. **Michelle Kuechle** got an excellent report after surgery, the tumors were benign. **Holly Mauldin**, Dick & Shirley McClenny's daughter, is scheduled for exploratory surgery Thursday in Dallas. **Tiffany Hogue**, James & Connie Sublette's daughter whose first child is due June 5, is hospitalized with elevated protein levels and high blood pressure. **Bill Barnes**, Tommy Price's cousin, has been diagnosed with lymphoma after being hospitalized for 3 weeks and multiple surgical procedures. **Gene Welborn**, Leon's brother, was scheduled for a biopsy for bladder cancer. **Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister, has lung and breast cancer. **James Edwards**, Danny Riley's brother-in-law, is undergoing more tests. **Beverly Koonce**, friend of Chris & Lara Reynolds, will undergo radiation and chemo for an aggressive brain tumor. **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother, is continuing outpatient therapy. **Craig DeMoss**, Rebecca Andrews' son, is recovering from injuries sustained in a recent car accident.

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 10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
 Prayer: Jeremy Wilson
 Scripture: Chuck Rothwell
 Dismiss: Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
 Dwight Sowle

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 City-Wide Baccalaureate @ West Erwin

SERVING COMMUNION

Jim Armstrong Darrell Beard
 Dale Blackstone Ernest Bennett
 David Asbill Wayne Berryman
 Charles Armstrong Mago Barajas

GREETERS
 Chad & Amber Chauncey & Cassie Pace
 John & Ruby Cliver & Tanner Philpot
 Milburn & Jan Cook & Mallori Philpot
 Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
 Gary & Judy Mitcham

Pick up cards May 20: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Spencer Shaw, George Richardson, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 20:
 Nursery a.m.: Julie Ables; Nursery p.m.: Rita Sitton;
 Toddlers a.m.: Blake & Mary Lockhart; Toddlers p.m.:
 Donna Maples & Kim DuPree; 2's: Brant & Jeri Presidge;
 3's & 4's: Joey & Leslie Coker.

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IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the calls, cards, prayers and concern about me since I have been suffering from shingles. It is wonderful to have a loving and caring church family.

Johnnie Stringer

I thank all of you who sent such lovely cards of comfort and expressed prayers on behalf of my sister, Lois Ponder. She was a faithful Christian and we take great comfort in that. I love you all.

Nell Beard

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last week in Cuero for Ingrid Mayer, Jim Mayer's sister-in-law. Services were held Thursday in Camden, Arkansas for Frances Landers, Kenna Kempton's grandmother. Dean Keeling, Barbara Smart's brother, died Tuesday after suffering a massive stroke last week. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ernie and Sharon Gordon on the birth of a new grandson! Wesley Gordon Spicer was born April 11 to Brian and April Spicer in Keller. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Noah is the proud big brother.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

RESPONSE

Keith Johnson came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for strength and courage to be a better Christian, husband and father.

ATTENTION TEACHERS: You may pick up your material for the summer quarter (Sunday and Wednesday) in the church office at your convenience.

SPECIAL EVENT: The Harding Academy Chorus will be performing at the Glenwood Church of Christ worship center Saturday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.

MOVING TIME

Keith Hodges will be unloading the moving van from Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 26th, starting at 9:00 am. The first part of the unloading will be at East Texas Storage Center on Hwy 64 W. When finished there the unloading will shift to their apartment at the Autumn Glen Apartments on Hollytree Drive, off Rice Road. All help will be appreciated.

Sunday evening worship services
@ 6:00 p.m. June Through August.

Sermons for Sunday, May 20, 2007
 by Keith Hodges
A.M. "A New Teaching - And With Authority"
 (Mark 1:21-29)
P.M. City-Wide Baccalaureate @ West Erwin
Speaker: Keith Hodges

"The Church With Heart"

Cameron Blane Ables, son of Gary and Julie Ables and grandson of Arnold and Agnes Ables, is a graduate of East Texas Christian Academy. He participated in soccer, basketball and baseball for five consecutive years, receiving several All District awards. He has been on mission trips to St. Louis, Nebraska and Mexico. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College to pursue a business degree.



Cameron Ables

Brittany Asbill is the daughter of David and Tammy Asbill and is graduating from Whitehouse High School. She is a member of Health Occupations Students of America; serves in photojournalism on the yearbook staff; and has dual credit from TJC in Sign Language & Interpreting classes. She participated in LTC 6 years, Mexico mission trip 4 years, Nebraska mission trip 3 years and Backpacking 4 years. Brittany plans to attend college and work.



Brittany Asbill

Payton Fedell was a member of the National Honor Society; a participant in the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C.; a State U.I.L. Competitor and was voted Top Ten Student Faculty Choice. He also played Varsity Basketball for two years at Whitehouse High School. As a member of the West Erwin Youth Group, he participated in LTC, Nebraska mission trip, and backpacking trip. Payton plans to attend Texas A&M in the fall. He is the son of Rick and Karen Fedell and grandson of Sam & Dorothy Kennedy.



Payton Fedell

Austin Fisher is the son of Gregg and Julie Fisher, and is a graduate of Grand Saline High School. He was on the Varsity football team 3 years, Running Back - 2nd team and Honorable Mention All District, Academic All State Football Team; Track and Field - Pole Vaulting - Regional Qualifier 4 years, Varsity 4 years. He was chosen as Class Favorite, Homecoming Court, and Most Flirtatious. He is a member of the National Honor Society, is one of top 10 graduates receiving the Texas Distinguished Achievement Diploma, graduating with 27 college hours. Austin participated in LTC 11 years, Habitat for Humanity 2 years and Kids Church volunteer 1 year. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Arlington in the fall.



Austin Fisher

Chelsea Garrett participated in 15 plays at Tyler Civic Theater and was awarded a scholarship through TCT; she teaches ballroom dancing classes; and wrote a poem "The Breath of God" which was published in a book. Chelsea has taught in several Vacation Bible Schools; played Mary in a Christmas Pageant, and baby sat for Ladies Bible Class. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and eventually pursue a Masters degree in Psychology. She is the daughter of Carl and Shelli Garret and granddaughter of Jess and Charlotte Hopkins.



Chelsea Garrett



Congratulations



Taylor Lemons

Taylor Lemons, son of Kim Lemons, grandson of Jeanine Hughes and great grandson of Elizabeth Hughes, is graduating from Whitehouse High School. He has been on the Varsity Golf Team for 3 years, a member of the Future Farmers of America his senior year, and was the top student in Engineering Graphics. He was a part of the West Erwin Youth group and attended LTC. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College



Sara Scarborough

Sara Scarborough was selected as Outstanding Defensive player, All District Outstanding Blocker, 2006 District Champion in Volleyball; 2006 State Finalist in Basketball, Crosscountry and Golf; was a member of the National Honor Society; served on the Principal's Advisory Committee and the Yearbook Staff. She participated in LTC from 3rd through 12th grade; Nebraska mission trips, and community service projects including Karing Kitchen. She plans to attend TJC, then SFA to pursue a degree in Hospital Administration. She is the daughter of Barry and Mary Scarborough.



Shannon Snell

Shannon Snell is graduating 8th in her class from Whitehouse High School where she has been a member of the National Honor Society for 2 years and played the French Horn in band 7 years. She has participated in LTC 10 years, Nebraska mission trip 7 years, Mexico mission trip 6 years and the BackCountry Trek for 5 years. She will attend ACU where she was awarded the Onstead Scholarship, LTC Scholarship, Winifred George Scholarship & CCECA Scholarship. She is the daughter of Danny and Lisa Snell and granddaughter of Harvey and Verla Strickland.



Walker Waggoner

Walker Waggoner, son of Mark and Martha Waggoner and grandson of Fred and Sara Powell, was a member of the Whitehouse Drama Club 4 years, participating in numerous plays and productions; a member of the Student Council, attending convention for officers 2006-07; competed in U.I.L. in Drama and Music. He participated in LTC 3 years, taught VBS, Camp Friendship and toddler and baby nurseries. He plans to Attend TJC.



Not Pictured
Ember Johnson

Seniors 2007

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Records	Sunday May 20	Sunday May 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	463	362	442
Worship A.M.	680	681	692
Worship P.M.	463	332	451
Wed. P.M.	NC	300	343
Contribution	\$29,224.45	\$28,128.07	\$26,734.79
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

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Scripture: Vance Metcalf
Dismiss: Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Mike McClenny
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: J.D. Mitchell
Scripture: Lee Mink
Dismiss: Melvin Maples

SERVING COMMUNION

Jim Armstrong: Darrell Beard
Dale Blackstone: Ernest Bennett
David Asbill: Wayne Berryman
Charles Armstrong: Mago Barajas

GREETERS
Melvin & Nina Crow & Michael Ragsdale
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Maggie Ragsdale
Harold & Shirley Denman & Chris Scroggins
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards May 27 & June 3: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender, & Zach Skender.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, May 27:
Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddlers a.m.: Donni & Caitlin Cook; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsaey Lott; 2's: Stefan & Rebecca Andrews; 3's & 4's: Cassandra & Amy Estes.

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CHURCH MEETINGS

I want this to be more than a typical "you ought to be there every time the doors are open" article! But I'm not hesitating to point out, with conviction, that there is a direct correlation between spiritual health and how much we attend church meetings.

Most of you are well aware that Hebrews 10:24-25 has long been our favorite "proof text" regarding church attendance. This great text tells of the purpose of church meetings, and warns to not be like those who had fallen into the habit of forsaking them.

Unfortunately some view this only as a command, neglecting the important truths that are both practical and beautiful. Others claim it only pertains to "worship assemblies," probably because a popular translation uses the word "assembling." The original Greek literally means "the meeting together of ourselves."

Attending church meetings (any and all of them) just to be attending may denote a certain degree of loyalty, but can fall short of what should be their purpose - "(to) let us consider how we may spur one another towards love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24).

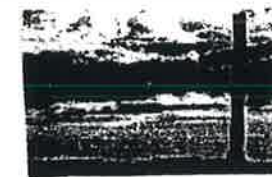
I like being at lots of church meetings, in part because I like being with people. For others, it is not so easy. Some have been conditioned to think they only need to go to church "one hour a week." Others have "a bad taste in their mouths" from church meetings that were less than they should have been. And the church can compound this problem by holding meetings that merely duplicate each other, and ignore great purposes that could and should be accomplished at church meetings.

Let's all resolve to have the best church meetings we can, and "make the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:16) by attending all we can!

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, May 27, 2007

by Keith Hodges

A.M. "Lord, Here's My Plan For You"
(Mark 1:29-39)

P.M. "The Blessedness Of Forgiveness"
(Psalm 32)

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In January 2006 Jerry and I started on a journey that no one wants to travel. It was a long and rough trip, but by the end of year things were looking a little better and we were hoping for a better year ahead. But that was not to be and again in January 2007 we started down the same rough road again with many detours along the way. On May 8th the earthly journey ended for Jerry but he began an eternal journey with our Lord and Savior. All this time we had the love and support of our West Erwin family with food, calls, cards, visits, and many, many prayers. Thank you for everything. Our family will never forget your kindness.

Love,
The Family of Jerry Howard

Thank you for the many calls, cards, prayers and visits during Terry's recent surgery. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful Christian family.

In Christian love,
Terry & Kin Frick

We appreciate the various expressions of concern and sympathy during our brother-in-law's long illness and subsequent death. The support of our extended family means a great deal to us.

David & Virginia Demic

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to James & Connie Sublette on the birth of a new grandson! Maddox Caeden Hogue was born May 18 in Charleston, S.C. to Caisson and Tiffany Hogue. He weighed 5 lb. 7 oz. and was 18 inches long.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Shelly Foreman, 1505 Grande Blvd. #516, 75703
Marc & Tammy Lemons, 8207 Robert E. Lee Dr., 75703
Velma Lemons, 200 Alpine, 75701, same ph. #
Samuel Mink #91812, 101 East Methvin, suite 635, Longview, TX 75601 (temporary address)

Sorry to lose ...

Rose Teel has moved to be closer to her children. Her new address is 1120 McArthur Dr. #1505, Carrollton, TX 75007.

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RESPONSE

Clinton Culpepper came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family for forgiveness of sin that he might be the Christian example that he and God want him to be.

ANNUAL SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The annual pancake breakfast will be held by Boy Scout Troop 354 on Saturday, May 26, 2007 from 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center. Cost: Adults \$3.00, kids \$1.00.

I Corinthians 13 for the Home

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper, not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements but have not love, my children learn cleanliness, not godliness. Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials. Love is reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, and then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection, now I glory in God's perfection of my child. As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love. - author unknown

CONGRATULATIONS

Brent Bailey, Noel & Jean Parker's grandson, is valedictorian of Kingwood High School in a class of 950. He received many awards including National Merit Scholarship recipient and voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his peers, while also earning 36 college hours. He plans to attend ACU and pursue a degree in Biblical Text.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THANKS

My bulletin Bible challenge was met by one couple who obviously worked independently answering the questions because they found excellent answers to each question using different passages. Thanks to Sam and Dorothy Kennedy. Your answers were well thought out.

PAUL

Re-read the book of Acts. Underline words like struggles, suffering, persecution, trials, and dungeons. All these words echo Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:11-12). Expect rejection. Expect to be slandered. Expect

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Debbie Bynum, Carolyn Philpot, Greg & Kris Walker, Kelli Malone, Kalon & Sharon Ainsworth, Lisa Snell, Alan Gower and others. We appreciate you!

"CONNECT"

High School Students: Join us Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 at the Wicks' home for an uplifting time to "Connect" to God and each other. May 31 will be our last Connect until the fall. All of those who are in the 8th grade are invited to come that night.

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June 3
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to be mistreated, or even killed ... all because you are taking a stand for Christ.

The Apostle Paul had a very large role in spreading the good news of the kingdom of heaven across the world. Did you ever wonder what his back looked like? Beaten with 195 lashes. Angry crowds stoned him and left him for dead. Beaten with rods 3 times. Read the rest of his story in 2 Corinthians 11:23ff. Every lump, every welt, every scar on Paul's body announced the reality of what it means to be in the kingdom of God.

Even with reality like this, Jesus still said the kingdom of heaven is like a treasure. A treasure that is worth everything you have. Paul says, even the skin on your back! My story doesn't sound like that -- does yours?

Several of you have asked about our annual Fellowship And Christian Training Series (F.A.C.T.S.). We are doing this series a little bit differently this summer. On June 6th, July 4th, and August 29th we will have singing. Wayne Berryman will coordinate this event on June 6th and August 29th. Danny Snell will coordinate the July 4th gathering with a special devotional style service in which we will have scriptures, singing, prayers, etc. Thanks, Wayne and Danny, for jumping in and helping out on these nights. The rest of the time we will have guest speakers. Our speakers include: (1) Neal Thurman; (2) Tim Pyles; (3) Eric King; (4) Mike Gravois; (5) Don Crawford; (6) George Jones III; (7) Brody Clark; (8) Keith Hodges; and (9) Todd Hancock. We always try to use a balanced mixture between our membership and speakers from the surrounding area. Our F.A.C.T.S. Theme for 2007 is: Opening Our Eyes To Jesus: From Darkness To Light in the Book of Acts. Pam Lott and staff will once again coordinate the desserts which we will have each Wednesday evening immediately following our services unless otherwise instructed. Thanks, Pam, for all that you do to help out with our F.A.C.T.S. ministry.

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Records	Sunday May 27	Sunday May 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	386	463	445
Worship A.M.	664	680	638
Worship P.M.	355	463	373
Wed. P.M.	323	NC	353
Contribution	\$22,293.04	\$29,224.45	\$18,605.76
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, June 3, and Wednesday, June 6: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Aubrey Morman** is scheduled for aneurysm surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Anita Potter** is recuperating after surgery on a broken hip. **Gloria Thigpen** is in East Texas Hospice, room 102. **Mary Haws** is hospitalized in Mansfield for tests and possible surgery. **Odell Sessions** is recovering at Mother Frances. **Carl Stowers** is very ill in ETMC, room 3381. **Archie Kennard** is having tests June 5 and June 11. **Deloris Bundy** is confined at home after retina surgery. **Rosie Allen**, Sondra Ramsour's mother, is very ill in Mother Frances. **Christopher Bobbitt**, Whitney's brother, is at home after surgery in Dallas. **Larry Bigham**, the Sublette's brother-in-law in Lorena, TX, has been diagnosed with a spot of cancer in his mouth. Continue to remember **Tammy Asbill**; **Bill Barnes**, Tommy Price's cousin, **Mildred Barnwell**, Linda Marts' mother; **Nell Beard**; **Vera Beard**; **Henry & Mozelle Brown**; **Clifton & Marjorie Cox**; **Zona Crone**; **Wini Cullinan**; **Lela Duncan**; **James Edwards**, Danny Riley's brother-in-law; **Clelia Elliott**; **Mary Gaiser**; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Lawrence Grayson**; **Frank & Carla Haddock**; **Buck Hamilton**; **Joan Harlak**; **Ralph & Barbara Henderson**; **Bobby Holly**, Taylor Holly's dad; **Roy Hunt**, Tammy Lemons' uncle; **Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister; **Buddy Kennedy**; **Sam Kennedy**; **John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews**; **Teen Matysiak**; **Shirley McClenny**; **Ruth Meazell**; **W.A. Monk**; **Mary Beth O'Neal**; **Kay Parrish**; **Bettye Price**; **Mary Richey**; **Trey Rousseau**; **Walt Scoggins**; **Judy Smith**; **Scott Smith**, Michelle Smith's husband; **Jon Sorrells**; **Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Peggy Suggs**; **Pattie Tate**; **Gene Welborn**, **Leon's brother**; **Irene Whaley**; **Esther Wilson**; &

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Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
MISSIONS			
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ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Joe Roach
Scripture Chris Reynolds
Dismiss Dr. Aaron DuVall

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
James Phillips
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Rex Power
Scripture Tom Ramsour
Dismiss Noel Parker

.SERVING COMMUNION

Don Chaffin Chad Chauncey
Will Christian Brody Clark
Jay Bynum Jim Carty
Gene Chandler Stan Clark

GREETERS

Howard & Linda Dickson & George Richardson
Don & Norma Durham & Samantha Richardson
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Caylee Stamps
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards June 3: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender, & Zach Skender.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 3:
Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Toddlers a.m.: Martha Waggoner & kids; Toddlers p.m.: Kris & Maselyn Walker; 2's: J.D. & Anna Mitchell; 3's & 4's: Laurie Kimball & Monique Mills.

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HOME AGAIN! HOME AGAIN!

I'm glad to be back here a whirlwind 8 day period that included a visit by Francie, our returning to Pennsylvania, loading our things on a rented moving truck, a school function honoring Francie, the "closing" on our house, driving the truck here 1,400+ miles, and the unloading "parties."

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have graciously welcomed and assisted us during this transition.

June 8th will be Francie's last day to work in Pennsylvania. She'll start a trek that will culminate - if the Lord wills - in us being here with our daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter June 15-18.

Have I specifically asked you to pray for me before and as I preach? It makes a difference! I appreciate that I so frequently hear prayers on behalf of our elders - that's so important! Please pray for my fellow ministers, and all in this church family who serve the Lord in such a wide array of tasks, assignments and responsibilities. Within that, please pray specifically and earnestly for all who teach Bible classes at West Erwin. The faithful and sound teaching of the Word is crucial to adults, youth and children!

Love, Keith

P.S. - Have I told you that I am happy to be here?

Please remember the change to 6:00 p.m. for Sunday evening services beginning this Sunday - I'll be continuing in the Psalms.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, June 3, 2007
by Keith Hodges
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(Mark 1:40-45)
P.M. "Happy Realizations!"
(Psalm 16:1, 2, 5, 6)

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NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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"CONNECT"

A big thanks to Kalon and Sharon Ainsworth and David and Ginny Wicks for hosting the Thursday evening Bible studies throughout the school year! Also a special thanks to Mike Gravois and Keith Hodges for leading these studies from time to time.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Plan to be a part of the combined devo for all 6th - 12th grade students (including those promoting into 6th grade) immediately following the evening worship assembly. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00

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COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*
THE MIRACLE OF UNITY

Through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, believers are one with GOD. We often call this the atonement. It's the miracle of salvation when a holy GOD and sinful man were reconciled and unified. GOD has always sought unity among His people. He seeks unity for the church. He seeks unity for West Erwin. Without the miracle of unity, churches divide and ministry suffers while the world watches. In the last days of Jesus' life, He was burdened for unity. In the garden He prayed that believers would be one. He prayed that all who will believe in Him "may be one, Father, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be one in Us, so the world may believe You sent Me" (John 17:21). Wow! Read that again. Jesus prayed

that His followers would be as unified as He and the Father are. They are inseparable! Jesus prayed that we would be that close, that aligned. One. Jesus continues saying this unity reflects the glory and character of the GOD we claim to serve and that the world would know that we are sent from GOD because of our unity. So, unity not only reflects GOD's character, but it also grabs the attention of the world.

Unity is powerful. Unity is magnetic. People are attracted to unity. West Erwin is in a transitional phase in her history. Our alignment is so very important. I know this unity is present at West Erwin. I see it in the faces of the people. I sense it in the messages that are being preached. I feel it when we are together. Please continue asking GOD to bless us with this miracle of unity so we can continue to glorify Him. He has great plans for West Erwin and I, for one, am excited to see what they are.

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Day Campers To Deer Run

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Campers, remember to bring: (1) a sack lunch each day except Thursday when we will have a cookout, drinks will be provided each day; (2) a few snacks for the ride home, (3) a swimming suit, and; (4) a good attitude. Because we will already be cramped for space, all day campers should only take one backpack with them to camp. Parents, it is always a good idea to put a change of clothes in your child's backpack.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful time at Deer Run with your children. Please pray that we have a productive and safe week at camp.



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Webster does not have a word or words that can express the love and appreciation we have for our church family. "West Erwin really is the church with heart." Thanks so much for all the food, calls, cards, visits, offers of transportation and prayers. Thanks also to the office for sending CD's of Keith Hodges sermons. We really like his presentation of the gospel and look forward to getting back to church. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. God bless each and every one of you. We love you.

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BAPTISM



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ADDRESS CHANGE: Jeff & Stephanie Ruddell, 4411 Kinsey Dr. #838, 75703, ph. 903-534-8139.

THOUGHTS TO PONDER.....

1. The best way to get even is to forget.
2. Feed your faith and your doubts will starve to death.
3. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
4. Some folks wear their halos much too tight.
5. Some marriages are made in heaven, but they all have to be maintained on earth.
6. Unless you can create the whole universe in 5 days, then perhaps giving "advice" to God isn't such a good idea.
7. Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, and faith looks up.
8. Standing in the middle of the road is dangerous. You will get knocked down by traffic from both ways.
9. Words are windows to the heart.
10. A skeptic is a person who when he sees the handwriting on the wall, claims it's a forgery.
11. It isn't difficult to make a mountain out of a molehill, just add a little dirt.
12. A successful marriage isn't finding the right person, it's being the right person.
13. The mighty oak tree was once a little nut that held its ground.
14. Too many people offer God prayers with claw marks all over them.
15. The tongue must be heavy indeed because so few people can hold it.
16. To forgive is to set the prisoner free and then discover the prisoner was you.
17. You have to wonder about humans, they think God is dead and Elvis is alive.
18. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again, just be sure to flush when you are done.
19. You'll notice that a turtle only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
20. If the grass is greener on the other side of the fence you can bet the water bill is higher.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bradley Smith, grandson of Archie and Faye Kennard, on being selected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to work in the Homeland Security Department!

SPECIAL NEED

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GIVING

5 of 10 in a series on "Dynamic Christian Living"

You have, no doubt, heard or seen many sermons, classes, anecdotes and articles regarding giving ... It's not like it's an unaddressed subject!

Many times preachers write articles about giving to try to help the church's budget, but that's not my motive. I sincerely want to help people see how giving God's way brings many blessings, including helping one's own finances!

God has a most unusual "economy" - those who give the most get the most! If you don't believe me then check out the numerous references to giving throughout the Bible, especially in places like Malachi, the words of Jesus, and the words of Paul in 2nd Corinthians chapters 8 and 9.

The real issue in regards to giving, the "bottom line," is faith. If we have faith to give, even when it doesn't seem logical or possible, then God will reward that faith.

Are you a "cheerful giver," i.e. are you pleased to have opportunities to give back to the Lord, as you "are prospered" (as you have income) as well as at other times? A missionary told me of attending a worship service of a relatively new congregation in Germany. He said one of the men got up and said, "Now we have come to our favorite part of the service!" He wasn't referring to the sermon or even the Lord's Supper (though each part has great importance!). He was referring to the giving. He continued by saying, "God has given us so much, and it just excites us to have the opportunity to give back to Him!" Is that the way you look at giving?

Love, Keith
P.S. - What a fabulous two months - thanks!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, June 10, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "That You May Know"
(Mark 2:1-12)

P.M. Guest speaker, Jeff Jenkins
(Jeff will also be speaking to 6th graders- adults on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the "Summer Extravaganza")

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"The Church With Heart"

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

A group of 40 middle school students and parents are in Galveston Tuesday through Friday for our annual Middle School Madness. A special thanks to the DuValls for allowing us to use their house again this year for this time of fun and fellowship. We couldn't pull this off without parents who are willing to give their time and energy to help. Thanks to these adults: Steve and Diane Denman, Kim DuPree, Jean DuVall, Mark Frick, Alan Gower, Mary Lockhart, Melissa Parrish, John Shaw, Lisa Snell, and Diane Weathers.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

We will have our final meeting on Wednesday night, June 13, in the high school classroom before leaving on the 17th for the backcountry trek. We will be passing out gear, etc. so be sure to be there!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

FAST FOOD MENUS

On my recent trip to Oklahoma City we did what most Americans do, we stopped at a fast food place because we were in a hurry. I have not been into a Burger King in a while and found the menu had expanded. There were twice as many choices! On top of that, we were asked to "super-size" everything we ordered.

We like food and we like it fast. Our tastes and our busy lives are responsible for the expanded fast food menus (not to mention our waistlines). Meanwhile, we wonder why we are becoming more and more unhealthy.

It all seemed to hit me that we have approached our religion in the same pattern. Churches continue to expand

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Everything is set for our annual "Summer Extravaganza." The dates for our VBS will be: June 11th-13th (Monday through Wednesday) beginning at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:00 p.m. Our preschool will meet in our education wing and our K-5th grades will meet in the Family Life Center. Our theme this year is: *Take The Plunge*. We will be looking at courage, strength and faith. Parents of our preschool through 5th graders, please take a moment to pick up one of the registration forms that you will find at the Visitor Center, fill it out and give it to me or simply bring it with you on Monday evening, June 11.

Jeff Jenkins, from the Lewisville Church of Christ in Lewisville, Texas, will be the speaker for our 6th grade through adult class. I have known Jeff for over 25 years and I know he will do a fantastic job in delivering his lessons each evening. Jeff will also speak to the entire congregation Sunday evening, June 10th.

VBS

Don't forget about VBS June 11-13! The 6th through 12th grades will meet with the adults in the auditorium to hear Jeff Jenkins.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All those planning to participate in the Nebraska mission trip need to meet this Sunday, June 10, at 5:00 in the High School classroom. Be working on your service hours!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Plan to be a part of the high school devo for all 9th - 12th grade students (including those just promoting into 9th grade) immediately following the evening worship assembly. Bring \$3.00 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00

IMPORTANT DATES

June 17	Small Groups Meet
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July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip

their spiritual menus with lots of options. We want as many choices as we can get and we want them coming fast. So the more we can squeeze into the menu, the better. And we seem to keep getting more and more unhealthy spiritually. The more programs and the more special events we offer does not necessarily create the best impact in our lives.

I suppose what I'm trying to say is that the larger, faster menu approach to our religion is killing our churches. Recognizing this, we should be led to change our directions and slow things down. Look for a more simple and more focused ministry. Trim what is not really spiritually healthy and do those things that are.

Have a great week and as my friend always says, "Stand strong in hard places."

We completed our annual excursion to Camp Deer Run for our day campers. We had a fantastic week with all of the young ones tolerating the bugs, poison ivy, and my driving just fine. Parents, thanks for all of your help each and every day as we loaded the kids up for Deer Run and then in being here on time as we returned from a full day of fun and activities.

Fellowship And Christian Training Series - 2007

Congregation, please make every effort possible to be here (on Wednesday evenings) throughout the summer months. For the month of June our speakers will be as follows:

- (1) Jeff Jenkins (June 13) of the Lewisville Church of Christ. *Becoming Faithful Children of God*
- refreshments will be provided during VBS
- (2) Neal Thurman (June 20) of the University Church of Christ. *Jesus, Open Our Eyes to Our Commitment*
- strawberry shortcake sundaes (FLC)
- (3) Tim Pyles (June 27) of the McDermott Road Church of Christ. *Saul: From Sincere to Sanctified*
- favorite chocolate desserts (FLC)



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, the calls and cards, and continued expressions of loving care in the loss of my brother, Dean Keeling. Your love is dear to my heart and truly a blessing! Thank you for caring.

Love,
Barbara Smart

Thank you so much for the Bible and for honoring me at Baccalaureate. I will never forget the endless love and support that this church has given me and the influence it has had on my life. I will always try to lead my life in the best Christian manner that I can. Thanks again.

Walker Waggoner

Dear West Erwin Family,

I want to thank you all for the cards, food, visits, calls and prayers since I have been diagnosed with cancer and have been in treatment. The most recent cat scan shows that the tumors are shrinking, as the doctor was hoping they would do. Prayers are being answered! Also, we will be moving to Wichita Falls on June 15th to be near our daughter Kelley. I will continue my cancer treatment there with the same oncology group. We will miss all of you so much. Please continue to pray for me as I continue my chemo and we make this transition in our lives. We love you all!

Mary Beth & Charles O'Neal

HOUSEPARENTS NEEDED

Boles Children's Home, a 24 hour residential child care facility, located in Quinlan, Texas, just east of Dallas, is looking for houseparents. We are looking for people who want to make a difference in a child's life. We employ both spouses; have adequate salary package; health and life insurance; and retirement program. Contact Amber Milner @ 903-883-2088, e-mail milamb@boleschildrenshome.org or Angie Proctor @ 903-883-2088, e-mail proang@boleschildrenshome.org.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 30, 6:00 p.m. for the 2007 North Texas Benefit Dinner & Auction at the Fairmont Hotel in downtown Dallas with Avery Johnson, head coach for the Dallas Mavericks, as guest speaker. For more information contact Richard Brown @ 214-684-2458 or Linda Cause @ 972-898-6326.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel. (MCSN Matthew (Casey) Haws is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf on Aircraft Carrier Nimitz).

SUMMER EXTRAVAGANZA (VBS)

June 11-13, 6:30 - 8:00

Special guest speaker Jeff Jenkins from the Lewisville Church of Christ will be teaching the Jr. High through adult class. Classes will be available for preschool (in the education wing) and K-5th grade (Family Life Center). Don't miss it!

BAPTISM



Congratulations to **Sara Grounds** as she was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening by her dad. She is the daughter of Tim and Patti Grounds and will be in the 6th grade in the fall. Their address is 9556 Tosha Lane, Flint, 75762, ph. 894-6208.

RESPONSE

Tammy Asbill came Sunday to request prayers of her church family for strength and faith to trust in God and her church family to help her deal with the trials in her life.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower
honoring
Ashley Ables

bride-elect of Cameron Chandler

Sunday, June 17, 3:30 - 5:30

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center
Selections: Pier 1, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Target
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Charles and Linda Gillam

are proud to announce that their son
Dan Gillam and Amanda Bradshaw
were united in marriage June 2, 2007

by Dr. Jay Lockhart at the West Erwin Church of Christ

TABLE SHOWER

Honoring

Dan and Amanda Gillam

Sunday, June 10, and Sunday, June 17

Selections: Target, Penney's & Bed Bath & Beyond
(There will be a reception honoring the couple June 24)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to **Wayne & Molly Lou Terry** on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on June 5th. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives!

The Technology students from Chapel Hill High School won a total of 84 awards at the Technology Student Association competition in Waco in May. The students qualified for nationals in 3 of the 4 events entered. They also won first place for engineer design, the Class 3A state championship for high-point average, and earned the State School Award for the 6th consecutive year. Congratulations to all the students and to **Tony Adams** who is the instructor!

Sunday evening worship services @ 6:00 p.m.

June Through August.

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Bible Class	425	423	445
Worship A.M.	654	632	634
Worship P.M.	376	427	402
Wed. P.M.	311	333	372
Contribution	\$25,979.70	\$27,201.99	\$24,100.83
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - **Ralph Henderson** has begun treatment for prostate cancer. **Kay Parrish** is at home after a recent hospitalization. **Esther Wilson** had surgery to prepare her to begin peritoneal dialysis. **Ira Wilson** had successful surgery to remove a melanoma from his arm. **Helen Gullion** is at home and continuing therapy after knee replacement surgery. **Riece Gibson** is doing well after a pacemaker implant. **Lon Gibson** is doing better also. **Wayne Terry** broke some ribs in a fall. **Shirley McClenny** has been diagnosed with diabetes, also a recurrence of cancer. **Sam Kennedy** will begin another round of chemo due to recurrence of cancer. **Aubrey Morman** is at home after successful aneurysm surgery. **Anita Potter** is at home after surgery on a broken hip. **Mary Haws** is now in Plaza Nursing Center in Mansfield. **Odell Sessions** is recovering at Health South. **Archie Kennard** had tests June 5 and June 11. **Deloris Bundy** is confined at home after retina surgery. **Jean Oliver** is recovering after recent knee replacement surgery. **Nancy Draughon**, Debbie Bynum's mother, is in ETMC for pulmonary tests. **Rosie Allen**, Sondra Ramsour's mother, is very ill in Mother Frances. **Larry Bigham**, the Sublette's brother-in-law, got a good report after surgery for a cancer in his mouth. **Binky Mackovy**, Carolyn McCune's nephew, had brain surgery at M.D. Anderson, has multiple tumors over his body. **Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece from Tatum, is in Mother Frances, has a mass on her ovary and stomach.

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Scripture Dayne Harris
Dismiss Rob Hilliard

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Wally Dawkins Don Crowder
Chris Conder Tommy Cook
Joey Coker Chandler Cook

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Todd & Kenna Kempton & Jeffrey Scarbrough
Don & Nerene Ingram & Ashlie Sustaie
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Stan & Ernestine Mallory

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NO SUMMER SLUMP!

The summer months can really show the character of a church, good or bad! We know that many will be traveling, but it absolutely doesn't have to be a time when faith and service get "put on the shelf!"

So far I've been struck with how busy this congregation stays during these summer months. First and foremost, MOST of our great programs roll right on, unchanged during the summer months. While some activities (like the Ladies' Bible Class or Playschool) take a break, many others are gearing up! Doug Yates took elementary children last week to Camp Deer Run as day campers; 40 youth and their sponsors participated in "Middle School Madness" (a 3 day youth activity in Galveston), and we held our annual "Summer Extravaganza" (VBS).

We've launched into the Wednesday night "Fellowship and Christian Training Series," which features guest speakers from the area, and some delicious refreshments

afterwards. Upcoming youth trips include doing a Vacation Bible School in Nebraska, a backpacking trip in New Mexico, and a mission trip to Mexico. All of this is in addition to the countless cookouts, picnics and get-togethers being held by groups and families!

Also, as you vacation, try to meet with the Lord's church wherever you go! And don't forget your responsibilities regarding your contributions while you're away. Some are so conscientious that they give their offering before they leave; others make sure they give their "make up contributions" as soon as they return!

Love, Keith

PS - If the Lord wills, I'll have Francie moved here by this weekend. Also visiting us this weekend will be our daughter, son in law and baby granddaughter. See you on Sunday!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, June 17, 2007

by Keith Hodges

A.M. "Jesus And Fathers"

(Mark 7:7-11)

P.M. "The Shepherd's Psalm" part 1

(Psalm 23)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

We had a great week with 40 people participating in our Middle School Madness. Thanks to all those who made it happen.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All those planning to participate in the Nebraska mission trip need to meet this Sunday, June 17, at 5:00 in the workroom to prepare for classes. Be working on your service hours!

GOOFY GAME DAY

Middle Schoolers: Join us for an afternoon of fun and games in the FLC from 1:00-4:00. Our next GGD will be Thursday, June 28.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This Sunday, 27 of us from West Erwin will be leaving for the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico for our annual Backpacking Trip. We will leave Sunday at 3:00 and return Saturday evening. Please pray for us this week. Make sure you have your medical releases turned in.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 17	Small Groups Meet
June 17-23	BackCountry Trek
June 24	Combined Devotional
June 28	Middle School Goofy Game Day
July 1	Nebraska Devotional
July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 8	Middle School Devotional
July 20-25	Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

PSALM 91:4

An article in National Geographic prompted this word picture.

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers were combing the mountains to assess the damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the sight, he gently tapped the bird and three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The chick's mother, aware of the impending danger, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the heat

and toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety but refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze arrived and the heat scorched her body, the mother had remained steadfast. She was willing to die so those under her wings might live.

Psalm 91:4 says, "He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

The Psalmist goes on to say, "You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday." He did not say, "Do not be afraid." He said, "You will not fear" because of the great love GOD has for you knowing that He is all powerful and He will protect you and care for you. How comforting is that?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Camp Deer Run was a very rewarding experience this year. We had 20 campers (day campers and overnight campers) who attended the first week of camp. They had the opportunity to swim, hike, ride horses, bond with each other and to eat wonderful camp food each day. They also had the opportunity to hear wonderful Bible lessons daily that were designed to promote their spiritual growth. To the staff of Camp Deer Run, thank you for your instructions, guidance, and the love you showed each of our campers. May God continually bless you in this marvelous ministry.

As with any camp, financial support from generous donors is crucial. If you would like to help out in this regard please do so by sending a check to Deer Run (attention Ty Ford). Remember Camp Deer Run provides us with a great opportunity to carry out the Great Commission so let's be generous. Vacation Bible School was also a wonderful experience. To all of the teachers, classroom aides, and helpers, thanks for your labor of love. We averaged 254 to this years *Summer Extravaganza*. A great big

thank you goes out to Jeff Jenkins (from the Lewisville Church of Christ) for being our guest speaker. If you have any suggestions for next year now is the time to make them.

Let's also remember that we have started our Fellowship And Christian Training Series (F.A.C.T.S.). Jeff Jenkins was our first speaker. This next week, June 20, Neal Thurman from the University Church of Christ here in town will deliver a message. Immediately following Neal's talk, Pam Lott and her crew will be serving us strawberry shortcake sundaes in the Family Life Center. Then on June 27th, Tim Pyles from the McDermott Road Church of Christ in Plano, Texas will be our guest speaker. That devotional will be followed with your favorite chocolate desserts as our dessert for the evening. If you noticed I said your favorite chocolate dessert which means you will be bringing the dessert on the 27th. Sometimes the desserts are provided and sometimes you will be asked to bring them. Pam Lott and her crew do an outstanding job in putting the summer menu together so please remember to thank her for this.

I'm looking forward to another great summer. Let's keep up the good work and let's grow as God would have us to.

IN APPRECIATION

Don and I find just saying thank you seems so inadequate for all that was done for us during our illness, surgery, and recovery. We truly love our church family and appreciate all the food, cards, phone calls and notes of concern for us. We missed being in worship service and are so grateful to be back. We are glad we were missed by all of you.

Fondly,
Don & Wanda Weathers

To our West Erwin Family,

Jean and I wish to express our appreciation to all those who offered prayers, sent cards, made calls, and came to see me while undergoing this difficult situation. While on the road to recovery, I still have a way to go, and I know you will be with me all the way. Our God is Good. He answered your prayers. May God's blessing be with us as we continue to do His will.

Yours Because of Him.
Aubrey Morman

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel. (MCSN Matthew (Casey) Haws is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf on Aircraft Carrier Nimitz).

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Purcell, Oklahoma for **Jan Rogers**, Nancy Crawford's sister. Services were held Tuesday for **Angie Tidwell**, known by many at West Erwin, who died unexpectedly last Thursday. Graveside services were held Tuesday in Abilene for **Birdie Lee Crowder**, Don Crowder's 94 year old mother who died Saturday at Mother Frances following surgery on Friday. Graveside services were held Thursday at Harris Cemetery for **Carl Stowers**. Services for **Gloria Thigpen**, long time West Erwin member, will be Friday at 10:30 at the West Erwin building. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Alan & Patsy Fisher on the birth of a new grandson! Tanner Alan Buwalda was born June 8 to Rob and Amy Buwalda. He weighed 7 lb. 12 oz. and was welcomed by big brother Brett.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Clifton and Marjorie Cox on the celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary June 6. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

Congratulations to Brook West and Patrick McArthur who were united in marriage in Austin June 9. Brook is the daughter of Louis & Jean West, former West Erwin members.

Sunday evening worship services @ 6:00 p.m.
June Through August.

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **George Richardson** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Friday afternoon. He is the son of Dan and Marsha Richardson and will be in the 9th grade. Their address is 13542 Burro Dr., 75707, ph. 903-566-6574.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Cameron Chandler and **Ashley Ables** came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. They plan to be married July 21 at West Erwin. Cameron is the grandson of Gene and Gwen Chandler and Ashley is the granddaughter of Arnold and Agnes Ables. Their address is 11270 CR 2326, 75707, ph. 903-566-3005.

Frank and **Gail Debenport** came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family and to request prayers for spiritual strength. They are a great Christian couple and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 5312 Patton Circle, 75704, ph. 903-592-3046.

We are very pleased to welcome **Blake** and **Kenzie Smith** and baby son **Wyatt** into the West Erwin family. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Kenzie is the daughter of Greg and Kris Walker. Their address is RR4, Box 4431, Bullard, 75757, ph. 216-9614.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower
honoring
Ashley Ables

bride-elect of Cameron Chandler
Sunday, June 17, 3:30 - 5:30

West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center
Selections: Pier 1, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Target
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



TABLE SHOWER

Honoring
Dan and Amanda Gillam
Sunday, June 17

Selections: Target, Penney's & Bed Bath & Beyond

WEDDING RECEPTION

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Records	Sunday June 17	Sunday June 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	441	425	372
Worship A.M.	670	654	705
Worship P.M.	357	376	308
Wed. P.M.	335	311	417
Contribution	\$31,942.42	\$25,979.70	\$22,194.43
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

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Dismiss Colt Keeney

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Wally Dawkins Don Crowder
Chris Conder Tommy Cook
Joey Coker Chandler Cook

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Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Jordan Snell
Phil & Linda Marts & Patrick Sweeney
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WHO WILL JUDGE PEOPLE'S SOULS?

God the Father and Jesus will judge all souls as to their destiny. I have this on good authority (the Bible!). They are the only ones qualified to do so ... and their judgments will be absolutely right, in each and every case!

None of us, or anybody else, no matter how spiritually minded or knowledgeable, is qualified. When anyone presumes to judge someone else's eternal destiny, they are usurping the authority of God!

I jokingly say that on Judgment Day the Father and Son are not going to be stumped, or be struggling with any decisions and have to say, "Keith, come over here and help us with this one!" Rather, their decisions and actions on that day, like every day that

will have gone before, will be absolutely just and right. You can count on it!

In the churches of Christ we're part of a wonderful movement that's been trying to call ourselves and others to return to the simple teachings and practices of the New Testament. It's a good appeal. There's not a thing wrong with it. And we should happily go about the business of making that appeal to as many as we can, personally and as a congregation. But the appeal should never digress into a state of judging - that will always remain the business of Deity, and Theirs alone!

Love,

Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, June 24, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Eating With Those People"
(Mark 2:13-17)
P.M. "Psalm 23" continued
(Psalm 23)

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an "Engraved Brick" at the Cummin County Fair Grounds. See me if you would like to help sponsor.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

As you receive this bulletin, a group of 27 from West Erwin will be returning from New Mexico's Pecos Wilderness on our annual Backpacking trip. A special thanks to those who went as sponsors: Kalon Ainsworth, David Asbill, Caysi Bynum, Ken Culpepper, Steve Denman, Alan Gower, Tim Grounds & Lisa Snell. Please pray for our safe return.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 17-23
June 24
June 28
July 1
July 5-14
July 20-25

BackCountry Trek
Combined Devotional
Goofy Game Day
Nebraska Devotional
Nebraska Mission Trip
Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

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Don Crawford

TODAY WILL BE DIFFERENT

Today will be different. Today I will allow GOD to make a difference in my life and my surroundings. I will begin by controlling my thoughts. He wants me to be happy and hopeful, therefore, I will fill my mind with happy, positive thoughts. I refuse to be victimized by my

circumstances. I will not let petty inconveniences such as stoplights, long lines, and traffic jams be my master. I will avoid gossip and put downs. Joy will be my companion. Victory will be my maxim. Today I will allow GOD to show Himself in my life.

Today is all I have. I have no guarantees of tomorrow. Besides, when tomorrow arrives it's no longer tomorrow, it's today. So these twenty-four hours are precious. I will guard them wisely. I will not let them be contaminated by self-pity, anxiety, or boredom. I will face the day with joy and courage. I will use it for loving and giving. I refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures. I will spend time with those I love. Today, I will allow GOD to make a difference. Why not join me?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In recent months the ministers at West Erwin have focused much of our attention on building a better team. We have met on numerous occasions, taken a retreat together, and spent many hours discussing the subject of building a better team. I have total confidence that through our efforts (giving God the glory) we will be successful in this endeavor.

As a former coach I know how crucial teamwork is to the success of a team. I've had the opportunity to speak on this topic, to write on this topic, and to try my best to instill the principle of teamwork to various teams I have coached. Teamwork isn't one person's dream coming true but rather it is the collective dream of the entire team coming true. One reason the San Antonio Spurs have been so successful over the last nine years has been because of teamwork. The Spurs work together very well as one unit, with one goal in mind. On the other hand, the Cleveland Cavaliers (who were recently swept in the NBA finals by the Spurs) rely heavily on one player and that flaw sealed their fate in this years finals.

John Maxwell, noted author of many self-help books, writes these words regarding teamwork: Look at hundreds of winning teams, and you will find that their players have four things in common:

1. *They Play To Win: The difference between playing to win and playing not to lose is often the difference between success and mediocrity.*
2. *They Have A Winning Attitude: Team members believe in them selves, their teammates, and their dream.*
3. *They Keep Improving: The highest reward for their efforts isn't what they get from it, but who they become because of it.*
4. *They Make Their Teammates More Successful: Winners are empowerers. As Charlie Brower says, "Few people are successful unless a lot of other people want them to be."*

I think John Maxwell hits a homerun with these four points regarding teamwork. Let's build a great team here at West Erwin and in so doing let's continue to grow as God would have us to grow.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the Bible, but also for being such a good church. This church will always be special to me.

Cameron Ables

We are so blessed to be part of the West Erwin family. Your outpouring of love during this trying time is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, words of concern and encouragement. Please continue to pray for us as we start this new phase of health care for Esther.

In Christian Love,
Ira & Esther Wilson

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, hugs and comforting words that yo have given us during our time of sorrow. We have felt so much strength and comfort from our West Erwin family and we are thankful to God for you.

Don & Nancy Crawford

To our West Erwin Family,

Roy and I wish to express our appreciation for the prayers, cards, notes of concern, calls, and beautiful flowers during the loss of my brother, Ray Malone. This has been a comfort to us. We truly love our church family.

Love,
Fern Bench

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Saturday in Wolfe City, Texas for Ray Malone, Fern Bench's brother. Services were held Wednesday in Midland for Erline King, Ruth Hearne's sister. Jim Taylor, Cheryl Riley's uncle died last week in Fresno. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

"Peace, hope, and comfort bloom in the garden of prayer."

NEW ADDRESS: Pat & Kelli Malone, 302 Helen, Lindale, TX 75771.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws, Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel. (MCSN Matthew (Casey) Haws is currently deployed to the Persian Gulf on Aircraft Carrier Nimitz).

"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

LEWISVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST

It is with great anticipation that we invite you to the 10th anniversary of the Lewisville church of Christ Sunday, July 29, 2007, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. In the Fellowship Center. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet at the Visitor Center so that we can know by July 15 how many to expect.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Wanda Evans** into the West Erwin family. She recently moved here from Dallas where she was a member of the Prestoncrest Church of Christ. Her address is 427 West Rieck Road, #136, 75703.

Brenda and **Rachel Stein** came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin family. We are very happy to welcome these ladies into our family here. They worshipped with the church in Bullard before moving to Tyler. Their address is 1521 Rice Road Y101, 57703, ph. 509-8883.



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Daily Rules from God for 2007

1. **Wake Up!!** Decide to have a good day. "Today is the day the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24
2. **Dress Up!!** The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. "The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at outward appearance; but the Lord looks at the heart." I Samuel 16:7
3. **Shut Up!!** Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. "He who guards his lips guards his soul." Proverbs 13:3
4. **Stand Up!!** For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. "Let us not be weary in doing good; for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good..." Galatians 6:9-10
5. **Look Up!!** To the Lord. "I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me." Phillipians 4:13
6. **Reach Up!!** For something higher. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your path." Proverbs 3:5-6
7. **Lift Up!!** Your Prayers. "Do not worry about anything; instead PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING." Phillipians 4:6

"God answers Knee-Mail."

Sunday evening worship services
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Worship P.M.	428	357	414
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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Roy Bench
Scripture Jim Armstrong
Dismiss Dr. James Cox

SERVING COMMUNION

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Daniel DuPree Aaron DuVall
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Howard Dickson Don Drummond

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AWAY FOR A WEEK OF CHURCH CAMP!

Francie and I have been associated with Camp Manatawny, near Reading, Pennsylvania for nearly 25 years. Our kids grew up going to camp there, and we have served at various sessions and in the leadership in just about every conceivable capacity. For a number of years I have directed the week for 15 and 16 year olds, and will do so for the last time June 30-July 7. Our daughter, son-in-law, and son will join with us as staff members, along with a host of other Christian friends.

In an area where congregations are both smaller and "few and far between," the camp has served as a natural gathering place of service, fellowship, and outreach. Many of the campers are not from Christian homes, and the cumulative effect of

attending successive years usually results in a number of conversions.

I am thrilled that my fellow ministers, **Don, Danny,** and **Doug** will be preaching the next two Sundays at West Erwin in my absence. Please pray for them as they prepare and deliver their sermons.

We'll look forward to being back in town for the midweek meeting on July 11, and hope to see you there!

Later this summer I'll be speaking at the Mineola Church of Christ as part of their Wednesday night summer series, and then doing the same at West Erwin! I am deeply thankful for all of these opportunities.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, July 1, 2007

A.M. "Practical And Simple"

(Mark 2:13-17)

by Don Crawford

P.M. "The Message From The Mountain"

(Deut. 5:4)

by Danny Snell

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July 15	Small Groups Meet
July 17	Middle School Goofy Game Day
July 20-25	Mexico Mission Trip



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your many acts of kindness. Please continue to remember us in your prayers. We love you all.

Ralph & Barbara Henderson

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, and well wishes during this time of grief.

Sincerely,

Cathy Stowers

Thank you so very much for your prayers, visits, cards, calls and concern during my knee replacement. It is a joy to be a part of such a wonderful family and we are so blessed to be a part of West Erwin.

In Christian Love,

Helen Gullion

WITH SYMPATHY

Memorial services were held Tuesday at Stewart Family Funeral Home for **Sam Kennedy**. Services were held Tuesday at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale for **Pattie Tate**, long time West Erwin member and a faithful, active servant of the Lord as long as her health permitted. Services were held Monday in Crockett for **Rosie Allen**, Sondra Ramsour's mother. We learned of the death Tuesday of David Demic's sister, **Marjorie Biggerstaff**. Burial will be at the DFW National Cemetery. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

"We are not human beings going through a temporary spiritual experience

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Brandi and Dalton Shiflett came Sunday to make known their desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. These two teenagers formerly worshipped with the Holly Lake Church of Christ but have been attending here with Caddie Niles. Their address is 10368 FM 2015, 75708, ph. 903-592-8569.

BAPTISMS

There were two baptisms Sunday night after the services at the Benevolence Center. Carl and Troy are two men who are regular attendees at the Karing Kitchen and are clients of the Tuesday/Thursday clothing and food benevolence center. This is the third baptism this year as a result of this work, including the neighborhood Bible study held each Sunday evening. Keep this ministry in your prayers.

INFLUENCE

Your influence is like your shadow. It may not always fall where you want it. Therefore, you need to be especially careful to see that wherever it falls it will have a good effect on all. You may not be able to control the shadow but you can control the one who casts the shadow. Make your influence count for God. Be not deceived! Others are being influenced by your example right now, this very hour. Are you leaving a Christ-like image?

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Inez Fikes, 2055 Grande, #137, 75703

Carlos & Emma Morgan, 2018 Dueling Oaks Dr., 75703, ph. 561-2999

Rose Teel, 165 Forestbrook Dr. #816, Lewisville, TX 75067

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SUCCESS: The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called *Failure*, a loop called *Confusion*, speed bumps called *Friends*, red lights called *Enemies*, caution lights called *Family*. You may have flats called *Jobs*. But if you have a spare called *Determination*, an engine called *Perseverance*, insurance called *Faith*, a driver called *Jesus*, you will make it to a place called *Success*.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

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EVERYWHERE and WHOEVER

The church in Thessalonica became a model to all the believers throughout that area. "The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia - your faith in GOD has become known everywhere" (I Thess. 1:8).

I stumbled over that word **everywhere** thinking about West Erwin and trying to compare us with the church in Thessalonica. The distance between the two does not have to be that great. Everywhere can become a reality. As GOD leads us, equips us, and gives us the vision, we can go!

Here's the first thing to do -- as we move about in the city of Tyler we start using each trip we take as "seeing what He saw" field trips asking the questions: Who are all these people; what is their contact with the Gospel; and is there something GOD would have ME to do? All the while quoting John 3:16, "For GOD so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Then focus on that word **whoever**. Everywhere and whoever are the boundaries GOD has given us.

glory, we have witnessed a great increase in our Wednesday evening attendance over the years. However, so far this year our attendance has been less than impressive. It could simply be an anomaly and with time it will correct itself. It could be that we need to rethink this ministry and perhaps come up with an alternate plan for next summer. Which ever the case is, please give me a call with your comments or suggestions and let's try to figure out a solution because it is my goal to reach and teach as many as possible and our mid-week numbers suggest that we need to at least evaluate this ministry.

Perhaps the answer lies within the membership. Perhaps there are some who have neglected to attend our F.A.C.T.S. classes. If this is the case then I would hope that you would reconsider and join us at 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening for a time to search God's Word together. Let's give this ministry a chance to make a difference in our lives and then take the message which we have heard and share it with others. Please continue to pray for this work and let's grow as God would have us to grow.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7

Douglas L. Yates

Wednesday evening attendance during the summer months has always been a challenge. There are a lot of us who seize the moment to go and visit relatives, take vacations, or go on youth outings, etc. A few years ago (7 to be exact) I was approached by our elders and asked to develop the annual Fellowship And Christian Training Series (F.A.C.T.S.). As you know we invite guest speakers (from near and far) to come here each Wednesday evening and to present a lesson themed to a particular study. Immediately following our services we then gather in the Family Life Center for desserts and for the opportunity to fellowship together. Each year we try to provide quality speakers who speak to us on vital topics. I know Pam Lott and her dessert crew also put a lot of time and effort into the planning of the fellowship after our services are concluded. Through the efforts of those involved in the planning of the F.A.C.T.S. ministry and giving God the

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Bible Class	394	406	392
Worship A.M.	654	640	591
Worship P.M.	428	369	365
Wed. P.M.	303	356	NC
Contribution	\$27,929.68	\$22,037.72	\$23,047.00
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	Bldg. \$280.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 15, and Wednesday, July 18: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Roberta Tindall** is in Mother Frances with pneumonia and additional tests. **Connie Roach** had double knee replacement surgery Tuesday at ETMC. **Don Weathers** had surgery on a broken leg. **Archie Kennard** is at home after recent surgery. **Priscilla Mayer** had outpatient knee surgery July 2. **Betty Strait** had back surgery Monday at Mother Frances. **Mary Haws** is undergoing cancer treatment in Mansfield. **Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, is under hospice care in the nursing home in Graham. Continue to remember **Nell Beard; Vera Beard; Gerald Boykin; Henry & Mozelle Brown; Betty Duncan-Clague; Clifton & Marjorie Cox; Zona Crone; Wini Cullinan; Lela Duncan; Clelia Elliott; Mary Gaiser; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Lawrence Grayson; Frank & Carla Haddock; Buck Hamilton; Joan Harlak; Ralph & Barbara Henderson; Mike Hodges**. Bill & Ruby McCain's nephew; **Bobby Holly**, Taylor Holly's dad; **Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister; **Buddy Kennedy; John Knox**, Karen Fedell's brother; **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother; **Dub & Opal Mathews; Teen Matysiak; Shirley McClenny; Binky Mackovy**, Carolyn McCune's nephew; **Ruth Meazell; W.A. Monk; Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece; **Aubrey Morman; Jean Oliver; Mary Beth O'Neal; Kay Parrish; Stephen Pickle**, Sallyann's son; **Betty Price; Mary Richey; Trey Rousseau; Walt Scoggins; Odell Sessions; Judy Smith; Scott Smith**, Michelle Smith's husband; **Jon Sorrells; Bertie Steel**, Carolyn Blackstone's mother; **Wayne Terry; Gene Welborn**, Leon's brother; **Irene Whaley; Esther Wilson; & Ponder Wright, Sr.**

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

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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Stefan Andrews
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Dismiss Gary Cain

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David Frick Payton Fedell
Mark Frick Rick Fedell
Cody Frick Russell Fedell

GREETERS

Paul & Carolyn Montandon & Ross Weathers
Alan & Candace Montgomery & Will Weathers
Gary & Judy Mitcham & Grace Weathers
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards July 15: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarbrough, Nicolas, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 15:
Nursery a.m.: Mary Jo Crowder; Nursery p.m.: Wanda Weathers; Toddlers a.m.: Kim Frick & Linda Marts; Toddlers p.m.: Judy Clark & Dolores Kennedy; 2's: Laurie Kimball & Monique Mills; 3's & 4's: Joey & Leslie Coker.

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FELLOWSHIP WITH CHRISTIANS

We often see the word "fellowship" and think FOOD! Biblically, that's partially true, as demonstrated in Acts 2:42-47, and in the "love feasts" referred to in 2 Peter 2:13 and Jude 1:12. But we do ourselves and the Scriptures a great disservice if we only limit fellowship to activities where we eat!

In I John 1:3, 4 the apostle succinctly points out that our fellowship is first of all with the Father and with Jesus. Then he points out how their joy will "be complete" as that fellowship is extended to more and more people.

Fellowship with Christians includes many other commands and examples we find in Scripture, such as encouraging, comforting, strengthening, bearing with one another, rebuking one another (when necessary), etc. It really means just being active in the "partnership" we share with each other in our Christian lives. Or, put another way, it means dealing with each other as fellow "members" as we live and function together in the body

of Christ, the church. It's as simple as being "a good neighbor," with the neighborhood being the church.

Fellowship with Christians often starts with group activities planned and promoted by the church, but can expand into the hospitality we extend through our homes. Modern applications can include sending cards, phone calls, encouraging e-mails, or even instant messages. (I never thought I'd pray with someone on my computer in another part of the country until I did recently by IM).

Finally ... those church fellowship meals and other gatherings ... if you're not partaking, you're shortchanging yourself of something as valuable as Bible study, worship and prayer. If you don't believe me then carefully read and think about Acts 2:42!

Love, Keith

PS - It's good to resume my ministry here after fulfilling my duty to the camp in PA. We had a great week, with many victories for the Lord, including four baptisms.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, July 15, 2007
by Keith Hodges
"A Good Question; A Better Answer!"
(Mark 2:18-22)
P.M. "Right Thinking vs Wrong Thinking"
(Psalm 73:1-3, 15-17)

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GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 17. We will start @ 1:00 and finish at 4:00. Join us!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the High School are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:00. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to join us!

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Mexico need to meet Sunday afternoon at 5:00. We are planning to help the church in Nueva Rosita conduct a VBS on Monday & Tuesday. We are also planning to help construct a cinder block wall. We are also planning to work together on Wednesday evening. Nebraska Mission

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford OMNIPOTENCE

It's one thing to believe in GOD's omnipotence, but it's something else to own it. Personally, I want to be able to say I believe that GOD is all powerful not only in times past, but today, in Tyler, Texas, over my struggles, my problems as well as your struggles and your concerns. In order for me to believe this I must believe that GOD does not change. He is immutable!

These thoughts are not just my thoughts but etched permanently in Scripture. "I the Lord do not change" (Mal. 3:6). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever" (Heb. 13:8). Our GOD has not changed. He is not growing old. His power is not dissipating. "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting GOD, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Let me take a moment to update the congregation regarding our summer series. So far we have had a singing night, our summer extravaganza meeting, 3 guest speakers, and on July 4th we had a special devotional presented by the youth and some of the men of the congregation. Things are going very well. With this in mind let me remind you of our upcoming speakers for July:

1. July 18 ----- Mike Gravois, Tyler, TX (Jesus, Open Our Eyes to Character)
2. July 25 ----- Don Crawford, Tyler, TX (Jesus, Open Our Eyes to Challenge)

Our desserts for these evenings will be presented in the Family Life Center and they will be as follows:

1. July 18 -----Favorite Cobblers
2. July 25 -----Homemade Ice Cream

It was my privilege to take about 20 of our little ones (K-5th grades) to see the movie *Ratatouille* a couple of weeks ago. Our

NEBRASKA MISSION

What a great week we are having at West Point, Nebraska. Sunday was a very special day with 73 folks in attendance. This was the second highest worship attendance in West Point. On Monday, we had 90 kids attend the VBS and Tuesday, we had 99. Monday was an exceptional day with the dedication of a memorial Brick in the sidewalk at the Cummin County Fairgrounds. The newspaper and other city officials were present for the presentation in honor of the 14 years of using the fairgrounds for the VBS. Monday afternoon, our teens spread approximately 150 cubic yards of mulch on some 6 miles of trails in the West Point City Nature Park. Wow, they worked really hard! Our teens have done a great job this week. Keep Praying for us!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 15	High School Devotional
July 17	Goofy Game Day
July 20-25	Mexico Mission Trip

grow tired or weary" (Isa. 40:28). If He was ever able to control nature; If He was ever able to change the hearts of people; If He was ever able to alter circumstances He still is able to do it! Our GOD is able!

Whatever it takes for you to own this fact that GOD has unlimited power, you must do it. Until you own it, you will be a faint-hearted prayer. Your prayers will be mere wishes. You will never be able to ask GOD for what you really want to ask of Him. You will never be able to persevere in prayer until you know fully in your own heart and mind that GOD IS ABLE.

A prayer warrior is a person who is convinced that GOD is omnipotent; that GOD has the power to do anything and to intervene in any circumstances. Don't allow a diluted view of GOD affect the content of your prayers. Be bold. Be courageous. Be assured He hears you. Know that He cares. Our GOD is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

Kid's Kingdom ministry continues to grow and is becoming a vibrant work here at West Erwin. So far this year we have had devotionals, jumping jack's activity, egg hunt, Day Camp at Deer Run, Summer Extravaganza 2007, and the movie. We will do even more before the summer is over and then in the fall you can count on our annual hay ride and our Christmas caroling outing. Parents, let's also be aware of our Children's Ministry that includes our classes for all ages and our Tots For Christ (2's through 5's), Bible Hour Ministry (K - 3rd grade), and our Kid's For Christ (4th & 5th grades) on Sunday evenings. I consider it an honor to be the minister who oversees this ministry. Please continue to pray that this ministry continues to grow as God would have it to grow.

Those who signed up to participate in our "Outreach Class," please don't think I've forgotten about you. I just received our books that we will be using for our class starting this fall (Wednesday evenings). At our next meeting, July 15, at 5:15 in room 112, I will pass them out and we can start reading ahead about this exciting new ministry at West Erwin. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the lovely flowers in memory of Earline King, our mother and sister of Ruth Hearne. We will always be grateful for your thoughts and prayers.

Joe & Norma Hembree

Dorothy Kennedy and Karen & Rick Fedell family wishes to express appreciation for the wonderful outpouring of expressions of love from the West Erwin congregation to our family at Sam's death. There were so many flowers, cards, food and your presence at the viewing and funeral that we were amazed. We appreciated everything so very much. You are a loving church and we are happy to be a part of it. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Dorothy, Karen & Rick

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, prayers, phone calls and cards in this time of grief. In Christian love,

Lynda Byrum,
Sandy Bateman,
& Ronnie Norris

(children of Pattie Tate)

Thank you so much for the flowers. We appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.

The Rogers Family
(Nancy Crawford's sister)

Thank you all for your prayers, cards, visits, phone calls and food. I know I chose the right congregation when I chose you.

Deloris Bundy

Thank you for all the expressions of kindness and all the cards, calls, food and prayers. We love you all.

Ruth & Bill Meazell

To my Dear Family in Tyler,

Thank you for the cards, calls, prayers and the love. I am hobbling around. This week is the end of therapy.

Jean Oliver

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and most of all the prayers. Please continue to pray for our family.

Rosie Allen Family
Charles Allen, Sondra
(Ramsour), Cindy & Steph

Thanks for the kind expressions of sympathy and especially for the floral tribute given after the sudden death of our sister Margery Biggerstaff. Such support during this difficult time is much appreciated.

David & Virginia Demic

"Peace, hope, and comfort bloom in the garden of prayer."

NEW ADDRESSES: Samuel Mink #1437719, Joe F. Gurney Unit, P.O. Drawer 6400, Tennessee Colony, TX 75861.

Ron & Otelia Sills, 14219 CR 1252, 75709, ph. 534-2930.

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

The West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 - 2:15 for infants through pre-K. Call Terry Shaw or the church office for more information.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Betty Ables
and Mr. Rickey Ables
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Ashley Lynn

To

Mr. Cameron Chandler
Saturday, the twenty-first of July
at six-thirty o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ, Tyler, Texas
Reception following at the Ramada Inn

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bill & Judy Smith on the celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary on July 1! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

WITH SYMPATHY

Memorial services were held June 28 at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore for Aletha Belew, Dr. Stan Perkins' grandmother. Services were held June 30 in McKinney for Marjorie Biggerstaff, David Demic's sister. Frank & Gail Debenport's 5 year old niece died recently from cancer. Ponder and Donna Wright have requested prayers for the family of Mark Maglio, 37 year old co-worker of Donna's who died suddenly June 27. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws (currently deployed to the Persian Gulf on Aircraft Carrier Nimitz), Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tut, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

NEW ARRIVAL

Reese Renee' Andrewartha was born July 4 in Austin to Stacey & Jeff Andrewartha. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Raffe and Rhenn are proud big brothers. Mark & Melissa Frick are happy uncle and aunt, and Cody and Tori have a new niece. Dean Brookshire is the great grandfather.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA has a part time position for a teacher in the pre-school department. For more information, call 903-561-8642 to request an application.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Chapel Hill technology students and Tony Adams, instructor, in the national conference competition in Nashville, TN June 24-28, where they placed in three out of the four events they entered including 1st place in structural engineering; 5th in architectural model and 9th in engineering design.

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Bible Class	426	394	413
Worship A.M.	653	654	645
Worship P.M.	417	428	373
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Contribution	\$26,800.29	\$27,929.68	\$21,150.48
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	7-15-07 Bldg. \$410.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 22, and Wednesday, July 25: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Roberta Tindall is in Mother Frances room 441. **Connie Roach** is in Olympic Plaza Rehab after double knee replacement surgery. **Don Weathers** is in Reunion Plaza Rehab after surgery on a broken leg. **Richard Gregory** broke his back and a foot in a fall. **Dean Brookshire** was hospitalized for tests. **Becky McRuiz** is scheduled for carotid artery surgery July 24. **Nelda Browning** is to have colon surgery July 25. **Henry McRuiz** will have back surgery July 27. **Mary Adams** is at home after successful gall bladder surgery Monday. **Mary Haws** is undergoing cancer treatment in Mansfield. **Juanita Graf**, Ginny Wicks' mother, got a good report, no treatment needed at this time. **Audery Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister, is in hospice care in Mesa, AZ. **Faye Langford**, Morris Hallman's mother, is in ETMC after breaking her pelvis in a fall. **Mark Gregory**, former West Erwin member, had heart bypass surgery Monday in Dallas. **Josey Myers**, little granddaughter of Paul & Carolyn Montandon in Searcy, AR, has pneumonia. **Karen Hartt**, Jim & Allyson Hartt's sister-in-law, is recovering after recent heart surgery. **Rix Reaves**, friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. **Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, is under hospice care in the nursing home in Graham.

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Dismiss Fred Wingate

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Frank Debenport
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Jim Carty
Scripture Don Chaffin
Dismiss G.W. Cliver

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Mark Frick Rick Fedell
Cody Frick Russell Fedell

GREETERS

Carlos & Emma Morgan & Kelsi Wicks
Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Hayley Wilson
Noel & Jean Parker & Audrey Wright
Visitor Center: Billy & Lynda Terrell
Tom & Beverly Hale

Pick up cards July 22 & 29: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 22:
Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Philpot; Nursery p.m.: Nerene Ingram; Toddlers a.m.: Kim Frick & Linda Marts; Toddlers p.m.: Beverly Perry & Rachel Huff; 2's: Brody & Kimberly Clark; 3's & 4's: J.D. & Anna Mitchell.

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USING YOUR PERSONAL "GIFT(S)"

7th in a series of 10 on "Dynamic Christian Living"

We are rightly concerned about having our sins forgiven and going to Heaven. But if we stop there, we have fallen far short of what God wants us to understand, do and be!

Ephesians 2:8-10 teaches salvation by grace through faith, that we can't earn our salvation ... and ... that we are saved ("created in Christ Jesus") to work for God! To miss the point that God wants us to be busy working for Him would be missing a major part of the New Testament's message!

Remember the parable of the "talents" (Matt. 25:14-30)? A "talent" was a piece of money, but in a larger sense it is any of the natural abilities or talents God has given to each of us - our "gift" that we are to use for Him and to His glory in and for the church. The man who hid or buried his talent was not only rebuked, but what he had was taken away. It's the old "use it or lose it" principle in a spiritual setting.

Some "gifts" are more visible, and therefore some think they are more important. Not true! Without all of those

supposedly lesser gifts also being employed by their faithful recipients, all of the ministries of the church, great or small, are hindered.

Look at the "gifts" mentioned in Romans 12:6-8. You are in there! Somewhere in those seven categories of "gifts" (talents, abilities) is the one or two or possibly even three areas where you (yes you!) can and should do something special for God and His church. 1 Peter 4:10, 11 teaches the same principle. Everyone has at least one special talent they can use for the Lord - to deny this is to deny Scripture!

And please, none of that "aw shucks, me?" false humility we often employ to excuse ourselves from this area of privilege and duty. There's hardly anything more satisfying in the Lord than figuring out what your "gift(s)" is (are), developing it (them) and using it (them) for Him!

Love, Keith

PS - I can hardly wait to see all of you on Sunday. Come expecting God to do great things for and through us!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, July 22, 2007

by Keith Hodges

"Sabbath Stories"

(Mark 3:27-28, 4:4-6)

P.M. "Did You Ever Just Want To Get Away From It All?"

(Psalm 55:4-6, 22)

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GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 31. We will start @ 1:00 and finish at 4:00. Join us!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle & High School are invited to the combined devo on July 29. We will be finished at 9:00. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to join us!

NEBRASKA MISSION

What a great week we had in West Point, Nebraska! We topped the week off with 112 kids at the final day of VBS. On Wednesday night, we had 225 folks come to the Ice Cream supper. It was really good to be with

the Maxwell's & Lueberts and the other families of that great church.

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

As you read this, 30 of us from West Erwin will be working with the church in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We will be returning on Wednesday night. While in Mexico, we will be assisting them with a Vacation Bible School, working at the children's home and building a cinder block wall. Please pray for our health and safety as well as our mission. Thanks to the following for going as sponsors: Caysi Bynum, Alan Gower, Vicki Crumley, Ken Culpepper, Curt Jordan, Patti Grounds & LaDawn Ragsdale.

July 29
July 20-25
July 31

IMPORTANT DATES

Combined Devotional
Mexico Mission Trip
Goofy Game Day

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

PATH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are being asked to participate in PATH's School Supply Drive this year by helping to supply pencils. The drive begins July 22 and ends August 5. If you would like to participate individually or go together as a class to help with this project, please contact Don Crawford or bring your pencils to the Visitor Center and they will be taken to PATH on August 6. Since we do not have a school supply drive through the Benevolence Center this may be a way you want to help. Thank you in advance.

WHEELCHAIRS NEEDED

We have had an increased number of calls for wheelchairs from our church members recently and are not able to supply the need. If you have a chair that is not in use and would like to donate it to be used for

West Erwin members, please let me know. Or if you have borrowed one in the past and no longer need it, please return it or call the church office and we'll pick it up. Let's help each other through our difficult trials. Thanks.

SOMEDAY

"The time is coming (Someday), declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. (Someday) I will be their GOD and they will be My people. (Someday) I will remember their sins no more" (Jer. 31:31ff).

GOD promised us a new covenant and the forgiveness and cleansing of our sins. That Someday came. And now we point back to it, describing it as the *Day of the Cross*. The day Jesus laid his life down for our lying, our apathy, our lusting, and all our other sins. Yet, there still remains a Someday out there The Day we go to meet Him face to face. Therefore, live as though He is your GOD, you are His, and that Someday could also be Today.

drinking the milk of God's Word at this point in my life rather than feasting on the meat of God's Word. It is my hope and prayer that I would continue to grow (as I continue to consume His Word) until that great day when I hear: *Enter In Thou Good And Faithful Servant*. Anything short of hearing: *enter in thou good and faithful servant* means that I have failed in my ultimate battle on this earth.

There are some things that I am certain of on this earth and some things that I am not as certain of on this earth. But I feel confident to make the following statement. If we truly want to hear: *enter in thou good and faithful servant* then we need to be in an in-depth study of God's Word. This in-depth study shouldn't be conducted just on Sunday mornings between 9:00 a.m. through 9:45 a.m. but rather every single day of our lives. Likewise this study shouldn't be for our gratification alone but we should share the knowledge that we gain with as many as we come in contact with. So, my challenge to you is this: Don't ever quit your daily walk with God and in so doing you will be at least one step closer to hearing: *enter in thou good and faithful servant*. I'm looking forward to seeing you in class on Sunday.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The late Jim Valvano or Coach V as he was affectionately called by his players used to have a slogan that emphasized to his players from the first practice of a season until the last game of the season: "Don't give up! Don't ever give up!" That slogan became prophetic in Jim Valvano's life when he was diagnosed with cancer. He put that slogan to the test in his epic battle against this disease but on April 28, 1993 he lost that fight.

About 1 1/2 months before his death at the first ESPY awards ceremony he made his now famous speech that centered on three questions: (1) *Where have you been?*, (2) *Where are you now?*, and (3) *Where do you want to be in the future?*

From my perspective as a Christian and from your perspective as a Christian we understand just how important those three questions are. I hope and pray that where I've been is not where I am today. With all of the Bible lessons I've been taught, with all of the sermons I've heard, and with all of the opportunities I've had to mature in Christ, it truly would be a shame if I'm still



IN APPRECIATION

The family of Margery Biggerstaff (David Demic's sister) acknowledges with grateful appreciation the kind expression of your sympathy. Thank you for the warm thoughts basket.

The Biggerstaff Family

West Erwin Congregation:

Thank you very much for your kindness. Your many cards and telephone calls have meant so much to us. Your visits were especially enjoyable. Our love for West Erwin has always been dear to us - we miss all of you!

With God's Blessings,
Max & Mary Haws

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at the Glenwood Church of Christ for Will Stevens, grandson of Don and Sally Miller. Our love and sympathy is extended to this family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Don and Nerene Ingram on the birth of a new granddaughter! Margo Claire was born to Luke and Heather Ingram July 14 (on Don's birthday) and weighed 5 lb. 1 oz. She was welcomed by big sister Kate. Great grandparents are Roberta Tindall and Norene Ingram, Jeff & Melissa Parrish are the happy uncle and aunt, and Justin and Sydney Parrish are proud cousins.

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"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

E.T.C.A. is collaborating with Chick-Fil-A to promote the All Pro Dad's Day program. This program promotes family time together. The next All Pro Dad's gathering will be at the Broadway Crossing Chick-Fil-A store Saturday morning, July 21, at 8:30 a.m. Breakfast will be provided. Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call ETCA at 903-561-8642.

EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

ETCA has a part time position for a teacher in the pre-school department. For more information, call 903-561-8642 to request an application.

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WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Betty Ables
and Mr. Rickey Ables
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Ashley Lynn

To

Mr. Cameron Chandler
Saturday, the twenty-first of July
at six-thirty o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ, Tyler, Texas
Reception following at the Ramada Inn

BRIDAL SHOWER

You are cordially invited to a
Bridal Shower
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Sunday, July 29th, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

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Free Watermelon!

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring a lawn chair and a friend! Contact the church at 903-984-2928 for more information.

What In The WORLD Are We Doing?



Nigeria

Each month West Erwin helps to support the Ebonyi School of Preaching in Nigeria. The school must furnish housing and food for the students Monday through Friday. The young men go home for the weekends. This is not easy for some because of the distance to another state. Students are required to attend classes for two years to graduate. This past May the school graduated about five students.

Our own Reba Sorrells helped connect us to this work upon the passing of her husband. She still sends monthly support to a graduate of the school, a gentleman by the name of Cyprain Nweke. For the past five years Cyprain has taught classes without pay and baptized many.

Our prayers and support of these missions are a blessing to those who are hearing the gospel, many of whom live in extreme poverty.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES:

Ernie & Sharon Gordon: erniesharontex@embarqmail.com
Roger & Glenda Howell: glenda@tylerstorage.com

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Bible Class	402	426	366
Worship A.M.	610	653	543
Worship P.M.	355	417	398
Wed. P.M.	336	315	316
Contribution	\$27,613.40	\$26,800.29	\$20,719.40
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	7-22-07 Bldg. \$500.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, July 29, and Wednesday, Aug. 1: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Roberta Tindall** is in Mother Frances room 441. **Henry McRuiz** had back surgery Friday at Mother Frances. **Nelda Browning** had colon surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Freeman Morgan** had carotid artery surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Becky McRuiz** is at home after carotid artery surgery Tuesday. **Connie Roach** is at home after double knee replacement surgery. **Don Weathers** is in Reunion Plaza Rehab after surgery on a broken leg. **Richard Gregory** broke his back and a foot in a fall. **Mary Adams** is at home after gall bladder surgery. **Mary Haws** is undergoing cancer treatment in Mansfield. **Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister, is in hospice care in Mesa, AZ. **Jonny Berry**, Patsy Fisher's cousin's husband, is in hospice. **Faye Langford**, Morris Hallman's mother, is in ETMC after breaking her pelvis in a fall. **Mark Gregory**, former West Erwin member, is recovering at home after heart bypass surgery in Dallas. **Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece, is very ill. **Karen Hartt**, Jim & Allyson Hartt's sister-in-law, is recovering after recent heart surgery. **Rix Reaves**, friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons, has terminal cancer. **Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, is under hospice care in the nursing home in Graham. **Ron Lowrance**, Tommy's brother, and a former West Erwin member, is on life support at ETMC. **Betty Hearne**, Joann Hancock's sister in Arcadia, CA, is very ill. **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister, is having a breast biopsy. **Yvonne Pleasant**, Don Crawford's twin sister, was taken to ER Wednesday (in Atlanta, Georgia) with chest pain

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James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
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Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)	
Evening Worship	Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.	
	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.		
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
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	11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809	

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Keith Hodges
Prayer: Tom Cook
Scripture: Jordan Mullins
Dismiss: Jay Bynum

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

Prayer: Will Christian
Scripture: John Cliver
Dismiss: Don Crowder

SERVING COMMUNION

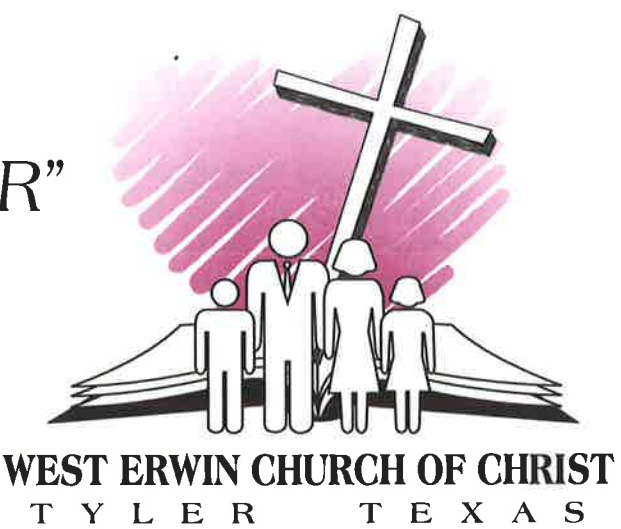
Carl Garrett: Richard Gregory
Chuck Gillam: Ira Groom
Dan Gillam: Ernie Gordon
Patrick Garrett: Cooper Goodson

GREETERS
Bob & Barbara Paul & Daniel Yates
Wendell & Anita Potter & Cameron Ables
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Chloe Ainsworth
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Milburn & Jan Cook

Pick up cards July 29: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

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SHARING YOUR FAITH (part 1)

8th in a series of 10 on "Dynamic Christian Living"

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ" (Philemon 6).

In the early days of my ministry the phrase "sharing your faith" became synonymous with what had been called "personal work," or "personal evangelism," or (a few of you will remember this) "cottage meetings,"

We thought we'd coined the best way ever to describe this important work. And we were sure we would be the generation that would do better at this than any before us. Oh, that it had been so! We need a true revival in this aspect of the Lord's work, and I welcome encouraging signs in that regard.

I've since learned that while the NIV's translation of Philemon 6 appears to be talking about personal evangelism, the original Greek shows it is probably more all-encompassing. It probably refers to anything we do with or for Christians. So we "share" together in worship, study, fellowship, hospitality, praying for one another, etc.

And please notice the fabulous promise attached to this appeal - THAT AS WE SHARE OUR FAITH, WE COME TO A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF EVERY GOOD THING WE HAVE IN CHRIST.

Paul simply seems to be saying, as is a main message of the New Testament elsewhere, "Be involved with Christians and the things of the church, and you'll grow spiritually!"

So much of what we do at West Erwin is aimed towards this end - hallelujah!

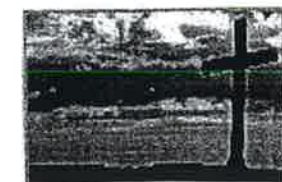
In "part 2" next week, I plan to focus specifically on the evangelistic possibilities of this "sharing our faith." I'm glad to hear this mentioned frequently in prayers, the meetings being held concerning it, and the class planned for the fall. I pray West Erwin is on the verge of a season of evangelistic outreach surpassing anything we've seen in a long time!

Love, Keith

PS - My how these four months have flown by. Thanks!

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, July 29, 2007
by Keith Hodges
"Being With Jesus"
(Mark 3:13-19)
P.M. **"Unity And Quiet Service"**
(Psalm 133 & 134)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

We are wrapping up our Mexico Mission trip to Nueva Rosita, Mexico. This is West Erwin's 13th trip here. Our teens have done a great job over the years to make an impact on this city. This year our teens have helped with the VBS and Monday we had 75 kids attend. We also have helped the church and children's home on several work projects including building a cinder block wall and building a sidewalk and steps. Our teens have worked really hard and done a great job here once again. We have had to endure some very wet weather. They have had some large amounts of rain here which is very unusual (kind of reminds me of Tyler!). Thank you for your prayers for this trip. Our Brothers and Sisters in the Iglesia de

Cristo in Nueva Rosita send their heartfelt greetings to you, their brothers and sisters in Tyler. Thanks again to the following for their invaluable help as sponsors: Caysi Bynum, Vicki Crumley, Ken Culpepper, Alan Gower, Patti Grounds, Curt Jordan, and LaDawn Ragsdale.

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 31. We will start @ 1:00 and finish at 4:00. Join us!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle & High School are invited to the combined devo on July 29. We will be finished at 9:00. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to join us!

IMPORTANT DATES

July 29 Combined Devotional
July 31 Goofy Game Day

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

PRAYER

Jesus said,

„I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, „move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. (Matt. 17:20-21) .

The principle we must not miss in this passage is that faith comes from looking at GOD -- not a the mountain. Our prayers are often weak and pitiful because we focus on our own inadequacies and instead of God's adequacies.

Sing this with me:

Great is thy faithfulness, O GOD my Father,

There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou has been thou forever will be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed they hands hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!
Now Pray

PATH SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We are being asked to participate in PATH's School Supply Drive this year by helping to supply pencils. The drive begins July 22 and ends August 5. A box will be provided in the foyer for our collection. We will take them to PATH on August 6. Since we do not have a school supply drive through the Benevolence Center this may be a way you want to help. Thank you in advance.

picking it up and throwing it away, then they are given a demerit and after the accumulation of just a few of these demerits they are released? You see, they take pride in their park and that doesn't come about by accident.

Now, let me make two comparisons. **First**, for 7 years I have noticed that as I travel on Beckham and approach Front Street there is a "Y" shaped branch that has been hanging in a power line. Did you catch what I just said: for 7 years that "Y" shaped branch has been hanging in the power line. I offer this information as a little advice to the city or the power company - it is time for that branch to come down. Periodically we need to be reminded that we have a beautiful city and if it is going to stay that way we must take a little pride in it. **Second**, what about our building and grounds? Do you walk by trash in the parking lot or do you stop and pick it up? When you work in the teacher's workroom do you make sure that you've put back all the items that you used or do you leave them in the hallways, stairwells, etc.? How about when you use a room for a practice area, do you set it back up the way you found it? Let's take pride in our building and grounds and treat it with respect, otherwise the things you need may not be available when you need them most.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

In my office I have a book entitled: *Inside The Magic Kingdom*. This book was written by Tom Connellan. Basically what the author conveys in this book is that if you are going to be successful you must take pride in what you do. Simply going through the motions, closing your eyes to programs that are failing, and just wishing that things will get better won't cut it. The Disney Corporation and Disney World are set up to give you the best product possible. We, as Christians, may not always agree with the content of their product but we certainly agree that Disney puts out a high quality product. Putting out such a high quality product doesn't just happen, it comes at a lot of sacrifice or "blood, sweat and tears" as we often say.

Let me give you two quick illustrations regarding what I am talking about: (1) did you know that each night (after Disney World closes) a crew of workers go over every inch of Disney World with paint brushes in hand to touch up any irregularities that they can find, and (2) did you know that if a Disney employee is seen walking by a piece of discarded paper and not



WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held last Friday in Fort Worth for Thelma Swain, Gaynelle Gray's sister. Bobbie (Mrs. Elvin) Wilson, former West Erwin member, died Monday in Hereford, Texas after a lengthy battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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NEW ADDRESS: Daniel & Ginger Pippin, 626 Winding Brook Lane, 75703, ph. 903-262-6700

Samuel Mink #1437719, P.O. Box 9000, Henderson, TX 75653

LIFE IS A GIFT

- Today before you think of saying an unkind word, think of someone who can't speak.
- Before you complain about the taste of your food, think of someone who has nothing to eat.
- Before you complain about your husband or wife, think of someone who's praying to God for a companion.
- Today before you complain about life, think of someone who went too early to heaven.
- Before you complain about your children, think of someone who desires children but are barren.
- Before you argue about your dirty house that someone didn't clean or sweep, think of people who are living on the streets.
- Before whining about the distance you drive ,think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.
- And when you are tired and complain about your job, think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had a job.
- But before you think of pointing a finger or condemning another, remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to One Maker.
- And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.
- Life is a gift, live it, enjoy it, celebrate it, and fulfill it.

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BIRTHDAY

We invite you to join us in celebrating Patsy Young's 80th birthday on August 14th

by sending a note or card to her:
16900 Lexington Blvd. #1325, Sugar Land, Texas 77479.
Hearing from you will certainly make her birthday celebration extra special.

We will always consider you our family home.

Thanks,
Deborah, Rodger & Becky Young

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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?



WORLD RADIO

For the past 44 years, World Radio has been reaching out to people who have not had access to the Gospel of Christ. Now, every week, World Radio facilitates over 400 broadcasts by 123 speakers into 62 countries in 35 different languages. The potential audience for these broadcasts is 413 million people. Many have heard and obeyed the Gospel as a result of these radio broadcasts. Local preachers are used as the speakers for these broadcasts. For example, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Roberto Alvarez is the speaker. Roberto is also the director of the Biblical Institute of Central America in Guatemala City. You may remember that West Erwin is also supporting BICA. In just the first six months of 2006, there were 11 baptisms as the direct result of the World Radio broadcasts in Guatemala City. If you would like to receive the quarterly reports from World Radio, contact the church office and we will ask the White's Ferry Road Church of Christ, the overseeing congregation, to put you on the mailing list. Or, you may want to contact the website at www.wfr.org for additional information. This is a new work for West Erwin we began supporting in 2007.

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Bible Class	422	402	393
Worship A.M.	653	610	621
Worship P.M.	443	355	353
Wed. P.M.	352	336	241
Contribution	\$23,622.42	\$27,613.40	\$21,044.61
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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
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Prayer Wally Dawkins
Scripture Dan Cullinan
Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

SERVING COMMUNION

Carl Garrett Richard Gregory
Chuck Gillam Ira Groom
Dan Gillam Ernie Gordon
Patrick Garrett Cooper Goodson

GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Keaton Ainsworth
Gaylan & Margie Seagler & Brittany Asbill
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Betsy Asbill
Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Pick up cards August 5 & 12: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, Spencer Shaw, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 5:
Nursery a.m.: Donna Wright; Nursery p.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; Toddlers a.m.: Kristi Harris & girls; Toddlers p.m.: Melvin & Nina Crow; 2's: Karl & Tara Kilgore; 3's & 4's: Mark & Melissa Frick.

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Dear Ones,

I am writing in haste, I was planning on carefully writing "part 2" of my thoughts son "sharing your faith," especially in regards to getting the gospel to the lost.

But I have just received word that my father's health situation is worse than expected, and major surgery within the next few days is necessary.

We were already planning to go there this next weekend, as I am scheduled to speak for a church in that area - now we are moving the whole trip up by several days.

I will keep the church office informed about everything. Obviously I ask you to be praying for the

comfort and well-being of both my parents - my dad as he faces this surgery, and also for my mother as she lives through the highs and lows of a situation like this.

The "life cycle" is, like all the rest of God's creation, a wondrous thing! We all know we are mortal. But for those, like my dad, who have heard and obeyed the gospel, these things are "difficulties," but not reason for real despair.

Upon our return we shall be eager to resume the ministry God has given us among you good people.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, August 5, 2007
by Don Crawford

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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YOUTH PRESENTATION NIGHT

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PRAYER

If someone asked you what has helped you most to develop your own prayer life, how would you answer them? In other words, what drives you to your knees and makes you want to pray more? For me, the greatest motivator to pray is answered prayer. When I pray about one matter and that concern works out even smoother than I had dreamed of I am encouraged to pray about more things. When I pray for someone who is having health problems or going into surgery and GOD carries them through it with confidence then I am motivated to continue to ask GOD to help others. Answered prayer really encourages me. It makes me feel like I'm as close to GOD as was Moses who met GOD face to face. When my prayers have such results it makes me want to pray without ceasing.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

It is hard for me to believe that the month of August is already here. Wow! We've had a full summer in the education ministry here at West Erwin.

Our summer series (F.A.C.T.S.) is 2/3rds of the way finished and I have thoroughly enjoyed it so far. For August we will have the opportunity of listening to the following speakers:

1. George Jones (From Bigotry To Brotherhood) Aug. 1st - dessert to follow in the FLC: Hot Fudge Sundaes
2. Brody Clark (Jesus, Open Our Eyes To Our Condition) Aug. 8th - dessert to follow in the FLC: Cookie Sandwiches.
3. Keith Hodges (Apollos: From John To Jesus) Aug. 15th - dessert to follow in the FLC: Candy Bar Sundaes.
4. Todd Hancock (Jesus, Open Our Eyes To Revival) Aug. 22nd - dessert to follow in the FLC: Ice Cream Bars.
5. Singing night, Aug. 29th - No Dessert

Just to review, we have also had a well planned out and well executed VBS (Summer Extravaganza). Our numbers could have

GOOFY GAME & MOVIE DAY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to a special Goofy Game Day. We plan to play games, eat lunch at Jason's Deli and go to see the new movie "Underdog." Please bring money for lunch and the movie. We will spend the remaining time at the Family Life Center playing games. Plan to come!

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Several of our young people will be headed off to college over the next few weeks. Please pray for them!

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Is GOD able? Does He have the power to answer your prayer? James says, "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask GOD, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable I all he does" (James 1:5-8).

If you don't own that doctrine and claim it for yourself, then take a trip through Scripture to view what GOD has done for His people in the past. Review His track record in your own life looking for evidence of His great power, His faithfulness, and His provision in the past. Allow this to give your mind a tune-up so when you call on Him, it will be GOD who is able. Then, when you pray plan on seeing a mighty demonstration of GOD's power.

been better but the ones who did come seemed to really enjoy it. After six years of continual growth in our attendance at VBS (more than doubling in that time span) we did take a numerical step backwards this year but we will re-gear and come at it from a different angle next year.

One of the highlights of the time I've spent here at West Erwin has been the continual development of the Children's Ministry (K through 5th grade). I really get a kick out of seeing the antics of the little ones and hearing them refer to me as *Mr. Doug*. This ministry has really been blessed. So far this summer we've participated in the Summer Extravaganza (which was heavily geared to this age), we spent a week at Camp Deer Run, and we went to see a wonderful movie called: *Ratatouille*. The summer isn't quite over with so maybe we can work in at least one more event before school starts back.

Another event that I am extremely proud of is the slow but steady formation of our "Outreach Class." We have approached this class at a slow and steady pace on purpose. Now that some of the ground work is out of the way we will begin a full-fledged class on Wednesday evenings this fall. Please pray for this new ministry.



IN APPRECIATION

Thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, and concern during my recent illness. West Erwin is a caring family.

Dean Brookshire

Thank you! Thank each and everyone of you for your continued prayers.

Virginia Jones (Buck Nowell's sister)

To our brothers and sisters at West Erwin Church of Christ who so willingly and lovingly served us, the Tessa family and friends, such a delicious lunch after our son John's funeral. It is in difficult times like this that you see Jesus' love and caring shining through giving and caring people like each of you who participated in any way on that day. We are so grateful for your reaching out to all of us during such a sorrowful time. You helped to carry the burden that day. Thank you. Love in Christ,

John and Sandra Tessa
and family

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Wednesday at Memory Park Cemetery in Longview for Katherine Acker, Sherry Osborn's mother who died Sunday night, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer July 2. Services were held Sunday in Gladewater for Cory Grunden, 22 year old son of Kathy Grunden White, former West Erwin member. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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NEW PHONE #: Marjorie Moriole - 903-253-0524

ADDRESS CORRECTION: David & Lori Blaylock, PO Box 845, Mineola, TX 75773, ph. 903-569-5263, e-mail davidblaylock.sr@gmail.com

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"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

W. Clement Stone, founder of *Success* magazine said:

"There is very little difference in any of us; but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude, and the big difference is whether it is positive or negative."

Search TV Program Discontinued

You might have noticed that the Search television program is no longer being shown each Sunday at 10:00 A. M. on Channel 19. The Elders recently decided to discontinue this program which had been recently showing reruns. The Elders are very appreciative to Don Drummond and all those involved with The Search over these many years in producing a very successful television program. Also, thanks to all those involved in supplying Consideration might be done by the Elders at a later date to resume the Search or something similar.

West Erwin Elders

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NEW BOOKS IN THE CHURCH ADULT LIBRARY

- Imitation Of Christ
- Through The Bible, Through The Year
- Teaching For Results
- Handbook On Adult Education
- The Seven Laws Of The Learner
- Your God Is Too Small

What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Eastern European Mission



Since 1961 Eastern European Missions has been providing God's Word to the people of Russia and Eastern Europe in their own languages. For many years EEM had to find ways to get the Bibles through an Iron Curtain. But God brought the Wall down and since that time Bibles and biblical literature are freely distributed in over twenty different languages to all nations of the former Soviet Union. These materials are provided to individuals, mission churches, campaign groups and other organizations related to the Church that teach God's Word in former communist nations. EEM also provides hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Biblical literature to Russian families, children in youth camps, Russian public school regions and many orphanages. The hunger for God's Word among the Russians is so intense and the request for Bibles so high that EEM struggles to keep up with the demand. Russians are truly reaching out for the hope that only Jesus our Saviour can satisfy. Every two years in the spring EEM appoints one Sunday to try and raise one million dollars for the printing of these materials. West Erwin has been a significant contributor to this effort and last year our congregation alone contributed over \$37,000.00 toward the goal!

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Bible Class	405	422	422
Worship A.M.	685	653	651
Worship P.M.	388	443	438
Wed. P.M.	337	352	324
Contribution	\$25,879.84	\$23,622.42	\$23,448.85
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	8-5-07 bldg. \$270.00	

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Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

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Prayer Ken Culpepper
Scripture Melvin Crow
Dismiss Dr. Aaron DuVall

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Don Crawford
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Howard Dickson
Scripture Grant DuVall
Dismiss Randy Farrar

SERVING COMMUNION

Bob Hackett Preston Haile
Tim Grounds Sonny Hale
Nathan Grounds Tom Hale
Scott Hackett Dan Haile

GREETERS

Dwight & Billie Sue Sowle & Preston Conder
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Caitlin Cook
James & Connie Sublette & Chandler Cook
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
Gene & Gwen Chandler

Pick up cards August 12: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, Spencer Shaw, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 12:
Nursery a.m.: Charles & Linda Westerfeld; Nursery p.m.: Donna Wright; Toddlers a.m.: Melvin & Nina Crow; Toddlers p.m.: Martha & Calley Waggonner; 2's: Will & Stephanie Christian; 3's & 4's: Shanon & Angela Seals.

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SHARING YOUR FAITH (Part 2)

The bulletin article series on "Dynamic Christian Living"

"I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ" (Philemon 6).

It would be wonderful if every Christian was a motivated and skilled "personal worker," i.e. active and successful in leading others to become and remain Christians. But I have decided such is not only a fanciful notion, but isn't even Biblical!

I believe every person who has been saved by the grace of God should have a keen interest in seeing others come to faith. (If you or someone else "couldn't care less" about this, then I suggest it is time for some deep soul-searching about your/their understanding and appreciation of the gospel!)

In the list of "gifts" (Romans 12:6-8), which I believe is still totally applicable today, one of those is "teaching." It's easy to confuse this with teaching a class in our contemporary Bible school programs. However, closer consideration would reveal that kind of teaching, along with preaching, more likely falls under the category of "serving," or possibly even "prophesying," i.e., proclaiming and explaining Scripture.

This "teaching" is more likely what we today call "sharing the gospel," or "personal evangelism." I strongly believe that every Christian has been blessed to have at least one of those seven gifts mentioned in the Romans passage - but no one has them all! And we shouldn't put undue pressure or guilt on ourselves to utilize a gift we haven't been given!

You've probably seen them - those rare individuals in the church who just seem to have a "knack" for helping others become Christians. And if they're properly motivated, they have not only the heart and compassion to do this, but will also equip themselves with the knowledge of Scripture to do it right!

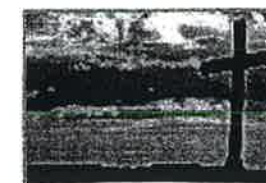
I believe a church that recognizes that some of its members will excel in this area, while others will serve in other ways, is on its way to a healthy approach to "sharing our faith."

Next week I want to write a special article and introduce to you what I call "WHOLE CHURCH EVANGELISM."

Love, Keith

PS - Thanks for your prayers and expressions of concern for my father; it seems he's making steady progress in his recovery.

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, August 12, 2007

by Keith Hodges

A.M. "The Transfiguration"

(Mark 9:2-8)

P.M. "The Unknown God" (Acts 17:22-31)

by Allen Gower

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I'VE LEARNED

On a positive note, I've learned that, no matter what happens, how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow.

I've learned that you can tell a lot about a person by the way he/she handles four things: a rainy day, the elderly, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

I've learned that, regardless of your relationship with your parents, you'll miss them when they're gone from your life.

I've learned that making a "living" is not the same thing as making a "life."

I've learned that life sometimes gives you a second

chance.

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

I've learned that if you pursue happiness, it will elude you. But if you focus on your family, your friends, the needs of others, your work and doing the very best you can, happiness will find you.

I've learned that whenever I decide something with an open heart, I usually make the right decision.

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

I've learned that every day, you should reach out and touch someone.

People love that human touch -- holding hands, a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back.

I've learned that I still have a lot to learn.!

When September 2nd rolls around the new quarter will begin. There will be some changes that take place at that point that everyone will need to be aware of: (1) the Bible Hour ministry that has been meeting in the room behind the small auditorium (K-3rd grade) will be moving back upstairs to their old room, (2) the Kids For Christ ministry that has been meeting in the FLC will occupy the room behind the small auditorium, (3) Don Crawford's class of young married couples that has been meeting in the old Bible Hour room will move into room 302, and (4) the 3rd grade class will re-occupy room 204 as the 4th grade class moves into the room at the back of the small auditorium for their Sunday morning class and their Wednesday evening class. I hope this information doesn't overwhelm you. Believe me (even though it may not always seem like it) I know where everyone is supposed to be.

The only class that we haven't placed as of this moment is our newly formed Wednesday evening class on outreach. As soon as I find a suitable room for this class I will announce it.

Thanks for your cooperation in all of these matters. Giving God the glory we continue to grow in our Bible school ministry on both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

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IN APPRECIATION

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Sincerely,
J.D. & Sherry Osborn

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NEW ADDRESSES:

Joey & Leslie Coker, 6721 Sherbrooke Dr., 75703

Wendy Culpepper, 5404 State Hwy 31 W, 75709

Jim & Allyson Hartt, 2814 Gloucester Dr., 75707

John & Phyllis Lacy, 13855 Pine Overlook Dr., Flint 75762

Glen & Bobbie May, 1521 Rice Rd. #P-103, 75703

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NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome **Jared Bloch** into the West Erwin family. We hope to be a blessing to him as he has blessed us by his coming. His address is 12687 FM 850, 75707, ph. 566-1958.

BRIDAL SHOWERS

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring
Brandy McIlveene

Bride-elect of Jay Gulpepper

Sunday, August 12, 2:00 -4:00 pm

in the Family Life Center

Selections: Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, & Kohls

You're invited to a bridal shower honoring
Shelly Foreman

Bride-elect of Jordan Mullins

Saturday, August 18, 10:00 - 12:00

at the home of Ron & Pam Lott

2314 Kingsmill Circle

Selections: Dillard's, Linens N Things, & Target
Ladies, please consider these invitations as yours personally



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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?



World Bible School

West Erwin supports World Bible School which is faithfully operated by our own Reba Sorrells. She teaches students from Kenya, South Africa, and Zimbabwe, but most are from Nigeria. A sampling of one weeks work is as follows:

Thirty-eight lessons were graded, recorded and answered. Twenty-seven were first time students. There are now a total of 2,616 students. Fifty-eight new lessons were labeled and made ready to mail to names sent by the thirty-eight students. Also nine New Testaments and one large Bible were wrapped, addressed, and covered with clear tape.

Reba reports that much good is being done through World Bible School. It continues to be a rewarding and exciting work.. If anyone has books to donate, she always enjoys sending them to Nigeria.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Over fifty years ago churches in the Lubbock area met to discuss a new Christian college in Lubbock. Lubbock Christian University is celebrating fifty years of changing lives and you have the opportunity to own the limited edition 50th Anniversary coffee table book featuring the people, traditions and unique stories submitted by friends and alumni. Contact Kelli Childre at 806-720-7802 or kelli.childre@lcu.edu for more information or to place your order.

HELP FOR THE HOME

A Free Marriage & Family Enrichment Seminar
Marshall Church of Christ, 414 N Washington, Marshall, TX
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 10-12
See bulletin board in education wing for more details.

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PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Stefan Andrews
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Howard Dickson
Scripture Chandler Cook
Dismiss Randy Farrar

SERVING COMMUNION

Bob Hackett Preston Haile
Tim Grounds Sonny Hale
Nathan Grounds Tom Hale
Scott Hackett Dan Haile

GREETERS

Billy & Lynda Terrell & Dru Dawkins
D.L. & Alice Thompson & Christina Denman
Mike & Dorothy Watts & Sean Denman
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards August 19 & 26: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Evan Kingsbury, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, August 19:
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SHARING YOUR FAITH (Part 3)

The bulletin article series on "Dynamic Christian Living"

I have been writing about "sharing your faith" (Philemon 6), particularly as it relates to what we call "personal evangelism." I have stated that I believe both Scripture (Romans 12:7) and logic shows that some, but not all Christians are "gifted" to excel in this area.

But before significant and ongoing local evangelism can occur, a congregation must come to a MINDSET of developing and maintaining habits and practices that foster and promote outreach. This is what I call "whole church evangelism."

Numerical growth in our churches occurs in two ways: (1) conversions, and (2) members of the Lord's church, from elsewhere placing membership. I am convinced that a church that develops a mindset that is "outreach oriented" can grow, even experience dramatic growth. But without the congregation developing this mindset throughout the membership, individual and occasional evangelistic efforts will create, at best, sporadic numerical growth.

Development of this mindset will not happen easily or quickly, but gradually with these factors present: (a) church leaders that constantly talk about and model it; (b) preaching that is evangelistic in nature; (c) special input, e.g. Classes, in-house

workshops or seminars, etc. That "equip" people for it; (d) worship services that are not only designed to "edify" members, but at the same time are welcoming and inviting to non-members. (That last one is tough, but it can be done!)

One thing that must happen is for a large part of the membership to develop and maintain the practice of constantly inviting family, friends and even strangers to our worship services. That occurs more naturally more naturally, of course, where the "atmosphere" of welcoming people, "visitor friendly" worship services, and the preaching are all conducive towards that end.

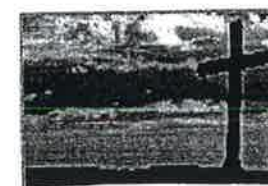
Finally, key to this concept is recognition and then utilization that some in the congregation are just better suited (gifted?) To help non-Christians become Christians. When this is recognized, frequent visitors and/or those who are interested in becoming members are naturally "funneled" towards those who can effectively teach them.

Love, Keith

PS - I plan to preach two special sermons on the last two Sunday evenings of this month on this very concept. These are intended to serve as a prelude to the start of a new "outreach" class that will be held on Wednesday evenings.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, August 26, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Growing Pains for a Ministry"
(Mark 3:20-26)
P.M. "A Vision For Evangelism"
(Acts 20:20)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks all of those who helped with the devo last week.

Thanks to these guys who have filled in teaching the youth classes over the last months: Mike Gravois, Tim Grounds & Keith Hodges.

Thanks to the guys who helped in the worship Sunday night with the special youth presentation: Keaton Ainsworth, Grant Duvall, Tanner Philpot & Michael Ragsdale.

A special thanks to Alan Gower, our intern, for doing a great job this summer. Following is his contact information:

Alan Gower
1310 Piedmont Dr.
Abilene, TX 79601
asg04@acu.edu

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Aug. 26 Middle School Devotional
Sept. 15 Habitat House Build Date

HABITAT HOUSE

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COMMUNITY by Don Crawford

MUST GO'S

Friends of mine who lived in Nebraska for a number of years were talking about "must go's" one day and I could not figure out what they were talking about. Must go's are leftovers you've stuck in the refrigerator and they must go! But nobody really likes leftovers. Neither does GOD.

In Malachi 1:6-14 GOD says, you have despised my name and you have defiled food on my altar. They wanted to know when and how. So He told them: when you present a blind, lame, or sick animal for sacrifice you are bringing Me your leftovers and then you ask my favor! I wish one of you would just shut the door to the temple so you would stop this. I'm not pleased!

Seven times in this passage, GOD refers to Himself as the Lord of Hosts and the Lord Almighty. He deserves, desires, and demands the best. These folks forgot that. They continued to go through the motions of serving GOD. They kept having church week after week with no intensity and no intentionality. Yet, they checked it off their things to do list.

Here's the clincher GOD was talking to the priests! The priests were not calling the people to a higher standard. In their minds everything was fine as long as animals were being offered. Our GOD is the most excellent GOD. He is flawless. Offering Him our leftovers offends Him and violates His nature. Mediocrity can slip into our lives undetected unless we keep each other challenged to do our best as we present ourselves to GOD daily. We are His priests.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Vacations are over and school is just about to start back. Teachers are doing in-service as I write this bulletin article. Many of our youth are ready to get back to the grind and many of them are wondering where their summer went. Our prayers will be that this is a very successful school year and that much knowledge and wisdom is gained. Our students will promote to the next grade level in our Bible classes the last 5 minutes of class time on Sunday, August 26th. Their first official day to start their new classes will be on Sunday, September 2nd. This is a little confusing but we've found that it works out best to do it this way due to the Labor Day weekend interference. I am extremely excited to make the following announcement regarding the teachers we have selected for K through 5th grade:

- Kindergarten: Sunday: Candace Montgomery
Wednesday: Jenny Wilson
- First Grade Sunday: Carolyn Blackstone
Wednesday: Lindsey Lott

- Second Grade: Sunday: Linda Marts
Wednesday: Freida Starr
- Third Grade: Sunday: Melissa Parrish
Wednesday: Suzanne Perkins
- Fourth Grade: Sunday: C. Carruth/ L. Westerfeld
Wednesday: Jana Hancock
- Fifth Grade: Sunday: Todd Kempton
Wednesday: M. Conder/C. Stowers

As you can see we have an outstanding staff assembled and we are ready for the fall quarter to begin. Please pray that our education ministry continues to grow.

Let me thank Wanda Weathers for her years of service to the Lord through our education ministry. Wanda recently decided to step down from her teaching responsibilities for the time being. Wanda, on behalf of the West Erwin congregation, thanks for your dedication, desire and effort you put into your classroom. We love you and appreciate your labor of love for our children.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the prayers, people who sat with during surgery, calls, visits, cards, food, and words of encouragement. We love you.

Henry & Becky McRuiz

Dear Fellow Christians,

Thank you so much for everything that has been done for me since my knee surgery. We appreciated your prayers, cards, visits, and food that you sent us. It is such a blessing to part of this congregation.

In Christian love,
Jim & Priscilla Mayer

Dear West Erwin,

We thank you for the most beautiful arrangement that you sent to the funeral for my mother, Margaret Medley. I am so proud of our West Erwin family. You have been so supportive of us in all our tragedies in recent months.

We love you,
Mary Jo & Don Crowder

ATTENTION LADIES: The Wednesday night Ladies' class will begin Sept. 5 in the Family Life Center. This will be an in-depth study of "Discovering the Aroma of Christ in the Beatitudes" by Cassandra Martin. Please sign up for your workbook at the Visitor Center. Cost of book is \$10.00.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws (currently deployed to the Persian Gulf on Aircraft Carrier Nimitz), Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsaisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

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LADIES DAY ACTIVITIES - The North Tenneha Church of Christ Ladies Ministry invites you to our annual NTCC Ladies Day activities scheduled for Saturday, August 25, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast begins at 8:30 in the Renaissance Center. Lunch will be served. Our theme is "Learning To Love Myself" based on Psalm 139:14 (KJV) "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth well." The keynote speaker is Mamie Hughes from Houston. For more information, please call 593-6868 Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00.

LONGVIEW ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

Longview church of Christ, 1401 Eden Dr., Longview
Friday, Saturday, Sunday, August 24-26

"Just Like Us: Life Lessons From Men & Women of Scripture"

See bulletin board in education wing for details.

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Chase Fisher** in his decision to be baptized into Christ on Sunday. He is the son of Gregg and Julie Fisher and was baptized by his uncle, David Blaylock. His address is 899 VZ 1803, Grand Saline, 75140, ph. 962-5587.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

Brison McPhail came Sunday to make known his desire to be a part of the West Erwin family. He is the husband of Kristen Yates McPhail and has been attending since their marriage. We are pleased to welcome him into the Lord's family at this place.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower
honoring
Shelly Foreman

Bride-elect of Jordan Mullins
Saturday, August 18, 10:00 - 12:00
at the home of Ron & Pam Lott
2314 Kingsmill Circle

Selections: Dillard's, Linens N Things, & Target
Ladies, please consider this invitation as yours personally

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Dr. Joy Rousseau** on earning her Ph.D. in Education Administration from Texas A&M in Commerce!

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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?



BICA Reports 85 Baptisms and 20 Restorations

George Hall, founder and director of the Biblical Institute of Central America, reports that the campaign conducted by the students and instructors of the Honduras branch of BICA during the last week of June, 2007 in and around Tegucigalpa, Honduras resulted in 85 baptisms and 20 restorations. They worked with six congregations in the area and were accompanied by several from the U.S. These small churches were greatly strengthened by the campaign.

Students and staff of BICA conduct about 10 campaigns each year. While not all of them result in such a large number of responses, they all encourage and strengthen the churches that are involved. Together, several hundred each year are taught the Gospel of Christ. And, West Erwin is a major financial supporter of the work. You can get more details about the work of BICA by visiting the website at www.bica.info.

Sentence Sermons ...

- Success comes in cans, failure in can'ts.
- If you make a mistake and don't correct it, you make two.
- Talk is cheap but you can't buy it back.
- It is wisdom to see our way out before we venture in.

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Bible Class	447	388	427
Worship A.M.	706	642	659
Worship P.M.	426	374	440
Wed. P.M.	350	342	310
Contribution	\$25,010.55	\$27,765.19	\$23,741.21
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	8-19-07 bldg. \$220.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, August 26 and Wednesday, Aug. 29:
Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Bill Wilmeth** had a deep brain stimulator implant Tuesday at ETMC. **Billie Bob Hickman** is at home after being hospitalized with heart problems. **Carlos Morgan** had knee replacement surgery Thursday at ETMC. **Ralph Henderson** has begun radiation treatment. **John Pike** is having esophageal problems. **Nell Beard** is having tests. **Verla Strickland** had glaucoma surgery Monday. **Doug Scroggins** had a heart cath and two stent implants last Friday. **Tommy Price** is scheduled for two surgeries Aug. 27, a herniated disc in her neck and rotator cuff. **Judy Smith** had more tests Wednesday. **Archie Kennard** continues to have health problems. **Don Weathers** is in Reunion Plaza Rehab. **Bill Thompson** is now at home. **Zona Crone** has a tumor in her neck. **Mary Haws** is undergoing treatment in Mansfield. **Casey Culpepper** had knee reconstruction surgery Thursday. **Daniel Morgan** had shoulder surgery last Tuesday. **Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister, is in hospice care in Mesa, AZ. **Sonny Berry**, Patsy Fisher's cousin's husband, is in hospice. **Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece, is very ill. **Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother, is under hospice care in Graham. **Betty Hearne**, Joann Hancock's sister in Arcadia, CA, had a mastectomy August 9. **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister, has begun chemo for breast cancer. **Ray Lott**, Ron Lott's dad, is having health problems. **Lee Hodges**, Keith Hodges' dad, is recovering after recent heart surgery. **Latrell Ellis**, LaDawn Ragsdale's mother, is recuperating after heart surgery in Oklahoma City. **Phyllis Davis**, Norma Sorrells' sister, is in Health South. **Gene Tindel**, Terry Tindel's dad, is now in Legacy Hospice.

MINISTERS			
Keith Hodges - Interim Minister	Doug Yates - Education		
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Don Crawford
Prayer David Frick
Scripture Cody Ables
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Rick Fedell
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Harold Denman
Scripture Russell Fedell
Dismiss Chad Chauncey

SERVING COMMUNION

James Hardin Dalton Harris
Charles Harris Dayne Harris
Todd Hancock Mike Harris
Paul Hancock Scottie Hart

GREETERS

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Grant DuVall
David & Ginny Wicks & Samantha DuVall
Bill & Barbara White & Jessica DuPree
Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

Pick up cards August 26: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Evan Kingsbury, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink.

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MIKE BAKER NAMED PULPIT MINISTER

Sunday August 12th, James Sublette, for the Elders, was pleased to announce that Mike Baker had been offered and had accepted the position of Pulpit Minister for the West Erwin congregation.

Mike is currently the Pulpit Minister for the Church Street Church of Christ in Lewisburg, Tennessee, where he has been preaching for the last 4 years. Mike is 45 years of age and has a Master of Ministry from Freed Hardeman University, a Bachelor of Arts in Bible from Heritage Christian University in Florence, Alabama. and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Management from Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia. Mike currently speaks weekly for a Sunday morning radio program, and has written numerous articles.

Mike is married to Carla and they have twin sons, Jonathan and Joseph, who will be entering the 11th grade. Carla has been active as a teacher and worker at each of the congregations that they have attended.

Mike and Carla are both from strong Christian families. Mike's father, Gerald Baker, who passed away in January 1999, at age 58, preached for over 38 years in Tennessee, Illinois and Kentucky. Carla's father is currently serving as a Deacon for the Rolling Hills church in Mount Sterling, Kentucky. Their families have always been active in leadership and teaching roles in the church.

Mike will preach his last sermon in Lewisburg September 30 and preach his first sermon at West Erwin October 7.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, August 26, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "How You'll Make It ...
And How You Won't"
(Mark 3:27-30)
P.M. "A Vision For Evangelism" (part 2)
(Acts 20:20)

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church in the FLC.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen on Monday night. If you want to help, let me know. This is a great ministry opportunity.

ACTIVITY @ DUVALL'S

Teens, mark your calendar for Sunday night, Sept. 2 for a special evening at the Duvall's. Details soon!

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 26	Middle School Devotional
Aug. 27	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Sep. 2	Youth Activity at the Duvall's
Sept. 15	Habitat House Build Date
Oct. 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 16-18	Middle School Retreat

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COMMUNITY by Don Crawford

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

There will be a small group leaders meeting in room #112 Sunday, August 26, at 4:40 pm. If you are a small group leader your input is important so please make plans to be there. We will be discussing some new options to put into place for the near future.

YOUNG MARRIED CLASS

The young married class will be moving to a new room Sunday, August 26. The new room is still upstairs above the main foyer, but a different room #303. This class is designed for families with pre-school children. The class also serves as a small group (however, it's a fairly large small group). Our Fall quarter will be directed toward

marital management issues. We are giving it the title: *Give And Take*. We'll see you there at 9:00 am.

JESUS: SAVIOR & KING

I heard a man say these words this week ... you judge them. He said, "We take the 'Jesus is our Savior' message home like a really good story, but 'Jesus as King' has no place in our lives. Kings are for fairy tales and burger commercials. Kings wear funny clothes and funny hats. We don't need a king. What we need, we think, is a little more defense of our doctrines and a little more time to tidy up our messes. That's all we need; then our world will go better. Except it doesn't." The part I can't explain is this -- we keep trying to tidy up our messes and we remain kingless. Ponder this for awhile

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The summer series was a great success. I'd like to take a moment to thank all of our speakers who did an outstanding job with their talks during the summer months. I'd also like to thank Pam Lott and her crew who served up some wonderful desserts all throughout June, July and August. Thank you, Pam, for all that you put into this wonderful ministry.

Several have asked me regarding the adult class schedule beginning in September on Wednesday evenings. Here it is!

1. Men's class: Teacher will be David Frick and this class will meet in room 112 and has been entitled: *Balance*.
2. Ladies Class: This class will be taught by Jean DuVall and it will be meeting in the Family Life Center. Jean has entitled her class: *Discovering the Aroma of Christ in the Beatitudes*. There will also be two support classes offered in the Family Life Center for our ladies. On October 3rd and

10th Kay Baker will teach a class entitled: *Being God's Single Mother In A Couple's World*. On October 17th and 24th Carolyn Blackstone will teach a class entitled: *Yours, Mine and Ours*. This class is for blended families.

3. The Search: Keith Hodges will be conducting a study entitled: *Prayer*. This class will be in the small auditorium and was suggested to Keith by several of our members.
4. I will conduct a class on outreach. I will be using materials from a well known evangelist in our brotherhood. This class is entitled: *Evangelism Made Simple*. It will be conducted in the office complex (room 403).
5. The singing emphasis class will be conducted in the Heritage Room. I am still trying to secure a leader for this class. Several of our regular leaders are not available for the fall quarter.

I think we have a lot to offer our members and visitors on Wednesday evenings. Our attendance continues to rise at our mid-week service. Let's all try our best to be present each and every opportunity that the doors are opened.



IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin church,

The basket of floral arrangement sent for Ron's service was much appreciated. Thank you for the love and support you have given Ron and me through the years.

Gratefully,
Janelle Lowrance

Scott's cancer is gone. Thank you for all of your prayers and concerns during his illness.

Michelle Smith

NEW ARRIVALS

Shanon & Angela Seals are the proud parents of a baby boy born August 16 in Plano! Terrin Shane Seals weighed in at 6 lb. 5 oz. He is doing well after surgery for a hernia immediately after his birth. Talon is the big brother!

Congratulations to Bill and Judy Wilmeth on the birth of a new granddaughter! Gracelyn Wilmeth was born August 17 to Earl and Misty Wilmeth. She weighed 8 lb. 1 oz. and was 20 inches long. Will and Anna Tanksley are proud uncle and aunt and William and Wyatt are cousins.

WITH SYMPATHY

Matt, a friend of Michael Yates, Doug Yates' nephew, was killed in Iraq where they both were serving. Aaron Fry, son of the preacher at the Grandview church of Christ, was killed in a car accident on his way back to ACU. Services were conducted Wednesday by Johnny Anders at Stewart Family Funeral Home for Russell Thedford, a member at Glenwood and friend of the Nowell's and others at West Erwin.

"The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care about you."

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's home grocery truck will be in our area the week of November 5-9. West Erwin has been asked to collect *Picante Sauce*. There is a list of other needs on the bulletin board. Cash donations are also appreciated to be used for milk, meat, fruit and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **Mike** and **Carla Baker** and their boys, **Joseph** and **Jonathan**, to Tyler and to West Erwin! Carla and the boys are here, with the boys enrolled in Whitehouse High School and Mike will be here to preach his first sermon as West Erwin's pulpit minister on October 7. Their address is 3115 Arbor Oak Drive, 75707.

We are very pleased to welcome **Randy Hale** and his little daughter, **LeeAnn**, into the West Erwin family. Randy has been attending here for some time and we hope to be an encouragement to him as he has encouraged us by his coming. His address is 15925 Neches Parkway, 75704, ph. 902-649-0508.

NEW ADDRESSES:

Cayti Bynum, 436 Forest Dr., College Station, 77840
Blair Ethridge, 3400 Varsity Dr. #213, 75701
Brisson & Kristen McPhail, 2720 S Broadway, #113, 75701
Shannon Snell, ACU Box 27432, Abilene, 79699-7432

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CONGRATULATIONS

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"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. We never get rid of an enemy by meeting hate with hate; we get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity. By its very nature, hate destroys and tears down; by its very nature, love creates and builds up. Love transforms with redemptive power."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Lubbock Christian University is celebrating fifty years of changing lives and you have the opportunity to own the limited edition 50th Anniversary coffee table book featuring the people, traditions and unique stories submitted by friends and alumni. Contact Kelli Childre at 806-720-7802 or kelli.childre@lcu.edu for more information or to place your order.

**PLEASE NOTE: Sunday evening worship services
@ 5:00 p.m. September through May.**

Please note: The West Erwin church ministers and secretaries have a staff meeting each Tuesday from 10:00 - 10:30 a.m., therefore are unavailable during that time.

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MY PLANS

First and foremost, my plans are in the Lord's hands. Francie and I are praying fervently and "watching" closely to see exactly what He has in mind for us.

I've greatly enjoyed my relationship with West Erwin through the years, first as one of your missionaries, and now as your "interim" pulpit minister. I want to finish strong in that phase through September, i.e. until Mike arrives and begins his work here.

The elders have graciously extended the possibility of my remaining on at West Erwin as one of the ministers here ... and this certainly has a lot of appeal! As you can imagine, there are some huge areas of ministry to be developed, beyond what Danny, Don, Doug and Mike are already or will soon be doing. The elders, the ministerial staff and I are all considering these things.

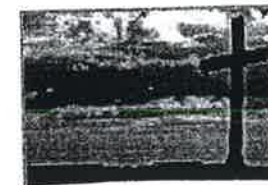
But, as I'm sure you know, in the area of ministry my first love is preaching. So naturally I am trying to determine if that's how the Lord wants me to primarily serve, or if I could be more effective and fruitful in other ways. So during September, and especially October, I will be making a concerted effort to explore possibilities in that direction.

"Uncertainty" is so uncomfortable for some folks, they can hardly stand it. But when viewed through the prism of reality, it just becomes "business as usual" for the maturing Christian. I think this is a wonderful time of transition for all of us at West Erwin. Let's all work and pray and trust, and see where the Lord leads us!

Love to all, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, September 2, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Who Are My Brothers?"
(Mark 3:31-34)
P.M. "A Vision For Evangelism" (3)
(Romans 12:6-8)

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THANKS!

Thanks to Mike & Nora Gravois and Keith & Kim Johnson for hosting the middle school devo last week.

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week. We had a full house serving over 130 people. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we serve others.

ACTIVITY @ DUVAL'S

Middle School & High School, mark your calendar for Sunday night, Sept. 2 for a special evening at the Duvall's. We will leave West Erwin after the evening assembly and your parents can pick you up at the Duvalls at 9:00. Please bring a lawn chair and clothes to swim in the pond. We will have maps available.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 2	Youth Activity at the Duvall's
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COMMUNITY by Don Crawford YOUNG MARRIED CLASS

I have found that conflict in marriage comes from one of two places: (1) husbands and wives fail to make each other happy, or (2) husbands and wives make each other unhappy. It's a Give and Take issue. This is the subject the young married class will be discussing for the new quarter which begins Sunday, September 2. This class meets at 9:00 am in room 303, above the main foyer. We hope you are making plans to be there.

PONDER THESE THOUGHTS

- Anyone can be tenacious if he'll just hang in there long enough.
- An optimist is one who believes that a house fly is looking for a way to get out.

- An optimist is a person who will use his last dollar to buy a money belt.
- An optimist thinks the glass is half full. A pessimist thinks the glass is half empty. A realist knows that if he sticks around, either way he's eventually going to have to wash the glass.
- The second mile is always the easiest -- there are no traffic jams.
- You will never get ahead of others as long as you are trying to get even with them.
- Deal as gently with the faults of others as you do with your own.
- People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be - not what you nag them to be.
- Have a great 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

Below I have listed the schedule for our Sunday morning Bible classes:

1. Young Professionals will meet in room 306 and will study the book of Hebrews. Mike Gravois will be the teacher.
2. Young Marrieds will meet in room 304 and will study on the subject of marriage. Don Crawford will coordinate the teachers for this class.
3. I will be teaching the Adventurers class that meets in the Family Life Center. We will be studying from the book of James.
4. The Seekers class will be meeting in room 403 (office complex). The class will focus on I Corinthians and it will be taught by Keith Hodges.
5. The Inquirers class will meet in the Benevolence Center and will be continuing their study on Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. Ray Vannoy teaches this class.

6. Johnny Anders will be teaching the Searchers class in the small auditorium. Johnny has selected the book of John to study.
7. The Conquerors class will meet in the Heritage Room and study I and II Thessalonians. Ira Wilson will be the teacher.
8. Brody Clark will be teaching the Discoverers class in room 112. Brody's topic will be the book of Romans.
9. The Explorers class meets in the auditorium. Forest McFadden is the teacher and will be studying from the book of Revelation.

I also want to make mention of the Ladies class that meets on Wednesday morning.. Fern Bench has coordinated this effort for several years and does an outstanding job. Fern has acquired the services of Caddie Niles as the teacher for the fall quarter. Caddie has selected to study from the book of James. Thank you Fern and Caddie for your involvement in this ministry. This class will meet in room 403 in the office complex area. They will begin in September at 10:00 a.m. each Wednesday morning.



IN APPRECIATION

Romans 12:10 teaches us to "be kindly affectionate to one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another." I have received much kindness from members in this great church. Thank you for the beautiful cards, visits, and food. Every kindness is greatly appreciated, especially your prayers and calls.

In Christian love,

Nelda Browning and family

Dear Christian family,

Words cannot express how grateful we are for your loving support during my knee surgery, recovery and ongoing rehab. Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, visits and for the meals that have been provided by the Lunch Bunch and other individuals. We love you all so much!

Joe & Connie Roach

CONGRATULATIONS!

Tim and Patti Grounds along with big brothers and sisters Nathan, Hannah, Sarah, and Caleb are proud to announce the official adoption of Elizabeth Evangeline Grounds on August 15, 2007! Izzi's great grandmother--now grandmother is former West Erwin member Jane Ground of Duncanville.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Shiloh for **Montez Eastland**. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Roselawn Cemetery for **Gene Tindel**, Terry Tindel's dad. The family of **Aaron Fry**, the ACU student who was killed in a motorcycle accident recently, needs prayers to help them deal with their loss. Services were held Thursday at the Ninth Street Church of Christ in Edmond, Oklahoma for **Opal King**, Betty Bray's mother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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NEW RUSSIAN CLASS BEGINNING

A Beginners Russian Class will start Wednesday night September the 5th at 5:30 pm and be finished before Bible Class. Valentina Cliver will be the teacher. Come and learn to speak, write and read Russian with us each Wednesday night!

**REMEMBER: Sunday evening worship services
@ 5:00 p.m. beginning September 2 through May.**

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome **Ms. Kay Stanley** into the West Erwin family. She came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church, and for prayers that she might be restored to a right relationship with the Lord. Her address is 1924 South Wall, 75701, ph. 903-593-8923.

The following is the last section of a letter from the elders that was accidentally left off the front page of the bulletin last week:

Please pray for the Baker family during their move as well as the Church Street and West Erwin congregations during this transition.

The Elders are very appreciative of Keith and Francie Hodges, and the very effective work Keith has done as our Interim Pulpit Minister. Keith will continue to serve as our Pulpit Minister until Mike arrives, at which time he will be assigned new minister duties. Keith has expressed a desire to find a pulpit position, so until that time we will be blessed to have Keith working with West Erwin.

The Elders of West Erwin



What In the WORLD Are We Doing?

The State of the Church in Mexico, Rafael Falcon

Raphael Falcon has been the minister of the congregation in Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, Mexico since our beginning support of this work back in 1994. He along with his wife, Olivia, live in a house sitting right beside the church building on a fenced lot. His three children also live with them. Their oldest daughter, Marisol, is 19 yrs. old and attends the local university. Their two 16 yr. olds are twins, boy and girl, Angel and Lluvia, and they both attend school as well.

Our visit of July 22, 2007 revealed approximately 65 locals in attendance on Sunday morning. There were many familiar faces and lots of VBS visitors. Rafael seemed happy and encouraged by our visit. He taught the Sunday a.m. lesson, while long time member Francisco presented the Sunday p.m. lesson. One particular member, a lady named Dora again took a lead role in teaching the children's VBS this year.

During our four day stay, Olivia worked tirelessly preparing delicious meals for our large group of 29. Our youth under the direction of Danny Snell and Ken Culpepper helped build a cinder block wall, mix and pour a cement walkway, bust up rocks, remove dead stumps (via pick axe), paint tables in the church building, assist with VBS and help out at the local children's home.

The church in Nueva Rosita is a one of the major bright spots in the lives of the youngsters who attend from the children's home. More about that next week.... by Patti Grounds

MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

Camp Deer Run is hosting a retreat for mothers and their daughters September 14 & 15. The cost is \$15 per person, maximum of \$45 per family. The retreat will start Friday evening at 7:00 pm and end at 5:00 pm Saturday. If you cannot come Friday or do not wish to spend the night, feel free to come Saturday at 8:00 am. Dinner will be provided Friday as well as breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Bring your bathing suits and join us at CDR for a day of fun, spiritual growth and fellowship. Call Don Neal at 903-629-7165 for more details or to sign up.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the tract rack for new tracts.

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Bible Class	448	463	384
Worship A.M.	672	657	596
Worship P.M.	392	435	354
Wed. P.M.	267	362	300
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WHOLE CHURCH EVANGELISM

In recent weeks I've been writing articles and speaking on Sunday nights on this subject. Let me share just a few additional thoughts before we move on.

A congregation that's going to be consistently successful in reaching the lost in its locale will have to develop and maintain a mindset towards that end. This includes a constant and heightened awareness of "outsiders" (Colossians 4:5), especially as they visit our church meetings.

While we understand that the primary purpose of our assemblies is to edify the church, we need to realize at the same time what a powerful evangelistic tool those same meetings can be. (See 1 Corinthians chapter 14.)

This will take some work, ever rethinking how we do things. For example, many congregations think they are "loving" or "friendly," mostly because the members are so glad to see and spend time with each other. That's a good thing for visitors to see ... but we mustn't be so consumed with each other that visitors come and go with hardly a notice!

I am a big believer in the power of having prospective members visit us, hopefully frequently, before they consider conversion. (Studies have shown that those who have been with the church some before their conversion are about 10 times more likely to stay converted than those who are introduced to the church after their baptism.)

So, let's always be aware that one of the simplest yet most powerful methods that all of us can do (whole church evangelism) is to be inviting people to visit our church meetings. Then once they have come, hopefully a few times, we should try to get them with one of those "gifted" Christians who is willing and able to successfully lead people to obeying the gospel (see Romans 12:6-8, especially the "teaching").

When considering the three aspects of the church's mission (edification, benevolence and evangelism) let's work and pray to be doing all three, all the time!

Love, Keith

PS - I will be resuming the Sunday night series from the Psalms next Lord's Day. Hope to see you there!

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Sermons for Sunday, September 9, 2007
by Keith Hodges
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(Mark 4:10-12)
P.M. "Hallelujah!"
(Psalm 117 & 118)

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HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night for the High School devotional. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to come!

BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 7. The text this year will be 1 Samuel. We will have more details soon.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

YOUR PRAISE: WHAT'S IT LIKE?

Did you know that what you believe about GOD is reflected in your praise to Him? If you believe that He is your loving, patient, forgiving heavenly Father, your praise will reflect those qualities. Understanding GOD to be your loving Father will keep you eager to praise Him. On the other hand, if you believe GOD is one who sits behind the judge's bench in the courtroom waiting to condemn and sentence you for every little mistake then you will surely avoid praising Him.

Did you know that our praise reflects the value we place on GOD? For the degree we praise Him and the things we praise Him for indicate the degree of trust and respect we have for Him. In other words, knowing GOD is not only able, but eager to help us will determine the intensity of our praise to Him. For

if we do not believe He is bigger than our problems, we will not bother to offer Him praise. Mixed emotions toward GOD will producer half-hearted faith with a reluctance to praise Him at all. Mixed emotions are like this: knowing He is capable, but believing He is unwilling to help. Therefore, know He is able and fully willing to be our GOD will help our praise be sincere and enthusiastic.

Did you know that believing GOD is interested and involved in every detail of your life will also be reflected in the frequency of your praise? When we learn to trust Him in every circumstance and that no situation will ever slip by His notice, we will be more likely to praise Him all the time. Yet, on the other hand, if we believe GOD only cares about major events in our lives then our praise will surely be less frequent.

Take time to look at your life of praise. Examine the content, the intensity and the frequency of your praise to GOD. Learn to embrace Him through praise. Allow Him to transform your life and then watch how your praise changes.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

P.P. Bliss both authored and composed many of our songs in the songbook that we use entitled: *Songs of Faith and Praise*. Philip Bliss died at the young age of just 38 years old. He did more in that short life than many of us could ever imagine doing no matter how many years God grants us on this earth. He was the type of person who would travel great distances to either preach a sermon or conduct the singing. It was on such an occasion upon hearing that his home congregation in the Chicago area at the last moment needed a song leader for a gospel meeting that they were hosting that he and his wife cut short their trip, boarded a train and left for Chicago. During the course of that trip the train had to pass over a bridge. Unknown to the engineer, the base of that bridge had washed away in a recent flood. The engine made it across

the swollen creek but the majority of the cars did not. They fell into the river and 142 lives were lost that evening. Philip Bliss actually survived the initial fall into the swollen creek but upon hearing that his wife was not on shore, he dove back into the creek. That night the waters of that creek claimed his and his wife's life. As additional debris was pulled from the overturned cars a box was found in which this song was preserved: *Hallelujah! What a Savior*. Notice the last verse to this song:

"When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring, ruined sinners to reclaim! Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

Aren't we lucky to have such songs in our book? This Sunday as you sing remember stories such as the above mentioned and let's sing with all of our heart unto the Lord.



IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin Family,

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls I received after my hand surgery. Everyone means so much to Clinton and I. We love you all. Louise Culpepper

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Clinton and Louise Culpepper on the celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on August 31. They have been an active and vital part of the West Erwin family for 21 years. Congratulations to Ray and Carolyn Womack on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on September 7. Forty three of those years have in spent in active service for the Lord at the West Erwin church. We rejoice with these couples in these happy milestones in their lives. Thank you for your example and influence, for what you do and what you mean to this church family.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday in Bullard for Jim Franklin, former West Erwin member. Services were held in Mansfield this week for Eli Ross, Kelly Ross' dad (former West Erwin member). Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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The Medina Children's Home Charity Drive, Golf Tournament and Silent Auction will be held Monday, October 1, 2007 at the Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall, Texas. Morning flight 8:00 am; afternoon flight 1:30 pm; shotgun start, Florida scramble. For more details, check the bulletin board in the education wing or go to www.medinachildrenshome.org.

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Please join us as we discuss our purpose, mission, and vision for the future. Learn how you can take part in training effective communicators of the gospel. All proceeds of this event will provide student scholarships. Two dates to choose from: Tuesday, October 2 at the Radisson Hotel in North Denton, dinner at 7:00 p.m. or Thursday, October 4 @ Mesquite Convention Center, dinner at 7:00 pm. Reservations must be made before Sept. 25 @1-800-367-3565, Ext. 219 or punderwood@hcu.edu.



What In the WORLD Are We Doing?

Mexico, Children's Home

The children's home in Nueva Rosita is actually a temporary housing facility for infants through age 18 yrs. These youngsters can no longer live in their natural homes due to various troubling circumstances. The goal of the facility is to place the children into foster or adoptive homes.

This summer our visit revealed some 15 children ranging in age from infant to 16 yrs. The facility appears to be operating at maximum capacity. The children at the home regularly attend the church where Rafael Falcon is ministering. They are taken by their caregivers in a large van to services. Most children from the home also attended the VBS that our W.E. youth helped teach.

In speaking with the director of the home, Claudia, she made known to me the fact that the kids aren't able to leave the home very much. This is due to the caretakers striving to create a stable secure environment where these displaced children feel "safe." Also the large number of youngsters and their differing ages make it difficult for outside activity. Going back and forth to church is a bright spot in their lives. Claudia told how special it was to the kids to be able to share time with trustworthy visitors like our group.

During our four day stay in Nueva Rosita we had daily encounters at the children's home. While there we helped clean out, sort and organize two storage rooms piled to the ceiling with donated bags of clothes, toys, and household items. One afternoon, some of our group had the privilege of sitting and holding, playing and coloring with, visiting and loving on the children. Spending time with the children at the home was an experience where the blessings were flowing both ways.

West Erwin is a monthly contributor in this effort. It is just one more way God is using our resources to show His love to others. by Patti Grounds

NEW RUSSIAN CLASS BEGINNING

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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The North Davis Church of Christ in Arlington, Texas Invites all friends, former members, and those who have been blessed by North Davis' ministry to share in the celebration of its Centennial Anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 9, 9:00 am - Bible class;; 10:15 am - Worship Assembly; 11:45 - free catered lunch in the Family Life Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the tract rack for new tracts.

Sunday evening worship services @ 5:00 p.m.
September - May.

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Records	Sunday Sept. 2	Sunday Aug. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	448	463	384
Worship A.M.	672	657	596
Worship P.M.	392	435	354
Wed. P.M.	267	362	300
Contribution	\$26,580.76	\$27,667.55	\$20,390.47
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	9-2-07 bldg. \$380.00	

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John Lacy
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Odie Kennedy
Scripture: Dennis Kingsbury
Dismiss: Jamon Kirby

SERVING COMMUNION

Jess Hopkins: Dick Higginbotham
Rob Hilliard: Gary Heath
Robert Hilliard: Matt Haws
Roger Howell: Ralph Henderson

GREETERS

Gene & Gwen Chandler & Kaitlin Gravois
John & Ruby Cliver & Kayla Gallegly
Chad & Amber Chauncey & Patrick Garrett
Visitor Center: Jim & Sue Carty
Dannie & Sue Skipper

Pick up cards September 16 & 23: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Conner Clark, Jake Skender & Zach Skender.

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HOLY LIVING

9th in a series of 10 on "Dynamic Christian Living"

"Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord."(Heb. 12:14)

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." (1 Pet. 2:15, 16)

Do you view these verses (and many more like them) as "wonderfully challenging" or "ominous and impossible?"

We know God is altogether holy ... and that we are not! We may feel like Isaiah when he saw the glory of the Lord (Isaiah 6:1-4ff) and then cried out, *"Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips."* Or, maybe like Peter when he was first impressed with the Lordship of Jesus Christ: *"Go away from me, Lord; for I am a sinful man!"* (Lk. 5:8). Amazingly, God had great plans for both men, and used them mightily in their times. Just as amazingly, God uses sinful "earthen vessels" (2 Cor. 4:7) today!

So then how are we otherwise very unholy folk supposed to ever measure up to God's high standards? It starts with forgiveness of sins, which occurs when we obey the gospel. Sanctification (or purification) is one of the works of the Holy Spirit in our lives. And ongoing obedience is our way of participating in the process.

One of my Bibles has the uninspired (added by the editors) heading "Rules for Holy Living" above Colossians 3:1-17. It's quite a passage - I strongly urge you to read it. It reminds people whose lives have been changed through Christ to now step up and live a new lifestyle for Him. Everything mentioned therein is difficult, but possible. *"This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome."* (1 Jn. 5:3)

Love, Keith

PS - I am too busy right now to have personal discussions about NFL football; later developments, though, might free up my schedule.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, September 16, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "A Parable Explained"
(Mark 4:13-20)
P.M. "The Wonderful Word of God!"
(Psalm 119:1-16)

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"The Church With Heart"



IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank the West Erwin church for the beautiful plant sent to the services for Gene. The many cards and phone calls we received were very appreciated. Thank you for all your prayers and for your love. The Gene Tindel family

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and especially the prayers for Hugh when he had back surgery. He is now recuperating at home. We appreciate our church family so much. Hugh & Glenda Mills

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home in Houston for Hallie Durkee, Bettye Sue Harris' sister. Services were held Tuesday in Pittsburg for Marie Thornton, Linda Marts' aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Darrell and Nell Beard on the celebration of their 62nd wedding anniversary on September 17. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives and are grateful for their sweet Christian spirit and example.

ADDRESS CHANGES: New ph. # for Jared Bloch - 521-4410 Daniel & Amanda Gillam, 343 Copeland, Chandler, 75758, ph. 849-4621

Melinda Honey, 2724 Amy St., 75701

Kevin & Shelly Sustaire ph. # his 780-1762, hers 530-4065 (They are using cell phones exclusively).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. September 19 meal will be Mexican food from Cancun Cafe'.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones., Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsaisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

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WEDDING INVITATION

It is our moment to celebrate the love that unites us

Brandy Renae McIlweene and

Jay Marshall Culpepper

Together with our parents

we invite you to share with us

This joyous celebration of love at our marriage

On Saturday, the twenty-second of September,

Two thousand and seven

at four o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ



WEST ERWIN SENDS FUNDS TO HELP CONGREGATION IN PERU

A devastating earthquake hit Peru recently, and a small congregation of Christians south of Lima was severely affected. Eighty percent of the congregation lost everything. Our Mission Committee was able to send \$15,000 from West Erwin to aid the people of this congregation during a most difficult time. The funds were sent to Global Samaritan Resources for them to distribute to aid the congregation in recovery from the earthquake damage.

LADIES BOOK CLUB

The Books and Bindings Club will have their first meeting for the fall on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 pm at the home of Jeanine Hughes. All ladies are invited to join us for this time of fellowship and discussions of good books.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS GREAT STRIDES WALK

The annual Great Strides Walk for Cystic Fibrosis will be Saturday, September 29, at 8:30 am at Bergfeld Park. Please contact Rachel Huff @534-8549 or rahuff@peoplepc.com for more details.

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HOLLY LAKE ANNUAL LECTURESHP

The Holly Lake Church of Christ invites everyone to join them September 16-19 to hear learned scholars speak on a subject that is timely and vital to our nation. Theme: "Does God Control the Destiny of Nations Today?" Speakers are Dr. Jack Evans, Dr. Ralph Gilmore, Ronnie Wiggins & Kent Allen. See bulletin board in education wing for details.

Youth With Heart...by Danny THANKS!

We had a great time last Sunday night with the high school group! It was especially fun celebrating Ken Culpepper's 50th birthday! Ken has played a huge part in the youth ministry of this church over the past 15 years. Thanks Ken for many years of great service!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 16	Small Groups Meet
Sept. 23	Middle School Devotional
Sept. 30	Area Wide Youth Gathering
Oct. 6	Habitat House Build Date
Oct. 7	Bible Quiz
Oct. 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 16-18	Middle School Retreat

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WHAT DO THESE THREE THINGS HAVE IN COMMON?

1. Esau, Absalom, and Samson?
2. Zachariah, Mary and Miriam?
3. Samuel, John and Isaac?
4. Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians
5. Balaam, Mary, and Jesus?
6. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar?
7. Jehu, Ethiopian Eunuch, and Elijah?
8. Absalom, Ammon, and Adonijah?
9. Jairus' daughter, Lazarus, and Dorcas?
10. Joash, Zechariah, and Amon?

11. Sheep, Beautiful, and Dung?
12. Tiberias, Galilee, and Gennesaret?
13. Hermon, Gilboa, and Tabor?
14. Peter, James, and John?
15. Noah, Nabal, and Uriah?
16. Gate, Light, and Bread?
17. Gentleness, Kindness, and Self-control?
18. Frogs, Hail, and Boils?

Answers: 1. Hair; 2. Wrote songs; 3. Born to once barren mothers; 4. Prison Epistles; 5. Rode donkeys; 6. Friends of Job; 7. Drove chariots; 8. David's sons; 9. Raised from the dead; 10. Assassinated kings; 11. Gates at Jerusalem; 12. Same lake; 13. Mountains; 14. Fishermen; 15. Got drunk; 16. 1 am' passages; 17. Fruit of the Spirit; 18. Plagues

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We've started our Wednesday evenings off with a bang! Our attendance has surpassed the 400 mark and that is largely due to the classes that we are offering. Teachers, thank you for all the time, effort and energy that you put into your classes. From our preschool ministry to our elementary all the way through our adult ministry, thank you for your labor of love.

Let me remind our ladies that we have a special class that is offered on Wednesday mornings beginning at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 (office complex building). This class is coordinated by Fern Bench and it is being taught this quarter by Caddie Niles. Caddie has selected for her study the book of James. Ladies, please make every effort to be at this class.

The ladies class that meets on Wednesday evenings is also off to a great start. Jean DuVall has worked extremely hard in developing the subject matter, which is *discovering the aroma of Christ in the beatitudes*. The ladies are once again using a study by author Cassandra Martin. Gail Vannoy is the coordinator of the ladies class on Wednesday evenings.

Keith Hodges has developed a study on prayer that will benefit this congregation for years to come. Keith always puts a lot of time and effort into his studies, so please take advantage of this study which meets in the small auditorium.

Kalon Ainsworth is conducting the singing class which meets in the Heritage room. Kalon does an outstanding job in coordinating this effort. He is very knowledgeable and much can be learned in this class. If you love to sing please attend this class.

I'm teaching a class on outreach. We meet in room 403 (office complex building). This subject matter is so important for the future of the West Erwin congregation. Please see me if you would like to enroll in this class.

David Frick is teaching a class that he has developed entitled: *Balance*, specifically geared to the men of West Erwin. This class meets in room 112, please be present.

I also want to let you know that Valentina Cliver is teaching a language class in Beginner's Russian. She has some openings so please see her if you would like to enroll. This class meets in room 112 at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

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5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Carroll Magee
Scripture: Doug Yates
Dismiss: Noel Parker

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Keith Johnson: Chris Ketchum
Greg Jones: Dennis Kingsbury
Curt Jordan: Colt Keeney
Jared Jordan: Matt Kelly

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SUBMISSION & OBEDIENCE TO SPIRITUAL LEADERS

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Submission and obedience are tough for all of us, no matter our age "station" in life. I once heard a wise teacher compare the learning process we go through, on our way to greater obedience to God, as being like going through elementary, middle and high school before you are ready for college. Submitting to parents, the laws of the government and spiritual leaders are some of those levels.

One of the tough things about submitting to and obeying spiritual leaders is that we recognize, sometimes all too painfully, that none are perfect - that even though they may be more mature, they are still sinful creatures like us.

Nonetheless, it's very clear that this is exactly the way God designed His church to work, with all of us being submitted to and obedient towards the godhead, then mutually with each other (Eph. 3:20), and finally to spiritual leaders.

Elders obviously fill key roles as both "overseers" and "shepherds," both words implying responsibility and authority. But they aren't the only ones who can fit into the more general term "leaders" to which the Bible calls us to submit and obey (see Hebrews 13:7, 17). Preachers, youth ministers, teachers, deacons, etc. can all fill some degree of "leadership" in your Christian walk.

Jesus taught lessons to his prideful disciples about the temptation to "lord it over" people. Likewise, it is most often our pride that makes it difficult for us to submit to and obey fellow human beings as our leaders.

1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13 is a wonderful passage that can help us with this aspect of our faith. It doesn't say we should submit/obey just because of their titles or position, but because we respect them for their work among us.

Love, Keith

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, September 23, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Use The Understanding You Have"
(Mark 4:21-25)
P.M. by Lynn Cook
from the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

GOD IS AT WORK!

Back in July, Jim Ferguson, a 62 year old Vietnam war veteran from Gladewater saw West Erwin's web page and enrolled in a Bible Correspondence course. He passed lessons back and forth with Carmen Hilliard until Wednesday, September 12, when Jim was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins by Gaylan Seagler. Jim had to be disconnected from his oxygen long enough to be lowered into the water. He came up gasping for air which was a little frightening but he responded with the statement, "I feel so relieved." Jim's daughter, Tori, filmed his baptism so that pictures could be shown to the rest of his family.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

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I'm so pleased with the way our classes are going on both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening. We certainly have seen a sharp spike in attendance and for this we are grateful. I believe the subjects that have been selected have a lot to do with this rise in attendance. So, a great big thank you goes out to all of our teachers for the time, energy and effort they put into their classes. Of course, we always want to give God the glory for such growth.

I was equally pleased to see so many of our ladies attending the Wednesday morning class that meets here in the office complex (room 403). A great big thank goes out to Fern Bench for coordinating this class. Fern has asked Caddie Niles to teach this class for this quarter and Caddie has selected the book of James for her study. I'd like to encourage all of our ladies to attend this class if at all possible. Thank you Fern and Caddie for all you do for the Lord here at West Erwin. May God continually bless you as you labor for His cause.

folks who would not necessarily have the opportunity to own their own home as well as a great opportunity to serve the community. Habitat For Humanity's goal is to provide quality affordable housing by using volunteers to sponsor and build homes so that the new homeowners can purchase their own home with a no interest mortgage. The new homeowner qualifies by investing several hundred Sweat-Equity hours as their down-payment. We need to raise about \$10,000 as our part of the commitment. We will be having several workdays on Saturdays throughout the fall as well as a group of folks that will work periodically during the week. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details.

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Jim is now attending the Quitman and Center church of Christ in Gladewater. Those witnessing the baptism beside Carmen and Gaylan were an elder, Todd Clifton, their preacher, Philip Lairson, and a lady from the Gladewater congregation.

Jim Ferguson lives at 422 Texas Street, Gladewater, Texas 75647 if you would like to send him a card telling him that we joined with the angles in heaven celebrating his new birth into Christ.

Many thanks to Carmen and Gaylan for setting the example for the rest of us. GOD is at work in His kingdom and He wants us to know He has intentions of using every one of us. There are thousands of Jim Fergusons waiting to hear the good news of Jesus Christ from someone who genuinely cares. Let's open ourselves to what GOD is doing. Let's be ready and willing to be His servants. Let's be the light in this dark world.

I wanted to take a moment to remind the Kid's Kingdom (K-5th grades) that you have 3 activities coming up to mark on your calendar. *First*, please remember to mark October 28th for the annual Fall Festival. *Second*, on November 16th or 17th we will have our annual hayride and cookout. I am still looking for a host family for this event. Parents or members, if you have the acreage and the equipment to host this activity, please call me as soon as possible. And *third*, let's remember that around December 16th we will try to have our annual Christmas caroling excursion to one of the retirement homes in town. Thanks for cooperating with us on the above mentioned activities and dates.

With the summer months now behind us and the fall months in front of us, let's seize the moment to make sure that we are all here each and every time the doors are open. Select a class and throw your heart, soul and mind into it. You will be rewarded if you do so. Take advantage of the classes offered and allow those classes to motivate you to study to show yourself approved. Let me remind our teachers that we were asked to develop a way in which to visit with our class members. Please remember this challenge and let's make sure that everyone has the opportunity of hearing God's Word.



IN APPRECIATION

Sweet Church Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, calls and food during my recovery. You've all been so willing to do anything. You're a good example for all to see and follow. God bless you and keep you.

Love you,
Sherri Groom

Thank you so much for every expression of care and concern at the death of my beloved sister, Hallie Durkee. The flowers, cards, calls, and especially your prayers have helped sustain us through this difficult time.

Bettye Sue & Charles Harris

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers for the funeral of my mother, Opal King. We also appreciate the many cards and kind words during our time of sorrow.

In Christian Love,
Betty and Bob Bray

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for your many ways of caring! Thank you for your encouraging cards, your calls, the delicious meal, and most of all your prayers! God is answering! You, our church family, are always in our prayers!

In Christian Love,
Archie & Faye Kennard

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at the University Church of Christ for Molly Ferguson, former West Erwin member and friend of many here. Services were held last Saturday for Sonny Berry, Patsy Fisher's cousin's husband. Aaron Schriever, friend of the Chad Chauncey's, died in a car accident last week. Tony Hall, youth minister at Lewisville, lost his battle with cancer, died last Friday. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Charles & Louise Seaberry on the celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary on September 12. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. September 26 meal will be Mexican food.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

NEW ADDRESS: Jared Bloch, 11136 Hwy 64 # #309, 75707
Jeremy & Jenny Wilson, 5622 Reagan, 75707

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Kayla Gallegly** in her decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. Kayla is in 7th grade in Lindale ISD and has attended West Erwin all her life. She is the granddaughter of Harold and Shirley Denman. Her address is 12634 CR 495, Tyler 75706, ph. 881-0164.

WEDDING INVITATION

*It is our moment to celebrate
the love that unites us*

*Brandy Renae McIlwene
and*

*Jay Marshall Culpepper
Together with our parents*

we invite you to share with us

This joyous celebration of love at our marriage

On Saturday, the twenty-second of September,

Two thousand and seven

at four o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ



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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Jordan Lyons Trip To The Bronx, New York

Article 1 of 2



This summer Jordan Lyons went to the Bronx, N. Y. where he worked with the Bronx Fellowship of Christ. He reported that he felt the Bronx was a unique place to work because of the different cultures that lived there. While there he did many good works. He taught English using the Bible, and ministered to children living in the projects through Bible songs and stories and playing games with them. He, along with other interns, were involved in street ministry. He states: "we prayed over certain areas of the city as we walked through it. We prayed over streets and over homes. We, the interns, gave away free lemonade at our lemonade stands. These stands gave us a way to talk to people in a non-aggressive way. In addition to our lemonade stands, we had prayer stations. The prayer stations were tables that had a sign that said "Need Prayer" on it. Throughout the day, people would come for prayer. This was a great way to talk to people about Christ and to offer them a little peace.we hung out with the teenagers in Bronx Fellowship. The teenagers were a lot of fun. They were a multi-racial group with each person adding their own identity to the group. Our job was to.....give them an example of what it was like to be a Christian." (continued next week)

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Bible Class	416	453	432
Worship A.M.	645	694	696
Worship P.M.	371	408	418
Wed. P.M.	402	383	365
Contribution	\$20,008.08	\$27,059.54	\$24,677.42
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	9-23-07 bldg. \$120.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Sept. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 3: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Joel Knox will get results from his lymph node biopsy in a couple of weeks. Art Rowland is ill at home with shingles. Roy Bench had another eye surgery Tuesday. Lonnie Brown is at home after being hospitalized for tests. Joe McBee had eye surgery last Thursday. Bill Thompson is in Health South, room 120b. Billie Bob Hickman, Archie Kennard, Velma Lemons, Hugh Mills, Carlos Morgan, and Tommy Price are all recuperating at home. Gene Welborn, Leon's brother, is very ill in Fort Worth. A.J. Carnathan, Lindsay Kelly's grandfather, is improving after a recent stroke. Sharon McEver, Donna Tyndell's sister, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Shirley McCurley, Rita Sitton's sister, had back surgery last Friday due to a compressed nerve. Ray Hunt, Tammy Lemons' dad, had a biopsy Tuesday. Johnny Pledger, Blair Etheridge's grandfather, has been diagnosed with late stage pancreatic cancer. Richard Dickson, Howard's brother, is now in Colonial Manor, room 307b, appreciates visits. **Continue to remember:** Nell Beard; Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother; Zona Crone; Phyllis Davis, Norma Sorrells' sister; Latrell Ellis, LaDawn Ragsdale's mother; Pat Gray, Fran Starnes' sister; Don Hall, Donella Jackson's dad; Mary Haws; Betty Hearne, Joann Hancock's sister; Ralph Henderson; Lee & Kay Hodges, Keith Hodges' parents; Shirley McCurley, Rita Sitton's sister; Johnnie Moore, Mary McFadden's niece; Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Kim Rad, Marie Harraid's daughter; Audrey Robinson, Alan Fisher's sister; Judy Smith; Sylvia Tharpe; Bill Ward, friend of the Potters; Steven Whaley, Irene Whaley's grandson; Bill Wilmeth & Esther Wilson

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June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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11:30 A.M.	(903) 592-0809

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Paul Montandon
Scripture: Aubrey Morman
Dismiss: Jay Bynum

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Fred Powell
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Rex Power
Scripture: Tom Ramsour
Dismiss: Michael Ragsdale

SERVING COMMUNION

Keith Johnson: Chris Ketchum
Greg Jones: Dennis Kingsbury
Curt Jordan: Colt Keeney
Jared Jordan: Matt Kelly

GREETERS

Howard & Linda Dickson & Dalton Harris
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Drew Harris
Harold & Shirley Denman & Ryan Haws
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
Gary & Judy Mitcham

Pick up cards September 30 & Oct. 7: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, Spencer Shaw, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Sept. 30:
Nursery a.m.: Diane Weathers; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook;
Toddlers a.m.: Beverly Perry & Rachel Huff; Toddlers p.m.: Harold & Shirley Denman; 2's: Joey & Leslie Coker; 3's & 4's: Stefan & Rebecca Andrews.

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You Are A Blessing!

I wanted to take just a moment and let you all know just how much of a blessing you are! I'm really looking forward to being on board at West Erwin the first week of October and I know that together we will experience so many blessings from God.

Even though I'm not there yet in person, my wife, Carla, and our two boys, Jonathan and Joseph are with you. Every time I talk with them they speak of your love, friendliness, joy and your anticipation of our time together. You have been a blessing to them, and in turn, a blessing to me as well. Thank you!

Thank you, West Erwin, for your prayers, patience and positive encouragement during this time of transition. Thanks to Keith for his fine work as an interim preacher, for the stability and strength he is providing. Thanks to the elders and staff for placing their confidence in me for this position. I'm really looking forward to being with you all.

Paul said it much better than I could. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy!" Phil. 1:3-4.

Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, September 30, 2007
by Keith Hodges
A.M. "Seeds and The Kingdom"
(Mark 4:26-32)
P.M. "The Glories of God's Word"
(Psalm 119)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS

Thanks to John Shaw, Kelli Malone, Mike & Nora Gravois for helping with the devo last week.

AREA WIDE YOUTH GATHERING

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to go to Glenwood this coming Sunday night for the Area Wide Youth Gathering. We will leave immediately after church on the bus and return at 8:40. Please bring \$3 for supper. Join us!

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SOME MORE THOUGHTS ABOUT EVANGELISM

I'm happy for what seems to be a renewed interest and growing commitment to personal evangelism, especially right here in this town. My recent sermons and bulletin articles on this subject have seemingly been well-received. There's been good interest in the meetings and class spear-headed by Doug Yates. And I've had more than just a few express this sentiment: "It is a great thing that we support a lot of mission work in other places, but we need to see our first 'mission field' as right here in the Tyler area." I couldn't agree more!

But as I share one last thought on this important topic, I do so with a keen awareness of the difficulty of the task at hand. I think we face a largely different set of circumstances and challenges in personal evangelism, even than when I first became a Christian, or for several decades before that.

Much of what we have called evangelism has been working with people who already believed the Bible was the Word of God, that Jesus was the Savior they needed, etc. For example,

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Last spring, while I was teaching a class that dealt with evangelism, some of our members spoke up and it was apparent that they thought we should be doing more in this area at the local level. I met three times during the summer months with about 20 individuals and we talked about how to approach starting an outreach class here at West Erwin. Our first meeting involved praying and involving God in the process and I believe God has blessed this new class. Since the fall quarter started this class has met, discussed, and sought out ways to reach out to our surrounding area. One of our class members, *Carmen Hilliard*, just completed a study with a man from Gladewater and from that study (giving God the glory) he was baptized into Christ. His name is *Jim Ferguson* and he will be attending the Quitman and Center church of Christ in Gladewater. I believe we have three additional studies going on at this time and hopefully we will have good news to share in the not so distant future. Please continue to pray for this effort.

BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 7. The text this year will be 1 Samuel. All of those in grades 3-12 are encouraged to participate. Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to get into God's Word. You will work together on a team of 5 people and take an open book test on the selected section. We will have our study session on **Sunday, Sept. 30**. We will meet for lunch and work until 3:00. If you have any questions, please ask! Join us!

HABITAT HOUSE

(Please note the date change!) On **Saturday, Oct. 6**, West Erwin will be joining Shiloh & Glenwood to begin construction on our 6th Habitat House. We need to raise about \$10,000 as our part of the commitment. We will be having several workdays on Saturdays throughout the fall as well as a group of folks that will work periodically during the week. The address is 1824 Alice St. Want to help financially or physically? See me for details.

we may have been helping them understand the need to be baptized, or that the baptism they had received wasn't what the Bible taught. While this is still an important work, we now face a whole new set of teaching challenges.

The effects of moral relativism, secularism and "political correctness" are now more readily manifesting themselves. We may have to work much harder and longer to help people see that there is sin and it is a problem, that being spiritually minded, much less a Christian has relevance, and that Jesus offers something they need.

The days of "easy fruit" may largely be behind us! But, that's okay. God hasn't cancelled the great commission, and He will still give us what we need to get the task done! A determined and ongoing commitment to evangelism will have to be like Paul's advice to Timothy regarding preaching the word - do it "in season and out of season!" (2 Tim. 4:2)

Love, Keith

PS - Psalm 119 is incredible; I'm looking forward to sharing more from it on Sunday evening. Hope you'll be there!

I really enjoyed hearing Brother *Lynn Cook* speak to us regarding the *Churches of Christ Disaster Relief, Inc.* that is located in Nashville, Tennessee. This organization has administered services and assistance throughout the United States. I have known Lynn and Ann Cook for about 28 years. They are terrific people who are true servants of God. When Hurricane Katrina hit in August of 2005 I had the opportunity of doing some leg work for the Disaster Relief organization and I saw first hand just how tremendously accepted this organization was in the aftermath of that horrific disaster. Through phone calls, personal visits, and cards and letters we (West Erwin) raised several thousand dollars to help our Gulf Coast brothers and sisters. We utilized the Disaster Relief organization to help us in this effort. Trucks were sent to local congregations; supplies were distributed from those congregations to the community; the needs of the people in the communities were met; and the local church had a unique opportunity to minister to the people of that area. Much good has come about, in trying times, because of the Disaster Relief organization. I pray that God continues to bless this effort and that churches of Christ continue to fund it.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the cards and notes you sent me on my eightieth birthday. As I read them through laughter and tears I could see each face and remember such wonderful and meaningful times together. I feel so blessed to have been at West Erwin so many years and met so many Christians along the way. Thanks again for the cards and the friendships they represent.

In Christian love,
Patsy Young

WITH SYMPATHY

Maxine Silvertooth, Ruth Hearne's sister-in-law, died Monday. Louise Hampton, Clay Kirby's sister in Tomball, died Tuesday. Weldon Holcomb, a prominent Tyler attorney known by many at West Erwin and Nettie Potts' neighbor, died Sunday morning. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Jordan Lyons Trip To The Bronx, New York
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(continued from last week) Jordan learned a lot this summer. He states: "One of the biggest lessons I learned was what life is like as a minority..... Being the minority this summer changed my worldview. It completely changed how I viewed others who are not like me. I never thought I was racist and before I went to the Bronx, I would have never thought I harbored racist feelings. However, living in New York City brought these feelings to the surface. The racism I have struggled with was the stereotypes that I had about certain people. One thing that Tammy Asbill told me before I left was that God created these people just like he created me and he loves them just as much as he loves me. As my internship went along, God was transforming and shaping my heart. I am very glad to have experienced this."

Jordan feels he was greatly blessed by working with multi-racial churches. He states: "This summer I worshiped with churches of many different ethnicities and I was able to see God in ways that I have never experienced him before. I believe that we as the body of Christ need to do a better job at becoming more ethnically diverse. This does not mean simply allowing other ethnicities into our churches; it goes beyond that. It means to mesh their cultures with ours as well. Only then, I believe, will we be one body of Christ."

I want to thank you for supporting me in the Bronx. It meant a lot to me that my home church was my supporting church."

Sunday evening worship services @ 5:00 p.m.
September - May.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Dr. Roy & Ruth Anne Morgan** and their little year old daughter, "**Nolie**" into the West Erwin family. They have been attending here for awhile and we look forward to our work together for the Lord. Roy is a Chiropractor/Clinical Nutritionist and Ruth Anne is a harpist. Their address is 642 San Antonio, Jacksonville, 75766, ph. 903-445-0558 and 903-312-6543.

Bazzel Everly came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church. He has been attending our young professional Bible class and we are happy to welcome him to West Erwin. His address is 3271 FM 724, 75704, ph. 903-590-9697.



LADIES MINISTRY FAIR

"Grab Your Hat Brunch"

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am - 12 noon
All West Erwin ladies are encouraged to come

Sign up sheet in main foyer
Babysitting available on request

LADIES SUPPORT GROUP

On Wednesday nights, October 3rd and 10th, Kay Baker will lead a support group entitled: *Being God's Single Mother in a Couple's World*. On October 17th and 24th Carolyn Blackstone will lead a support group for mothers of blended families. This will be entitled: *Yours, Mine and Ours*. These groups will meet in the parlor of the Family Life Center.

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HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

Albuquerque Christian Children's Home is looking for a Christian husband and wife team to fulfill the role of house parents. If you are willing to share your love of Christ and love of children we want you. House parenting is a challenging and rewarding profession; we offer a competitive salary, great benefit package and excellent support for this position. If you are willing to love, teach and care for school aged children or want to learn more about the position please call ACCH at 509-898-5520 or e-mail ewhite@acch4kids.org.

LADIES DAY 2007

The Church of Christ in downtown Marshall invites all ladies to join them for their annual Ladies Day, Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. Sarah Falls will be the guest speaker. Come for a time of worship and fellowship with at homemade lunch served at the close of the afternoon. Please RSVP to Linda Kirkland @ 903-927-2119 - leave a message if no answer.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Tim Grounds
Scripture Scott Hackett
Dismiss Don Durham

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
David Hammond
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Todd Hancock
Scripture Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Todd Kempton

SERVING COMMUNION

Joel Knox Blake Lockhart
Jamon Kirby Brandon Lowe
John Lacy Marc Lemons
Garland Latham Taylor Lemons

GREETERS

Don & Norma Durham & Tailor Jackson
Lon & Loriece Gibson & Brady Johnson
Chuck & Linda Gillam & Jared Jordan
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards September Oct. 7: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Austin Millican, Spencer Shaw, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Oct. 7:
Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook; Nursery p.m.: Diane Weathers;
Toddlers a.m.: Harold & Shirley Denman; Toddlers p.m.:
Beverly Perry & Rachel Huff; 2's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge;
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Simply Obey God

A few years ago I was tagging along on our boys' first day of school. I listened to a teacher in one class describe her requirements. To paraphrase, she said, "I don't expect a lot from you. Just do everything I tell you to do." There was no real need for her to describe all of the expectations for the entire school year. She simply desired these students to know that if they did what she asked them to do, then they would be successful in class.

Jesus was approached by a young man in Matthew 19:16-17. He asked a very good, but simple question. "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" The answer our Lord gave him was very simple, yet complete. "If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."

Simply obey God. Nothing complicated. Nothing elaborate. Just set your mind to obey all that God asks of you. This young man attempted to complicate the issue later by asking which of the commandments he had to keep, as if he was free to pick and choose which ones to

violate. Such an attitude shows that one is not ready to be committed to God. If we wish to be acceptable to God we will simply concern ourselves with obeying all that He asks.

Jesus speaks a recurring theme of simple obedience in John chapters 14 and 15 as He ties love together with obedience. In John 14:15, He says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Many people in the world say that they love Jesus, but they still have not shown their love through their simple obedience to the gospel.

Perhaps Solomon summed it up best at the end of Ecclesiastes when he wrote, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil." Eccl. 12:13-14. Simply obey God. Mike.

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, October 7, 2007

by Mike Baker

A.M. "Always In My Prayers"

(Philemon 4-6)

P.M. "Hand In Hand, Face To Face

Living Confidently In Christ" (2 Thess. 3:1-5)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS

Thanks to Mike & Nora Gravois for helping with the Area Wide Gathering last Sunday night at Glenwood. We had a great time with about 8 churches from the East Texas area.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Oct. 7. We will begin serving at 6:00. We start preparing at 5:00. Join us in this serving ministry!

BIBLE QUIZ

East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Oct. 7. Meet at the Shiloh Rd. Church at 2:15. Parents can pick you up @ 3:30. Study hard! If you have any questions, please ask!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

NOW THIS IS INTERESTING!

From a strictly mathematical viewpoint this is very interesting. To start with, what does it mean to give 100%? Can we give more than 100% as some often claim? Here's a little mathematical exercise to help us understand the concept.

If A- Z is represented as numbers (A=1 -- Z=26) then watch what happens:

H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

$$8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$$

HABITAT HOUSE

On **Saturday, Oct. 6**, at 9:00 A.M. we will put the walls up and put the roof on. It will be a great day! Join us! Lunch will be provided and we should be finished by 5:00. We are still in need of financial support as our part of the commitment. The address is 1824 Alice St. Want to help financially or physically? Contact me for details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 6	Habitat House Build Date
Oct. 7	Bible Quiz
Oct. 7	All Church Fellowship
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K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

$$11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$$

L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D

$$12+15+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$$

Mathematically then, hard work and knowledge will get you close, but it's your love of God that will put you over the top! Maybe this will make a difference in your life this coming week.

- adapted from the www

Live Simply

Love Generously

Care Deeply

Speak Kindly

Leave the rest to GOD

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

New classes are supposed to generate enthusiasm within their students and our outreach class is doing just that. I'd like to take a moment to thank the students of our newly formed outreach class for being so dedicated to this important work. Already we have studied important techniques and methods of reaching out to the lost and/or revitalizing the wayward. Giving God the glory, we have had one of our members to aid in the conversion of two individuals. We also have at least 3 additional studies going on at the present time. We have talked about developing an outreach effort which would be a mix between the old *Monday Night For The Master* ministry and a *visitation ministry* that is developed in teams. I'm excited about the opportunities that this outreach ministry will provide. May God bless us as we labor for His cause here at West Erwin. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, just come to our class on Wednesday evenings. We meet in the office complex building in room 403. Thank you for your support.

All of our classes seem to be going great. Our numbers (across the board) are up! Thank you for attending our classes and may God strengthen you because of your dedication to His Word.

The ladies class on Wednesday evenings is averaging about 75 to class. They meet in the Family Life Center. Soon they will be dividing up into additional classes that will focus on specific topics. Please note the special announcement regarding these classes on the other page of this bulletin. Thank you, *Gail* and *Jean*, for all you do with this class.

Fern Bench and I have the opportunity to talk for a few minutes each Wednesday morning regarding the ladies class that meets in the office complex (room 403). Over the years I have been very impressed with this effort. Ladies, if you are not attending this class please do so, it will be a great blessing.

I'd like to thank *David Frick* for teaching the men's class on Wednesday evenings. I frequently talk to his students and they are thoroughly enjoying his class on "Balance." Thank you, David, for taking on this role.



IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank the West Erwin Church for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral service for my sister. The cards and phone calls were also appreciated. Your cares and sympathy were a blessing in our time of loss. In Christian love,
Clay & Jamon Kirby

Thank you for all the prayers, visits (home and hospital), telephone calls, food, cards and concerns. I wish to give a special thank you to those who sat with Judy through the hours at the hospital. Also a very special thank you to Don Crawford and Keith Hodges for taking time out of their very busy schedule to pray, visit and just simply offer support and encouragement to my family and myself. *Extra special thank you to Judy for all she does daily.* In Sincere Appreciation,
Bill Wilmeth

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Bradford Cemetery in Troup for Henry Dunn. Henry and Jerry Dunn have been long time members at West Erwin. (Jerry is the sister of Merle Lane) Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Greg and Kris Walker on the birth of a new grandson! Benjamin Thatcher Bryan was born to Conner and Kaylee Bryan September 23 in Ruidoso, New Mexico. He weighed 7 lb. 5 oz., was 19 1/2 inches long and was welcomed by big brother, Tripp. Maselyn is the proud uncle.

NEW ADDRESS: Elaine Fisk, 3095 San Jacinto Dr., 75701

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Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones., Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsaisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

LIBRARY NEWS

The *Truth For Today* commentary on Hebrews is now available for check-out in the Adult Reference Library. PLEASE NOTE: Also two decorative pillows are missing from the library and their return would be appreciated by the library patrons.

"Who you are is not always significant -- what you are matters most."

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

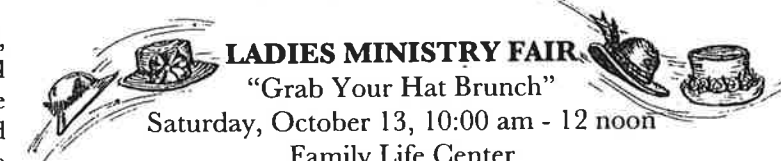
The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. October 10 meal will be Mexican food.

Sunday evening worship services @ 5:00 p.m.
September - May.



ALL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

to Welcome the Bakers to West Erwin
Sunday, October 7, in the Family Life Center immediately after the evening worship assembly
Bring sandwiches, chips, dips, & cookies.
Drinks will be furnished.



LADIES MINISTRY FAIR

"Grab Your Hat Brunch"

Saturday, October 13, 10:00 am - 12 noon
Family Life Center

Join the Fun! Wear your "loveliest" hat!
All West Erwin ladies are encouraged to come
Sign up sheet in main foyer
Babysitting available on request

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to

Melanie Shea Mink and Nathan Lyle Benson
who were united in marriage
Friday, September 22, 2007

(Melanie is the daughter of Lee and Camille Mink)

LADIES SUPPORT GROUP

On Wednesday nights, October 3rd and 10th, Kay Baker will lead a support group entitled: *Being God's Single Mother in a Couple's World*. On October 17th and 24th Carolyn Blackstone will lead a support group for mothers of blended families. This will be entitled: *Yours, Mine and Ours*. These groups will meet in the parlor of the Family Life Center.

HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!!!

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NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

It is with great honor that the Ladies Ministry of the North Tenneha Church of Christ invite you to join us at our *Women's Health and Wellness Conference* at the Renaissance Center, 1701 North Tenneha on Saturday, October 27, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. This conference is designed to educate and heighten awareness of the special care required to maintain the living temple that our heavenly Father has so freely loaned to us for a season. It is our sincere prayer that this will be a day of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Check the bulletin board in the education wing for more details.

CHILDREN'S MINISTER NEEDED

The Alpine Church of Christ in Longview announces the opening of a Children's Minister position to oversee the activities of children from birth through fourth grade. See bulletin board in education wing for details.

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Records	Sunday Oct. 7	Sunday Sept. 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	447	435	428
Worship A.M.	703	646	675
Worship P.M.	446	410	374
Wed. P.M.	362	373	325
Contribution	\$30,505.77	\$27,895.66	\$21,706.59
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	10-7-07 bldg. \$385.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Oct. 14 and Wednesday, Oct. 17: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Louise Culpepper had day surgery on her hand Tuesday. Paul Montandon is at home after hand surgery due to infection. James Phillips is scheduled for a kidney biopsy Oct. 24. Joel Knox got a good report, no cancer!, but will undergo more tests. Bill Thompson is in Tyler Continued Care, Mother Frances, room 436. Art Rowland is ill at home with shingles (face and eye). Billie Bob Hickman, Archie Kennard, Velma Lemons, Hugh Mills, and Tommy Price are all recuperating at home. Gene Welborn, Leon's brother, is very ill in Fort Worth. Shane Durham, Don & Norma's son, is undergoing tests. Ronnie Wiggins, Caddie Niles' uncle, is hospitalized for treatment. Josh Douglas, Pat Mitchell's nephew in Springfield, Missouri was seriously injured in a car accident. Peggy Suggs, Stuart's mother, had surgery Wednesday. Suzie Carnathan, Michael's mother, broke her arm. Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister, cancer has metastasized. J.E. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother, is trying a new treatment for cancer. Continue to remember: Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother; A.J. Carnathan, Lindsay Kelly's grandfather; Gus Krewall; Zona Crone; Richard Dickson, Howard's brother; Pat Gray, Fran Starnes' sister; Don Hall, Donella Jackson's dad; Mary Haws; Betty Hearne, Joann Hancock's sister; Ralph Henderson; Lee & Kay Hodges, Keith Hodges' parents; Sharon McEver, Donna Tyndell's sister; Johnnie Moore, Mary McFadden's niece; Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Johnny Pledger, Blair Etheridge's grandfather; Audrey Robinson, Alan Fisher's sister; Judy Smith; Sylvia Tharpe; Bill Ward, friend of the Potters; Steven Whaley, Irene Whaley's grandson; Bill Wilmeth; & Esther Wilson.

MINISTERS			
Keith Hodges - Interim Minister	Doug Yates - Education		
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Ira Wilson
Scripture Tom Hale
Dismiss Dr. Aaron DuVall

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
James Hardin
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Paul Hancock
Scripture Dan Haile
Dismiss Rob Hilliard

SERVING COMMUNION

Joel Knox Blake Lockhart
Jamon Kirby Brandon Lowe
John Lacy Marc Lemons
Garland Latham Taylor Lemons

GREETERS

Mike & Nora Gravois & Colt Keeney
Michael & Candace Hall & Jessica Keeney
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Melodi Keeney
Visitor Center: Bill & Donna Mullins
Carlos & Emma Morgan

Pick up cards September Oct. 14 & 21: Carson Hancock, Justin Parrish, Evan Kingsbury, Tanner Perry, & Chase Mink

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Oct. 14:
Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Welborn; Nursery p.m.: Rhonda Haws; Toddlers a.m.: Kris & Maselyn Walker; Toddlers p.m.: Diane Weathers & girls; 2's: Tim & Patti Grounds; 3's & 4's: Mark & Melissa Frick.

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Moments With Mike

Confidence In The Lord Concerning You

As a congregation, the Christians at West Erwin have a wonderful reputation that reaches not only into the local community, but also into other parts of the world. As my family and I began to investigate the work here we were continually impressed by the kindness, love and spirituality of each of you. Those good impressions have continued as we have settled in. We are so happy to be here with this great church!

Hearing of your good works was encouraging. Seeing them in action has been inspiring.

This past week I was able to see some of the works in action. About 25 of our members were working last Saturday to erect the frame and roof of a house for Habitat for Humanity.

In our benevolent center I was privileged to meet several of our members as well as members from Glenwood who volunteer their time to assist those in need. In the span of just a few hours well over 100 families received clothing and food for the week. The Karing Kitchen on Monday nights is a blessing as well as the meals that are delivered to shut ins during the week.

In education we have some 55 classes offered during the week, each with very capable teachers. I'm told we have in excess of 130 teachers who are in rotation to teach. Besides the Sunday and Wednesday classes, we also have a Wednesday Morning Ladies Class and our Playschool on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

This list of good works could go on for pages, but this is just a sample of what I've seen in this first week. Seeing such faith in action leads me to echo Paul's words in 2 Thessalonians 3:3-5.

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord concerning you, both that you do and will do the things we command you. Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the patience of Christ.

Friends, I have every confidence that the good works for the Lord will continue to be done by the Christians at West Erwin. May God continue to bless our efforts as we work individually and collectively to win the world to Christ! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, October 14, 2007
by Mike Baker
A.M. "Time And Chance"
(Eccl. 9:11-12)
P.M. "Keep Your Eyes On The Goal"
(Phil. 3:13-14)

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KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of those who came and helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We had a great turnout and served over 125 people. Our next date to serve will be Nov. 19. That will be our traditional Thanksgiving meal.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next East Texas Bible Quiz will begin on Nov. 4. We will have a study session on Oct. 28. The text will be 1 Samuel 9-15. Study hard! If you have any questions, please ask!

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 13	Habitat Workday
Oct. 14	LTC Sign-Up
Oct. 21	Small Groups Meet
Oct. 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 11	Area Wide High School Gathering
Nov. 16-18	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 19	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

THANKS & UPDATE

Francie and I love this church so much, and so very thankful for it! You have always been kind and generous with us, in every way - first as you supported us in the mission field, and then more recently while I served as your interim pulpit minister. I truly consider it an honor and a privilege to have preached and taught and served among you for these last six months.

Tyler, and more significantly, the fine people of this church will always have a special place in our hearts. As most of you know, my first love is ministry is preaching, and I have decided to move full speed ahead in a search for a position with that as its centerpiece. The elders here are letting me use this as a base until that position is secured. Already I have been away to speak at another place, and other visits are being scheduled.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Charles Dickens opens his novel *A Tale Of Two Cities* with the following words: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I've had the distinct privilege of coaching high school basketball (in my past) and during those years we won some games and we lost some games. To me, Charles Dickens opening line could reflect appropriately to my coaching career: *when we won it was the best of times and when we lost it was the worst of times.* To a certain degree when those losses occurred some of the responsibility had to be laid at my feet as the coach. It is the coaches' responsibility to have their team ready; through practices; proper evaluation; proper assessing; and proper motivation to win. I took a loss very hard and if you don't believe that just ask my wife.

My approach to ministry has shadowed my coaching career. As a minister I seek the counsel of the wise (God); I formulate a plan; I evaluate and assess; I try to motivate; and I expect to win for the glory of God. Winning may be somewhat harder to

LTC SIGN-UP

Leadership Training for Christ is a wonderful ministry that helps young people (3rd-12th Grades) learn skills and use their gifts to glorify God. West Erwin has been involved in this ministry since 1991. It continues to be great opportunity for our families to work together toward that exciting weekend in March. The LTC convention will be March 21-23. The theme for this year is taken from 1 Samuel 3, "Here Am I..." Join us for the 20th LTC! We will have our LTC Sign-up this coming Sunday night after church. You will receive more information in the mail. Plan to come Sunday night to the meeting!

HABITAT HOUSE

WOW!!! We had a great turnout from all the churches this past Saturday and completed our task for the day by starting with a slab and ending with walls and a roof! Thanks to all of those who helped! We will be having another workday this Saturday (Oct. 13) from 8:30-12:00. We are planning to work on siding. We are still in need of some financial support as our part of the commitment. The address is 1824 Alice St. Want to help financially or physically? Contact me for details.

Please note that in the time I'm still here I will continue to teach my Sunday morning class on I Corinthians and my Wednesday night class on "prayer." I will also be available for hospital visits, personal Bible studies and informal counseling.

You know my convictions about prayer, so you know we are very much in prayer about this relocation and work. We solicit you to join in praying on our behalf regarding these same things. At the same time you can be assured we will continue to pray for the West Erwin church and all of its good works here and abroad.
Love, Keith

PS - One of my deepest regrets is that my short tenure couldn't have happened during one of those frequent eras where the E-A-G-L-E-S totally dominate that team - what's their name? - northwest of here. But they'll be back!

determine in ministry than in a basketball game but I consider it a great victory for the Lord when I see a Christian mature in Christ. If the maturation level doesn't increase perhaps it is time to evaluate or assess the approach that is being used and then to formulate a new plan of attack that will motivate a person to new spiritual heights as long as God's Word isn't compromised in the process.

I'm beginning my 8th year of service for the Lord here at West Erwin as the education minister. My question is this: "Are we (as a whole) maturing in our spiritual development or have we become complacent?" Perhaps a second question could be asked: "Are we satisfied with our numbers or does an empty chair beside us cause us to have great concern?" A good team wouldn't sit idly by and accept mediocre. We should not accept mediocrity in any aspect of our service to God including our attendance. The good news is that our numbers are up and it does appear that we are striving toward excellence. Let's put our coaching hats on and let's motivate complacent members to become active in our education ministry. In so doing we will win a great victory for the Lord. I'll see you in class this Sunday!



WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Tuesday at the First Baptist Church in Mabank for Doris Watson, Linda McClenny's 101 year old grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

NEW ADDRESS:

Carl & Shelli Garrett family, 444 CR 3201, 75706

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TODAY

Outside my window a new day I see.
And only I can determine what kind of day it will be.
It can be busy and sunny, laughing or gay
Or boring and cold, unhappy and gray.
For my own state of mind is the determining key.
For I am only the person I let myself be.
I can be thoughtful and do all I can to help
Or be selfish and just think of myself.
I can enjoy what I do and make it seem fun
Or gripe and complain and make it hard on someone.
When I count my blessings and name them one by one,
I will run out of time before the day is done.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. October 17 meal will be hamburgers.

CAMP DEER RUN COOKBOOK

Camp Deer Run is creating a cookbook to be available in April 2008 as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. All funds raised will be used to support Camp Deer Run. All friends of CDR are asked to submit their favorite recipes (as many as you would like) ASAP but no later than December 31, 2007. Also, include your connection with CDR, i.e. staff, camper, parent of camper, etc. See bulletin board in education wing for details.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's home grocery truck will be in our area the week of November 5-9. West Erwin has been asked to collect *Picante Sauce.* There is a list of other needs on the bulletin board.

RESPONSES

Camille Mink came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family for strength and faith in difficult times. Let's remember to pray for the Mink family.

Maria Valdovinos came Sunday to ask for prayers for God's help in dealing with problems in her life.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Randall N. Foreman
and

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mullins
request the honor of your presence

at the marriage of their children

Shelly Jean Foreman

and

Jordan Cox Mullins

Saturday, the twenty-seventh of October

two thousand and seven

at two o'clock in the afternoon

West Erwin Church of Christ

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Worship A.M.	672	703	674
Worship P.M.	410	446	NS
Wed. P.M.	NC	362	3,350
Contribution	\$25,005.99	\$30,505.77	\$28,296.37
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Moments With Mike

The Power Of A "Thank You"

Most children are taught to say "thank you," "please", "yes, sir," and "no, sir" at a very early age. Such terms not only show respect, but also show an outward appreciation to others.

One phrase in particular, "thank you," has an especially appealing power. Hearing the phrase can help to motivate, inspire and encourage the one who hears it. On the other hand, the lack of such acknowledgment can have the opposite effects.

Jesus taught a powerful lesson on the use of thankfulness in Luke 17:11-19. In this passage He finds ten men who were lepers and who called upon Jesus for healing. As they were following the Lord's direction to go to the priests, they each became cleansed. But only one of the ten returned to Jesus to offer Him his thanks. Jesus responded, *"Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?"* Luke 17:17b-18.

The healing of Jesus was a gift to each of the ten men. And what a wonderful gift it was—to receive a miracle from Jesus! Yet nine of the men did not think enough to return and give thanks to Jesus.

We can sometimes become ungrateful also with our lives. Since we live in such a prosperous country and enjoy

peace and happiness at very high levels, we can at times become complacent and forget to offer our thanks to God and to others.

A story is told of a man who was at a business lunch with some associates. This man was very polite and treated the waitress with every bit of respect equal to his associates. "Please" and "thank you" were used often as he addressed this young lady. At some point in the lunch one of his associates asked why he was treating this woman with such attention and respect. "After all," he said, "she's only doing her job and that is to wait on us." But the man replied, "I know that she is doing a job to serve us. But she is doing her job well and deserves our respect and our gratitude." This man understood that everyone can benefit from the power of expressing our thankfulness.

Friends, please do not underestimate the power of these simple words—"Thank You." By giving them you can help to uplift, encourage and confirm the actions and directions of others. By receiving them you can help reinforce a purpose in your actions and find strength to push forward. Make it your goal this week to find ways to express your thankfulness to God and to others. You will find that your life will be blessed as well. Mike

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by Mike Baker
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Nancy and I were eating the other day at MCALISTER'S when a man walked up to us and said, "You don't know me, but I'm Warren Powell and I want to give you a copy of my book," Inside he wrote, "Thanks for being strong and praying in public."

It's a book about finding GOD in everyday places. For instance, he wrote about watching squirrels on the TJC campus. Watching how they work almost frantically burying acorns. You've seen them too as they zip about finding different places to store their food for the coming winter. Then he wrote about how we need to be busy burying something far more valuable than acorns. We ought to be just as busy as the squirrels in storing up the

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Phil Sanders, a church of Christ minister out of the Nashville, Tennessee area recently wrote an article for *Think Magazine* (October 2007) entitled: A Life Changing Education. Dr. Sanders started his article by reflecting on a recent episode of the Tonight Show with Jay Leno. On this particular night Jay was asking his audience some Bible questions and the responses were sad to say the least. Questions such as: (1) name one of the ten commandments; or (2) name one of the apostles. The audience could name the Beatles when asked but couldn't come up with an appropriate answer to the Bible questions. According to Dr. Phil Sanders, "Leno wasn't putting down the Bible; he was revealing our society, which claims a heritage in biblical principles, that is increasingly losing touch with the Scriptures."

Findley Edge wrote a book entitled Teaching For Results, in which he stated, "The Sunday School has become an important and integral part of church life. It is one of the most powerful forces for good in modern society. In churches of various sizes

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treasure of GOD's Word in our hearts. There will be days coming that we will need them as circumstances change and those tough days appear. Then there will be days coming that we will want to cherish the Word because things are going well. GOD's Word belongs in our hearts! So, when you see a squirrel burying an acorn, or digging one up, remember that little animal is really setting an example for us to follow. (Psalm 119:11) "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You."

If we would but look around us every day we would clearly see GOD in almost everything. Try it! Make it a family thing -- looking for GOD in everyday places. Thanks to Warren and Mary Beth Powell for such a gentle reminder in an everyday place.

and types, teachers lead children, young people, and adults in Bible study, seeking together to understand its meaning and significance for Christian living. In spite of their weaknesses and difficulties, God has used the efforts of devoted teachers to accomplish often significant results in the lives of those whom they teach. Yet most teachers are not getting the results they desire - either in Bible knowledge or in Christian living. There is an amazing lack of Bible knowledge even among those who have attended Sunday School regularly for 5 or 10 years or longer."

When I compare what Dr. Sanders wrote with what Findley Edge wrote it causes me great concern. It also beckons the question: "Just what are some of our teachers teaching in their Bible classes that would produce such a low rate of growth in the knowledge of God's Word?" I think I can say, without hesitation, that they're probably not teaching much Bible.

In the next couple of weeks I would like to continue this thought in my bulletin article. I would like to say this before closing this particular article, "To all of our teachers here at West Erwin who teach God's Word in your classroom, Thank You for your labor of love." - D. Yates



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian family,

I do not have the words to express to you how much I appreciate all the loving things you have shown me - the visits, each and every card and phone calls, your thoughtfulness and love has overwhelmed me. Thank you for remembering me in so many loving ways.

Sincerely,
Billie Bob Hickman

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, calls, food following my recent knee surgery. We are thankful every day to be a part of such a loving congregation. Thanks again.

Carlos Morgan

Thanks so much for the birthday cards. They meant so much to me. Please remember Henry and me in your prayers.

Love,
Mozelle Brown

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Mike and Linda McClenny on the birth of a new granddaughter! Macy Elizabeth was born October 11 to Andy and Mandy Luster. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed by big sister Madison.

WITH SYMPATHY

Jason and Kaylyn Baker, (Michael Hall's sister and daughter of Marcus and Diane Hall) lost twins last week due pregnancy complications. Memorial services were held Monday in Tyler at Memorial Cemetery for the babies, Jason Warren and Joshua Lynn Baker. Memorial services were held Wednesday in Alba for Linda Ingram, Kathy Goodson's stepmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones., Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linsaisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

LADIES SUPPORT GROUP

On Wednesday evening, October 24th, Carolyn Blackstone is leading a support group for mothers of blended families entitled: *Yours, Mine and Ours*. This group meets in the parlor of the Family Life Center.

CAMP DEER RUN COOKBOOK

Camp Deer Run is creating a cookbook to be available in April 2008 as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. All funds raised will be used to support Camp Deer Run. All friends of CDR are asked to submit their favorite recipes (as many as you would like) ASAP but no later than December 31, 2007. Also, include your connection with CDR, i.e., staff, camper, parent of camper, etc. See bulletin board in education wing for details.

NOTE: Please check the bulletin board in the main foyer to send birthday cards to shut-ins and/or senior citizens.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Garrett** and **Jill Smith** and their children, **Jackson** (5th grade) and **Jordan** (2nd grade), into the West Erwin family. Garrett is General Manager for the East Texas region for Doggett Machinery Services, John Deere Heavy Equipment and Jill is a first grade teacher at All Saints school. Their address is 6402 Boca Raton Court, 75703, ph. 509-9997.

RESPONSE

Richard Tilford came Sunday to ask for our prayers and help to deal with problems in his life.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Randall N. Foreman
and
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mullins
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Shelly Jean Foreman
and
Jordan Cox Mullins

Saturday, the twenty-seventh of October
two thousand and seven
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GOSPEL MEETING

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. October 24 meal will be Bruno's.

NORTH TENNEHA CHURCH OF CHRIST

It is with great honor that the Ladies Ministry of the North Tenneha Church of Christ invite you to join us at our *Women's Health and Wellness Conference* at the Renaissance Center, 1701 North Tenneha on Saturday, October 27, from 9 am to 2:30 pm. This conference is designed to educate and heighten awareness of the special care required to maintain the living temple that our heavenly Father has so freely loaned to us for a season. It is our sincere prayer that this will be a day of learning, sharing, and fellowship. Check the bulletin board in the education wing for more details.

SERMON CD's

Due to the many requests, we are now making a few extra CD's each week of previous Sunday sermons. These are available at the Visitor Center. If you have a special request for one not available, please sign your name and the date of the one you want on the sheet and we will be happy to get one for you.

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Finding The God Worth Serving

Most people in our country are monotheistic. They believe in one God. That's good news. However, many of these people who believe in one God are not necessarily serving the God in which they believe. That's not good.

Why would someone believe in God and then not serve Him? Perhaps they don't know that God expects them to serve Him. Or maybe they just don't think that it is worth it.

If we are ignorant of what God expects of us then we can easily overcome that by spending more time in God's word. It doesn't take very long until we see that God expects His people to obey, serve, love, and honor Him.

But it may not be so simple to correct the path of those who do not believe that God is worth serving. For example, a Christian faces a challenge in life and feels as if God has abandoned him. Perhaps a fervent prayer seems to go unanswered, or a sick friend gets worse rather than better. At times we may find ourselves wondering, "Is this God really worth serving?"

One of the most encouraging examples of serving God is found in the Book of Daniel. Here we find three friends of Daniel who refused to fall down and worship the gold image of the king.

Listen to their response to Nebuchadnezzar who said, "And who is the god who will deliver you from my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up." Dan 3:16-18

These men knew that their God was the only one worth serving, whether or not He rescued them from their current crisis. Let's live our lives with this same conviction. No matter what happens, our God is a God worth serving! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

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(Luke 7:41-43)
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WHY COULDN'T WE BE THE ONES?

When was the last time you read Ecclesiastes 7:21-22? Solomon always has great advice for us to follow, but this particular passage offers us advice about responding to unkind things people say about us. Solomon said, "Do not pay attention to every word people say, or you may hear your servant cursing you, for you know in your heart that many times you yourself have cursed others." The truth is you and I both have said negative things about others. Usually we don't mean them, but they still

flow from our lips way too easily. The verse above this one makes sure we understand it is all inclusive: (:20) "There is not a righteous man on earth who does what is right and never sins."

Here's the down side: the cause of Christ will never be advanced by Christians attacking one another. Somewhere someone has to stop this. Someone has to stop returning insult for insult. Why couldn't we be the ones? Why couldn't we be the ones to make up our minds that regardless of what others say about us, we will not reply in kind?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Last week in my bulletin article I wrote about an article entitled: A Life Changing Education, written by Dr. Phil Sanders. Also, in my article last week, I included some of my thoughts as well as some thoughts by Findley Edge, a well known Christian educator, who writes regarding ways to get more out of your Bible school class. I'd like to conclude this article by asking two questions (that Dr. Phil Sanders asks);

(1) Why Study The Bible?

The Bible is life-changing. It has the power to save (Romans 1:16). It gives light and understanding (Psalm 119:130). The Bible reveals the Truth (John 17:17). It purifies and blesses those who read and practice it (James 1:22-25). The Bible provides a foundation of rock on which to stand (Matthew 7:24-27). The Bible converts the soul (Psalm 19:7). In the end we shall all be judged not by human law but by the words of Jesus (John 12:48). After reading these verses my question is: **Why not study the Bible?**

(2) How Can I Know God's Word?

Read it again and again. If you wish to know the Book, you must make it part of your life.

Use many helps available. Bible dictionaries; handbooks; commentaries; etc.

Meditate on the Word. Some read the Bible hurriedly or to reach a goal. The best students linger over the Scriptures, treasuring it up in their hearts (Psalm 119:11).

Read different versions. Do a comparative study of the different versions by laying them side by side as you study a particular verse or block of scriptures (-dly)

Determine to do God's will. Jesus said, "If anyone's will is to do God's will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority (John 7:17 ESV).

These are just two questions but the answers that we give can have a tremendous impact on our lives. I wish we would once again become "people of the book," students who are dedicated to looking at the scriptures rather than depending on the fads of today to teach us. God has made it fairly simple for us to understand: "Study To Show Thyself Approved." (- dly)



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Church Family,

It is impossible to individually thank all of you for the many acts of kindness, the delicious food, prayers, and calls which made it possible for me to survive.

All my love,
Velma Lemons

Thank you so much for thinking of us in our time of sorrow at the death of my stepmother, Linda Ingram. The food was wonderful.

Kathy Goodson

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Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones., Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Tim & Patti Grounds: tpgrounds@embarqmail.com

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

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Medina Children's Home is currently seeking spiritually mature Christian individuals with a desire to serve and make a difference in the lives of our nation's single mothers and children. They are in need of Houseparents; Campus Minister; Truck Driver; and Accounting Clerk. For details see the bulletin board in the education wing.

BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE OF TYLER

2nd Annual Christmas in the Village

"A Lighting of the Campus" on November 17, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, 15062 CR 1145, 75704. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon for tours, open house, live nativity, clowns and ponies, games for all ages, Christmas shopping, food and entertainment, and the lighting of the Village at dusk.

2ND ANNUAL SINGLES WEEKEND

North Tenneha Church of Christ in Tyler, Texas
Saturday, Oct. 27, 6:00 pm & Sunday, Oct. 28, 8:30 am
Theme: "Finding Stability in God's Ability"
Speaker: Jonathan Morrison
from the Marsalis Ave. church in Dallas

"To change everything, simply change your attitude."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Loralea Epperson came Sunday to make known her desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome her and her little son, James, into the West Erwin family. She is the daughter of Joel and Karalea Knox. Their address is 10951 Deer Creek Drive, 75707, ph. 565-4591.

RESPONSE

Stefan Andrews came Sunday to request the prayers of his church family that he might be the Christian example he wants to be.



WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Randall N. Foreman
and

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Mullins
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Shelly Jean Foreman
and

Jordan Cox Mullins

Saturday, the twenty-seventh of October
two thousand and seven
at two o'clock in the afternoon
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It's a boy!

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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Update: Biblical Institute of Central America

Even though there were many challenges and problems to overcome, the campaigns conducted by the students, instructors, and others have resulted in 342 baptisms and 113 restorations so far in 2007! This has been accomplished in spite of strong opposition in some communities by the Catholic priests and severe hardships like having to sleep on concrete floors and stay in facilities without running water.

Crime is a constant threat to the people in Guatemala and Honduras and is ever present when the students go on campaigns. Roberto Alvarez, director of the school in Guatemala City and minister of the Pinares del Norte Church of Christ, was robbed at gunpoint one morning as he walked near his home. He was robbed of his shoes and cell phone.

The accomplishments of BICA are very exciting. You can read all the monthly reports by going to their web site at bica.info.

NOTE: Please check the bulletin board in the main foyer to send birthday cards to shut-ins and/or senior citizens.



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Bible Class	431	429	457
Worship A.M.	709	683	722
Worship P.M.	420	392	493
Wed. P.M.	346	418	335
Contribution	\$23,626.03	\$24,539.08	\$23,645.72
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	10-28-07 Guatemala. \$1,000.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Nov. 4 and Wednesday, Nov. 7: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Shirley McClenny's cancer is back and has metastasized. Joel Knox is at home awaiting decision on treatment. Darrell Beard had heart bypass surgery Monday at ETMC. Stephanie Ruddell is recovering at home after back surgery. James Phillips had a kidney biopsy last week (no results yet). Bill Thompson is in Tyler Continued Care, Mother Frances, room 436. Judy Smith is having hip problems, may need replacement. Gene Welborn, Leon's brother, is under hospice care in Greenville. Rebecca Debenport, Frank and Gail's daughter-in-law, had surgery last week. Sherma Sherrick, Deloris Bundy's daughter, had back surgery in Little Rock. Shane Durham, Don & Norma's son, is scheduled for surgery Nov. 28. Ray Hunt, Tammy Lemons' dad, is scheduled for surgery Nov. 13. Continue to remember: J.E. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother; Johnny Anders; Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother; A.J. Carnathan and Suzie Carnathan, Michael Carnathan and Lindsay Kelly's grandfather & mother; Zona Crone; Richard Dickson, Howard's brother; Josh Douglas, Pat Mitchell's nephew; Pat Gray, Fran Starnes' sister; Don Hall, Donella Jackson's dad; Mary Haws; Betty Hearne, Joann Hancock's sister; Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Archie Kennard; Gus Krewall; Velma Lemons; Sharon McEver, Donna Tyndell's sister; Hugh Mills; Johnnie Moore, Mary McFadden's niece; Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Johnny Pledger, Blair Etheridge's grandfather; Tommy Price; Audrey Robinson, Alan Fisher's sister; Art Rowland; Judy Smith; Joy Taylor, Bill Mezell's sister; Sylvia Tharpe; Bill Ward, friend of the Potters; Ronnie Wiggins,

Caddie Niles' uncle: Bill Wilmoth & Esther Wilson

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Dismiss Bill Mullins

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Scripture Kyle Willoughby
Dismiss Charles Westerfeld

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Stuart Means Shane Millican
Jim McDonald Lee Mink
Forest McFadden Mike McClenny

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Phil & Linda Marts & Chase Mink
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Mollie Mink
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Joe & Connie Roach

Pick up cards November 4: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Jeffrey Scarbrough, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

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4's: Stuart & Kathy Means.

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Moments With Mike

Redeem The Time

How many times have we "run out of time" before a project was completed? Or how many of us have "never found the time" to do this or that? Everyone has the same 24 hours each day. Yet some can accomplish so much more than others.

Why is that? Perhaps it is their wise use of time. Perhaps it is a good prioritization of things that need to be done. Perhaps it is because that person understands the value of time more than others.

Paul writes the following in Ephesians 5:15-17. **"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."**

At this time of the year we have a unique opportunity to bend the laws of time for a day. Instead of 24 hours in a day, this Sunday will have 25. This is due to the end of daylight savings time. We set our clocks back an hour this weekend, thus adding an extra hour to our day. So, what will you do with your extra

hour this year? Will you sleep it away? Will you use it to catch up on an old project? Will you use it to draw closer to God or to share the good news with a neighbor?

My prayer is that all of us will redeem this extra hour and use it in service to our Lord Jesus Christ. Our opportunities to speak with others and to show a good Christian example may be limited, so let's be sure to make the most of every opportunity. Mike

(For more about our use of time for the Lord, be sure to be here for Sunday morning's lesson.)

Contact information for the Bakers.

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Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, November 4, 2007

by Mike Baker
A.M. "Do You Have The Time?"
(Ephesians 5:15-17)
P.M. "Imitation: Following Good Examples"
(I Corinthians 11:1)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny FALL FESTIVAL

West Erwin hosted the 15th Fall Festival this past Sunday night. This has been a fun and safe event for our children over the years. Thanks to all who helped with setup, clean up and working. A special thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone for coordinating the food.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next East Texas Bible Quiz will Nov. 4. Meet at Shiloh Rd. @ 2:15. We will be done about 3:15. I plan to take the kids to get Ice Cream and return to the church for worship. Study hard! If you have any questions, please ask!

HABITAT HOUSE

We are progressing along very well on the construction of the house. Thanks to all who have worked so hard in the past 4 weeks. We will have some work days in the near future. We are still in need of some financial support as our part of the commitment. Want to help? Contact me!

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

"I came into your home, and you did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." (Luke 7:44-47)

Prior to this, Simon had made the statement that "if this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is -- that she is a sinner." (:39)

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

One of the more frustrating parts of my job is when it is time to search out teachers for the upcoming quarter. To be honest, there are times when this process runs pretty smoothly and there are times when the well oiled machine starts to break apart.

Here at West Erwin (over the last 7 years) we have always managed to secure our teachers. Granted, sometimes we cut it a little bit closer than I would have liked but by and large this process has been both efficient and effective and our students, young and old, have been the beneficiaries.

I just wanted to take a moment to thank our upcoming teachers for the winter quarter (Dec. through Feb.) and to also thank our current teachers for the fall quarter (Sept. through Nov.).

First, let me thank our upcoming teachers for the winter quarter. As many of you know Velma Lemons, who coordinates the preschool department, had an accident back in September. She was knocked out of commission for awhile and she is still recuperating. This has placed me in the unique position of

LTC SIGN-UP

Leadership Training for Christ is a wonderful ministry that helps young people (3rd-12th Grades) learn skills and use their gifts to glorify God. The LTC convention will be March 21-23. The theme for this year is taken from 1 Samuel 3, "Here Am I..." Join us for the 20th LTC! Deadline for signing up will be Sunday Nov. 11. If you missed the sign-up get it done ASAP! All of those in the **High School Short Film/Video Bible Drama** will meet with Jon Murry after church Sunday night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devo this Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 8:30. Bring \$2 for supper and invite a friend!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 4 Middle School Devotional
Nov. 11 Area Wide High School Gathering
Nov. 16-18 Middle School Retreat
Nov. 19 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

This story gives us great insight into the heart of a Pharisee named Simon. Simon, a religious leader of the day, was completely out of touch with the fact that he, himself, was a sinner. You see, Pharisees had worked themselves into the place where they sat in the seat of the Almighty in order to judge others. A Pharisee did not view himself as a sinner, yet Jesus suggests he is guilty of the greater sin of self-righteousness.

What greater sin exists than for a Christian to disfigure the face of GOD, to mutilate the gospel of grace, and to intimidate others through fear? Nothing brings salvation but repentance. For the spiritually smug, that's a scarce commodity. Thus, there is no salvation for a "Pharisee" unless he comes to grips that he, himself, is a sinner. The self-righteous will forfeit everything.

coordinating all of our education departments except for our junior high and high school departments. I started compiling a list of potential teachers shortly after Velma's accident, a who's who list of highly qualified teachers. About two weeks ago I started contacting all of these teachers to see if they would accept the challenge. In order to fill the assignments I had to assign at least 41 slots. I only had to make 41 phone calls to accomplish this. Only one teacher (who had a legitimate reason for not being able to serve), turned me down. Thank you, teachers of West Erwin, for your dedication to this vital and vibrant ministry.

Second, let me thank our current teachers who have displayed their labor of love in the giving of their time, energy and effort toward the educational ministry of the church during the fall quarter. I feel that this quarter has been one of our more successful quarters. We are growing numerically (and I'll have more to say about this at a later date) and we are growing spiritually (maturing day by day in Christ). So, I extend to you a great big THANK YOU! for accepting your assignment as a teacher and fulfilling that role. May God continually bless you.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. Thank you for the lovely plant.
The family of Henry Dunn

We are so blessed to have such a great church family. The ceiling lift system we were needing has been installed and it is such a blessing. Words cannot express how thankful we are to feel the love this congregation has shown us. It has taken us awhile but God has provided. We will have photos available soon. Thank you.
The Sustaire Family

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Thursday at Crowley Funeral Home in Gladewater for Deloris Homer Weeks, Charlie Weeks' mother. Services were held last Saturday for Gaynelle Gray's sister. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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NEW ADDRESSES: Wanda Evans, 13186 CR 2220, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 903-565-6727
Gary & Jennifer Heath, 22641 Sugar Hill, Chandler, 75758, ph. 903-849-6805.

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You are cordially invited to the 2007 Fundraising Dinner Benefiting Christian Homes & Family Services

Known for decades as Christian Services of East Texas

Clean Comedy Club

Enjoy a relaxing and delightful evening of entertainment laughs and childlike fun with special guest

Ken Davis

Author, Christian Comedian

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Rose Garden Building, Tyler

Contact the Christian Homes & Family Services office for ticket and sponsorship information. 903.509.0558

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What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Armando Alaniz, Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute

Article 1 of 2



The Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute is a satellite Bible school of the Sunset International Bible Institute (S.I.B.I.) located in South Houston, Texas. It was set up to provide in-depth Bible curriculum to Spanish-speaking people in Houston and other locations via satellite transmission. Armando Alaniz serves as the distance learning instructor/psychotherapist. He moved his family from Florida to Houston in the summer of 2004 to begin this work. Before moving to Houston, Armando was in charge of a similar work in Hialeah, Florida. West Erwin has been partially supporting Armando for about 9 yrs.

Armando is married to Janie and has three grown children; one married son Armando A. Alaniz II. On August 11, 2007 Armando and Janie proudly (that's an understatement) became first time grandparents of a baby girl! More details about his specific progress next week.

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LET ME BE

Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder to the faults of those about me; let me praise a little more. Let me be a little meeker with the brother that is weaker; Let me think more of my neighbor, and a little less of me. Let me be a little braver when temptation bids me waver Let me serve a little better those that I am striving for. Let me stand a little taller; may my faults be small and smaller; Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be.

- anonymous

SERMON CD's

Due to the many requests, we are now making a few extra CD's each week of previous Sunday sermons. These are available at the Visitor Center. If you have a special request for one not available, please sign your name and the date of the one you want on the sheet and we will be happy to get one for you.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the tract rack for new tracts.

Daylight Savings Time ends.
Set your clocks BACK one hour
when you go to bed Saturday night.

DON'T FORGET!



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Bible Class	453	431	409
Worship A.M.	675	709	617
Worship P.M.	445	420	349
Wed. P.M.	NC	346	355
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Moments With Mike

Who Will Be Like You?

It has been said that imitation is the most sincere form of flattery. How wonderful our world would be if we would all imitate our Lord Jesus Christ and His faithful servants. The New Testament has much to say pertaining to imitation. Notice the following passages.

"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children." Ephesians 5:1.

"For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 2:14.

"Therefore I urge you, imitate me." 1 Corinthians 4:16.

"Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." 1 Corinthians 11:1.

As Christians, we should always be willing to imitate that which is good. Our lives should be full of examples of righteousness. As we seek to imitate God and Jesus in our lives, we should never have to worry about how others might imitate us. If we imitate that

which is good, then those who imitate us will also imitate that which is good.

Of course, there is always the possibility that we will imitate the wrong things in our lives. So we should be extra careful to follow those who are faithful to God.

"Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God." 3 John 11.

"And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you do not become sluggish, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." Hebrews 6:11-12.

Someone is looking at your life today. They wish to be like you in some way or another. Would you be flattered or disappointed if they turned out like you?

Take a moment and reflect upon your life. Make sure that your life is patterned after your Lord and then you won't have to worry about anyone who wishes to follow in your steps. Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, November 11, 2007
by Mike Baker
A.M. "The Battles of Ai"
(Joshua 7:7-9)
P.M. "A Good Soldier"
(2 Timothy 2:3-4)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THE REPUTATION CHRIST WANTS US TO HAVE

We received a letter from a lady who had visited the Benevolence Center recently and this is what she wrote:

"Dear Friends,

Thank you most for your kindness, which gave me the courage to ask for the help I needed ... In starting over after a divorce and a thousand mile move, I consistently chose the hard path which ended up being harder than I ever imagined and GOD never intended. The church of Christ assisted me with encouragement, sympathy, the use of a phone, information, clothes I badly needed and food I

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Hollywood is at it again! It seems to me that the direction that Hollywood chooses to go is polar opposite to the direction that mainstream America would have them to go. To me it is abundantly clear that Hollywood has an agenda that they are promoting and they fully intend to cram this agenda down the throats of mainstream America, like it or not!

The agenda that Hollywood is constantly promoting includes (1) same sex marriages, (2) the gay-lesbian agenda, (3) anti-American rhetoric, (4) abortion, (5) evolution, and (6) atheism. It is this last item on the list that their latest efforts focus on. Let me take a moment to warn all parents regarding an upcoming movie that is getting much press. This movie fully embraces atheism but the sad and shameful lie behind this movie is that it was produced and will be marketed as a children's movie. I'm issuing this warning so that parents will be educated to the tricks of Hollywood. It is deplorable that such trash would be distributed to our kids.

LTC SIGN-UP

Leadership Training for Christ is a wonderful ministry that helps young people (3rd-12th Grades) learn skills and use their gifts to Glorify God. The LTC convention will be March 21-23. The theme for this year is taken from 1 Samuel 3, "Here Am I..." Join us for the 20th LTC! **Deadline for signing up will be Sunday Nov. 11.** If you missed the sign-up get it done ASAP!

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our young people who worked in Bible Quiz last week. You guys did a great job! Our next Quiz will be Jan. 28. The text will be 1 Samuel 16-22.

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couldn't have made it without I needed shoes for a job interview. The call didn't come until I had everything I needed. Thank you."

We are called to be the body of Christ. His body exercises His character and we are never more like Christ than when we show kindness and offer to help those in need.

A NEW WAY TO HELP

We have a number of single parents with children who seldom have a night out with their friends. We would like to offer such a night out once a month by keeping their children. Before we can make this offer we need to have some volunteers who would like to share in this cause. If you are interested in helping, would you please contact me or Nancy.

The movie is entitled: The Golden Compass. The main star of this movie is actress Nicole Kidman. It will hit the movie theaters in December. The movie hinges on the plot that some angels for the good of the human race set forth to kill God. The plot is cleverly disguised to have the audience actually rooting for the angels that are attempting to kill God. God (indirectly) is referred to as a liar and deceiver throughout the movie. The series of books that the movie was based on were written by an atheist who set out to write these books to counter the writings of C.S. Lewis and his Narnia collection.

Parents, please insist that your children (little ones through teenagers) do not attend this movie. Let me also encourage our adults to boycott this movie. This isn't the time to compromise and to watch this movie *just to see what all the fuss is about*. This is the time to make a stand for what is right and to reject Hollywood's agenda and once again discard the trash that they produce and market to us. You hold the power within your hands to send a clear cut message to Hollywood. What will your answer be?

And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and we will obey His voice." - Joshua 24:24



IN APPRECIATION

To: West Erwin,

Your visits, calls, and prayers were very much appreciated during this time. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you and Bless you.

The Weeks Family.

Dear Church Family,

Words cannot express how much Joel and I appreciate your visits to the hospital and our home, all the wonderful cards, plants, and phone calls to check on Joel, and most of all your prayers. We have never felt such love and caring - you are truly the best. As you know, we still need your prayers as we travel to Houston and start Joel's treatments. Thank you for everything!

Love,

Joel & Karalea Knox

NEW ADDRESSES: Virginia Cartwright, Azalea Trails #133, 5550 Old Jacksonville Hwy., 75703
Jordan & Shelly Mullins, 1505 Grande Blvd. #205, 75703
Chuck & Keli Rothwell, 13285 Vicki Lynn Lane, Troup, 75789 (same phone #)

WITH SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held Tuesday at Memoryland Memorial Park in Greenville for Gene Welborn, Leon Welborn's brother. A special memory celebration will be held Sunday, November 11, at 2:00 at the 1st United Methodist Church in Duncanville. Services were held last week in Nacogdoches for Rene Morales, Kathy Portwood's brother-in-law. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ralph and Barbara Henderson on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on November 11! We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

"The surest way to make yourself happy is to make someone else happy."

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. November 14 meal will be Mexican food.

BENEVOLENT CENTER

There is a need for linens at the Benevolent Center, sheets, blankets, towels, etc. Thank you for helping us to help those in our community who are in need.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome Seth and Courtney Huddleston into the West Erwin family. They both are students and working. Seth formerly worshiped with the Third & Dwight church in Monahans and Courtney worshipped with the Southside church in Mineral Wells. Their e-mail address is seth.courtney@gmail.com. Their address is 3700 McDonald Rd. #106, 75701, his ph. # 432-425-9627 and hers is 432-894-9236.

RESPONSE

Marie Martini came to ask for prayers that she might be closer to God and a better follower of what God wants.

What In The WORLD Are We Doing?

Armando Alaniz, Texas Gulf Coast Bible Institute

Article 2 of 2



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ALBUQUERQUE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

ACCH needs you! We are located in Albuquerque a step away from the Rio Grande River and in the heart of the west side. We are currently hiring house parents who are willing to provide a loving and caring home for school age children. We offer a competitive salary, a great benefit package, which includes lodging and food. If you are a married couple looking for a rewarding career working with children please contact us for additional information @ 505-898-5520 or e-mail a resume to ewhite@acch4kids.org.

BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE OF TYLER

2nd Annual Christmas in the Village

"A Lighting of the Campus" on November 17, 3:00 - 6:00 pm, 15062 CR 1145, 75704. Please join us for a fun filled afternoon for tours, open house, live nativity, clowns and ponies, games for all ages, Christmas shopping, food and entertainment, and the lighting of the Village at dusk.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the tract rack for new tracts.

SERMON CD's

Due to the many requests, we are now making a few extra CD's each week of previous Sunday sermons. These are available at the Visitor Center. If you have a special request for one not available, please sign your name and the date of the one you want on the sheet and we will be happy to get one for you.

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Records	Sunday Nov. 11	Sunday Nov. 4	Year Ago
Bible Class	424	453	439
Worship A.M.	667	675	605
Worship P.M.	351	445	411
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	370
Contribution	\$33,795.54	\$25,005.71	\$21,595.84
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	11-11-07 bldg. \$160.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Nov. 18 and Wednesday, Nov. 21:
Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Bill Thompson** is in Mother Frances after a foot amputation, also suffered another stroke before the surgery. **Darrell Beard** was readmitted to ETMC due to fluid in his lungs. **Joel Knox** will go to M.D. Anderson Nov. 20 for evaluation and possible treatment. **Shirley McClenny's** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Judy Smith** is having hip problems, may need replacement. **Shane Durham**, Don & Norma's son, is scheduled for surgery Nov. 28. **Ray Hunt**, Tammy Lemons' dad, had surgery Tuesday. **Jill Carruth**, Les & Carolyn's daughter-in-law, had successful thyroid surgery Tuesday in St. Louis. **Continue to remember: Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother; **A.J. Carnathan** (grandfather), **Donnie Carnathan** (dad, knee surgery), **Suzie Carnathan** (mother), **Marie Poston**, (grandmother, broken shoulder) Michael Carnathan and Lindsay Kelly's family having health problems; **Zona Crone**; **Richard Dickson**, Howard's brother; **Josh Douglas**, Pat Mitchell's nephew; **Pat Gray**, Fran Stames' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Frank & Carla Haddock**, Bettie Thorne's daughter & son-in-law; **Don Hall**, Donella Jackson's dad; **Mary Haws**; **Betty Hearne**, Joann Hancock's sister; **Ralph Henderson**; **Billie Bob Hickman**; **Roy Hunt**; **Archie Kennard**; **Gus Krewall**; **Velma Lemons**; **Jimmy Malone**, Bill & Ruby McCain's nephew; **Sharon McEver**, Donna Tyndell's sister; **Hugh Mills**; **Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece; **Mary Beth O'Neal**; **John Pike**; **Johnny Pledger**, Blair Ethridge's grandfather; **Tommy Price**; **Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **Art Rowland**; **Stephanie Ruddell**; **Sherma Sherrick**, Deloris Bundy's daughter; **Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister; **Sylvia Tharpe**; **Ronnie Wiggins**, Caddie Niles' uncle; **Bill Wilmeth**; & **Esther Wilson**.

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Mike Baker - Pulpit Minister	Doug Yates - Education		
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
Keith Hodges - Interim Minister			
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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	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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Don Crawford
Prayer Greg Jones
Scripture Curt Jordan
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Matt Haws

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Roger Howell
Scripture Brandon Lott
Dismiss Colt Keeney

SERVING COMMUNION

Alan Montgomery Carlos Morgan
Gary Mitcham Aubrey Morman
Jerry Mitchell Bill Mullins
J.D. Mitchell Larry Moore

GREETERS

Gary & Judy Mitcham & Tanner Philpot
Paul & Carolyn Montandon & Mallori Philpot
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Spencer Shaw
Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

Pick up cards November 18: Matthew Kimble, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Carson Hancock, & Grant Perkins.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 18:
Nursery a.m.: Julie Ables; Nursery p.m.: Rita Sitton;
Toddlers a.m.: Debbie & Caysi Bynum; Toddlers p.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; 2's: J.D. & Anna Mitchell; 3's & 4's: Brant & Jeri Prestidge.

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Moments With Mike

There are many great things underway here at West Erwin and my family and I are all happy to be a part of the congregation here. Thanks to all of you for helping to make our start here a good one.

This Sunday morning's lesson will deal with the importance of our Bibles. Please make an effort to bring your Bibles with you to worship and Bible study not only this Sunday, but every time we come together. It is so good to hear those pages turning during the sermon and I know that you will gain much more by seeing these passages in your own Bible rather than only hearing the preacher read them.

Here are a few "bits and pieces" of information and reminders that we need to pass along to the congregation.

- Some of the seats in our auditorium are designated for visitors and people arriving late. Please be sure to leave these pews for this purpose.
- Audio CDs of the sermons are available at the visitor center and are also online at the church web

Bits and Pieces

page. Thanks to Kim DuPree for keeping the audio and PowerPoint files updated there.

- Our pocket directories are about to be updated. If your information has changed since the last directory, please contact the office with the updated information.
- We will have a combined class in the auditorium on Wednesday, November 21st. I'll be teaching this Thanksgiving eve class on "Things for Which We are Thankful."
- In the coming weeks we hope to make some improvements to our Sunday handout. If you have any suggestions for this, please contact the office.
- Several people have recently placed membership with us. This is wonderful. Please be sure to seek out these people and offer your friendship. Invite them to your Bible class and share a meal with them. Allow them to see more reasons why West Erwin is a great church!

See you on Sunday! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, November 18, 2007
by Mike Baker
A.M. "Better Keep Your Bible"
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)
P.M. "Thanks Be To God"
(2 Thessalonians 2:10-13)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who went to the Gathering this past Sunday in Quitman. We had a great time climbing the wall and riding the zip line and just hanging out with our brothers and sisters from all over East Texas. For some of us, it was a BIG challenge to jump off that wall and trust the harness. Thanks to Shaun Stamps, Ginger Philpot & Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen next Monday night (Nov. 19) for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Come and join us as we serve the community. Contact me for more details or just come about 5:00.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
THINK ABOUT THIS

"A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. Look after him, he said, and when I return I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have. Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I enjoy Thanksgiving more than any other holiday in the year. The true meaning of Thanksgiving has become somewhat blurred over the last 20 years or so. A brief study of this holiday should really motivate us to be extremely thankful for what God has blessed us with. But even if you take away the historical value of Thanksgiving we should still be so impressed with our blessings in this life that we would want to celebrate this holiday.

Unfortunately many of us seem to gear up more for Halloween than we do for Thanksgiving. Also, commercially speaking, we have Halloween costumes on display at our stores all throughout the month of October and then beginning November 1st we start ushering in Christmas. In doing this we completely bypass Thanksgiving. I would think that Thanksgiving would be highly promoted here in the United States but for whatever reason it seems to take a back seat to other holidays. This raises the question to me: "Are you really all that thankful for what God has blessed us with?"

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

We have about 33 signed up for the Area Wide Middle School Retreat this weekend in Lone Star. We will leave from West Erwin @ 5:15 and return in time for church Sunday morning. Remember to bring clothing appropriate for the weather and money for supper Friday night. Call for more details.

LTC

Keep watching for upcoming LTC Meetings. If you haven't already joined the West Erwin website, check it out. We will keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com.

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Nov. 25	Out To Eat

The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:30-37)

People don't want to listen to a sermon on CD when the bottom drops out. They want a place to cry. They want a person to care. They want someone to bind up their wounds. They want someone to listen. They want the assurance of someone who won't blab their story all over the church. They want someone who will do more than say, "I'll pray for you." They are bruised reeds looking for refuge. What kind of refuge have you been in the past? What kind will you be in the future?

GREAT JOB!!!

Many thanks for meeting the Picante Sauce challenge last Sunday for the Medina Children's Home. You brought 122 jars!

In an effort to praise God for the blessings that we have received we will have a special Thanksgiving service conducted by Mike Baker in our large auditorium on Wednesday, November 21st. Our kindergarten class through our adult classes will be asked to attend this special service. Remember this is a special service in which we will thank God for all that He has done for us so please make every effort to be present as we sing, pray, and search His Word regarding the subject of Thanksgiving.

While we are on the subject of special services please mark your calendar for the year end singing which will be Wednesday, December 26th, at the Broadway Church of Christ. That night there will be no services here at West Erwin. All of our members are encouraged to join with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ and teach one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. I hope to see you at Broadway on December 26th.

Our new classes will begin December 4th. All of our teachers have been secured and they are ready to go. We had a fantastic fall quarter. A great big thank you is extended to all of our teachers for all of the time, energy, and effort they put into their classes. May God continually bless you for your labor of love.



IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank the West Erwin church for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral for my brother, Gene. Your prayers, cards, and your concern for Gene the last several months have been a comfort to us. We count our blessings for such a loving caring church family. May God bless you.

Leon & Carolyn Welborn

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Dannie & Sue Skipper on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Addyson Hope Colston was born November 10 to Brandon and Lindsey Colston. She weighed 6 lb. 15 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services for J.E. Adams, Wanda Frick's brother, were held Wednesday at North Street Church of Christ in Nacogdoches. Wesley Cooper, Jordan Lyons' grandfather, died last Saturday in Northern Ireland. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

ATTENTION ALL MEN: If you are asked to serve publicly in the worship assembly (prayers, Bible reading, serving or leading communion, etc.), please respond as soon as possible if you are unable to serve. Also, when you serve please report to the front of the auditorium at least 10 minutes before worship time so that the men in charge will know that you are available. If you are willing to serve as an alternate when someone is not available, please notify Gary Ables, Brody Clark, Steve Denman, or Brant Prestidge. Thanks for your help in making our worship flow more smoothly as we seek to give our best to our Lord.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASSES

Wednesday evening, November 21, all classes except preschool will meet in the auditorium for a special time of Thanksgiving. No meal this week due to Thanksgiving holiday.

BENEVOLENT CENTER

There is a need for linens at the Benevolent Center, sheets, blankets, towels, etc. Thank you for helping us to help those in our community who are in need.

SPECIAL NEED: Small baby food jars for the *Tots For Christ* Bible class. There will be a box at the Visitor Center for collection. Thank you for your help.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness; against such there is no law." Galatians 5:22-23

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Bud and Charlotte Cawyer came Sunday to make known their decision to work and worship with the West Erwin church. We are very pleased to welcome them into the family here. They come to us from the Round Rock Church of Christ. Their e-mail address is bcawyer@suddenlink.net and they live at 438 Rosewood Dr., Hideaway, 75771, ph. 903-881-5056.

We are very happy to welcome **Carlos and Carol Cudd** into the West Erwin family. They have been visiting for several weeks and we know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 458 Towne Oaks Dr., 75701, ph. 903-561-7696.

NEW POCKET DIRECTORIES

A new updated pocket directory is being planned. If you have updated information, please notify the office as soon as possible.

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Clean Comedy Club

Enjoy a relaxing and delightful evening of entertainment laughs and childlike fun with special guest, **Ken Davis**

Author, Christian Comedian

Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Rose Garden Building, Tyler

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Worship A.M.	687	667	695
Worship P.M.	375	351	398
Wed. P.M.	368	NC	351
Contribution	\$25,594.27	\$33,795.54	\$27,420.85
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	11-18-07 bus \$1,000.00	

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PRAYER AND CARE - Bill Thompson is in Mother Frances after a foot amputation and a stroke. **Ray Womack** is in Mother Frances, room 4426, may have pacemaker implant. **Darrell Beard** is recuperating at home. **Joel Knox** went to M.D. Anderson last week for evaluation. **Shirley McCleenny** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Janice Hardaway** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Dec. 4. **Judy Smith** is having hip problems, may need replacement. **Shane Durham**, Don & Norma's son, is scheduled for surgery Nov. 28. **Ray Hunt**, Tammy Lemons' dad, is at home after surgery. **Jean Martin**, Sandie Martin's mother, is in Health South Rehab, room 105A after double knee replacement last Tuesday. **Continue to remember: Henry Brown; Rheba Burgess**, Norma Durham's mother; **A.J. Carnathan** (grandfather), **Donnie Carnathan** (dad, knee surgery), **Suzie Carnathan** (mother), **Marie Poston**, (grandmother, broken shoulder) Michael Carnathan and Lindsay Kelly's family having health problems; **Zona Crone; Richard Dickson**, Howard's brother; **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Frank & Carla Haddock**, Bettie Thorne's daughter & son-in-law; **Don Hall**, Donella Jackson's dad; **Mary Haws; Betty Hearne**, Joann Hancock's sister; **Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Roy Hunt; Archie Kennard; Gus Krewall; Velma Lemons; Jimmy Malone**, Bill & Ruby McCain's nephew; **Sharon McEver**, Donna Tyndell's sister; **Hugh Mills; Johnnie Moore**, Mary McFadden's niece; **Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Johnny Pledger**, Blair Ethridge's grandfather; **Tommy Price; Audrey Robinson**, Alan Fisher's sister; **Art Rowland; Stephanie Ruddell; Sherma Sherrick**, Deloris Bundy's daughter; **Joy Taylor**, Bill Mezell's sister; **Sylvia Tharpe; Bill Wilmeth; & Esther Wilson**.

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

Call to worship Mike Baker
Prayer Lee Mink
Scripture Forest McFadden
Dismiss Leon Welborn

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Thomas Park
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Joe Roach
Scripture Jonathan Stone
Dismiss Harvey Strickland

SERVING COMMUNION

Alan Montgomery Carlos Morgan
Gary Mitcham Aubrey Morman
Jerry Mitchell Bill Mullins
J.D. Mitchell Larry Moore

GREETERS

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Michael Ragsdale
Noel & Jean Parker & Maggie Ragsdale
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Amye Scarborough
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
Mike & Nora Gravois

Pick up cards November 25 & Dec. 2: Trey Jackson, Caleb DuPree, Taylor Stein, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Nov. 25:
Nursery a.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Nursery p.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Toddlers a.m.: Gary & Judy Mitcham; Toddlers p.m.: Kelli Malone & Jessica Keeney; 2's: J.D. & Tim & Patti Grounds; 3's & 4's: Mark & Melissa Frick.

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

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Moments With Mike

Last Thursday the West Erwin Playschool presented their annual Thanksgiving program. Having met most of the students in the last several weeks, I looked forward to their performance.

In the moments that preceded the program I couldn't help but notice the number of cameras and camcorders in the room. There must have been at least one such device for every student, maybe more! This was great!

Like many parents in years past I'm sure that the images captures that morning were quickly added to many others that chronicled the accomplishments of their young children.

The students performed wonderfully, each in costume as turkeys, Indians or pilgrims. Most were probably nervous to some extent although it really didn't show. They were well rehearsed, in front of friends and family who cared for them, and surrounded by other students.

The following adults helped to make this event possible: Sara Powell, Kathy Means, Beverly Perry,

Lights, Camera(s), Action

Kathy Honeycutt, Jennifer Skender, Charleen Clayton, Dolores Kennedy, Carolyn Blackstone, Jeanine Hughes and Terry Shaw. Thank you all.

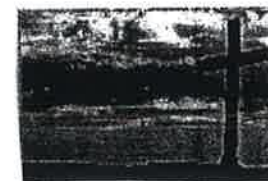
These young students have a world of possibilities ahead of them. Cameras won't be present at every event in their lives, but they will come to realize that life is one extended recital of sorts. I hope they will learn and remember that God will be watching that entire performance.

David wrote the following insight of how God looks down upon us as His children in Psalm 139:1-4. "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, but behold, O Lord, You know it altogether."

Friends, may we find our lives well rehearsed for righteousness, intertwined with spiritual family and always ready for our next accomplishment. May we all perform well. God is watching us!

See you Sunday! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, November 25, 2007
by Mike Baker
A.M. "What Did You Expect?"
(Philippians 1:19-21)
P.M. "The Price Of Not Yielding To
Temptation" (Genesis 39:6-10)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny THOUGHTS...

Check the bottom section for important upcoming dates. If you plan to go on the mission trip to Mexico next summer, go ahead and get your Passport. Plan ahead! All of those in the youth group and families are invited to go out to eat with us on Sunday night, Nov. 25. We will have details Sunday morning.

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who were a part of the Area-wide Middle School retreat this past weekend. We had 33 from West Erwin how had a great time together with 5 other churches from the area. Thanks to Mike & Nora Gravois, Mark Frick, Tara Kilgore & Lisa Snell for going as sponsors and Kara Murry, Colt Keeney, Tanner Philpot, Jared Jordan & Michal Ragsdale for serving as counselors.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with our annual Thanksgiving meal at the Karing Kitchen. West Erwin will be hosting again in Dec. 31 (New Years Eve). There will be several people out of town that night due to the holidays. So, if you can help that night, join us as serve the community. Contact me for more details or just come about 5:00.

LTC

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Mar. 21-23	LTC Convention

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SEND A CARD

If you go to this website, www.letsaythanks.com, you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier who is currently serving in Iraq. You can't say who gets the card, but it will go to someone who is serving in Iraq. This is a great site. It's FREE. And it only takes 2 minutes. Let's flood them with thank you cards from Tyler, Texas.

ALSO AVAILABLE

You may also send cards addresses this way:
A Recovering American Soldier
% Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

ATTENTION! SINGLE PARENTS WITH CHILDREN

We want to give you a night off
We will care for your children
We will feed them
We will give them special care
From 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Friday, December 7
In the Family Life Center
You must RSVP by Wednesday night, Dec. 5
To RSVP: Call the church office @ 903-592-0809

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Whenever you think of the Bible school ministry, what comes to mind? Most of us think of a classroom with chairs, desks or tables, a marker board, students and a teacher. The Bible school ministry is all of that but if that is all there was to it, it would be doomed to fail. For too many years we've thought of the Bible school ministry as described above and by thinking of it this way, it becomes simply an organization rather than a living, breathing, vibrant part of our spiritual life. The mission of the Bible school ministry was never meant to be limited to simply teaching our students about the Bible but rather it was also meant to be a method to evangelize beyond the walls of our classrooms. In fact, if you look at our Bible school mission statement you would find the following words:

"The Bible school ministry of the West Erwin Church of Christ will edify the believer through a systemic study of God's Word and it will evangelize those that are lost by reaching out to them through our classes and fellowships."

This mission statement was written 7 years ago and it was designed to remind our teachers that their jobs as Christian educators included more than simply showing up to teach their classes. It also included building up their students and when applicable evangelizing their students.

We seem to have the edification part down but how can we do a better job of evangelizing our classes? Let me remind you of a ministry that we started here about 5 years ago called: **5 touches in 5 days**. Here are the 5 simple steps you can do to reach out to those who visit your classroom:

1. Collect all necessary data from your guests by filling out the back of the attendance card found in each of our classrooms.
2. After that initial meeting, write a note or send a card to the guest thanking them for attending and invite them back.
3. Turn the information over to the education minister so that he can make a personal visit.
4. Call the visitor and invite them back to the class.
5. When they return be sure to seek them out and encourage them to continue to attend the class.

It is a simple formula that has worked right here at West Erwin. Let's continue to implement this ministry.



THANKSGIVING

As you seek for many blessings when you kneel in prayer Don't forget to add your thanks for gifts already there. Great the blessings we receive as each new day unfolds, Things we often take for granted, more precious far than finest gold.

For the dawn and light of day and for the sun's warm glow,
For the silent dew that drops upon the earth below,
For the fresh sweet air we're breathing, for the birds that sing,
For the growing trees and flowers and for the crystal spring;
For the golden sands that fringe around the sea so blue,
For the mountains and the hills, the stars and moonbeams too;
For the greatest gift of all, God's well beloved Son
Who died on Calvary's cruel cross to save a world undone.
Never forget to offer thanks. Nothing could ever buy
All these many priceless blessings sent from God on high.

- May Gorrie

ATTENTION MEN: If you are asked to serve publicly in the worship assembly (prayers, Bible reading, serving or leading communion, etc.), please respond as soon as possible if you are unable to serve. Also, when you serve please report to the front of the auditorium at least 10 minutes before worship time so that the men in charge will know that you are available. If you are willing to serve as an alternate when someone is not available, please notify Gary Ables, Brody Clark, Steve Denman, or Brant Prestidge. Thanks for helping make our worship to God the best it can be.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones, Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tutt, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

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RESPONSE

Blake Lockhart came Sunday to request prayers of his church family that he might have the strength and faith to be a Christian leader.

NEW POCKET DIRECTORIES

A new updated pocket directory is being planned. If you have updated information, please notify the office as soon as possible.

"True wealth is what you are, not what you have"

Christian Homes & Family Services

You are cordially invited to the 2007 Fundraising Dinner Benefiting Christian Homes & Family Services

Clean Comedy Club

Enjoy a relaxing and delightful evening of entertainment with special guest, **Ken Davis**, Author, Christian Comedian Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Rose Garden Building, Tyler

Contact the Christian Homes & Family Services office for ticket and sponsorship information. 903.509.0558

ALBUQUERQUE CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME

ACCH needs you! We are located in Albuquerque a step away from the Rio Grande River and in the heart of the west side. We are currently hiring house parents who are willing to provide a loving and caring home for school age children. We offer a competitive salary, a great benefit package, which includes lodging and food. If you are a married couple looking for a rewarding career working with children please contact us for additional information @ 505-898-5520 or e-mail a resume to ewhite@acch4kids.org.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

Dallas Dinner & Silent Auction February 15, 2008
Hyatt Regency Landmark Ballroom in Dallas
Rayfield Wright, Dallas Cowboy Legend, guest speaker
Tickets \$150.00 per person
See bulletin board in education wing for details

MY GRATITUDE

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

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Records	Sunday Nov. 25	Sunday Nov. 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	369	453	437
Worship A.M.	645	687	733
Worship P.M.	370	375	375
Wed. P.M.	NC	368	NC
Contribution	\$23,346.65	\$25,594.27	\$23,990.57
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Dec. 2 and Wednesday, Dec. 5: Don Ingram ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Zona Crone had surgery on her neck Thursday at Mother Frances. **Wini Cullinan** was readmitted to Mother Frances for tests after a heart attack, and stent implant. **Bill Thompson** remains in Tyler Continued Care, Mother Frances. **Janice Hardaway** is scheduled for knee replacement surgery Dec. 4. **Joel Knox** went to M.D. Anderson for evaluation and treatment. **Shirley McClenny** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Lowrane Canada** had wrist surgery. **Ruby McCain** is at home after a recent hospitalization. **Sylvia Tharpe** is scheduled for eye surgery Dec. 21. **Judy Smith** is scheduled for hip replacement Jan. 31. **Rob Brown, Earl & Melinda O'Quinn's** son-in-law, had bypass surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Shane Durham, Don & Norma's** son, had neck surgery Wednesday in Frisco. **Jean Martin, Sandie Martin's** mother, is in Health South Rehab after double knee replacement. **Continue to remember: Henry Brown; Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's** mother; **Donnie Carnathan, Suzie Carnathan, & Marie Poston, Michael Carnathan and Lindsay Kelly's** family having health problems; **Darrell Beard; Zona Crone; Richard Dickson, Howard's** brother; **Pat Gray, Fran Starnes' sister; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Frank & Carla Haddock, Bettie Thorne's** daughter & son-in-law; **Don Hall, Donella Jackson's** dad; **Mary Haws; Betty Hearne, Joann Hancock's** sister; **Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Ray Hunt; Roy Hunt; Archie Kennard; Gus Krewall; Velma Lemons; Jimmy Malone, Bill & Ruby McCain's** nephew; **Hugh Mills; Johnnie Moore, Mary McFadden's** niece; **Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Johnny Pledger, Blair Ethridge's** grandfather; **Tommy Price; Audrey Robinson, Alan Fisher's** sister; **Art Rowland; Stephanie Ruddell; Sherma Sherrick, Deloris Bundy's** daughter; **Joy Taylor, Bill Mezell's** sister; **Bill Wilmeth; & Esther Wilson.**

MINISTERS			
Mike Baker - Pulpit Minister	Doug Yates - Education		
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
Keith Hodges - Interim Minister			
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Tony Adams
Scripture Keaton Ainsworth
Dismiss Fred Wingate

**PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Gene Chandler
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Jim Armstrong
Scripture Ernest Bennett
Dismiss David Blaylock

SERVING COMMUNION

Buck Nowell Bob Paul
Bryce Murry Tommy Parrish
Jon Murry J.D. Osborn
Dan Murry Randall Partain

GREETERS

Wendell & Anita Potter & George Richardson
Fred & Sara Powell & Samantha Richardson
Joe & Connie Roach & Chris Scroggins
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Dec. 2: Trey Jackson, Caleb DuPree, Taylor Stein, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Dec. 2:
Nursery a.m.: Laurie Dawkins; Nursery p.m.: Cathy Scroggins; Toddlers a.m.: Kelli Malone & Jessica Keeney; Toddlers p.m.: Gary & Judy Mitcham; 2's: Blake & Mary Lockhart; 3's & 4's: Will & Stephanie Christian.

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Moments With Mike

So Easy To Be Deceived

When was the last time that you were really fooled? Have you fallen for someone's story only to discover that it was a corny joke? Or perhaps you've become a victim of some internet hoax and innocently passed it along as truth. Chances are pretty good that all of us have been deceived in the recent past.

Hardly a month goes by that I don't receive several hoaxes via the internet and email. Some are from very trustworthy sources. Even some national broadcasters such as Paul Harvey fall victim to these stories from time to time.

There are various factors that lead to our acceptance of what eventually is seen as a hoax. First of all, we may want to believe that it is true. Recently an email circulated speaking of sending cards to unnamed recovering soldiers at an Army hospital. We even had it in our bulletin last week. But it turns out that since 9/11 cards of this sort are no longer accepted. The actual name of the soldier must be on any mail delivered to them.

Secondly, we may accept something as truth because we trust the source. Deception seems to be ever present in our world. Some major newspapers have been deceived and have published information that was later found to be false. A close friend may pass along a story to us and we may accept it as truth thinking that our friend has already verified it.

Thirdly, we may be deceived when truth is mingled with falsehood. Many of the hoaxes that surface are true in some respects, but not in all. Sometimes we see elements that we know are true and then accept the rest as truth as well.

The truth is that it is very easy to be deceived, so we must all be on guard. Notice the following advice from James and Paul. "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." James 1:16 "Test all things, hold fast what is good." 1 Thes. 5:21

See you Sunday! Mike

For more information on testing internet hoaxes/emails see www.snopes.com.

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

**Sermons for Sunday, December 2, 2007
by Mike Baker**
A.M. "Have You Obeyed The Gospel?"
(I Corinthians 15:1-4)
P.M. "What Are You Wearing?"
(2 Corinthians 5:1-4)

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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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

LTC

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COMMUNITY

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ATTENTION! SINGLE PARENTS WITH CHILDREN

You have been given a night off!

We will care for your children

We will feed them

We will give them special attention

Friday, December 7, from 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

You must RSVP @ 903-592-0809

by Wednesday, Dec. 5th

SUCKERED AGAIN!

The address to send a card to a recovering American soldier in my last week's bulletin article, while it looked good, was in fact a half truth. My apologies.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Teachers, when I came to West Erwin in 2000 I said that I would try my best to have at least one training class per year. I have not been able to accomplish this goal mainly due to my teaching schedule. For the first time in 1 ½ years I will be taking a break from a regular 13 week session in order to teach a teacher training class that will last about 3 to 4 weeks. I am requesting that all of our current teachers (who are in the rotation) to attend this class unless they are teaching on Wednesday evenings during the winter quarter. I am also requesting that all of our members who recently placed membership with us who have a desire to teach or who have begun to teach in the West Erwin ministry to attend this class. It is my hope and desire that this class will orientate our new teachers and help motivate all of our teachers to do the best they can in our classrooms. Our first meeting will be on December 5th and we will be meeting in room 403 (office complex building). This class is for our men teachers as well as our female teachers. Like I said earlier, it has been 1 ½ years since

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Our Middle School Party will be Friday night, Dec. 7 @ the Snell's home in Whitehouse from 6:30-10:00. Please bring \$5 for the gift exchange.

Our High School Party will be Saturday night, Dec. 8 @ the DuVall's from 6:30-10:00. Bring a friend! Each person needs to bring \$5 for the gift exchange.

It is important for us to know how many to plan for, so please sign up or RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 5.

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BEING IN CHRIST

If you are in Christ you are involved in something much larger and more glorious than you could ever imagine. GOD has had a purpose since before time began. Ephesians 3:10 says His intent was part of an eternal purpose. In discovering GOD's eternal purpose you will also find your own purpose. And finding your own purpose will provide you meaning, direction, and motivation for living. Maybe that's why Jesus said, "Seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). And again (in Matthew 7:7) Jesus tells us to ask, seek, and knock "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you."

we conducted this class so please make every effort to be present.

Some of the topics that we will be covering in this class are:

1. Why be a teacher?
2. Why be concerned with the organizational structure of the church?
3. Training is the key to a successful recruiting effort.
4. Why must the educational ministry focus on edification and evangelism?
5. Establishing a Great Commission model for our educational ministry.
6. Developing a winning commitment.
7. Teaching for results.
8. The need for new units (classes).
9. Involving the masses.
10. Our organizational structure here at West Erwin.

Again, I believe that it will take about 3 to 4 weeks to cover this material so you will need to take a brief hiatus from your regular non-teaching class. Be sure that you are present and let's get motivated to have the best classes that we can possibly have. May God continually bless you as you teach others about Christ.



IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank all of you for the cards, food, calls, and most of all for your prayers. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Our love and God's blessings to all of you.
Jo & Art Rowland

WITH SYMPATHY

A.J. Carnathan, Michael Carnathan and Lindsey Kelly's grandfather, died Sunday. Funeral services were held Wednesday at the Channelview Church of Christ. Our love and sympathy is extended to all the family and friends.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Leon Welborn, current chairman of the elders, announced last Sunday that our annual special contribution will be on Sunday, December 9. Our goal this year is \$100,000. The primary use for the money collected will be to replace the carpet in both auditoriums and the foyer, and a 15 passenger bus to be used to pick up those who need a ride to church, for the Young at Heart trips, etc.

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"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are very pleased to welcome Jeri Church into the West Erwin family. She comes to us from the Waterview congregation in Richardson. Her address is 5604 Hollybrook Drive, 75703, ph. 903-534-5082.

MISSIONARIES CHRISTMAS

If you would like to contribute the Christmas fund for our missionaries, please give your donation to any of the elders or staff by December 2. Gifts will be sent to Armando Alaniz (Cuban work), John Baker (East Africa), Rafael Falcon (Mexico), and George Hall (B.I.C.A.).

NEW POCKET DIRECTORIES

A new updated pocket directory is being planned. If you have updated information, please notify the office as soon as possible.

"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

CAN YOU HELP?

If you are willing to help deliver poinsettias to the widows and shut-ins on Saturday, December 1st, please contact David Hammond @ 903-372-9907.

"And in the end it's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

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NEW BOOK IN LIBRARY

Available now in the new books section of the adult library: *Seeking True Unity*, featuring a concluding section by Mike Baker.

SERMON CD's

CD's of previous Sunday sermons are available at the Visitor Center. If you have a special request for one not available, please sign your name and the date of the one you want on the sheet and we will be happy to get one for you. These are also available at the church web page.

PLEASE NOTE: Check the tract rack for new tracts.

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Worship A.M.	678	645	695
Worship P.M.	430	370	367
Wed. P.M.	319	NC	347
Contribution	\$32,015.09	\$23,346.65	\$24,133.93
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

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Don Chaffin
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Tommy Cook
Scripture: Joey Coker
Dismiss: G.W. Cliver

SERVING COMMUNION

Buck Nowell: Bob Paul
Bryce Murry: Tommy Parrish
Jon Murry: J.D. Osborn
Dan Murry: Randall Partain

GREETERS
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Spencer Shaw
Gaylan & Margie Seagler & Jake Skender
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Zach Skender
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

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Moments With Mike

Encourage One Another

Encouragement is a vital part of success in our lives. Without it we may attain a few things. But with it we can achieve far greater things.

One of the wonderful aspects of encouragement is that it is, or should be, in plentiful supply all of the time. After all, it doesn't cost anything to encourage someone. And following the Golden Rule, we should all see the value of encouraging others as we would like for others to encourage us.

The writer of Hebrews in 10:24-25 left us with 4 primary actions to follow. Most remember the negative of "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves." But the other three are equally in force and quite positive in nature.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works...exhorting one another."

The word used there for exhorting is the same word rendered "encourage" in 1 Thessalonians 3:2 where Paul sent Timothy to "establish you and encourage you concerning the faith." *Parakaleo* means basically to give consolation, encouragement or comfort.

Parents are great sources of encouragement as they open their children's eyes to the possibilities of what they might achieve in life. Likewise, we should be great encouragers of one another, showing what great things can be accomplished in the faith with the talents and resources we have.

William Arthur Ward said, "Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not forget you."

Many successful people can look back on key individuals and know that their specific encouragement helped them to have the courage and determination to reach their goals.

The West Erwin congregation is full of great encouragers and I'm eternally thankful for that. Friends, let's resolve to freely provide this great blessing to more and more people. A well placed word of encouragement will never be forgotten.

See you Sunday! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1



Sermons for Sunday, December 9, 2007

by Mike Baker
A.M. "How Will You Choose?"
(Luke 18:22-23)
P.M. "Does God Direct Your Paths?"
(Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THOUGHTS...

Thanks to all who helped with the devo this past Sunday night.

If you plan to go on the mission trip to Mexico next summer, go ahead and get your Passport. Plan ahead!

HOLIDAY PARTIES

Our Middle School Party will be Friday night, Dec. 7 @ the Snell's home in Whitehouse from 6:30-10:00. Please bring \$5 (cash) for the gift exchange.

Our High School Party will be Saturday night, Dec. 8 @ the DuVall's from 6:30-10:00. Bring a friend! Each person needs to bring \$5 (cash) for the gift exchange.

Call and let us know you are coming!!!

LTC

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

STARTS WITH THE LETTER "C"

1. _____ High Priest who presided at Jesus' trial
2. _____ Son of Adam who murdered his brother
3. _____ Faithful spy with Joshua
4. _____ Where Jesus turned water to wine
5. _____ First Gentile convert
6. _____ Another name for Simon Peter
7. "God loves a _____ giver."
8. Cast all your _____ upon Him, for He cares for you.
9. Jesus was born during the reign of _____ Augustus
10. It is easier for a _____ to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."
11. "And Simon Peter answered and said, 'You are the _____, the Son of the living God.'"

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

James Galway is widely known for his craft as a master of the classical flute. As he neared his fiftieth birthday, he looked closely at his life (as we all do) and he decided that he was not going to fall into the trap that so many of his musician friends had, that is to say, "getting old and famous for playing bad concerts." He thought about how he could avoid this and his solution was to get back to the basics by practicing his scales for several hours each day. Much to his shock he discovered that it had been so long since he had done this, that it was very difficult. He said, "I could play concerts and repertory pieces but the scales were stiff and inconsistent from key to key."

Doesn't that seem strange, that a master of the flute would have trouble playing the scales? Aren't the scales the very first thing that you learn to play? James Galway had learned a valuable lesson, which is, in order to accomplish great things you can never forget the basics. There are a lot of Christians today who would be well advised to learn the same lesson in their approach to studying God's Word. Many of us are so caught up

12. "Wash your sins away, _____ on His name."

Jesus is

The One who often wept, yet dries our tears.

The One who was sold for the price of a common slave, yet He redeemed man from his sins.

The One who was led as a lamb to the slaughter, yet He is our Good Shepherd.

The One who gave His life and through His death made it possible for us to be saved.

These were taken from the magazine *House to House/Heart to Heart* which is now being handed out through the Benevolence Center ministry as an encouragement to read God's Word. The scriptures for the answers are given in the magazine for the 12 questions above, but for you who have held a copy in your own hands for years will be able to answer them outright.

in hearing about the latest controversy in the brotherhood that we forget our main goal is to seek and save the lost. Don't get me wrong, we need to study controversial issues also but how many people have been converted by being taught on the controversial issues of the church. Our main goal (after we have taken care of our own salvation) is to seek and save the lost. This is a very simplistic and basic need within the church. Whether in our personal Bible study or in group Bible studies we need to remember the basics and to revisit them often. I think we would all be well advised to remember the teachings of Jesus because, to tell you the truth, he never forgot the basic teachings of God's Word. When he needed the answer to the question of the day, he didn't consult the leading authorities in Jerusalem but rather he went straight to the Word of God. Let's once again become people of the Book. You know we were once accused of being people of the Book. What an accusation! Wouldn't you just love someone to accuse you of that today! One way that we can once again become people of the Book would be by attending Sunday morning class, Wednesday evening class and all other special classes that we offer here. Please make every effort to be present for all of our classes. You won't be sorry.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

I want to thank you for the abundance of love and support my family has received during this difficult time. My back surgery was a success thanks to your thoughts, prayers and the grace of God. A day does not go by when I don't receive a card, or food, or a phone call and it is all very much appreciated. I am blessed to be part of such a lovely Christian family who selflessly take the time to lift the spirits of those in need. God bless you all.

Stephanie Ruddell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a joy to work and worship with you, the Lord's people. The lovely poinsettia warmed our hearts. We appreciate the love and concern for us in recent months and especially thank the Lunch Bunch for the lovely meals prepared and shared with so many each Tuesday. You are dedicated workers for the Lord. For those who serve in any way in the Lord's church, we thank you.

Our love and thanks,

Johnny & Jo Anders

WITH SYMPATHY

Henry Brown, long time West Erwin member, died Sunday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Thursday at Memorial Funeral Home. **Phyllis Sowle, Dwight Sowle's** mother, died Sunday in Savannah, Missouri. Memorial services will be held there Thursday and funeral will be Saturday at Starrett Funeral Home in Paris. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ADDRESSES

Gary & Judy Mitcham, 9106 Stonecreek Dr., 75703, ph. 363-9935

Jimmy & Sharen Wester, 2007 Royal Oak Dr., 75703, ph. 581-6277

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

Aaron Arcega, James Baggett, Nicholas Blackstone, Brent Carder, Marc Cleveland, Craig Cooper, Eric Cummings, Christopher Draughon, Chuck Freeman, Josh & Andrea Gaspard, Eric Hass, Casey Haws., Shelly Henry, Robert C. Holt, Bill Jolley, Jay Landon Jones, Marc Jones., Kobe Kelly, Joe Kennedy, Suzanne Linseisen, Greg Lowe, Jon Mason, Blake McGee, Brad Murrell, Demecia Rogers, Jared Sebastian, Brandon Silvers, Russell Spicher, Paul Stambaugh, Allan Thomson, Sgt. Chuck Tull, Tim Wagner, Timothy Wallace, David Weaver, Jordan White & Major Jeremy Zadel.

"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend. We never get rid of an enemy by meeting hate with hate; we get rid of an enemy by getting rid of enmity. By its very nature, hate destroys and tears down; by its very nature, love creates and builds up. Love transforms with redemptive power."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

SPECIAL THANKS: to Dale Blackstone and to all the men who helped deliver flowers last week to our widows and shut-ins. David Hammond puts in much time and effort to oversee this labor of love each year. We have received too many to print calls and notes of thanks for this remembrance.

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Preston Conder** in his decision to live his life for Christ. He is the son of Chris and Miranda Conder, is in the 9th grade at Whitehouse High School and was baptized into Christ Sunday by his dad. Their address is 1277 Luann Lane, 75703, ph. 581-0269.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Corey and Angie Coleman** and their three precious daughters, Callie (1st grade), Cammie (age 3), and Cate (age 1), into the West Erwin family. We hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 1108 Cheryl, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 830-8319.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Buck and Kathleen Nowell celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary on November 30. We rejoice with them in this happy milestone in their lives.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Leon Welborn, current chairman of the elders, announced last Sunday that our annual special contribution will be this Sunday, December 9. Our goal is \$100,000. The primary use for the money collected will be to replace the carpet in both auditoriums and the foyer, and a 15 passenger bus to be used to pick up those who need a ride to church, for the Young at Heart trips, etc.

"The wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere." James 3:17

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Wednesday, December 12: Hamburgers.

ATTENTION LADIES: There will be a planning meeting in the parlor Sunday, December 16, at 3:30 for Cassandra Martin to come talk to the ladies. Please come if you would like to help.

ANNUAL CITY WIDE YEAR END SINGING

The year end singing will be at the Broadway Church of Christ this year on December 26 at 7:00 pm. Our song leaders are invited to come ready to lead a song or two. Come be a part of this time of singing and prayer as we reflect on the great blessings God has granted us this past year and look forward to another year in His service. There will be no service at West Erwin that evening. You are encouraged to enjoy this time of Christian fellowship.

BOLES CHILDREN'S HOME

Dallas Dinner & Silent Auction February 15, 2008
Hyatt Regency Landmark Ballroom in Dallas
Rayfield Wright, Dallas Cowboy Legend, guest speaker
Tickets \$150.00 per person

NOTE: Please check the bulletin board in the main foyer to send birthday cards to shut-ins and/or senior citizens.

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Records	Sunday Dec. 9	Sunday Dec. 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	477	463	431
Worship A.M.	694	678	664
Worship P.M.	378	430	387
Wed. P.M.	363	319	354
Contribution	\$24,667.00	\$32,015.09	\$23,047.00
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	Special \$118,167.35	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Dec. 16 and Wednesday, Dec. 19:
Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Charles Seaberry** will begin chemo due to a recurrence of cancer. **Frank Debenport** had a heart cath Tuesday, bypass and valve replacement surgery Wednesday. **Joe McBee** is at home after carotid artery surgery Tuesday. **James Phillips** had an aortic sonogram Tuesday. **Les Carruth** is in Mother Frances with diverticulitis. **Charlotte Cawyer** is ill at home with severe colitis. **Shirley Denman** had outpatient foot surgery Thursday. **Harold Denman** is scheduled for a biopsy Dec. 20. **Janice Hardaway** is in Health South after recent knee replacement surgery. **Warren Gary** will have surgery later. **Joel Knox** will have more tests and treatment at M.D. Anderson (no cancer!). **Shirley McCleenny** is back in Mother Frances for cancer treatment (no visits, please). **Sylvia Tharpe** is scheduled for eye surgery Dec. 21. **Colton Haile** will have surgery Dec. 27 to repair a hole in his ear. **Judy Smith** is scheduled for hip replacement Jan. 31. **Lela Duncan** is now in Colonial Nursing Center in Lindale. **Rob Brown**, Earl & Melinda O'Quinn's son-in-law, is recovering at their home after recent bypass surgery. **Shane Durham**, Don & Norma's son, is recovering after neck surgery. **Scott Smith** has begun treatment in preparation for a stem cell transplant. **Eric Ybarra**, Elmer & Nila Miles grandson, broke his ankle. **Jan Haggerty**, Mary Richey's daughter, is recovering after surgery last week in Wichita Falls. Continue to remember: **Christopher Bobbitt**; **Lowrane Canada**; **Darrell Beard**; **Zona Crone**; **Archie Kennard**; **Tommy Price**; **Bill Wilmeth**; **Esther Wilson** & **Earlyne Wimberly**.

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Scripture Don Crowder
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Jimmie Philpot Charles Rachui
Rex Power Curtis Pruett

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Moments With Mike

Wonderful, Amazing, A Blessing

Aren't you happy to be a part of such a great congregation like West Erwin? In the short time that we have been here we have witnessed many wonderful things and we have come to expect such from the membership, staff and leadership here. We are all wonderfully blessed by God to be able to work together for His cause in this area.

Sunday was a tremendous day. Just a couple of weeks earlier one of our elders placed a challenge in front of us to raise \$100,000 for some year-end projects. I had heard of your previous generosity, but to be honest, I was afraid to really expect much until I saw it for myself. Shame on me.

As anticipated, this congregation rose to the challenge and ended up giving around \$150,000. That is wonderful. Some said it was amazing. I also heard "what a blessing this church is for the Lord."

We also witnessed a new birth Sunday morning as Erin Webel was baptized by her future father-in-law. And our congregational family also

grew by the addition of John and Becky Thompson and Israel and Martha Sandoval and their three children.

Isn't that wonderful? Some might say it is amazing. I'd like to echo the words of the other person who said, "What a blessing."

Friends, we are wonderfully blessed here at West Erwin. We are blessed by our God who provides for us and who hears and answers our prayers. We are blessed by our elders, deacons, ministers, staff, Bible teachers, volunteers and hosts of others who help to get everything done that needs to be done.

We are also blessed by great encouragement and hope which comes first from God's word and then is embodied in our brothers and sisters around us.

Paul said it in Philippians 1:3 and I'd like to say it of you today. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Thank you, West Erwin for being wonderful, amazing and a blessing!

See you Sunday! Mike

"Going On To Perfection"



Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, December 16, 2007

by Mike Baker
A.M. "It's A Wonderful Life"
(Phil. 4:11-13)
P.M. "What If?"
(John 20:30-31)

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THOUGHTS...

A Holiday thought... Family time over the holidays is one of my favorite times of the year. Contrary to the world view, it is not all about opening presents! It is about family, friends and giving. Those memories will last a lot longer than the gifts we open.

Thanks to all who helped with youth holiday parties this past weekend. Thanks to Aaron & Jean Duvall for hosting the high school event and to Jay & Debbie Bynum & Lisa Snell for helping. Thanks to Jeremy & Jenny Wilson, John & Terry Shaw, Kim Johnson, Marisa Suggs, Sonja Carter & Lisa Snell for helping with the middle school event.

If you plan to go on the mission trip to Mexico next summer, go ahead and get your Passport. Plan ahead!

LTC

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High School Short Film will meet Sundays @ 4:00 in the High School Classroom.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford
MEAN WHAT YOU SING

After watching the Public Television Tel-a-thon of old love songs, I realized how deeply music infiltrates our hearts and how long it remains there. When we assemble on Sunday singing praises to our GOD I realize this truth even more. In fact, I believe the powers of darkness shudder in fear when we pay homage to the King of kings. When we sing of His accomplishments and His great power and love, Satan runs to hide.

The songs we sing as His church, instruct, encourage, and inspire. Who hasn't felt like standing when we sing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." It's like a national anthem to our Savior!

And I suppose the absolute worst thing is to sing, not with a lack of harmony, but to sing the words without meaning. To sing well, but to fail to grasp the message hidden in the words is the greatest loss.

We sing with ease such songs as:

"Have Thine own way, Lord!

Have Thine own way!

Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.

Mold me and make me after Thy will

While I am waiting, yielded and still."

Oh? Yielded and still? Ready and willing to be molded after His will? But we can't wait to get in our cars and drive away. Father, forgive us!

*You can't trust and worry at the same time.
The next time the devil reminds you of your past,
remind him of his future.*

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The winter quarter is well underway and things are going great within the educational ministry here at West Erwin. Teachers, let me thank you for all that you do, from your time, effort, and energy in your preparation for your class to your dedication to God's Word as you present the material. Thank you! To each and every student who comes to class and to participate, thank you also for your willingness to learn more about God's Word. Because of your actions I believe you will be richly blessed. I don't want to forget the great support cast that we have here at West Erwin who week after week labor behind the scenes to make our educational ministry a great success. There are simply too many to mention at this time but you know who you are and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Sometimes I am asked what it takes to have a successful Bible school ministry and at least part of the answer can be found in what I've written above. A dedicated staff that understands the importance of teaching God's Word and who are also willing to make great sacrifices for His cause are crucial in this effort.

God has blessed the West Erwin education ministry over the last several years. It wasn't all that long ago that our attendance was dropping annually by 5%. Our Wednesday evening attendance was at a very disappointing average of 250. Fortunately, since that time we rethought some things and got after it and God has blessed us with spiritual and numerical growth. We currently have 55 classes that meet here weekly with a support staff of 133 teachers. Opportunity after opportunity is presented for us to grow in Christ. Numerically we not only stopped the 5% decline (averaging 390 on Sunday morning just a few years ago) but we have grown, now averaging 435. The Wednesday evening low that we experienced just a few years ago of 250 has witnessed a dramatic change to 346. Again, giving God the glory, we are thankful for this growth. Things are heading in the right direction and I believe that with just some minor tweaking and some additional attention paid to the educational ministry we could see even more classes added; more souls being retained, and many being baptized into Christ. One of the keys to the success of this ministry will hinge greatly on your attendance in 2008 so if you haven't been attending class let's get involved and let's make a difference in 2008.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the cards, prayers, and beautiful flowers on behalf of my dear brother, J.E. Adams.

David & Wanda Frick & Family

Dear West Erwin Family,

We want to thank you for all your love and support we receive from all of you. Your prayers, the beautiful poinsettia, your cards, calls, and the meals prepared by the Lunch Bunch and delivered by your dedicated helpers. God bless each one of you.

Friday we went to San Antonio to meet with our daughter for a fun day at Sea World (via electric scooters). Sunday morning at 5:00 am Wayne fell in our motel room and broke his back, the L1 disc. But, thank the dear Lord, the break did not damage his spinal cord so he can still move ... with great pain right now. He was taken to the Methodist Hospital where they did multiple tests. They gave us powerful medication which sedated him and put him in the back seat of our car so I could drive him home. We see our doctor Monday afternoon and I may know more about what they can do for him. Just remember his heart doctor said he can never have any surgery ... it would kill him. Please pray for us.

In Christian love,

Molly Lou and Wayne Terry

To my dear friends who sent me cards, made telephone calls and hospital visits along with their prayers following my recent heart attack, Thank you! Thank you!

Wini Cullinan

WITH SYMPATHY

Bill Thompson died Saturday after a lengthy illness. Services were held Tuesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Services were held Sunday at Centuries Memorial & Hillcrest Funeral Home in Shreveport for **Bill Day, Alisa Leung's** dad. Services were held Thursday in Silver Springs, Maryland for **Marian Moriole, Victoria Moriole's** grandmother. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to **Charles** and **Linda Westerfeld** on the birth of a new granddaughter! Paige Nicole Westerfeld was born Dec. 8 in Conroe. She weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long.

NEW ADDRESS: Lela Duncan is now in Colonial Nursing Center, 508 Pierce Street, #16, Lindale, 75771.

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"There is no safer place than the Father's hands."

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Erin Webel** in her decision to put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. She is engaged to be married to David Blaylock, Jr. and was baptized by her future father-in-law, David Blaylock, Sr. She lives in the Dallas area.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very happy to welcome **John and Becky Thompson** into the West Erwin family. They will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. John recently retired from a preaching position and Becky is a school teacher. John is the son of D.L. Thompson. Their address is 1202 Rice Road #126, 75703, ph. 939-0392.

Israel and **Martha Sandoval** and their children, **Linda** (college), **Kevin** (9th grade), and **Lesly** (4th grade) came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. We are very pleased to welcome them into our family here. Their address is 2925 Club Lake Drive, 75702, ph. 283-2010.

ATTENTION LADIES: Remember the planning meeting in the parlor Sunday, December 16, at 3:30 for Cassandra Martin to come talk to the ladies. Please come if you would like to help.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The Wednesday night meals are served from 5:30 - 6:30 each Wednesday in the Family Life Center. Cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. Wednesday, December 19: Mexican food.

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PRAYER MEETING @ NORTH TENNEHA

The Leadership and the Overcomers Ministry of the North Tenneha Church of Christ, 1701 North Tenneha Ave., Tyler, Texas 75702, invite you to join with us in our end-of-the-year prayer meeting on Monday evening, December 17 at 7:00 pm in the Renaissance Center. Please come and bring your entire family. We look forward to a wonderful fellowship in prayer and praise to our Heavenly Father.

WORDS OF WISDOM: Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, declared a National Day of Prayer & Fasting in 1861. He wrote: "It is fit and becoming in all people, at all times, to acknowledge and revere the Supreme Government of God; to bow in humble submission to his chastisement; to confess and deplore their sins and transgressions in the full conviction that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. ..."

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Records	Sunday Dec. 16	Sunday Dec. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	453	477	420
Worship A.M.	690	694	722
Worship P.M.	428	378	441
Wed. P.M.	320	363	350
Contribution	\$29,840.35	\$24,667.00	\$21,375.77
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00	Special \$10,143.00	

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Dec. 23 and Wednesday, Dec. 26:
Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - **Charles Seaberry** has begun treatment for recurrence of cancer. **Shirley McClenny** is in Mother Frances for cancer treatment (no visits, please). **Frank Debenport** is recuperating after bypass and valve replacement surgery. **Wayne Terry** is now in ETMC rehab. **Sylvia Tharpe** had eye surgery Friday in Dallas. **Dan Cullinan** had more tests Wednesday after having a skin cancer removed from his ear. **Monique Mills** is at home after recent surgery. **Shirley Denman** had foot surgery last week. **Harold Denman** had a biopsy Thursday. **Terry Tindel** is at home after being hospitalized for treatment for Guillian Barre syndrome. **Charlotte Cawyer** is ill at home. **Janice Hardaway** is now at home after knee replacement surgery. **Joel Knox** will go back to Houston for treatment after the first of the year (no cancer!). **Colton Haile** will have surgery Dec. 27 to repair a hole in his ear. **Judy Smith** is scheduled for hip replacement Jan. 31. **Edna Dean**, Charlotte Cawyer's mother, is critically ill in Alabama. **Joey Mertling**, 17 year old friend of Irene Whaley in Canada, has been diagnosed with cancer. **Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister, is undergoing chemo in Duncanville. Continue to remember: **Darrell Beard; Christopher Bobbitt; Lowrane Canada; Zona Crone; Lela Duncan; Shane Durham**, Don & Norma's son; **Warren Gary; Jan Haggerty**, Mary Richey's daughter; **Mary Haws; Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Ray Hunt; Roy Hunt; Archie Kennard; Gus Krewall; Mary Beth O'Neal; John Pike; Johnny Pledger**, Blair Ethridge's grandfather; **Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister; **Bill Wilmeth; Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly.**

MINISTERS			
Mike Baker - Pulpit Minister	Doug Yates - Education		
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth		
Keith Hodges - Interim Minister			
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer
Scripture Don Durham
Dismiss

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer
Scripture
Dismiss

SERVING COMMUNION

Fred Powell Michael Ragsdale
Wendell Potter Tom Ramsour
Jimmie Philpot Charles Rachui
Rex Power Curtis Pruett

GREETERS

Billy & Lynda Terrell & Ashlie Sustaire
D.L. & Alice Thompson
Mike & Dorothy Watts & Calley Waggonner
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Milburn & Jan Cook

Pick up cards Dec. 23 & 30: Austin Millican, Taylor Stein, Caleb Grounds, Tanner Perry, & Nicolas Means.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Dec. 23:
Nursery a.m.: Sharon Gordon; Nursery p.m.: Dolores Kennedy; Toddlers a.m.: Kristi & Megan Harris; Toddlers p.m.: Cathy & Wendy Culpepper; 2's: Joey & Leslie Coker; 3's & 4's:.

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Happy Holidays from the West Erwin Staff



"Going On To Perfection"

Hebrews 6:1

Sermons for Sunday, December 23, 2007
A.M. Don Crawford
"Love Is A Boomerang" (Rev. 21:1-4)
P.M. Doug Yates
"Captured Christianity" (Colossians 2:8)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny THOUGHTS...

A special thanks to several of our men who have helped in the teaching of our teens over the past month: Mike Gravois, Tim Grounds, David Wicks & Keith Hodges.

If you plan to go on the mission trip to Mexico next summer, go ahead and get your Passport. We hope to have some applications available in class. Plan ahead!

LTC

If you haven't already joined the West Erwin website, check it out. We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com.

High School Short Film will meet Sundays @ 4:00 in the High School Classroom.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Dec. 31. If you would be interested in helping, please be

there by 5:00. We begin serving @ 6:00 and cleanup should be done by 7:15. Join us!

HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT RETREAT

All of those in the 9-12th grade are invited to the Servant Retreat on Feb. 1-3. This is a retreat that we have been a part of for about 19 years. Several churches from all over Texas attend. This will be a special weekend. Plan to attend. Cost will be \$35.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 31 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Dec. 31 New Years Eve @ FLC
Feb. 1-3 High School Servant Retreat
Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention

SUMMER DATES

June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

SHEEP AND GOATS

"When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left" (Matthew 25:31-33).

Jesus will not divide the sheep from the wolves as we might expect, but the sheep from the goats. Have you ever thought much about why he will separate them because they seem to be similar creatures? The big difference is how they behave. Goats have a very negative character. They are independent and almost anti-social. Therefore,

Jesus will say to the sheep, "Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world" (:34). And to the goats he will say, "Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (:41).

In between those two statements, Jesus tells us why. He says the sheep saw me hungry and they gave me something to eat; they saw me thirsty and gave me something to drink; I was a stranger and they accepted me; I needed clothes and they clothed me; I was sick and they looked after me; I was in prison and they came to visit. The goats were different. They were independent and judged each one through their own eyes with their own wisdom. And the King of kings put them on the left, separating them for eternity. Enough said.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I want to take just a few lines to wish everyone a Merry Christmas. It is great to see families reunited during the holiday season, to see children opening up their presents and to have the opportunity to eat continuously from about the middle of December to the end of the year. Christmas is great, isn't it!

Teachers, at the end of each year I reflect back over that year as it relates to our educational ministry here at West Erwin and I always have cause to rejoice. I know that we are trying our best to present: (1) Bible based material; (2) Christ centered material; (3) needs oriented material to our students. I also know that because of this we are growing or maturing in Christ and that we are growing numerically as well. God has been good to the education ministry here at West Erwin. I also know that you (the teachers) have focused your classes in such a way that you: (1) involve God in prayer; (2) involve God during your prep time for your class; (3) seek out absentees; and (4) communicate with visitors. Giving God the glory, through these efforts, we are growing spiritually and numerically.

I just completed a training class for teachers. I deeply appreciated all who were able to attend this training class. It is not easy to organize and assimilate over 133 teachers in this ministry. I am so thankful for our teachers' dedication to the task at hand. Please continue to do this great work for the Lord. Teachers, please remember to: (1) teach with authority; (2) understand that we all learn in different ways so use different approaches; (3) teach with emotions (care, concern, and compassion); and (4) teach with a purpose (to seek and save the lost). Currently we have 55 classes that meet each week. I'd love to add another class to our Sunday morning schedule but we are completely out of room, however, if you have some additional thoughts regarding a new class for Wednesday evenings, please let me know at your convenience and we will try to see what we can do. Our attendance for Bible class for 2007 has once again improved. We had a weekly average for Sunday morning Bible school (as of this writing) of 436, our Wednesday evening average is 346. As good as these numbers are we still can do better. Let's dedicate ourselves in 2008 to be more consistent in our attendance to our Bible classes. I really believe that God will bless us if we do this.



IN APPRECIATION

To the Members at West Erwin,

Words cannot express how thankful we are for the many acts of kindness shown to our family following the passing of our Dad. The flowers were beautiful and meant so much to us. A special thank you to the ladies who prepared lunch for all of us after Dad's funeral. This was a blessing for our family as so many had to make trips back to their homes. We are thankful for lifting us up in so many ways.

In Christian love,
 Mozelle Brown, Ronnie & Susan Brown
 Gloria Daughtry & Bettie & Jack Thompson

The family of Jasper Adams (Wanda Frick's brother) sincerely thanks you for your kind expression of sympathy and the beautiful flower arrangement. We deeply appreciate your thoughtfulness.
 Mary Adams

Dear Danny & Brothers & Sisters at West Erwin,
 I just wanted to thank you for your prayers and support during my recent illness. I pray that the Lord continues to bless your families and your church.
 Sincerely,
 Robert Brown

Dear Church Family,
 The fresh flower arrangement was a beautiful touch to our memorial/celebration service. Thank you for thinking of us at this time. Your kindness has helped us through a time of sadness - yet it was a time of joy knowing our mother is with Dad again, and at peace for all eternity. Again, thank you, and God bless you all!
 Dwight & Billie Sue Sowle
 Ross & Cheryl Bilby

I wish to thank the members of the West Erwin church for all the expressions of sympathy and all the prayers for the loss of my dear husband and Jeanene's adored Daddy, Bill Thompson. We appreciate so much the lovely flowers, the cards, and the food prepared for the family, and especially the sincere caring and support of Jo Anders. A special thank you to Mike Baker and Don Crawford for their many visits, prayers, and support and the service they performed at Bill's funeral. The singers, thank you, it was lovely.
 In Christian love,
 Jean Thompson & Jeanene Ingram

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Congratulations to John and Becky Thompson on the birth of a new granddaughter! Laney Grace was born Dec. 11 to David and Marla Cannefax. She weighed 7 lb. 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She was welcomed by four brothers. D.L. & Alice Thompson are great grandparents.

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WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Davy and Sonja Carter and their son Barrett (8th grade) into the West Erwin family. They also have two college age children, Brice and Brittany, who are attending Harding University. They formerly worshipped with the Frankston Church of Christ. Their address is 102 Cardinal Drive (mail: P.O. Box 457), Frankston, 75763, ph. 903-876-5702.

RESPONSE

Priscilla Mayer came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family that that she might have the faith and strength to be the kind of Christian God wants her to be.

Ladies' Inspiration Day at West Erwin February 16, 2008

Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear Cassandra Martin of Spring, Texas. Mrs. Martin is a renowned writer and speaker whose passion is teaching women God's Word and His love for them.

LIFE IS A GIFT

Today before you think of saying an unkind word, think of someone who can't speak.
 Before you complain about the taste of your food, think of someone who has nothing to eat.
 Before you complain about your husband or wife, think of someone who's praying to God for a companion.
 Today before you complain about life, think of someone who went too early to heaven.
 Before you complain about your children, think of someone who desires children but are barren.
 Before you argue about your dirty house that someone didn't clean or sweep, think of people who are living on the streets.
 Before whining about the distance you drive, think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.
 And when you are tired and complain about your job, think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had a job.
 But before you think of pointing a finger or condemning another, remember that not one of us are without sin and we all answer to One Maker.
 And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down, put a smile on your face and thank God you're alive and still around.
 Life is a gift, live it, enjoy it, celebrate it, and fulfill it. - copied

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