

Records	Sunday- Dec. 28	Sunday- Dec. 21	Year Ago
Bible Class	423	433	453
Worship a.m.	711	670	690
Worship p.m.	364	NC	428
Wed. p.m.	NC	259	320
Contribution	\$66,488.45	\$30,711.01	\$29,840.35
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Johnny Anders is now at HealthSouth for rehabilitation after hip surgery. | J.R. Barker, friend of Johnny & Jo Anders, may have pancreatitis due to perforated ulcer. | Zack Fore, friend of Keaton Ainsworth, Haylee Wilson & Caitlin Cook, is in a coma at ETMC after a car accident. | Linda Foreman, Shelly Mullins' mother & Les Carruth's sister, is now home. | Caddie Niles had shoulder surgery Dec. 29. | Gayle Payne is now home. | Hollis Wright, father of Glenda Mills, is in Mother Frances, room 428. **West Erwin Family:** Rebecca Center | Archie Kennard | Priscilla Mayer | Kay Parrish | Jimmie Philpot | Bettye Price | Dan, Marsha, Samantha & George Richardson | Winona Shankle | Dorothy Woods *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Lowrane Canada | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Louise Harris | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Liz Rogers | Leon Santos | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Esther Wilson **Family & Friends:** Bob Garris, friend of Stefan Andrews | Greg Hodge, son-in-law of Jasper & Joanna Huff | Clara Musselman, Sharon Ainsworth's mother | Bill & James Pierce, brothers of Faye Kennard | Bob Sizemore, Jim Sizemore's brother *Ongoing concerns:* Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | Beth Ernst, stepmom of Matt Kelly's sister-in-law | Nelva Higgs, Chad Chauncey's aunt | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Earl O'Quinn, Matt Haws' brother-in-law | Colleen Porter, Riece Gibson's sister | Tatum Roberts, grandson of Bud & Charlotte Caywer | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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Scripture Dannie Skipper
Dismiss Glynn Starnes

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Dannie & Sue Skipper & Kinsey Lockhart
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Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum

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Moments With Mike

Reflections on 2008

2008 has been a tremendous year at West Erwin. God has blessed us richly in many ways. As we draw 2008 to a close and look forward into 2009, I wanted to take a few moments and share some reflections with you.

2008 marked a year of change in our staff. Early in the year, Doug Yates announced his move to Clarksville, TN, and then Jo Butler passed away unexpectedly in April. Later in the year we hired Michael Whitworth as Education Minister, and Lindsay Kelly as secretary. Both are excellent additions to our staff. Israel Sandoval was also added as Hispanic Minister and is doing an excellent job with our Spanish speaking classes and worship.

2008 also marked some milestones for other staff members. On September 28th, West Erwin celebrated 40 years of service by Frances McBee, 20 years of service by Danny Snell, and 42 years of service by Leonard Thompson. West Erwin is blessed with longevity of service.

Among other things, Don Crawford did a wonderful job helping to coordinate the ever-increasing needs for food, clothing and other assistance in our community. With Hurricane Ike, the demands on our Benevolence Center increased and many more families were assisted this year.

Our overall numbers were increasing this year at

West Erwin. Our Sunday morning attendance rose 34 over last year's number to an average of 709 per Sunday. Bible Class saw an increase of 26 to an average of 447. Our evening service also increased by 12 to 416 per Sunday night service. However, our Wednesday numbers declined by 7 to an average of 338.

We had 68 members place their membership with us along with 27 of their family members. That's the second highest number to place membership with us in this decade. There were 3 babies born and we had 13 of our members to pass away in 2008.

We witnessed 41 people put on their Lord in baptism this year. That is more than double our average for the past 10 years.

Our contribution for 2008 was phenomenal. \$1,675,223 was contributed overall. That's \$320,103 over the budget for the year. We are truly blessed people.

No one knows for sure what the future holds. But my forecast for 2009 is bright for the Christians at West Erwin. I can see us meeting challenges, growing closer, reaching more, loving more and finding more blessings from God. Thank you for a great 2008. Pray for even more of God's glory to shine in 2009.

See you Sunday! Mike

2009 Theme
"Where To?"
A destination for wherever you are.
January: To Submission

Sermons for January 4 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Where To? (Gen. 12:1)
P.M.: When Your Righteousness Is Tried (Job 27:1-6)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for *"Our Living Hope."*

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Santa Service Project. A special thanks to those who contributed and made this a very special Christmas for the three children and their family.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

A special thanks to all who went to Holiday in the Park this week. We had 63 from West Erwin along with another 60 or so from Shiloh Rd. and Henderson. Thanks to all who went as sponsors and also drove the buses.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Jan. 5. We serve at 6:00 & preparation starts around 4:30. We are usually finished with cleanup by 7:15. This is a great opportunity to serve the community. Call me if you have any questions.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle and high school are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night as we kick off the new year! Bring \$3 for supper and invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 8:30.

LTC

The theme for this year is from the book of John, "Light, Life & Word." Watch for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 4	Combined Devotional
Jan. 5	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 11	Middle School Devotional
Jan. 18	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 25	High School Devotional
Jan. 26	Bible Quiz
Jan. 30-Feb. 1	High School Servant Retreat
Apr. 10-12	LTC

New Birth

I remember the day my children were born. Sonograms were not yet part of the process. Therefore, "It's a girl!" made my heart leap inside. A new birth is always exciting. It's the cap and crown for a long awaited moment.

Such a moment is rare in the church. What seems to be the natural process to reproduce tends to get lost in the busyness of church life. We often create a selfish shell for our own activities. It happened in Laodicea. The once vibrant church turned inward. They had become a religious relic without vision, passion, nor mission. "Lukewarm" is how Jesus described it.

Then there are other churches who stand in complete contrast, giving birth to new bodies. Under the watchful eye of the mature parent church who offers a type of prenatal and postnatal care, the day comes, the announcement is heralded "It's a church!" The joy and celebration fills the air.

New life away from the security of the parent church is courageous; it's Biblical; it's right; it's exciting!

Wouldn't you like to be a part of that? Wouldn't you like to contribute to such an event that is part of Christ's own vision, "I will build my church."

2009 just may be the year!

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I have always had a love-hate relationship with New Year's. Every New Year's Eve, I become wrapped up in the craziness. I stay up well past my bedtime to see the Times Square crystal ball drop in New York. I even stay up past midnight Central Time and spend the hour in between contemplating my New Year's Resolutions. I wake up the next morning with an awful post-celebration headache, but with fierce determination to make the new year better than the last, and

to keep my resolutions. But January 3rd always comes and my resolutions join all the failed ones of years past on the trash heap. I suffer from wanting to change with the New Year, but always failing. As a Christian, God also has new things in store for me (2 Cor. 5:17), but I struggle to find the destination that God has in mind. Thank God that such change is a life-long process, not a 365-day destined-to-fail experiment. This year, West Erwin's theme is "Where To?" As part of our theme, we will offer four weekly devotionals in the Sunday Update at the beginning of each month. Our prayer is that these devotionals will be a blessing to you as you become the person God desires. Be looking for January's devotionals on Sunday morning in your update. Until then, may you have a happy New Year full of friends, food, and football.

Thank You

West Erwin Church of Christ,
Thank you so very much for the beautiful ivy plant you sent for Marcus' funeral. It was so thoughtful of you to think of us at this devastating time and I really appreciate it.

Love,
Dianna Hall

We want to thank Don Crawford for his comforting words at the memorial services for our mother and also the singers for their beautiful songs. Odell loved everyone at West Erwin and the flowers, cards and telephone calls have shown your care and tenderness toward her. We also appreciate the lunch provided to us the day of her service.

May God Bless Each of You,
The Sessions Family

Dear Christian Friends,
Just wanted to say thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and all your kindness toward me concerning Buck's death. I would not have survived without all of you. I am doing pretty good. I live real close to my oldest son and the other two do not live too far away. If you are ever in Conroe or Willis, come and see me.

Love,
Kathleen Nowell

Thank you so much for the beautiful poinsettia! Your thoughtfulness was truly appreciated.

Evelyn Alme

Thank you so much for the lovely poinsettia. It is so nice for the church to remember us at this time of year.

Very Sincerely,
Kay Stanley

I am very grateful to everyone at West Erwin for your prayers and acts of kindness during my illness. Thank you very much for the widow's luncheon and the beautiful poinsettia.

Dorothy Woods

Thanksgiving to God

The Special contribution in December was \$101,550.00 above our regular contribution. Because of your giving in 2008, we were able to apply \$150,000.00 to our note balance owed on our new construction. You are to be commended for your generosity and your expression of thanks to God. My God continue to bless you and the family in 2009.

The Elders

You are invited to a baby shower honoring

Ruth Anne Morgan

January 11 from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections are at Target & Babies R Us. It's a girl!

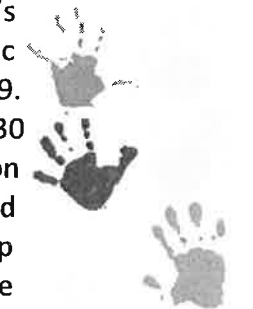


Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, 2009, with a series of lessons entitled: "Waiting On The Lord In Difficult Times." This will be a study of the Book of Job. Fern Bench will be teaching.

Children's Ministry Workshop

We will be having a Children's Ministry Workshop with Eric Brunson on January 9-10, 2009. The workshop will start at 6:30 p.m. on Friday and 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. Children's Worship teachers, leaders and anyone else who works with children are invited to attend. Call Michael Whitworth for more information at 903-592-0809 or email mwhitworth@westerwin.org.



With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Johnny Anders on the death of his sister, Celia Turner. Services were Dec. 21 in Oakwood. Services for Gregoria Sosa, grandmother of Martha Sandoval & Ana Zavala, were Dec. 23, in Tyler. Graveside Services for Nola Seagler, mother of Gaylan Seagler, were Monday at Cathedral in the Pines in Tyler. Our love and prayers are with each of these families.

Responses This Week

Cathy Stowers responded Sunday asking for prayers for a family member. | Suzanne Lane also responded Sunday asking for prayers for her safety as she is being deployed to Iraq.

We rejoice with Samantha Symbalisy who was baptized Sunday, December 28 by Tyler DuVall. Samantha is a student at Abilene Christian University. Her address is ACU Box 27861, Abilene, TX 79699.

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

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Billy Terrell Marcus Turner
John Thompson John Turner, Jr.
Terry Tindel Ray Vannoy

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer J.D. Osborn
Scripture Noel Parker
Dismiss Bob Paul

GREETERS

Bob & Barbara Paul & Colt Keeney
Wendell & Anita Potter & Jessica Keeney
Fred & Sara Powell & Melodi Keeney
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards for December 21 & 28: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Carson Hancock, Nicolas Means, Keaton Conder

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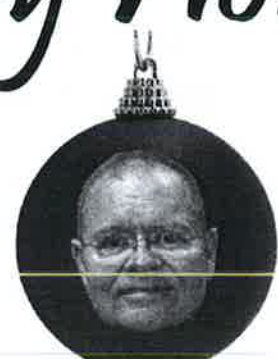
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Happy Holidays



Mike Baker



Don Crawford



Michael Whitworth



Danny Snell



Frances Mc Bee



Lindsay Kelley

From the West Erwin Church of Christ Staff

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THANKS!

Thanks to David Asbill, Mike Gravois, Jeremy Wilson, Judy Mitcham, Lindsay Kelly, Jean DuVall and Lisa Snell for teaching our Wednesday Girls & Guys classes this past quarter. It was awesome!

Thanks to Wade & Diane Weathers for hosting the Jr. High Christmas Party this past Friday. Thanks to Jeremy Wilson, Tim & Patti Grounds for helping.

Thanks to Lee & Camille Mink for helping with the High School Party.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning to go to Six Flag's Holiday in the Park on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Cost is \$25. You must sign up and pay by Sunday, Dec. 21. Absolute deadline for signing up is Sunday, Dec. 21. Details to come.

LTC

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SANTA SERVICE PROJECT

The youth group will be sponsoring a needy family for Christmas this year. We are going to buy Christmas presents for 3 kids. If you would like to help with a donation, let me know. Teens: we will be buying the gifts and wrapping them on Sunday, Dec. 21. We will take the bus right after church Sunday morning and eat lunch together at Jason's Deli and then go shop for the gifts and return to the church to wrap them. Plan to spend the afternoon with us.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 21 Santa Service Project
Dec. 30 Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 30-Feb. 1 High School Servant Retreat

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The year is drawing to a close and I want to extend a warm and sincere thanks to all those who have made my first seven months here at West Erwin so special. You have welcomed me into this great congregation in a very special way. I want to extend an extra thanks to all those who have sacrificed and contributed to West Erwin's education ministry in the past year. All of you are true servants!

I want to make our ladies aware of a new three-month class that will be offered on Wednesday Nights in Room 112 beginning in January. The class will be taught by Joy Rousseau and is titled "**The Blessings of Prophecy.**" The class will examine the **Book of Revelation** in light of Old Testament prophecy. I want to thank Joy for being so willing to teach this class and I encourage our wonderful West Erwin ladies to attend if possible.


We also have several new teachers and classes, especially on Sunday Morning. Ira Wilson is teaching a class on **Galatians** in the Heritage Room and Wayne Berryman is leading a study on the **Minor Prophets**. Davy Carter is instructing the Young Marrieds class based on the book **The Love Dare**. Other teachers are continuing from last quarter, but are teaching new topics. If you do not currently attend a class on Sunday morning, there will never be a better time to begin doing so! You can start early on New Year's Resolutions!

One final note: Paul teaches that we can learn about God's nature through his creation (Romans 1:20) because God has not left himself "without witness" (Acts 14:17). In that spirit, I set out 18 months ago on a summer road trip through the American West, chronicling with keyboard and camera what I learned about God at every turn. It was a memorable experience and one that I plan on repeating as often as possible throughout my life. As a continuation of that experience, I will be leaving on Monday, December 22, for a 10-day Christmas trip to the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and Arches National Park. While gone, I will be keeping an online journal (aka "blog") of my journey and posting photographs every night of God's "invisible witness," the testimony hidden in creation. I want to invite all of you to follow my tire treads by visiting www.michaelwhitworth.com and clicking "Blog." You can also find there pictures from my 2007 Road Trip.

I hope that each and every one of you has a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to what 2009 has in store for God's people at West Erwin. Smile!

Teach at West Erwin Playschool

The West Erwin Playschool is looking to fill a part-time teaching position in the four-year-old classroom. The playschool meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Kim DuPree at 903-530-4948 if you are interested.



Holiday Schedule

We will not be having services or a Wednesday night meal on Wednesday, December 24. Also, the church office will close at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and will be closed December 25 & 26. You will not receive a bulletin the week of Christmas.

Membership Involvement Forms

You should have received a form in the mail asking for contact, involvement and other information to use for our new database. Each baptized member in your family should fill out a form. **If you did not receive one, there are extra copies at the Visitor Center.** We greatly appreciate your help in this effort!

New Year's Eve Party

Please make plans to join us at the West Erwin Family Life Center for a New Year's Eve celebration on December 31, 2008. Be watching for more details to come!!



Thank You

It is wonderful to have such a caring church family. Thank you for the food, cards and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Geri Moore

Many thanks to the lovely ladies that provided such a delicious luncheon and fun time for single ladies. I am enjoying my beautiful plant. Thank you very much.

In Christian Love,
Jeri Church

responses

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We rejoice with **Matthew Kimball** who was baptized Wednesday, December 10. Matthew is the son of Laurie Kimball and his address is 1313 Graham Dr., Tyler TX 75701.

Cayla Ables placed membership at West Erwin last Sunday. Cayla is the wife of Cody Ables and her address is 3424 Iberville Dr., Tyler, TX 75701.

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Annual Blood Drive

The annual blood drive will be December 28 at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Donors will receive a t-shirt and \$10.00 gas card. For more information, contact Don Crawford.

congratulations

Graduation

Congratulations to **Lauren Turner** who will graduate from The University of Texas at Tyler on December 20, 2008 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. Lauren is the daughter of Marc & Tammy Lemons and the granddaughter of Velma Lemons. Also, **Rebekah Carnathan** will graduate from The University of Texas at Tyler on December 20, 2008, with a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies. Congrats to our graduates!

Engagement

Wesley Hilliard and **Andrea King** will be married on January 28, 2009, in St. Louis, MO. They both graduated in May 2008 from Webster University in St. Louis. Wesley is the son of Robert and Kathy Hilliard and he is the grandson of Rob and Carmen Hilliard and Winnie Bell. They will make their home in St. Louis.

Opportunity in Whitehouse

The deadline to return the Whitehouse Mission Surveys is December 21. Please fill out the survey and return it to the church office in the self addressed stamped envelope by December 21. Your help in this effort is greatly appreciated!

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SERVING COMMUNION

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Billy Terrell: Marcus Turner
John Thompson: John Turner, Jr.
Terry Tindel: Ray Vannoy

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Odie Kennedy
Scripture: Dennis Kingsbury
Dismiss: Bob Hackett

GREETERS

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Brady Johnson
Noel & Jean Parker & Jared Jordan
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Brittney Kempton
Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
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Moments With Mike

An Observation and Reminders

It was my privilege to be in attendance last Sunday afternoon as Dean Brookshire presented a wonderful gospel message to a mostly full room at The Atria. With a steady voice and a keen memory, Dean expounded on timeless truths of the gospel and our need to experience the love and forgiveness of God.

Since 2002, Dean has been delivering afternoon lessons on the first Sunday of each month to the residents there. He had recently decided that this past Sunday would be his last message. J. D. Osborn led the singing for the group as he has done for the past several years.

Toward the end of his comments, Dean stated, "I'm going to quit preaching. But I'm never going to quit praying. You will always be in my prayers."

Dean was the pulpit minister here at West Erwin from 1958 to 1968.

We love and appreciate Dean and the many years of service he has given to the work of the Lord. West Erwin is blessed to have several former preachers as members and we are grateful for their efforts as well.

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom. 10:15).

Reminders...

- ◆ The membership involvement forms were mailed out to each family last week. Our new software program is in place and we are looking to have good, clean data to use with this excellent tool. Please remember to have each baptized member of your family fill out a form and then return these forms to the church building or church office by December 14th.
- ◆ In a separate mailing, the elders sent information to each family concerning the opportunity at Whitehouse. Please take the time to read this information and then return your thoughts in the pre-stamped envelope provided.
- ◆ This Sunday marks the occasion of our annual year-end contribution. This year the elders have designated that this special contribution will be used to reduce the remaining building loan amount of \$483,000.
- ◆ The new education quarter began last Sunday. If you are not currently attending a class, this would be an excellent time to begin. The winter quarter teacher/class listing brochures are located at the entrances and at the Visitor Center. Why not begin this Sunday?

See you Sunday! Mike

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SERVICE PROJECT

The youth group will be sponsoring a needy family for Christmas this year. We are going to buy Christmas presents for 3 kids. If you would like to help with a donation, let me know. Teens: we will be buying the gifts and wrapping them on Sunday, Dec. 21.

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You are the Light of the World

Here are four helpful "Do Nots" that will make a difference.

1. Do Not Brag

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Mt 5:16). That means your light is to glow, not glare. Let people see the light, not the lamp — self-righteous people are obnoxious.

2. Do Not Nag

No one likes to see a nag coming toward them. "Let your speech be always with grace..." (Col. 4:6).

3. Do Not Lag

Carry your part of the load and then carry a little more. "...each one should carry his own load...carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:5,2).

4. Do Not Sag

"Let the joy of the Lord be your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). Refuse to compromise. Most people just want to know how to get through Monday. When they see your victory they will ask, "Who put that song in your heart?" Then you have an opportunity to tell them.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

"It's the most wonderful time of the year." The weather may have turned chilly, but everywhere you turn, there are wreaths, Christmas trees, and glad tidings galore. I pray that none of you are stressing out too much over the holiday season, but if you are, I encourage you to make sure you attend your Bible Class. It is important that we all maintain the right perspective during this hectic time.

I again want to remind our Sunday Morning teachers: If you plan to be absent either December 21st or 28th, and have not already found a substitute for your class, please let me know by **Wednesday, December 17th**. I want to extend a sincere thanks to all those who are teaching this quarter. We have several new and returning faces to the teaching ranks and I know that they will all do a marvelous job in their new positions. We also have a few that are stepping aside for a while, but I pray that they will be back soon. They have meant so much to us for so long. If you get a chance, tell our teachers how much you appreciate their diligent study and servant's heart. They are all a priceless asset to the West Erwin family, and only eternity will be able to tell of all the good that they do.

baptism

We rejoice with **Pedro Gonzalez** who was baptized Sunday, December 7 after a.m. services. His address is 403 Rosedale, Tyler, TX 75702. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Rachel Huff** who will graduate Friday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m. at Wagstaff Gymnasium with an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Junior College. We are proud of you, Rachel!

You're Invited

Shiloh Road Church of Christ is hosting the Lubbock Christian University Praise Choir and Chamber Singers for a concert on Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

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Teach at West Erwin Playschool

The West Erwin Playschool is looking to fill a part-time teaching position in the four-year-old classroom. The playschool meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Kim DuPree at 903-530-4948 if you are interested.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Linda Marts on the death of her aunt, **Evelyn Garrett**. Services were Monday in Pittsburgh. We also express our sympathy to the family of **Odell Sessions**, who passed away last Wednesday. Services were Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

Our love and prayers are with these families.

Opportunity in Whitehouse

You should have received a letter in the mail from the West Erwin Elders concerning the mission opportunity in Whitehouse. There is also a survey enclosed. Please read this information and then return the survey in the self addressed stamped envelope to the church office by December 21.

thank you

We have received many thank you notes at the church office for our Elders and Deacons who delivered poinsettias to widows and shut-ins of our congregation. We have a caring group of men serving our congregation and for that we are thankful!

Dear Christian Friends,
We would like to thank the members of your congregation for their wonderful support of our food/grocery program! It is through your loving gifts and donations that we are able to meet the nutritional, physical and spiritual needs of these precious children. Thank you for your kind remembrance!

For the children,
Randy Rose
Medina Children's Home



Cathy Stowers' address in our directory is incorrect. Please change it to: 1219 West Third, Tyler TX 75701.

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Bible Class	487	407	369
Worship a.m.	755	695	645
Worship p.m.	415	374	370
Wed. p.m.	184	NC	NC
Contribution	\$30,415.04	\$26,112.82	23,346.65
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Dorothy Bell, former member, has pneumonia. | Gail Bennett will have arthroscopic knee surgery at Spine and Joint Hospital on 12/5. | Deloris Bundy had day surgery at Mother Frances on 11/26, for blockage in her legs. | Wini Cullinan is now home from the hospital. | Shane Durham, Don & Norma's son, had successful back surgery at Mother Frances Hospital. | Linda Foreman, Shelly Mullins' mother & Les Carruth's sister, had surgery Monday, 11/30, and is in room 5509 at Mother Frances Hospital. | Cade Grier, Blair Ethridge's cousin, is undergoing complications with his hip as a result of a motorcycle accident. | Merle Lane is now home from the hospital after a fall. | Ruth Mezell is now home. | Winona Shankle had surgery on her back to repair a fracture. She's at Mother Frances Hospital, room 488. | Dorothy Woods had a stent implant Tuesday at Mother Frances Hospital. **West Erwin Family:** Louise Harris | Jim Mayer | Priscilla Mayer | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | Dan, Marsha, Samantha & George Richardson | Odell Sessions | Esther Wilson | Ponder Wright, Sr. | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Lowrane Canada | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Bobbye May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | **Family & Friends:** Carolyn Farquhar, Bill Wilmeth's sister | Evelyn Garrett, Linda Marts' aunt | Eugene Harraid, Marie Harraid's son | Anita Potter's niece | Tatum Roberts, grandson of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer *Ongoing concerns:* Marlena Battenfield, Michelle's Smith's sister | Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | Beth Ernst, stepmom of Matt Kelly's sister-in-law | Nelva Higgs, Chad Chauncey's aunt | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Colleen Porter, Riece Gibson's sister | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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It is hard to believe that we are already in December. It seems like only yesterday that my family and I were in the process of moving to Tyler. And now we are into our 15th month of work here and time continues to roll along.

It also doesn't seem like it was a year ago that we announced our theme for 2008, Open Our Eyes That We May See. A sub-theme was also adopted for each of the 12 months of this year. As we have gone through this year, I hope that your eyes have been opened as ours have been. Those sub-themes covered vision, love, the lost, Jesus, God's creation, commitment, freedom, unity, our neighbors, forgiveness, our blessings and this month the focus is on heaven.

We are richly blessed to live in such an area with a strong economy, a strong church and such good people. Our sub-theme in November was on looking at our blessings and praising God for them. I want to let you know that you, the West Erwin members, are a great blessing to me and to my family and we thank God for you.

During this year we also launched a new radio broadcast on KTBB AM600 at 7:30 a.m. on Sundays. This began in May and the responses have been very positive. I believe that this program is opening some doors for us

Time Flies By

with the community. If you have not been listening to the program I would invite you to begin doing so.

Time is very precious to all of us. It is something that we can never recover once it is gone. Here are some thoughts on time.

"If you spend most of the time dreaming of tomorrow and regretting yesterday, you won't find a great deal of time left for doing anything today." Unknown.

Don't fret over what you'd do with your time if you could live it over again...get busy with what you have left." Martin VanBee.

"Take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves." Alexander Pope.

"Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana." Groucho Marx.

"To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven." Eccl. 3:1.

"So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

Friends, I hope that we can look back on the time that has already passed this year and conclude that we have used our time wisely and grown in our love for God.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS

The Old Testament prophets took GOD'S message to the people. Among them were Isaiah and Micah: Isaiah, one of the "major" prophets and Micah, one of the "minor" prophets. Isaiah ministered to the elite. Micah took GOD'S message into the streets.

It was Micah who saw the greed in the hearts of Judah's leaders. He warned the nation not to be deceived by their religious pretenses. He condemned their sin. He exposed their hypocrisy. He predicted the fall of the nation.

It was Micah who asked all the questions like: What shall I bring to the Lord...Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings...Does the Lord take delight in thousands of rams...Shall I present my

first-born for my rebellious acts? (Micah 6:6-7)

Micah deleted his list of questions and offered a more simple solution. He said here's what the Lord wants: "He has told you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your GOD." (Micah 6:8)

GOD is not looking for slick public performances. He does not expect gigantic acts of self-sacrifice, nor perfect attendance for all church meetings. What does He want from us? Read it again. Slower this time.....to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with Him. WOW!

Be a blessing to GOD today for you are loved so dearly by Him.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Road maps are a cool thing. I can pull out my atlas, pull up Google Maps, or switch on my Garmin to find a route to anywhere I want to go. From road mileage to gas prices, from lodging to restaurants, and other points-of-interest, today's map resources can do almost anything. But there is, sadly, one thing that a map cannot do. It cannot decide your destination for you. Such is solely your decision.

Growing up, I often heard the Bible described as a road map for life's journey. It tells us to beware of the devil's "detours" and "rest areas." It makes us aware of the road hazards and long delays we should expect. But like any map, the Bible cannot decide our destination for us. Such is solely our decision. Tucked away in Matthew's gospel is a passage known as the Beatitudes. In this passage, Jesus pulls back the curtain and gives us a glimpse of God's intended destiny for every Christian...a destination! Beginning **this Sunday**, I will be teaching a class in the **Family Life Center** on the **Beatitudes**. I invite you to drink deeply from Jesus' words of hope, and walk away with a life changed by your time on the mountain. Allow God to introduce you to a destination for wherever you are!

Responses This Week

Baptism

We rejoice with **Spencer Shaw** who was baptized Sunday, November 30, by his grandfather, Jay Lockhart. Spencer is the son of John & Terry Shaw, and his address is 18785 Oakbrook Road, Tyler, TX 75703.

In Need of Prayers

Norma Durham responded Sunday requesting prayers for her son, Shane, who was having major back surgery. **Tom Cook** also responded asking for prayers about a situation in his life that he is unsure of how to deal with. He asks that we pray for God to guide him in this decision.

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Ladies' Class Schedule

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New Addresses

Daniel & Kim DuPree

P.O. Box 1959, Whitehouse, TX 75791

903-530-4948

Freeman & Billie Morgan

12807 Lake Island Circle, Montgomery, TX 77356

936-582-4508



In Appreciation

The West Erwin elders would like to acknowledge the work and contribution of Don Drummond for his 16 years of past service to the West Erwin Church of Christ as a deacon.

Don recently stepped down as a deacon after producing over 1,000 Christian TV/radio media programs and serving as chairman of the Local Evangelism committee. Don has a passion for local evangelism and desired to reach out to our community with the Lord's gospel. As he left his position, he encouraged us to be at least as supportive of local and regional evangelism as we have been of world-wide evangelism. He personally believes that evangelism starts at home.

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Your humble servants,
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Moments With Mike

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and I really enjoy this holiday. It's always great to be able to reunite with family and friends, and to take a short break from the normal routines of life. Also, I love this holiday because it helps to remind all of us of the need to express our thanks.

There are many things for which we need to be thankful. Many of us think initially of our families. Also, our health comes to mind. And, of course, we are thankful for our jobs, homes, government, friends, etc.

From the spiritual side, we should be thankful for our relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We should be thankful for strong churches, solid leaderships, faithful teachers and preachers. We are thankful for the wonderful encouragement and fellowship that is enjoyed by those who are in Christ. We are thankful for the tremendous efforts to spread the gospel message to all lost souls, whether they are in our neighborhood or literally on the other side of the world.

We should also be thankful for each and every day we live on this earth. Each day is a gift from God. As disciples, we should thank God every day for the great blessings that we enjoy. Above all, we should never leave God out of our lives.

In his 1863 Thanksgiving Proclamation, President

Always Thankful

Lincoln had some insights into this nation that ring true even today. Note his concern for the direction of the country.

"We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue in our own lives. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

May we never reach the point that we forget to thank God for the wonderful blessings we enjoy in this life. *"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."* Col. 3:17.

Let us pray for everyone to have safety in their travels this holiday season. See you Sunday! Mike

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THANKSGIVING...

Normally a time spent with family and a turkey... sometimes they are one in the same! I always look forward to spending that day with some of my favorite people. For that I am thankful. Even though we may not share that day together, you (my brothers & sisters in Christ) are very much a part of the things I am most thankful for.

Thanks to Lindsay Kelly, Kristi Harris, Mark Frick & J Jones for going on the ZEW Retreat as sponsors. Thanks to Jared Jordan, Maselyn Walker, Andrew Saucedo & Keaton Ainsworth for being counselors for ZEW. It was a great weekend!

PAINTBALL FOR THE GUYS

We are planning an afternoon of Paintball for the middle and high school guys on Sunday, Nov. 30. This will take place at our home in Whitehouse. Cost is \$10 which includes lunch. All equipment will be furnished. You may also bring your own. Plan to wear some thicker clothing- preferably camo. Everyone will be required to wear safety equipment. Bring a change of clothes for church Sunday night. We will return in time for church at 5:00. Call me @ 903-521-6864 for more information. Don't miss it!

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning to go to Six Flags' Holiday in the Park on Tuesday, Dec. 30. Cost is \$20. To get the discounted ticket price, you must sign up and pay by Sunday, Dec. 14. Absolute deadline for signing up is Sunday, Dec. 21. Details to come.

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Lies & Liars

We usually divide lies into two areas: black lies and white lies. Black lies are statements we know to be false at the time we make them. White lies are not in themselves false, but simply leave out a significant part of the truth. White lying has become socially acceptable, rationalizing that we don't want to hurt peoples' feelings. The Apostle John also divides liars into two groups.

He mentions both groups in 1 John. The first group are those who lie to themselves so they will feel good about themselves. They claim to be in fellowship with GOD, yet walk in darkness (1:6); they claim to know GOD, yet they do not do what He commands (2:4); they claim to love

GOD, yet they hate their brother (4:20); and finally, the liar denies that Jesus is the Christ (2:22). These folks are called liars and it is said "they do not live by the truth."

The second type of liar is the one who lies to make somebody else look like they are lying. For instance, (1:10) "If we claim we have not sinned, we make GOD out to be a liar..." because He has said "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).

John's final words about liars is found in Revelation 21:8, "...the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice magic arts, the idolaters and ALL LIARS — their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur." All liarswould that include both black and white lies?

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

This day of Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday. As a child, Thanksgiving Day meant dressing, cranberry sauce, and my all-time favorite dish, Orange Salad (ladies, see me for the recipe!). It also meant Dallas Cowboys football and a week of leftovers. In my teen years, my dad and I began the tradition of seeing a movie at the theater after the football game. I miss those days.

But Thanksgiving now has a new significance and I find myself turning to Psalm 136 during times like these. It is a song celebrating the goodness of God. It begins by affirming that God created the world, and then it narrows to his work on the behalf of Israel. God produced his people, God protected his people, and God provided for his people. When this psalm was read in synagogues, and after every declaration, the entire congregation would echo, "His love endures forever." The final phrase of Psalm 136 is especially fitting on this day of Thanksgiving: "Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever" (v. 26). In the middle of this weekend's food, football, and Black Friday shopping, don't forget to thank the Giver of good gifts because his love truly endures forever. Happy Thanksgiving!

thank you

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,
 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 635 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank you!" We are very grateful for the loving support that you have provided for those in our care. We would like to extend an invitation to any of the church members to visit our campus.

Yours in Christ,
Randy Rose
 Medina Children's Home

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Michael Hall on the loss of his father, **Marcus Hall**. Services were Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our love and prayers are with this family.

Annual Blood Drive

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Thanksgiving

The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

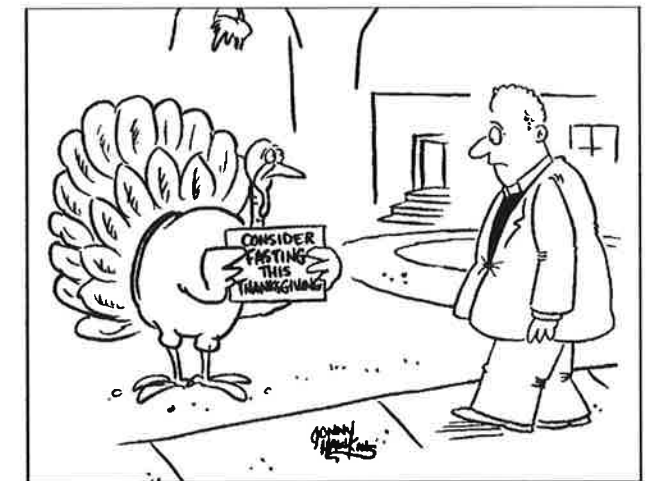
Abraham Lincoln
 October 3, 1863

welcome

New Member!

Blanca Ortiz placed membership on Sunday, November 23. Her address is 9077 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706. Her phone number is 903-279-6326. Blanca and Gabriel's three children are Alfonso, Manuel and Isaac.

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
 His faithful love endures forever.*

Psalm 136:1

Records	Sunday- Nov. 16	Sunday- Nov. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	460	480	453
Worship a.m.	768	750	687
Worship p.m.	381	450	375
Wed. p.m.	379	379	368
Contribution	\$31,319.83	\$29,476.06	\$25,594.27
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Bradie Cook, premature baby of a co-worker of Jennifer Heath, has some minor retinal damage to her eyes. Doctors are monitoring her for possible surgery. | Shane Durham, Don & Norma's son, will be having surgery on November 26 at Mother Frances Hospital. | Bill Wilmeth is requesting prayers for his sister, Carolyn Farquhar. | Evelyn Garrett, Linda Marts' aunt, has been moved to rehabilitation in Pittsburgh. | Jerry Frick was severely burned on his face, shoulder and arm. | Bart Johnson, friend of Fred Hertwig, fell off a ladder and broke three ribs and punctured his lung. | Jim Mayer will be undergoing respiratory tests. | Thomas Park is now home. | A friend of Chuck & Linda Gillam, Kathie Vallow's brother Dennis, fell & hit his head severing the main artery in his brain. Doctors give him no hope and life support has now been removed. | Ponder Wright, Sr., will be going to Houston this week where he will have tests for possible surgery on November 24. **West Erwin Family:** Darrell Beard | Mary Ruth Cox | Fred Hertwig | Louise Harris | Priscilla Mayer | Ruth Meazell | Bettye Price | Odell Sessions | Winona Shankle | Esther Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Delores Bundy | Lowrane Canada | Chuck Gillam | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Bobbye May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Eugene Harraid, Marie Harraid's son | Michelle Kuechle, daughter of Melvin and Nina Crow | Brent Osborn, J.D. & Sherry's son | Anita Potter's niece | Tatum Roberts, grandson of Bud & Charlotte Caywer | Theron Snell, Danny Snell's father | **Ongoing concerns:** Marlena Battenfield, Michelle's Smith's sister | Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | Beth Ernst, stepmom of Matt Kelly's sister-in-law | Nelva Higgs, Chad Chauncey's aunt | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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Moments With Mike

Thanking God Even In Hard Times

I was recently asked to contribute a few thoughts on what we should be thankful to God for during our current unstable economy. The following was submitted to the Tyler Morning Telegraph and should be included in this Saturday's paper along with other contributors.

When troublesome times come we are sometimes tempted to question where God is in our lives. The stock market plunges and we wonder if God cares for our retirement. We lose a job due to a layoff and we ask if God is really answering our prayers.

The Bible demonstrates that God is interested in what is best for us and will take care of us (Matt. 6:25-34). But sometimes we forget that the promises of eternity far outweigh any temporary earthly blessing.

God certainly wants us to enjoy life and accumulate personal blessings. See Deut. 8:18; Psalm 112:1-3. However, we should never trust in these riches for they are only temporary. See Matt. 6:19-21 and 1 Tim. 6:17. Rather, we should only trust in those treasures we lay aside in heaven.

Many have suffered the loss of value in retirement accounts, watching their value fade away. But God offers us an inheritance that is reserved for us in heaven. That

inheritance is guarded for us and will not perish nor fade away (1 Pet. 1:4-5).

Here are some things for which we can be thankful, even with an uncertain economy.

Thank God for our nation, our freedoms and our leaders.

Thank God for our health, our wealth and families.

Thank God for our opportunities to face difficult circumstances and demonstrate our unwavering faith in God.

Thank God for the reminder that this world only contains temporary blessings, but that heaven holds eternal ones.

Many people will be traveling to see family during the upcoming Thanksgiving holidays. We pray for everyone to have safe travels.

Our attendance on Sunday was outstanding! 768 is the 4th highest number recorded since our new auditorium was completed.

We continue to see growth and love here at West Erwin. We have so much to thank God for, don't we?

See you Sunday! Mike

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THANKS!

Thanks to Karen Fedell for hosting the Jr. High Girls slumber party this past weekend. Thanks to Lindsay Kelly & Judy Mitcham for sponsoring the evening. I heard they had a great time!!! Thanks to Daniel Morgan for teaching in my absence this past Sunday.

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ZEW - MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

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Annual Blood Drive

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Family Life Center
11:30AM—1:30 PM

If you are a member at West Erwin you are part of what used to be called the "Blood Bank." Today it's called the Carter BloodCares' Life Plan. Here are the benefits: Our local blood donors make sure blood is available when it's needed. The Life Plan assures us that you will receive financial assistance toward uninsured blood product fees if you or your immediate family members require blood transfusions up to 12 months after the donation is made. Therefore, the blood you donate is credited to the West Erwin's Group Life Plan.

To make a claim is simple. All you need is to tell the coordinator that you are a member of the West Erwin Life Plan group. They will confirm the patient's blood usage, insurance coverage, and plan eligibility and then begin processing the benefits.

Additional information regarding blood donor guidelines and regular questions asked are answered and prepared in a binder at the visitor center along with a sign-up sheet to set your appointment for you blood donation on Sunday, December 7 after the morning worship.

Thank you in advance for the priceless gift of blood. This information is also printed in Spanish and a Spanish speaking translator will be available at the time of the blood drive.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Life is hard. This is a fundamental truth about our existence. Seemingly not a day goes by that we do not experience monumental pain, minor frustrations, or both. If one is not careful, the difficulty of life can intimidate and overwhelm a person. Living life, especially, the Christian life is not for wimps or the faint of heart! What motivation is there to tackle the roadblocks in our way?

In 1 Kings 19, we discover that Elijah is coming off the spiritual high of God's victory over Baal at Mt. Carmel. If there was ever a reason to trust completely in God, this was it. But Elijah's life was threatened by Jezebel, and he fled in terror. While on the run, God confronted him about his fear and reminded Elijah that he was not the only righteous man alive on earth, though it sometimes seemed that way. This story is a powerful reminder that, when we feel frustrated by obstacles in our way, we should perhaps remember that God's perspective is not our own. He has 20/20 vision in all things! Are you growing weary in well-doing? Let me encourage you to maintain your persistence. Good things come to those who overcome. Remember that you are one of 7000 still serving the kingdom!

Responses This Week

Baptism

We rejoice with Caleb Grounds who was baptized Wednesday, Nov. 12. Caleb is the son of Tim & Patti Grounds and his address is 9556 Tasha Lane, Flint, TX 75762.

New Members

Brittany Evans
2002 Bellwood Rd. # 1502, Tyler, TX 75701
903-941-9427

Marcus & Sheryl Turner
1420 Westfield, Tyler, TX 75701
903-595-0971

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

In Need of Prayer

Cathy Stowers responded Sunday night and asked that we join her in prayer for a family member.

New Member Pictures

If you are a new member and have not yet had your picture taken, you may do so this Sunday, November 23, immediately after a.m. services in the small auditorium. These pictures are for the board in the foyer and will help us in getting to know you. For more information, contact Don Crawford at dcrawford@westerwin.org.



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I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.
Psalm 69:30

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Claim Lost Items

Please see if you have any items in the foyer of the old auditorium (located behind the small auditorium) this week when you come to the building for services. Plans are underway to utilize this space to expand on the growing Children's Ministry here at West Erwin. Please claim your items as soon as possible so the Children's Worship Team can begin their work.

Thank You

To our many friends,
Life's a lot brighter and happier too because of thoughtful people like you!

Jim & Mary Ruth Cox

I wanted to thank my West Erwin family for all the cards, prayers and your thoughts for my family during the sudden loss of my grandmother, Ruth Potts.

In Christian Love,
Pam Bynum

Dear West Erwin Family,
How special you are to us. We want to thank you for your response to Esther's recent hospital stay. Your loving concern expressed by visits, calls, cards, food, flowers and prayers was greatly appreciated. We feel so blessed to be a part of the West Erwin congregation.

In Christian Love,
Ira & Esther Wilson

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Moments With Mike

Thankful In All Things

On Sunday I spoke with some of our members who had recently been traveling. They told me that while on their trip someone broke into their hotel room and stole several items, including some jewelry.

Isn't it a shame that anyone would want to take what is not theirs? But let's face it. In this culture of ours we will face many people who are not going to make the right choices. The key for us is to keep the proper perspective in life no matter what happens to us, whether it is something good or something evil.

I am reminded of the account of the English minister and commentator, Matthew Henry (1662-1714), and what he wrote in his diary after he was robbed. Notice his attitude.

Let me be thankful - first because I was never robbed before. Second, because although they took my wallet they did not take my life. Third, because although they took my all, it was not much. Fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed.

Naturally we find it disturbing when someone steals what is ours. Jesus addressed this in part in Matthew 6:19-

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Our Blessings"
and continually praise God for them.

21, when He said,

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

In the sermons this month we have been placing our focus on our blessings and how we should be thankful to God. But life's setback can also produce an opportunity to thank God, just as Matthew Henry had learned.

Paul encourages us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 when he says, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Have you spent time today to thank God for your blessings as well as your struggles? If not, now would be a great time to let God know that you are thankful in all things.

See you Sunday! Mike

Sermons for November 16 by Mike Baker
A.M.: A Letter To Myself (2 Tim. 2:14-15)
P.M.: Being Thankful For Others (Phil. 1:3-7)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "**Our Living Hope.**"

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

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PAINTBALL FOR THE GUYS

We are planning an afternoon of Paintball for the middle and high school guys on Sunday, Nov. 30. This will take place at our home in Whitehouse. More details and a sign up list will be out soon!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 16	Small Groups Meet
Nov. 21-23	Middle School Retreat
Nov. 24	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Nov. 30	Guys - Paintball Day

Annual Blood Drive

Sunday, December 7, 2008
Family Life Center
11:30AM—1:30 PM

John 9

"Who sinned here?" This was the question the disciples asked Jesus as they approached a blind man sitting on a narrow street in Jerusalem. He was a roadside beggar who had been blind from birth. He cried out for alms.

Surely a tragedy like this didn't just happen. What caused it? Obviously, his blindness was not his own fault. What hidden sin brought this upon him? Was it his parents wrongdoing? Why did this happen, Jesus? Who's really to blame

here?

Jesus side-stepped the issue of blame seizing the opportunity to reveal a secret of the kingdom. He said, "This has happened so that the work of GOD might be displayed in his life." Jesus bent down, spit on the ground, mixed a muddy potion, smoothed it over the man's eyes and instructed him to wash it off in the nearby pool. The sight of that man throwing his cane and cup away must have been something to behold!

The point Jesus makes to his disciples afterward is this: those who spend time looking for someone to blame rather than looking for GOD'S amazing grace are the ones who are blind.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and the holiday season will follow quickly on its heels! We are seven weeks away from a new year, but 2008 seems to have just gotten here! I want to extend a hearty and sincere thanks to all the teachers who attended our meeting this past Sunday afternoon. You are an integral part of the work at West Erwin and I am sincerely thankful for your sacrifices.

In the next few days, I will be finalizing the schedule of teachers for the Winter Quarter beginning in December. If you have thought about teaching a Bible class, this would be a great opportunity to do so. Only eternity will be able to tell the value of the sacrifices we make for the sake of others. We are always in need of good teachers, assistants, and substitutes. If you plan to be absent at times due to holiday travel, you can still teach for the rest of the quarter! **In fact, if you are scheduled to teach a Sunday morning class during the month of December, and you plan to be gone on December 21st or 28th, please let me know as soon as possible.** A large number of substitutes will probably need to be recruited for these two weeks, so please let me know ASAP!

He that
believes
and is
baptized
shall be
saved.
Mark 16:16

We rejoice with **Emilee Hearon**, who was baptized Sunday, November 9. She is the daughter of Susan Hearon and her address is 11668 FM 2964, Whitehouse, TX 75791.

Congratulations



Congratulations to Todd Hancock who was named Vice President of Trinity Mother Frances Hospitals and Clinics. We are proud of Todd and know he will do a great job!

Congratulations are also in order for the Carnathan family on the birth of **Reed Michael Carnathan!** Reed was born Tuesday, November 11 at 12:46 p.m. and weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz., and was 21.5 in. long. Congratulations to parents Michael & Rebekah Carnathan and proud big brother, Davis and to uncle and aunt Matt & Lindsay Kelly.



Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for the calls, cards, flowers and prayers we received following the death of Jonathan's dad. We are so appreciative of your thoughts and kind words during this difficult time for our family. God bless you all.

Jonathan & Laurie Stone and Family

We thank each one for the prayers, cards and words of encouragement during the past year for Darrell's recovery. He had a good report last week from the doctors. You are truly servants of the Lord.

In Him,
Nell & Darrell Beard

Ladies Day at Winnsboro

Ladies are invited to a day of Spiritual Strength Training at the Winnsboro Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day & Luncheon Wednesday, November 12, with featured speaker Marilyn LaStrape of Hewitt, Texas. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please RSVP at 903-342-5715 or by email at secretary@winnsborochurchofchrist.org. Please note that childcare will be provided.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Danny Craddock (former member) on the loss of his mother, **Lucile Craddock**. Services will be held Friday at Ray Funeral Home in Cleveland, MS.

Welcome New Members!

Randy, Stacy, Nathan & Katie Turner
8102 Crooked Trail, Tyler, TX 75703
939-9374

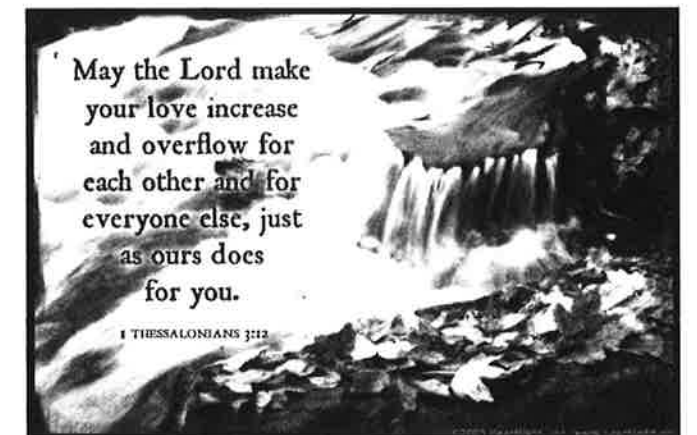
We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 19:

Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies

Annual Blood Drive

We have the opportunity to participate in a community blood program to reach a collection goal to aid or friends and neighbors in the Tyler area. Make plans now to help in this way on Sunday, December 7 at the West Erwin Church of Christ Family Life Center from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Don Crawford at 903-592-0809 or dcrawford@westerwin.org.



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Bible Class	436	451	453
Worship a.m.	684	675	675
Worship p.m.	404	485	445
Wed. p.m.	344	393	NC
Contribution	\$30,188.65	\$23,847.79	\$25,005.71
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Darrell Beard had cataract surgery Monday morning. | Bradie Cook, baby of a co-worker of Jennifer Heath, is having problems gaining weight. She only weighs 1 lb 8 oz and is only one and a half months old. | Mary Ruth Cox fell and broke her ankle last week. | Eugene Harraid, Marie Harraid's son, is having more cancer tests. | Fred Hertwig is having a lot of pain in his hip and groin. He is also requesting prayers for his ex-wife who is sick. | Brittney Kempton is home from Children's Hospital in Dallas. She had a migraine phenomena and will be following up with her doctors in Tyler. | Anita Potter's niece and niece's husband were involved in a motorcycle accident. The niece is in rehabilitation but the husband did not survive the accident. | Brent Osborn, J.D. & Sherry's son, is still at Mother Frances Hospital. | Bettye Price is now home from Park Place, but underwent tests on Tuesday. | Esther Wilson entered Mother Frances Hospital on Tuesday. They are trying to determine the cause of her severe pain.

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 Louis & Jane Jones & Kenzie Fedell
 Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Jamie Ellis
 Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
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What's In Your Bible?

A series of television commercials for a credit card company asks the question, "What's in your wallet?" They hope to impress the viewers with the benefits that their card offers.

In a similar fashion, we might ask the question today, "What's in your Bible?" What would we see when we open it up?

Over the years many versions of the Bible have been published and some of these are known for the oddities or mistakes that they contained. Here is a short list of a few of these Bibles.

The Breeches Bible, 1579. This was so called since Genesis 3:7 was translated, "The eyes of them bothe were opened...and they sowed figge-tree leaves together, and made themselves breeches."

The Place-maker's Bible. This rendered Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the placemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." Of course this should have been peacemakers.

The Unrighteous Bible, 1652. This Bible contained an error in 1 Corinthians 6:9 that said, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall inherit the Kingdom of God?"

The Adulterer's Bible, 1632. This one must have opened a few eyes for the omission of the word, *not*. In

this Bible the 7th commandment is rendered, "Thou shalt commit adultery."

Isn't it wonderful that today we can avoid many of these careless errors in our Bibles? We can trust the contents and the texts of our copies of God's word.

This past week I've had the occasion to reacquaint myself with every page of my Bible. You see, last week my Bible that I've used for the past 9 years began to fall apart.

I was sad at the moment because that Bible was really "broken in." But a few years back I had purchased an identical Bible in anticipation of when the current one gave way.

So for a little time each day, I've been going through my Bible, page by page, and transferring my highlights, notes and other marks from one Bible to another. This has been a really wonderful exercise. As I turned each page I was being reminded of all the wonderful stories, facts, lessons and commands that God has preserved in the Bible for us.

But beyond that, I'm able to see the evidence of my past journeys in God's word. And that, my friends, helps to draw me closer to God more and more.

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BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to learn a book of the Bible. We will be studying the book of John this year. We will meet with other churches from the East Texas area and teams will take an open book quiz over a section of the text. Our first quiz will be on Sunday, Nov. 9 in Athens. We will meet together right after church on Sunday morning and eat lunch together then study the text as a group and drive to Athens for the quiz. We will return to West Erwin in time for the 5:00 assembly. Please bring money for lunch(\$6). Study sheets are ready to be picked up. The text for next week is the John 1-5.

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Shalom "Shaw-lome"

By Don Crawford

Shalom is understood around the world to mean peace. Strong's Concordance says it means safe, well, happy, prosperous, and all is well. The Jewish society uses the word as a greeting as well as a word to bid farewell. But we find the true meaning of the word shalom in Numbers 6:24-26. Here GOD gave Moses instructions on how the priests are to bless the people. He says, "Say to them:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace."

This was how the priests were to put the Lord's name on the Israelites. Therefore, shalom not only proclaims peace but is actually passing on a powerful blessing. Today, if someone greets you with "shalom" you should receive it as a tremendous blessing and in turn look them in the eye to bless them back with a hearty "shalom."

Until we meet again, "Shalom ya'll." (This surely was the way they used the word in Southern Palestine!)

"You can tell how big a person is by what
it takes to discourage him."
Via JD Osborn

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

By the time that you read this article, our nation will have already elected our next president. Unless the election results are delayed as they were in 2000, our nation will also know the identity of our next president. Many prayers have been offered up for this election, that we would select a leader of godly character and moral vision. Time will tell if our prayers will be answered as we hope.

It is days like today (Election Day) that I find it appropriate to pause and remember that the office of president is an important one, but it is not the most important office in our country. Christians need a reminder from time to time that God does not ride on Air Force One or dwell at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The moral strength and godly character of our president is very important, but God is at work in the world and in our lives, regardless of who lives in the White House. He will accomplish his will in whatever way he sees fit. It does not matter who wins the election today; we are in good hands with God! We pray on bended knee for a leader who will make godly decisions, but even the knee of the president will one day bow to the King of kings and Lord of lords (Philippians 2:10-11).



You are cordially invited to
a Bridal Shower
for
Kristen Westerfeld
Bride elect of Joel O'Hair
Sunday, November 9, 2008

Family Life Center
West Erwin
Church of Christ
3:00-4:30

Selections at Target, Wal-Mart and
Bed, Bath & Beyond



Teachers' Meeting

There will be a teachers' meeting for all teachers of adult classes on Sunday, November 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the Small Auditorium.

Now Available in the Adult Library

There are now 12 CD recordings of Ray Walker leading congregational singing in our Adult Library! Over 250 favorite songs and hymns are featured. Look for these recordings on the shelf below the new books section.

CDs at Visitor Center

If you sign up for a CD of the sermons, please remember to pick up your CD at the Visitor Center. Also, if you would like to be on the list to receive a copy of every sermon without having to sign up each week, please add your name one time to the list at the Visitor Center and write "weekly" beside it and a copy will be placed there each week with your name on it. Or, you can let the church office know at 903-592-0809 or office@westerwin.org. Sermons are also available on our web site at www.westerwin.com.

Moving



Kathleen Nowell will be moving to Houston to be closer to family. We will miss her very much & wish her well!

Baptism

On Saturday, November 1, Tim Grounds baptized his friend and employee, **Josh McKeever**. We rejoice with Josh as he put on his Lord in baptism!

Welcome New Members!

Gary & Janis Heath

15198 Wagon Wheel Circle, Chandler, TX 75758

Fannie Jackson

2002 Bellwood Rd. # 1502, Tyler, TX 75701

903-393-1869

August & Janice Kellenberger

321 Winchester Dr., Tyler, TX 75701

903-534-0676

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Please remember...

Rebecca Center, long time member, has a blood clot in her leg. She and her husband, Bob, are at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Rose Mary & Ross Cox at 360 CR 205, San Saba, TX 76877. Rebecca would appreciate your prayers as well as receiving cards in the mail.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the calls, all the words, beautiful flowers and most of all for the prayers with the passing of our mother.

In Christian Love,
Beverly Hale & Family

We want to thank you for your support during our time of necessity. Thank you for your concern, thank you for your prayers, thank you for being our family in God and thank you for your economical and spiritual aid during our time of need. We are ever grateful for everything that you have done for our family.

Alma Flores & Family

Technical Difficulties...

We are having problems with our server at the church office. If you have emailed one of the staff members but have not received a response, it is because the email has not been delivered. Please be patient as we work out these issues and get back up and running!

New Address

Danielle Rousseau

408 Hillcreek Drive, Whitehouse, TX 75791

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Worship a.m.	675	742	709
Worship p.m.	485	395	420
Wed. p.m.	393	327	346
Contribution	\$23,847.79	\$27,568.15	\$23,626.03
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

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Dismiss Don Drummond

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If I Only Had More Time

"If I only had more time." How many times have we heard or said the statement? Chances are pretty good that we are all very familiar with the concept of running out of time.

For example, in the sporting world, we often see one team mounting a comeback and clawing their way back into the game. But then the clock runs out and their efforts come up short. If they only had more time perhaps they could have won.

At times we also may feel the same way about life. If we only had more time then we could accomplish this or that. All too often we seem to find time running out on us before we get around to things that we wish to do.

Time is a commodity that we all possess. Every day we are given 1,440 minutes that are neatly packaged into 24 hours. The problem is that sometimes we need more than 60 minutes in some hours to make things work.

We would gladly take away a few minutes from the last work hour of the day and add those to the first hour of the day. That way we wouldn't be late for work and we could still go home early! But time doesn't seem to work that way.

Time is one of the constant features of God's creation. It marches on whether we want it to or not.

Some people will use their time wisely, prioritizing tasks, doing the most important things first and leaving the least important things to do with any left over time. Others will haphazardly use theirs and soon will find that time runs out before they get around to the important things.

Paul urged the Christians in Ephesus to be "redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:16) as they carefully walked in the world. In other words, they were to utilize their time wisely according to the will of the Lord.

Friends, this weekend we have a once a year opportunity to have a 25 hour day. On Sunday at 2 a.m. we will gain back the hour that we lost in the spring.

So, here's your gift of 60 extra minutes and now you have more time. The question becomes, "what will you do with your extra time?"

My prayer is that you will use it to improve your walk as a Christian. What better week to begin attending Bible school or coming back for Sunday evening worship? After all, this week at least, you do have the time, don't you?

See you Sunday! Mike

REMINDER: Set your clocks BACK one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Our Blessings"
and continually praise God for them.

Sermons for November 2 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Count Your Blessings (Psalm 100:1-5)
P.M.: I Need Thee Every Hour (Phil. 4:19-20)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for **"Our Living Hope."**

Youth With Heart... by Danny

FALL FESTIVAL

Our Fall Festival was a great success. Thanks to all the teens & singles who did a great job of running the game booths. Thanks to the Dale Blackstone crew for having some great food for the evening! Way to go!

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BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz is a great opportunity to learn a book of the Bible. We will be studying the book of John this year. We will meet with other churches from the East Texas area and teams will take an open book quiz over a section of the text. Our first quiz will be on Sunday, Nov. 9 in Athens. We will meet together right after church on Sunday morning and eat lunch together then study the text as a group and drive to Athens for the quiz. We will return to West Erwin in time for the 5:00 assembly. Please bring money for lunch(\$6). Study sheets are ready to be picked up. The text for next week is the John 1-5.

LIVING GODLY IN AN UN-GODLY WORLD

Join us for our very special classes "Living Godly in an Un-Godly World." this fall on Wednesday nights. Make plans now to be present on Wednesday nights!

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Nov. 2 Area-Wide Jr. High Gathering @ W.E.
Nov. 9 Bible Quiz
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Nov. 24 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

How to Make to Most of Fall

Don't get me wrong — I love trees. We only had trees in the shelterbelts which were planted back in the Roosevelt administration under his New Deal campaign. The WPA gave jobs to more than 300 thousand who were suffering from the depression. (Jobs—now that's an interesting bail out). One of the projects was to plant shelterbelts to conserve the soil from wind erosion. The trees in East Texas are beautiful. But, never have I ever seen so many leaves. It's October and already my yard has accumulated 430 species. I think I even found a Bonzi sprig yesterday! It's like every leaf in town or maybe the world has taken upon itself to find its way to my yard.

Nancy says, "Let's have a compost pile." I said, "You don't understand!" She insisted. I prepared a

small place for the leaves.....it's 8' x 80'. I had the world's largest compost pile. But that was not the answer.

This is the answer: the family that rakes together — stays together. It's my new motto. Thought you might could use my New Deal. I call it Raking, Romping, & Reminiscing...RRR.

Winter Coats

Winter coats are always needed this time of the year....especially children's coats. We would be happy to take your donation anytime. A drop box is available in the back of the Center, or bring them to the foyer on Sunday. Some of the cleaners in town have agreed to clean the coats as well and then PATH will distribute them. Either way a child will be warm. Thank you for your help.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

It seems that 2008 has absolutely flown by us! We now find ourselves at the end of October and facing another round of holiday-season fun! I hope that the next two months are a great blessing to your lives and you have a great holiday season. My favorite holiday is Thanksgiving, and with that great occasion just a few weeks around the corner, I am already craving turkey and dressing!

I need to meet with all the adult class teachers on Sunday, November 9th, at 4:00 pm in the small auditorium. This includes both Sunday morning and Wednesday night teachers, as well as those of you who have taught recently and/or plan to teach in the near future. This is a very important meeting as we will be discussing plans for the next year, etc. I am very excited about all the great things that God is doing here at West Erwin, and I want to pause once again to encourage you in whatever you do for this great congregation. God is faithfully executing his will through us and every servant in the kingdom is valuable. When it seems as if you have nothing left to give, I want to urge you to remember that we serve an eternal kingdom that shall never fail. Let us not grow weary in doing good (Gal. 6:9)!

You are cordially invited to
a Bridal Shower
for
Kristen Westerfeld
Bride elect of Joel O'Hair
Sunday, November 9, 2008

Family Life Center
West Erwin
Church of Christ
3:00-4:30 p.m.



With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Beverly Hale on the loss of her mother, **Grace Bedwell**. Services were held in Durant, Oklahoma.

Teachers' Meeting

There will be a teachers' meeting for all teachers of adult classes on Sunday, November 9, at 4:00 p.m. in the Small Auditorium.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Daniel DuPree who was made Whitehouse Independent School District's interim superintendent, effective Jan. 1. We know Daniel will do a great job!



Daniel DuPree

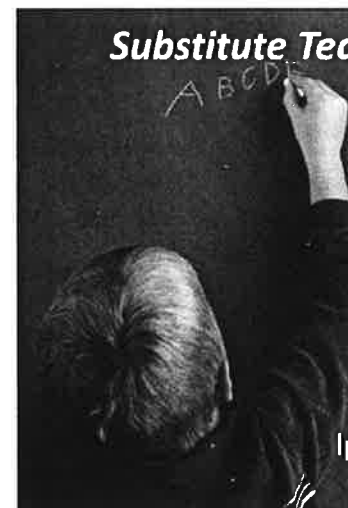


Set Clocks Back

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!

Substitute Teachers Needed

Little People's School needs substitute teachers!
If you are interested, please call
903-509-8904,
or email
lps@glenwoodchurch.com.



Ladies Day at Winnsboro

Ladies are invited to a day of Spiritual Strength Training at the Winnsboro Church of Christ Annual Ladies Day & Luncheon Wednesday, November 12, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Marilyn LaStrape of Hewitt, Texas will be the featured speaker. Please RSVP at 903-342-5715 or you can send an email to secretary@winnsborochurchofchrist.org. Please note that childcare will be provided.

Number Change

New Phone numbers for
Don and Nancy Crawford:
Don - 903-316-8387
Nancy - 903-316-1973



Wednesday Night Meal for November 5:
Bar-B-Que

Dear West Erwin Family,
Words cannot express our gratitude to you for the calls, cards, food and words of encouragement during the loss of our wonderful husband, father and grandfather, Allen Cook. You have been such a blessing to us during this time of sorrow.

In Him,
Wanda Cook
Tom, Donni, Caitlin & Chandler Cook
Judy & Gary Mitcham
Cody & Larisa Mitcham

Dear Members of West Erwin Church of Christ,
Just a note to thank everyone for the prayers, food, thoughts and visits during the last three weeks. At the present time, I am waiting to see if I'm accepted on the heart transplant list. Hopefully I should know the outcome this week. Please continue the prayers— I am so grateful for them.

Sincerely,
Gayle Payne
Carey Woods has received a final report on his treatment at M.D. Anderson. He appears to be totally free of cancer. His doctor was amazed, however, the Woods family knows that God answered the prayers of the West Erwin congregation in a positive way.

Dorothy Woods

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Bible Class	482	445	429
Worship a.m.	742	712	683
Worship p.m.	395	424	392
Wed. p.m.	327	340	418
Contribution	\$27,568.15	\$25,257.20	\$24,539.08
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Roy Bench is now home following surgery. | Danny Craddock (former member) will have prostate cancer surgery on Oct. 29 in Austin. | **Uinda Foreman**, Shelly Mullins' mother & Les Carruth's sister, is at Mother Frances Hospital. | **Priscilla Mayer** will be having knee replacement surgery Oct. 30 at Mother Frances Hospital. | **Gayle Payne** has been dismissed from Baylor Hospital. | **Karen, Tatum and Ria Roberts**, family of Bud Cawyer. Tatum is suffering from what doctors think is a hereditary blood disorder that causes excessive clotting. (*Karen & Ria are Tatum's mom and sister.*) | **Frank Wilmeth**, Bill Wilmeth's brother, had surgery Oct. 20.

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Scripture: Joey Marse
Dismiss: Ray Womack

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Mike & Nora Gravois & Sean Denman
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Moments With Mike

Pick A God, Any God

In our culture of consumerism it shouldn't come as a surprise that people "shop" around for gods all the time. Oh, I don't mean to imply that Wal-Mart or Macy's has a special section for deity. Rather, I'm speaking of the process whereby so many people bounce from one god to another looking for the right one for them.

From the Christian perspective such a process surely seems odd if not preposterous. Yet even in the Bible many people were abandoning the true God while searching for other gods to take His place.

You might well ask, "Why would anyone abandon God in favor of some other god?" Excellent question. Let's examine a couple of examples from the Bible.

In Exodus 32, the children of Israel tired of waiting for Moses to come back from Mount Sinai. They convinced Aaron to help them manufacture a "god" that would go before them. They collected gold and formed it into a golden calf.

When that idol was completed, the people proclaimed, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt" (Exod. 32:4). Upon seeing the calf, Aaron built an altar before it and set a time for a feast.

Obviously this gold idol could not have been responsible for freeing the Israelites from bondage. Yet,

they people seemed happy to have anything in their eyes that they could worship. Their faith in God and Moses has faded quickly. They were impatient and wanted a new god.

In 1 Kings 18, Elijah faces a similar situation where God's people had chosen another god to worship. The prophets of Baal had influenced the people to leave the true God. Elijah challenged them by saying, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow Him." That verse (21) continues to say that the "people answered him not a word."

Elijah proved the true God to be the only one worthy of worship and once again God's people are convinced to come back to the real God.

Today things are not much different. Like the people of the Old Testament, we have very short memories when recalling the blessings of God. When times become difficult or when our patience with God wears thin, we go shopping for another god to better suit our needs.

But let us remember that there is only one true God. Let us recall Peter's response when many were leaving Jesus and when Jesus asked if they would leave also. He said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Forgiveness"
both to give and to receive.

Sermons for October 26 by Mike Baker
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P.M.: When God Gives Up (Rom. 1:24-25)
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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

FALL FESTIVAL

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." **John 8:12**

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GOD-Given Cycles of Life

GOD has built into our lives certain cycles. For instance, there are cycles of eating, cycles of sleeping, cycles of work, and cycles of play. When one of those cycles is broken, misery is usually the result. It's common for university students to deprive themselves of the normal cycle of sleep during semester exams. Many people suffer with heartburn and indigestion because they failed to follow the proper cycle of eating. Misery comes when we break the GOD-given cycles of life.

We would all do well to recognize our cycles. For me, I function best when I alternate between periods of intense activity and periods of solitude. I have a tendency to burn out inwardly before I

do outwardly which makes me an agitated ball of energy — busy among people, but life deficient. Knowing this about myself helps me to know the importance of retreating like Jesus did. In the retreat is where I find the renewing strength of the power of GOD.

I share this with you to let you know about the freedom that lies within this secret. I no longer rebuke myself that I am not giving enough attention to study and meditation during the intense activities, nor do I feel guilty, nor unproductive for periods of rest and reflection. And as a minister, this has helped me find the freedom of thinking I must be everywhere all the time. There are times when I really need to be hidden. How about you?

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

What do you do when you realize that you are the most powerful person in the room? On the eve of his death, Jesus assembled the disciples in an upper room. He then removed his outer garment (John 13:4), the external symbol of his earthly authority, and began to wash the feet of his disciples (13:5). All the while, he knew he was the most powerful person in the room (13:3).

When he resumed his place at the table, Jesus asked if they understood what he had done. As the most powerful person in the room, he had washed their feet. They no longer had an excuse for refusing to do the same. He then gave them this principle: No servant is greater than his master (13:16). So I ask again: What do you do when you realize that you are the most powerful person in the room? All of us enjoy a measure of power as parents, older siblings, employers, voters, civil servants, and even as volunteers here at West Erwin. But how are we leveraging our power? For the good of others? Or to glorify ourselves? Jesus gives a gentle, yet firm warning: Use power to benefit others, rather than for self-promotion. Otherwise, a person may be guilty of elevating the servant above the Master.



Mallory Hancock was baptized Sunday, October 19, 2008. She is the daughter of Todd & Jana Hancock and her address is 10257 FM 344 E., Whitehouse, TX 75791. We rejoice with you and your family, Mallory!

Fred Hertwig was baptized by Don Crawford last Monday. His address is 311 West Fourth Street, Tyler, TX 75701. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Fred!

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends at West Erwin, Thank you so much for your cards, calls and food during my recent illness. They brightened my day and raised my spirits.

Evelyn Messer

Grocery Items Needed

Medina Children's Home is in need of the following: coffee (regular & decaf.), graham crackers & sugar. Please place these items in the barrel at the northwest doors on Erwin Street by Nov. 3. Be sure to check the expiration dates.

Opportunities at ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is looking for a person who loves children to work in the pre-school after school care position with three and four-year-olds. You must be 18 years of age or older. The hours are 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day. ETCA is also seeking a coach for the middle school and high school tennis teams. Please call Bev Anne McCorkle at 903-561-8642 if you are interested in either of these opportunities.

15th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday,
October 26
6:15-8:30 p.m.
Family Life
Center

Carnival Booths
for Children
Birth-5th Grade
Games, Prizes &
Costume Contest!



Please bring a
bag of wrapped
candy.

Refreshments
will be served.

Sponsored by West Erwin Youth Ministry

Welcome, New Members!

Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini
221 Bayhills Drive, Hideaway, Texas 75771

Cassie Griffin
P.O. Box 8057, Tyler, TX 75711

Angela Hudnall
422 E. Sixth St., Tyler, TX 75701

Grace Riser
(mother of Carolyn Ciaschini)
Briarcliff Nursing Home
3403 S Vine Ave., Tyler, TX 75701

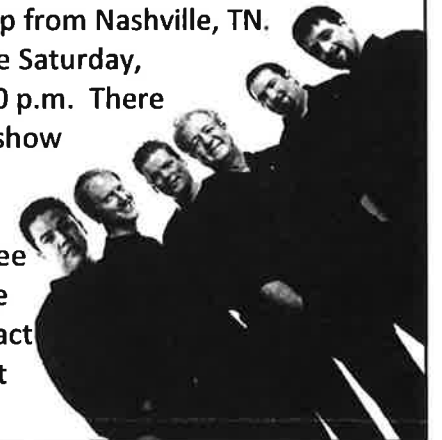
We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

New Address

Alma Flores
403 W. Summerkamp, Tyler, TX 75702

Acapella Gospel Music Concert

South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, TX invites you to hear Vocal Union, an acapella gospel music group from Nashville, TN. The concert will be Saturday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. There will also be a pre-show concert featuring Paradigm vocal group. This is a free concert! For more information, contact Chris Cummings at 903-218-4140.



Fall Lecture Series at Holly Lake

You are invited to hear Jeff Jenkins from Lewisville, TX October 26-29 at the Holly Lake Church of Christ in Hawkins, TX as he speaks on "The Kingdom of God." He will speak Sunday at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Cookies for Fall Festival

We need people to bring cookies to the fall festival. Please sign up at the Visitor Center.



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Dismiss Chad Chauncey

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Moments With Mike

What Sermon Does Your Life Preach?

I have spoken in the past of Felton Spraggins, who was a wonderful friend and who was our preacher in Georgia until his untimely death in 1990. Felton exhibited so many positive traits which have influenced my life and my ministry. He had a genuine sense of friendliness and was a great encourager. In fact, he encouraged me to go into the pulpit.

I came across one of Felton's articles recently and wanted to share it with you. Felton cared deeply for personal evangelism and outreach, and he reminded us often that the world sees all of us as the church, not just the preacher. Please consider his thoughts from 1984.

Peter sets forth the pattern for God's glorification among unbelievers through the Christian with these words, "having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet. 2:12). Not everyone is able to preach, sing or to teach publicly, but each of us can be a living epistle in which others may read of Christ.

A minister closed his sermon with an eloquent appeal. Among those accepting the invitation was a woman of wealth and high social standing. She gave the following statement regarding her response to the invitation.

"I want you to know just why I came forward tonight.

It was not due to any word spoken by the preacher. I stand here because of the influence of the little woman who sits here before me. Her fingers are roughed by toil, and the hard work of many years has stooped her low. She is just an obscure washerwoman who has served in my home for many years. I have never known her to become impatient, to speak an unkind word, or to do anything dishonorable. I know of countless little acts of unselfish love that adorn her life. I'm ashamed to say it, but I have openly sneered at her faith. Yet when my little girl died, this woman helped me to look beyond the grave and to shed my first tears of hope. The gentle magnetism of her life has drawn me to Christ. I want what has made her life so beautiful."

The little woman sitting near the front had eyes streaming with tears of joy. Addressing the congregation, the preacher said, "Let me introduce you to the real preacher of the evening."

Although we may not be eloquent with words or even able to write, all of us can glorify God with our lives. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matt. 5:16).

Felton's life is still "preaching" in my life. What about your life? What sermon is it preaching to others? See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Forgiveness"
both to give and to receive.

Sermons for October 19 by Mike Baker
A.M.: The Spots Of Sin (Jas. 1:27)
P.M.: If I Could Ask Jesus (Matt. 19:16-17)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for **"Our Living Hope."**

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) and find out what pleases the Lord."

Ephesians 5:8-10

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THANKS!

Thanks to the middle school for helping with several projects this past Sunday. We were able to make some much needed new stands for the Fall Festival and we had a great time doing it! Thanks to Jeff Parrish, Mark Frick, Keith Johnson, Tim & Patti Grounds & Lisa Snell for helping.

FALL FESTIVAL

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LIVING GODLY IN AN UN-GODLY WORLD

Join us for our very special classes "Living Godly in an Un-Godly World." this fall on Wednesday nights. Make plans now to be present on Wednesday nights!

Out of Control

We all use this phrase from time to time. We say that one who is in a fit of rage or driving recklessly is "out of control." The same goes for anyone who takes something too far whether it's using prescription drugs, alcohol, overeating, fitness, work — we say they are "out of control."

Yet, does the other side of that coin mean we are to be "in control?" Just as I have known people "out of control" so have I known people who are "in control." People who are so determined to stay "in control" that they intimidate, dominate and manipulate everyone around them. That kind of "in control" is just as bad as "out of control."

Control was probably the Pharisees main

addiction. "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to" (Mt. 23:13).

Why were the Pharisees not entering the kingdom? Because entering the kingdom meant giving up the control. It meant giving up their "gatekeeper" position.

I suppose it's the Pharisee in all of us that wants to control the spiritual aspects of our own lives. Jesus was trying to teach us that only when we lay down our pharisaical robes will we realize we can do nothing on our own strength — we will only make a mess of it as did the Pharisees.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

This week, I have been with our brothers and sisters at the Clinton, Mississippi congregation holding a gospel meeting. The meeting has been a great delight to be a part of and an immense blessing to my life. My mother grew up in that congregation, and my parents were married there. The Clinton congregation has always had a special place in my heart, and it was good to be with them again.

I want to remind our K-5th Grade teachers, as well as those on the Resource Room team, of our potluck lunch following the morning worship services this coming Sunday, October 19th (families are also invited). We have made significant additions to the teachers' workroom, and I will be providing a demonstration of our new equipment. If you are a teacher, and cannot be at this potluck meal, please contact me so that I can make you aware of a few things. I want to take this opportunity to thank Nancy Crawford and all those who serve with her on the Resource Room team. They work many hours to see that our teachers' workroom is fully stocked and has the best resources available to our teachers. They are all true examples of what it means to be a servant of God's kingdom.

Baptisms

Kenzie Fedell was baptized Wednesday, October 1, 2008. She is the daughter of Rick & Karen Fedell and her address is 14079 West Peninsula Dr., Whitehouse, TX 75791.

Jose Gonzalez was also baptized into Christ on October 1. **Estela Gonzalez**, Jose's wife, was baptized Sunday, October 12. Their address is 7761 FM 14 Lot 38, Tyler, TX 75702.

Cassidy Suggs was baptized Sunday, October 12, 2008. She is the daughter of Stuart & Marisa Suggs and her address is 8937 Pleasant Hill Circle, Tyler, TX 75707.

We rejoice as they have put on their Lord in baptism!

Directory Update

Joey, Mindy & Toby Marse
21942 Syrah Lane, Tyler, TX 75703
903-894-6651

Melinda Honey

5261 Hwy. 135 N # B9, Gladewater, TX 75647

Books or Bibles

If you have children's books or Bibles, please bring them to the church building to be sent to an orphanage in Kenya. Reba Sorrells does this work through World Bible School.

Thank You

It's impossible for Sylvia and I to properly thank everyone at the Lord's church at West Erwin for the cards, calls and prayers- especially Bob and Barbara Paul who took Sylvia to Dallas and Barbara spent the night in the hospital with Sylvia. God's richest blessings on all.

J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

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Childrens' Home In Need

A childrens' home in Nueva Rosita, Mexico is in need of two baby beds and six junior or toddler beds. As of now, these children are having to sleep on the floor. Please contact Danny Snell for more info at the church office at 903-592-0809.

Cookies for Fall Festival

We need people to bring cookies to the fall festival. Please sign up at the Visitor Center.

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15th Annual Fall Festival

Sunday,
October 26
6:15-8:30 p.m.
Family Life Center

Carnival Booths
for Children
Birth-5th Grade
Games, Prizes &
Costume Contest!



Please bring a
bag of
wrapped
candy.
Refreshments

Sponsored by West Erwin Youth Ministry

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Records	Sunday— Oct. 5	Sunday— Sept. 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	446	503	447
Worship a.m.	702	721	703
Worship p.m.	405	437	446
Wed. p.m.	389	395	362
Contribution	\$27,524.68	\$56,713.84	\$30,505.77
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: **Danny Craddock** (former member), will have prostate cancer surgery on Oct. 29 in Austin. | **Melvin Crow** will have neck surgery Tuesday, 10/14 at ETMC. | **Ellen Poindexter**, mother of Kenna Kempton, is undergoing tests. | **Betty Price** is at ETMC, room 2237. | **Williams Rancanoj**, instructor at Biblical Institute of Central America, was severely beaten and is suffering two blood clots in the brain and is not able to see out of one eye. | **Theron Snell**, Danny Snell's father, was burned on his side. | **Bobby Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' dad, will be having a pacemaker implanted Oct. 15 in Abilene. | **Sylvia Tharpe** will undergo a procedure on October 13 to remove a kidney stone.

West Erwin Family: Debbie Baldwin | Lowrane Canada | Chuck Gillam | Louise Harris | Liz Rogers | Geri Moore | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Delores Bundy | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Bobbye May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Ruth Mezell | Samuel Mink | Geri Moore | Thomas Park | Kay Parrish | George Richardson | Odell Sessions | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Esther Wilson | Ponder Wright, Sr.

Family & Friends: Jackson Brooks, grandson of Bud & Charlotte Caywer | Lucy Myers, granddaughter of Paul & Carolyn Montandon *Ongoing concerns:* Marlena Battenfield, Michelle's Smith's sister | Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | Nelva Higgs, Chad Chauncey's aunt | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law | Carey Woods, Dorothy Woods' stepson

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Jordan Mullins: Dan Murry
Kenneth Muncy: Jon Murry

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: David Asbill
Scripture: David Blaylock
Dismiss: Dennis Brand

GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow & Kinsey Lockhart
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Keaton Ainsworth
Harold & Shirley Denman & Casey Bellar

Visitor Center:
Phil & Linda Marts
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

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Moments With Mike

What's In Your Future?

When we were young nearly everyone used to dream of what the future would hold. What would we become? What adventures would we have? Where would life take us? Some of us are still dreamers.

As we mature we begin to realize that not all of our dreams will be realized. In fact, many of our dreams never make it out of the dream stage. We enjoy them as distant thoughts but put little or no effort into making them a reality.

But on the really important dreams we can't afford to just sit around. We need to take some action to see our dreams become reality.

This Sunday we will be examining two lessons that should help us reexamine our dreams and see where we stand with God. Sunday morning we will examine, "Is Your Future Secure?" With all of the unrest in the stock market many of us now have considerably less in our retirement accounts. What plans will we have if that money shrinks further? Would we

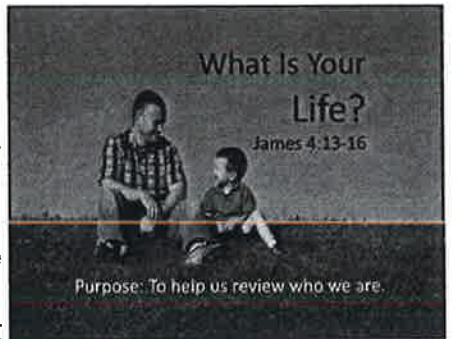
be interested in an investment that is guaranteed? Naturally I'm speaking of an eternal investment.

Then on Sunday night we will examine the topic, "What Is Your Life?" This lesson will cover who we were in the past, who we are now and who we will be in the future.

Consider the first verse and chorus of the song, "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow."

"I don't know about tomorrow, I just live from day to day; I don't borrow from its sunshine, for its skies may turn to gray; I don't worry o're the future, for I know what Jesus said, and today I'll walk beside Him, for He knows what is ahead."

"Many things about tomorrow I don't seem to understand; but I know who holds tomorrow, and I know who holds my hand." What's in your future, friends? See you Sunday! Mike



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"Forgiveness"
both to give and to receive.

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Be imitators of God, therefore,
as dearly loved children
and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us
and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 12	Middle School Devotional
Oct. 19	Small Groups Meet
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LIVING GODLY IN AN UN-GODLY WORLD

Join us in a very special class for the fall on Wednesday nights. The title is "Living Godly in an Un-Godly World." We will have separate girls & guys groups. We are excited about the teachers and the direction. Be watching for more details to come... and make plans now to be present on Wednesday nights!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional on Sunday, Oct. 12 after the evening assembly. Please bring \$3 for supper. Invite a friend to join us! We will be finished at 8:30.

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Our Greatest Challenge

What would you say if asked the question, "What is our greatest challenge at West Erwin?" How would you answer this question?

I may not know what our greatest challenge is, but I know what brings us the greatest joy. One is seeing a person submitting himself to the call of Christ and having his sins cleansed — watching the old being buried in the watery grave of baptism and watching the new being emerging in newness and strength. Therein lies one great challenge in helping people find their way back to GOD.

Secondly, the greatest joy is watching people being released for ministry. We are not all created to be eyes, but we are all recreated to be part of something bigger than ourselves the body of Christ. And each part has its function. Therefore, we ought to expect GOD to connect His people to divine

opportunities. GOD wants His people to serve (Eph. 4:11-13). He handed out certain gifts to His people (each and every one) to equip the body for works of service until the entire body is moving rhythmically and in complete sync with one another. The great joy is to watch the body move and work with grace and efficiency to the call of Christ to the point that we are fully alive and fully mature within and without.

Again, therein lies our greatest challenge in helping Christians find that place GOD wants them to be. We have experienced both of these joys this past week with Kenzie Fedell and Jose Gonzalez being baptized and several others saying, I can't do many things for the church, but I can clean up after the Wednesday night meal and I can do WBS. What a joy! What a challenge!

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

For the past several months, I have been involved with a rather in-depth study of Genesis. The benefits I have reaped from this study have been a great blessing, and I would like to share one of those benefits with you this week. Did you know that buried in the mundane chapter of Genesis 5, which contains the genealogy of Adam, we have an early announcement of the New Testament gospel?

English readers of the Old Testament often miss the significance of names, but such significance was not lost on the original Hebrew audience. The name *Adam* means "man." The name *Seth* means "appointed." The name *Enosh* means "frail" or "mortal." The name *Kenan* means "sorrow." *Mahalalel* means "Blessed God." *Jared* is derived from a Hebrew verb meaning "will descend." *Enoch* means "teaching." *Methusaleh* means "his death will bring," and he died in the year of the Flood. *Lamech* means "despairing" and comes from a root from which we get our English word *lament*. The final name, *Noah*, means "relief." Placed together, the ten names of Genesis 5 read, "Man appointed mortal sorrow; [the] blessed God will descend teaching [that] his death will bring [the] despairing relief." Tucked away in the names of the first family are hints of God's redemptive intentions. Thank God for that precious scheme of redemption!

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the Cook and Mitcham families on the loss of **Allen Cook**. Services were held Wednesday at West Erwin Church of Christ. We also extend our sympathy to Jonathan Stone on the loss of his father, **Bryne Stone**. Services were held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our prayers are also with Pat Malone on the loss of his grandmother, **Newton Adel Atnip**, who passed away Sunday. Our love and prayers are with each of these families.

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Hello from Delaware!

Hello West Erwin!

It seems as only yesterday we left, but instead it has been over 2 months. We miss you all! Valentina is teaching French 2 hours a day and really enjoying it. It took me a little while to figure out what to do, but I did and things are going well for me. I have written some correspondence courses, have an article in the newspaper and working some in the hospital. We miss the warm family, the great singing and the connection that we had there. But, we have a new family, with new friendships and they, too, are warm. Thank you all for the encouragement you have given us and for having been there to be what a church should be.

In your debt,
GW and Valentina Cliver

Welcome New Members!

Charles & Gayle Payne
5818 Foxcroft Road, Tyler, TX 75703,
903-939-2696

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!



Phone Number Change

Cathy Stowers
903-283-2671

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Congratulations!

Isaiah Nicholas Browning was born in Rockwall last week to Michael & Rebecca Browning. Congratulations to grandmother Brenda Browning, great-grandparents Aubrey & Jean Morman and Nelda Browning (former member).



Thank You

Dear West Erwin,
Thank you so much for the flowers, calls, cards and especially the prayers at the loss of my sister.

Love,
Doris Neal

Dear Brethren,
My wife and I would like to thank you for your recent check sent to the Crockett Rd. Church of Christ in our behalf. We are so grateful for your generosity and kindness. We will never forget the many churches who have helped us in this difficult time.

In Christian Love,
Billy & Amanda Lane

(See full letter on news & notes bulletin board).

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Wed. p.m.	395	411	402
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Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Debbie Baldwin is very ill with digestive problems. | Lowrane Canada was hospitalized for pancreatic attack but is now home. | Allen Cook, Judy Mitcham & Tommy Cook's dad, had gallbladder surgery Tuesday, 9/30 at ETMC. | Chuck Gillam had day surgery for his back on Thursday, 10/2 at Mother Frances. | Louise Harris is now home from the hospital. | Liz Rogers had cataract surgery Thursday, 10/2. | Jackson Brooks, 16-mo.-old grandson of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer had surgery Thursday, 10/2 at Vanderbilt in Nashville, TN for a tumor on his upper lip and nose. | Ellen Poindexter, mother of Kenna Kempton, is at ETMC. | Bryne Stone, Jonathan Stone's dad, is bleeding internally and is not doing well. | Geri Moore is now home after knee replacement surgery.

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Milburn & Jan Cook & Betsy Asbill

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Moments With Mike

What's On Your List?

At the young age of 15, John Goddard set 127 lifetime goals. Now in his 70's, he has accomplished 109 of the goals on his list. Described by some as a real life Indiana Jones, some may dismiss him as simply being an "overachiever." However, can we ever say that we have achieved if we do not have goals?

Here is a sample of some of the goals that John set as a teen.

- Become an Eagle Scout
- Dive in a submarine
- Run a mile in 5 minutes
- Explore the entire Nile, Congo, and Amazon rivers
- Get married and have children
- Learn French, Spanish, Arabic
- Read the Bible from cover to cover
- Fly in a blimp and a hot air balloon
- Ride on an elephant, a camel, ostrich
- Play the flute and violin
- Type 50 words per minute
- Take a parachute jump
- Learn to water ski and snow ski
- Go on a church mission
- Teach a college course
- Build a telescope
- Write a book
- Publish an article in the National Geographic magazine
- Milk a poisonous snake

• Visit a movie studio
• Travel the Grand Canyon by foot and by boat
• Fly a plane
• Ride in the Rose Bowl parade

His initial list of 127 goals was but a starting place. He's accomplished several hundred other worthwhile goals in his life. The act of writing down these goals was very important. Brian Tracy says that this act alone will increase one's odds of being successful by 1000%.

So what is on your "to do" list? Do you have places to travel, people to meet and things to accomplish? Are there skills to learn, problems to solve, people to encourage?

I hope that at the top of your list is to live so as to go to heaven. Somewhere also at the top of that list I hope that you have a goal to take other people with you.

Paul stated in Philippians 3:13-14, "Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Many worthwhile things will be accomplished by each of us in our lives. But they all mean nothing if we fail to reach heaven. In all of our goals, may we keep God in our sight and may we live and act so as to bring God the glory for all that we do. What's on your list?

See you Sunday! Mike

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"Forgiveness"
both to give and to receive.

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THANKS!

Lisa and I wish to thank all who were a part of the special party this past Sunday night. Thanks for the very kind words of appreciation. The West Erwin family has been such a blessing to the Snells all these years. Thanks for all of those great memories! A special thanks to the Elders for giving us the opportunity to work with the teens and many other areas as well. God will continue to use each of us to make a difference in this world.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship.

Romans 12:1

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THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY

THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

Last Sunday, West Erwin participated in the \$1,000,000 Sunday to provide funds for Eastern European Mission to place Bibles in all public schools in the state of Donetsk, Ukraine. You are to be commended for giving \$34,720.00 to this cause! With that money, EEM will be able to provide Bibles and Biblical literature in 41 of the 1,188 public schools. In those schools, West Erwin is providing Bibles for 11,573 students!

Thank You

A big thank you to the elders and members of West Erwin for the sandwich and "appreciation" supper given in our honor. Your outpouring of love Sunday as well as these many years will never be forgotten.

Danny Snell
Frances McBee
Leonard Thompson

Dear West Erwin,
Our family acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The Family of Norman E. Stokes

Life in the Rearview Mirror

By Don Crawford

One of the most tragic stories in the Bible is found in the book of Genesis. Joseph was a teenager. His brothers faked his death and sold him! While that alone had the power to wipe him out psychologically, his life went from bad to worse. He soon found himself in an Egyptian dungeon because of unjust charges of attempted rape. But Joseph never lost faith in GOD because his faith was not based on his circumstances.

Joseph could have drowned himself in self pity, convincing himself that GOD had forsaken him, that GOD was angry with him, that GOD had forgotten him, and that GOD had given up on him. After more than a dozen years Joseph is given the opportunity to interpret a dream and over night moved from prisoner to Prime Minister of all Egypt. Through all of this,

Joseph kept watching the rearview mirror. What he saw was all the betrayal and injustice had a purpose. He explained it to his brothers in Gen. 50:20 by saying, you planned evil against me, but GOD has used it for good and now many people will be rescued.

Our many experiences in life have different explanations and while we can't control the circumstances, we can, like Joseph, control our explanations. Each explanation we use determines whether we become strong enough to keep going, or whether we become helpless and give up. Joseph could not see what GOD was doing until he watched the rearview mirror to see what GOD had done.

It would do us all good to keep an eye on the rearview mirror for who knows whether GOD has brought us to such a place as where we are for a purpose?

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I have heard some preachers occasionally speak of how many Christians have two types of faith. In their view, there is the glorious Sunday faith that stands rock-solid on the promises of God. This is the faith that Christians around the world, and through the ages, have clung to during the most difficult of life's trials, especially those of disease and death. This is the faith we sing of on Sunday.

But then there is the everyday faith that is indeed quite shallow. If most of us were honest, our faith in God is at times a mile wide, but only an inch deep. We fall all over ourselves seeking God during disease and death. But for the mundane trivialities of life—disappointment with relationships, frustrations in parenting, economic hardship, workplace turmoil—many of us have a difficult time believing that God can really come down to our level. Instead, we seek solutions from Oprah. Isn't God too busy seeking peace in the Middle East or ending the war on terror? Does He really care about my personal problems? The Bible assures us that he does. Paul made clear in Romans 8 that nothing can separate us from His love. Not death. Not disease. Not even the mundane. Praise God for His care!



New Address

Roy, Ruth Anne & Nolie Morgan
16041 Cumberland Way
Bullard, TX 75757

Grocery Items Needed

Medina Children's Home is in need of Coffee (regular & decaf.), graham crackers & sugar. The truck will be here to pick these items up November 3. Please check expiration dates and they cannot distribute expired food. You may place these items in the barrel located by the northwest doors on Erwin Street (Playschool entrance). For more information, see the letter on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Welcome New Member!

Suzanne Braly
21363 Dogwood Drive, Flint, TX 75762
903-825-6838

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Odell Sessions on the loss of her grandson, **Anthony Bruce Sessions**, who died Saturday in Galveston. Services were held Thursday in New London for **Billye Silvertooth**, sister-in-law of Ruth Moore. Services were held Wednesday for **Yvonne Calloway**, sister of Doris Neal, in Ennis, Texas. Services for **Elizabeth Gwin**, sister of Evelyn Messer, will be held Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Tyler Memorial Funeral Home. Our love and sympathy are extended to all of these families.

Coaching Position at ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is currently seeking a coach for the middle school and high school tennis teams. This position offers an opportunity to impact the childrens' lives in a positive way. Please contact the school office to learn more about this opportunity at 903-561-8641.



West Erwin Trap/Skeet Shoot

All men are invited to the West Erwin Trap/Skeet Shoot at Rose City Flying Clays on Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Flyers and the sign up sheet are at the Visitor Center.

West Erwin Talent Show

Mark your calendars for a fun evening Saturday, October 18 for the West Erwin Talent Show! It will be at the Family Life Center. If you are interested in participating, sign up with Lindsay Kelly at the church office. You can call or email at 903-592-0809 or lkelly@westerwin.org. More details to come!

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Men's Prayer Breakfast

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Records	Sunday- Sept. 21	Sunday- Sept. 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	459	469	416
Worship a.m.	678	645	645
Worship p.m.	444	439	371
Wed. p.m.	411	378	402
Contribution	\$27,739.72	\$25,037.27	\$20,008.08
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: **J.W. Harold**, friend of Phil & Linda Marts, has terminal cancer. | **Louise Harris** is in Mother Frances Hospital. | **Lucy Meyers**, 6-mo.-old granddaughter of Paul & Carolyn Montandon, will have an upper GI at Childrens' Hospital in Little Rock October 7. | **Geri Moore** had knee replacement surgery Sept. 23. | **Bryne Stone**, father of Jonathan Stone, is undergoing health problems..

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Moments With Mike

Sharing Your Faith

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17.

We all have faith. For many of us our faith has been growing since a very early age. We were taken to worship, Bible classes, Vacation Bible Schools and other venues where we were exposed to the story of salvation from God. We came to know that God loves us.

Our faith developed as we examined the Scriptures to confirm those things that were being taught to us. And we also learned that we were to share this faith with others.

Some, however, find it difficult to share their beliefs with others. Perhaps that is due to shyness, or perhaps out of a fear of what the other person may say or think.

Whatever the case, Jesus directed us to make disciples and to teach them what Jesus taught us. A good example of how we can share our faith is found in the account of the Ethiopian in Acts 8.

Philip is called away from his ministry in Samaria and told to go into the desert. Once there he is told to join himself to the Ethiopian's chariot.

That man was reading what we know as the 53rd chapter of Isaiah. Philip asks the man if he understands what he is reading and he responds, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" The Ethiopian also asks a question

about the meaning of the passage he is reading.

At this time Philip starts at that very passage and began to preach Jesus to him. You know the rest of the story. That conversation about Jesus led to the baptism of the Ethiopian.

Friends, we must always be ready to share our faith with others. Your opportunities may come at the grocery store, on the golf course or even in a Bible class. But the opportunities will be there.

Many people may be acquainted somewhat with the Bible, but they, like the Ethiopian, still need someone to guide them. Can you be that person? Will you be? Make the commitment now to prepare yourself to share your faith whenever you can. God will be pleased and others will be enlightened to the truth.

Mike

I will be away in a meeting in Ostella, TN, this Sunday and will not be able to attend the event honoring Danny, Frances and Leonard. We all appreciate the good work that these three have given over the years and we are happy for the opportunity to shower them with "thanks" for the many years of service they have given.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
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and meet their needs through our love.

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THOUGHTS...

The past few weeks brought some extra folks to Tyler. For most of those folks, it was not a simple pleasure trip to see the beautiful Tyler roses. It was, however, because they needed a place sleep and something to eat. Mostly, they just needed someone to help them. We had many folks come through the clothing room because all they left the coast with was the clothes on their back. They just needed a shirt and some pants. I was amazed at their pleasant spirit and gratitude. Many simply said to me... "have a blessed day!" I thought I was trying to bless them?!?!

God... Open our eyes...

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."
Proverbs 3:27

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The Unexpected

As Christians we should have as a core value in this life: expect the unexpected. Following Christ in the New Testament was always an adventure to say the least. The disciples never knew who they were about to meet, what they were about to do, nor where they were going next. There were very few dull moments in the book of Acts.

Jesus never really gave his disciples a picture of anything else but adventure. He said, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay His head." And the idea was they could expect the same.

Oh, I think we can have that "peace that

passes understanding; we can know we belong to the Father; we can know that our sins are forgiven; and we can know there is an eternity in heaven that lies ahead; but being a disciple of Christ brings about uncertainty about most all other areas of life.

There is a part of all of us that wants GOD to lay out the complete script for our lives. But it seems to me that that would undermine the role of the Holy Spirit. Many times the unexpected can transform a standard moment into a memorable experience. In fact, the best memories were seldom the result of planning.

Anything can go wrong. The other side of that is anything can go right! Thank GOD for the adventure He calls us to. By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

We are well into the Fall Quarter of our classes and I believe things are going very well! Our teachers are doing a fantastic job and you, the students, have responded well to my challenge. This week, if you come across one of West Erwin's teachers, extend a big "thank you" for their service. They are to be commended for their servant's heart and you are to be commended for your attendance.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight the **Men's Class on Wednesday Night**. We meet in **Room 403** and the class is taught by myself and Ron Lott. We are in the early weeks of a study of Psalms 120-134, the **Song of Ascents**, a study titled "**A Long Obedience in the Same Direction.**" How do we become the champions God destined us to be? To achieve greatness in athletics, training is required. The same is true in the Christian life. We must understand that our walk with God is a process that continues our entire life (Philippians 1:6), but God wants us to succeed at a high level (Jeremiah 12:5). By studying these 15 psalms, we learn important lessons for the Christian life. If any of you men do not currently attend a class on Wednesday night, consider the men's class!

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

If you would like to support the West Erwin Playschool, the fall cookie dough fundraiser is underway! Orders may be placed until September 30th. An order form will be available at West Erwin Playschool, the visitor's center or contact Kim DuPree for additional information. The playschool thanks you for your support.



Welcome New Members!

J, Tresa, Kyler & Reagan Jones
611 CR 3608, Bullard, TX 75757,
903-825-7435

Send a Card

Opal Cooper would appreciate a card of encouragement from other Christians. Her

address is:

Opal Cooper

c/o Heritage Oaks Ret. Village

3002 W. 2nd Avenue

Corsicana, TX 75110

Mark Your Calendars

You are invited to an all church sandwich supper at the Family Life Center Sunday, September 28 after evening services. We will be honoring **Danny Snell, Frances McBee & Leonard Thompson** for their time and service to the congregation here at West Erwin. Please bring sandwiches, chips and cookies. Drinks will be provided. Please make plans to attend to show our appreciation to Danny, Frances & Leonard!



With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Ruth Mezell on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Shelby White**, who died Sunday in Van. Services were held last Friday for **Dorothy Brown**, aunt of Harold Denman. Our love and prayers are with these families.

Thank you

Dear West Erwin Family,
Thank you so much for your love and support during the difficult time of the loss of our brother, Buddy Kennedy. Your prayers, cards, visits, food and flower arrangement were appreciated more than we can ever express.

Rita Sitton
Nita Kennedy

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A Family For Every Child Dinner

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The dinner will be Tuesday, September 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Villa di Felicita, Hwy. 110 North, Tyler. Tickets are \$50.00 each and table sponsorships are available. For more info, contact Brad Spradlin at 903.509.0558 or bspradlin@christianhomes.com.



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THEY KICKED GOD OUT OF SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE- NOW THEY ARE ASKING US TO HELP BRING HIM BACK IN.

{ 1,188 SCHOOLS
366,000 STUDENTS
\$3.00 PER STUDENT }

WE SAID YES. NOW WE ARE ASKING CHURCHES OF CHRIST NATIONWIDE TO PROVIDE GIFTS TO THE 1,000,000 SUNDAY. HOW MANY SCHOOLS WILL YOU FILL WITH GOD'S WORD?

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Worship a.m.	740	686	672
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Wed. p.m.	296	316	267
Contribution	\$30,163.27	\$25,853.37	\$26,580.76
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

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Dick McClenny	Tim McLemee
Jim McDonald	Stuart Means
Forest McFadden	Vance Metcalf

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

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Scripture	Rob Hilliard
Dismiss	Scottie Hart

GREETERS

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Moments With Mike

Have You Noticed?

Have you noticed some of the things happening at West Erwin? I hope that you have.

After a few months of delay, our carpet for the foyer and small auditorium has finally been installed. It looks really good and we've received numerous positive comments on this. In the next few weeks we will be doing some other upgrades and improvements to the foyer area.

You are to be commended for your response to the Bible class challenge issued by Michael Whitworth a few weeks ago. Last Sunday our Bible class attendance was 502. That's a great start. Now let's see if we can maintain that 500 and above level. By the way, the new fall class schedules are printed and at all entrances and at the visitor center. This lists all classes and teachers for this quarter.

You are also to be commended for your generosity recently toward a family in need. West Erwin is a friendly, loving and generous church. Thank you for sharing your funds to help.

You may have noticed the goal of 800 for worship in September. Six times this year we have been over 750 for worship and I know that we are getting close to moving our numbers even higher.

This goal isn't just about numbers, however. The goal is really about souls. As I mentioned in last week's

article, we have a large number of people who travel on the weekends. But we also have many who are just not very consistent in coming to Bible class and worship.

Studies have shown that there is a connection to our spiritual strength and our frequency in worship together. Those who assemble more often for worship, study and fellowship will be much better prepared to weather the storms of life than those who meet less frequently.

Will you help us as we encourage one another to be more devoted to our Lord through our times of worship and Bible study? I know you will!

West Erwin is a great congregation, full of love, good works and concern for others. Consider these words from Paul in 2 Thessalonians 1:3. *"We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other."*

May God continue to bless us individually and as a congregation as we seek to grow in faith, love one another and be an encouragement to one another.

See you Sunday! Mike

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and meet their needs through our love.

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AREA-WIDE GATHERING

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THANKS!

Thanks to Barry Scarborough for helping with the high school devo this past Sunday. Thanks to Caylee Stamps for challenging us in the way she did! Let's remember... It all starts with us!

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

^{3:13} Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead,

¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

The Concept of Reframing

By Don Crawford

He who is without personal struggles raise your hand!

Now that that is settled, let me share with you what helps me. When I find myself in a slump, it's usually because I've zoomed in on a problem: something I don't like about myself, something I don't like about someone else, or about some circumstance I seem to be trapped in. What I'm learning to do is to take time to zoom out so I can reframe the scene. Instead of focusing on what's wrong, I start looking for what's right.

Worship is how I've learned to zoom out. Worship reminds me that two thousand years ago, Jesus died on the cross to pay the penalty

of my sin. Worship is refocusing on the fact that GOD unconditionally loves me even when my own actions have caused me to be unlovable and I least deserve to be loved. Worship is refocusing on the fact that I have eternity with GOD to look forward to in a place where there is no more sorrow, no more pain, no more difficult people, and no more unbearable circumstances.

Try it! Allow worship to restore the joy of your salvation. Allow worship the opportunity to recalibrate your spirit. Allow worship to renew your mind. Worship can help you find something good to praise GOD for when everything else seems to be going wrong.

Paul and Silas were able to do it in Acts 16:22-25 and read what happened to them!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

To be completely honest, they could give me half the bulletin as space for my article this week, and I would still not have enough room to express my gratitude for the outstanding way that you have responded to my challenge from a few weeks ago. We had an impressive attendance of 502 for our Bible classes this past week and I am quite confident that we will surpass that mark this Sunday.

I want to spotlight the classes we currently offer for adults on Wednesday nights. Our College class is taught by Tim Grounds in Room 306. Mike Baker teaches a great class in the small auditorium on the Gospel of John. Kalon Ainsworth conducts a wonderful singing class in the Heritage Room. We offer two fantastic classes for ladies. One is coordinated by Gail Vannoy and meets in the Family Life Center. They also are studying the Gospel of John. The other class is for mothers of daughters, and is taught by Debbie Bynum and Diane Weathers in Room 112. Finally, Ron Lott and I are teaching a class for men in Room 403. The theme of the class is "A Long Obedience in the Same Direction." If you do not already attend a class on Wednesday nights, then please consider one of these six classes!

Mark your calendars for an all church sandwich supper at the Family Life Center Sunday, September 28 after evening services. We will be honoring Danny Snell, Frances McBee & Leonard Thompson for their time and service to the congregation here at West Erwin. Please bring sandwiches and/or desserts. Drinks will be provided. Please make plans to attend to show our appreciation to Danny, Frances & Leonard!



Men's Day at North Tenneha

Men are invited to the 1st Annual North Tenneha Church of Christ Men's Day Program Saturday, October 18 from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. See the brochure on the News & Notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.



New Address

Jeff & Stephanie Rudell
8446 Wilken Plaza, Tyler, TX 75703

Response for Prayers

Michelle Smith's family has been extremely affected by cancer and she asked for prayers Sunday for her sister, Marlena Battenfield, who was diagnosed with cervical cancer and her father-in-law, Jim Smith, who has Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and is starting Stem Cell Transplant in one week. Michelle's husband (who has also battled cancer) received a good report at his last doctor's visit and they are thankful for the many prayers on their behalf.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008 EEM

THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY

THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

EEM TOLD OFFICIALS IN DONETSK, "YOU CAN COUNT ON US. WE WILL PUT THE BIBLE IN YOUR SCHOOLS." SO EEM IS ASKING CHURCHES OF CHRIST NATIONWIDE TO PROVIDE GIFTS TO THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY TO BE USED TO FILL THE SCHOOLS OF DONETSK, UKRAINE WITH GOD'S WORD.

RUSSIA AND UKRAINE KICKED GOD OUT OF THEIR SCHOOLS. NOW THEY ARE ASKING US TO HELP BRING HIM BACK. WE SAID YES. WHAT ELSE IS THERE TO SAY?

Tyler Churches Golf Tournament

Sign up at the Visitor Center for the Tyler Churches of Christ golf scramble. The cost is \$75 per person. Give your money to Don Crawford. For hole sponsorships, longest drive, and closest to the pin, call Andy Albright at 752-1444.

Thank You

There are not enough words to express our appreciation for all the prayers, calls, visits and the beautiful plant. We loved you for being there for us in your prayers.

Inez Kennedy & Rita Sitton

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in honor of my dad, R.J. Roddy. Your thoughts, prayers and attendance at the memorial services for him meant so much to us.. We love our church family.

In Christian love,
Alan & Patsy Fisher

Dear West Erwin Family,
I just want to say "thank you" for your visits, cards and food that has been brought to us. A very special thanks to the Tuesday Lunch Bunch. I appreciate especially all of your prayers and encouragement. You truly are a caring family and we appreciate you very much.

With much love,
Kay Parrish

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Bible Class	428	472	448
Worship A. M.	686	746	672
Worship P. M.	395	425	392
Wed. P. M.	316	321	267
Contribution	\$25,853.37	\$24,603.10	\$26,580.76
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Louise Harris will be having lung surgery Friday, 9/5. | Joann Hunt, mother of Tammy Lemons, had an appendectomy. | Kay Parrish is now home. | Sylvia Tharpe has been scheduled for a procedure Friday, 9/5 to have a kidney stone removed. | Ray Womack will be having dental surgery Monday, 9/8.

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Scripture	Sonny Hale
Dismiss	Aaron DuVall
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Matt Haws

SERVING COMMUNION

Mike McClenny	Tommy McLunkins
Dick McClenny	Tim McLemee
Jim McDonald	Stuart Means
Forest McFadden	Vance Metcalf

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Tim Grounds
Scripture	Charles Harris
Dismiss	Jamon Kirby

GREETERS

Dwight & Billie Sue Sowle & Hannah Grounds
 Glynn & Fran Starnes & Sarah Grounds
 James & Connie Sublette & Preston Haile
 Visitor Center:
 Carlos & Emma Morgan
 Bill & Donna Mullins

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Moments With Mike *REMINDER!!! Sunday night worship now at 5 p.m.*

By The Numbers

I've always been fond of numbers. A few years ago we were following a record breaking college quarterback who eventually became a top draft pick for the NFL. Each week a publication of the university would publish game highlights in a "by the numbers" section. That became a very memorable way to put numbers into real perspective as we marked his progress. With that in mind, let's take a look at some of our recent numbers.

800 I'd like for us to reach 800 for worship at some point during September. Our summer attendance numbers were very strong and we continue to draw visitors from the community. Now that vacation time is over and schools are back in session, we should be in a good position to "round everyone up" and get back in the habit of regular worship attendance.

2 Two more families placed membership with us on Sunday. That brings our totals up to 41 members along with 18 family members coming into West Erwin this year.

4 Four weeks is the challenge that Michael Whitworth put before us recently. If you are not attending a Bible class, choose one and attend for 4 weeks and see if it doesn't produce life change.

5 5 p.m. will be the starting time for our Sunday evening services for the next 9 months.

20 Our attendance has been over 700 for twenty out of thirty-five weeks in 2008.

West Erwin has several people who travel on business and many who travel to see other family members on the weekend. But we also have a good number who need to be more consistent in worship attendance. Will you help us by encouraging everyone to attend on a more regular basis?

Our sub-theme for the month of September is to "Open our eyes that we may see our neighbors, and meet their needs through our love." As we look to our friends and neighbors, let us also look to our own numbers and see that we are meeting their needs as well, both spiritual and otherwise.

Friends, God has richly blessed us all at West Erwin. May we continue to be a blessing to one another and to the world around us. As Paul said, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Rom. 8:31b.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Our Neighbors"
 and meet their needs through our love.

Sermons for September 7 by Mike Baker
 A.M.: Be A Good Neighbor (Luke 10:25-29)
 P.M.: Motives & Attitudes In Sharing The Gospel (2 Cor. 5:17-20)
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
 for **"Our Living Hope."**

Youth With Heart... by Danny

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us Sunday night after church in the FLC for our High School Devo. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend to join us as we start out the new school year together. We will finish at 8:30. Remember... Church will start at 5:00 beginning this Sunday!

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Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy--think about such things. **Philippians 4:8**

Coming Events!

September 15 — West Erwin Hosting Karing Kitchen

September 27 — Golf Scramble

Glenwood, Shiloh, and West Erwin will have a fun golf scramble at Oak Hurst beginning at 8:00 a.m. A sign up sheet will be at the visitor center. Please sign up in teams of two. Each team then will be mixed with another twosome from a different congregation. Absolute deadline

to sign up will be Sunday, Sept. 21. The entry fee is \$75 each and what is left over will go to Bethesda Clinic for the great service they do in our community.

October 4 — West Erwin Trap & Skeet Shoot

October 18 — West Erwin Talent Show

If you want to share your talent contact Lindsay at the office or Steve Denman.

...Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The new quarter is here and I am excited about the direction of the West Erwin education program! I want to thank all of those who are teaching this Fall. I appreciate greatly your servant's heart and dedication to the students at West Erwin. Also, if you do not already attend a Bible class, please do not forget my challenge from August 24th. Select a class that interests you and attend for four weeks.

I want to highlight one **new class** that will begin this **Sunday, September 7th**. One change being made to the Sunday morning classes is that we are dividing the College/Young Adults class to form two classes. The college class, taught by the fantastic Jon Murry, will continue to meet in 306. However, I will be teaching a new class for **young adults** in the Adult Library. We will begin a study of **Genesis** titled "The Epic of God." I am fond of the stories from Genesis because they teach us how God worked in the lives of men and women of faith. What can we learn from Noah's obedience, Abraham's struggles, and Joseph's unshakeable faith? As we study these stories, I hope that those who attend will be inspired to make their life's story a part of the larger history authored by God.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,
 What a blessing you have been to us during the loss of our grandson/nephew Justin. We are very appreciative of your kind words, the food provided, cards sent and especially the prayers offered up on our behalf. You have helped carry our burden and we thank you very much.

Allen & Wanda Cook
 Tom & Donni Cook
 Gary & Judy Mitcham

Dear West Erwin Family,
 Thank you for your prayers, calls, thoughts and well wishes during my surgery and recovery. You have reminded me of the true joy and blessings we have in God's family.

Love,
 Nora Gravois



Marshall Church of Christ Ladies' Day

Ladies are invited to the Ladies' Day at Marshall Church of Christ on Saturday, October 4 from 9:00a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information, see the postcard on the News & Notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Congratulations

Haylee Marie Mauldin was born on July 29. She is the daughter of Matt & Holly Mauldin and the granddaughter of Dick and Shirley McClenny.

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WHILE WE CAN'T PUT THE BIBLE IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS TODAY, WE CAN DO IT IN RUSSIA AND NOW UKRAINE. EEM TOLD OFFICIALS IN DONETSK, "YOU CAN COUNT ON US. WE WILL PUT THE BIBLE IN YOUR SCHOOLS."

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Patsy Fisher on the loss of her father, **R.J. Roddy**. We also send our love out to Nita Kennedy & Rita Sitton on the loss of their brother, **Buddy Kennedy**. Funeral services for **Norman Stokes**, brother of Robert Stokes, were held at Crowley Funeral Home in Gladewater on Monday. Our thoughts and prayers are with both of these families.



Just a reminder

Starting September 7, Sunday evening services will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for an all church sandwich supper at the Family Life Center Sunday, September 28! More details to come!

Books in Library

Recent acquisition from the Sam Kennedy library are now available for check out in our adult library.



Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome the **Lindsey** and **Moody** families to West Erwin!

Clifton, Cristy, Abby & Brealyn Lindsey
 303 Park View Ct., Whitehouse, TX 75791
 903.839.8213

Tim, Amy, Logan & Joanna Moody
 P.O. Box 134, Whitehouse, TX 75791
 839-3638

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Updates: Lloyd & Jennifer Cawyer, Bud's nephew & wife, are going to the Ukraine to adopt two children in September. Bud & Charlotte are asking prayers for a safe and successful trip. | Dorothy Woods is requesting prayers for Will Duran, stepson to Carey Woods, for wisdom and strength. | Louise Harris has been moved to ICU at Mother Frances. | Jean Martin, Sandie's mother, had a biopsy this week and is waiting on the results and will then start five radiation treatments per week for about seven weeks. | Thomas Park had a procedure Tuesday at the V.A. Hospital in Dallas. | Kay Parrish is in Mother Frances Hospital. | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband, had a CAT scan this week that showed no new cancer growth and they are thankful for the prayers.

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Josh Lowry Phil Marts
Blake Lowry Glen May
Carroll Magee Bill McCain

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Joey Marse
Scripture Jim Mayer
Dismiss Gary Mitcham

GREETERS

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Moments With Mike

Several weeks back, Michael Whitworth had asked to preach on a Sunday morning before the new Bible school quarter began. In his lesson from last Sunday, Michael challenged us to think more deeply about our commitment to God and to learning His word.

One specific challenge he gave was for those who do not attend a Bible class to choose one class and attend it for 4 weeks. That period of time should be adequate to let the student know that there is a great benefit in participating in our Bible class program.

I hope that many of you will take up that challenge and seek out a class to attend starting this Sunday. We have 9 adult classes and each class would be happy to see you occupy one of their seats.

Some of you may recall that there is a song about attending Bible school. The lyrics were something similar to the following:

*Everybody ought to go to Bible school,
Bible school, Bible school,
The men and the women
and the boys and the girls,
Everybody ought to go to Bible school.*

I believe very strongly in the Bible school program. Most of us live very busy lives, and if it were not for some

Bible School

organized program of study, we likely would not make the time to study the Bible on our own. And even if we did, we would miss out on the opportunities to interact with others as we share, teach and are taught insights on the Bible.

We are richly blessed at West Erwin. Our attendance in Bible classes has been on the increase lately and we anticipate that it will climb up over the 500

mark before too long. So why not make your commitment right now to be a part of this great program of learning from God's word?

Psalms 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." May we seek out every opportunity to learn from God's word!

See you Sunday! Mike



Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"Unity"
of all who obey the gospel

Sermons for Aug. 31 by Mike Baker
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for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

A NOTE FROM ROBBIE...

I want every member of West Erwin to know that you have my sincere gratitude and respect. You have created a wonderfully inviting community that served as my spiritual home-away-from-home for the last three months. I want to thank the Elders and the Staff for allowing me the wonderful blessing of serving as your Youth Ministry Intern; and want to acknowledge Paul and Carolyn Montandon for the kind gift of letting me live with them this summer.

To the parents of the youth, let me commend you for the incredible job you have done. Without exception, your children have each earned a special place in my heart. Thank you for the chance to work with these exceptional young men and women. I have a very high opinion of your teens and of you for the extent to which you are involved in your teenager's lives.

Finally, let me reiterate to the teens: I love each of you and miss you already. You are wonderful—really. Individually and as a group, you all know how to make any day fun. I see awesome potential in each of you. I will always cherish the memories that we made. Whether we were climbing a snowy mountain, serving fajitas (often to people who

didn't even know what they were!), singing songs with kids during VBS, sharing stories during devotionals, or sitting together in a Bible study, I had a blast. I consider myself so blessed to know each of you. I pray for you and your futures. Remember: Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus; model your life after His cross; and constantly ask yourself what you are doing for God's Kingdom.

Your Brother, Robbie Hurlocker

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START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Life-change from start to finish. I have made this the goal of my ministry here at West Erwin. But what is the true nature of this life-change? As I mentioned Sunday morning, life-change goes far beyond the affirmation of certain religious beliefs. Being convicted of New Testament teachings is very important (1 Tim. 6:3), but right behavior is just as important as right beliefs (Eph. 4:1).

The message that Jesus brought to earth was an announcement of God's kingdom (Mark 1:15). Christ declared that God's transforming rule was now available to the whole world. All of us are soberly reminded at times that we are not all that God desires us to be. But as our Lord and Master, Jesus wants to bring change to our life that far surpasses New Year's resolutions and self-help books. He wants to overhaul our entire lives from start to finish so that we might be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:17).

We are admittedly a work-in-progress, a work that will continue our entire lives (Phil. 1:6). "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph. 2:10). The word "workmanship" in that verse is the Greek term *poiema*, from which we get our English word "poem." We are God's masterpiece or work of art...one that He is intent on completing in His own time. But we have our own responsibility to become "workable clay" in the Potter's hands. A paintbrush that will not cooperate with the artist is soon cast aside.

Sadly, many Christians settle for less than life-change. The devil convinces us that less than a 100% effort is still good enough. We settle for superficial indicators of "faithfulness," rather than the inward transformation of a renewed mind (Rom. 12:2). We collectively lower the bar of expectations, blind to the fact that we are missing out on spiritual greatness (John 10:10)! As C.S. Lewis once put it, we're like a child ignorantly wanting to go on making mud pies in the ghetto because we cannot conceive of what a "vacation on the beach" really means. When it comes to life-change, we are far too easily pleased.

Simply put, life-change means to progressively become what Jesus would be if he were living in our place. Each passing year finds us more compassionate, joyful, and gracious with courtesy and delight overflowing like rivers of living water. If such change becomes the story of your life and mine, Jesus will one day present us before our Father as "holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Col. 1:22). Hallelujah, what a Savior!

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends,

I thank you for the neat get well card signed by so many friends. I am home now and hope to see all of you back in church.

In Christian Love,
Lowrane Canada

Dear Christian Friends,

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 3,000 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank you!" We are grateful for the loving support that you have provided for those in our care. We would like to extend an invitation to any of the church members to visit our campus.

Yours in Christ,
George W. Rose

Upcoming Events for Men

Save the date for the 1st Annual North Tenneha Church of Christ Men's Day Program on October 18 from 8:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. For more information, see the News & Notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.



Men's Breakfast and Devotional will be Wednesday, September 3rd, 6:30- 7:30 a.m. in the Benevolence Center.

Changes of Address

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Lost Items

There are many items in the lost and found located behind the small auditorium such as clothing, umbrellas, Bibles and dishes. Please check to see if any of it is yours.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.



Class Schedules

Wednesday night, Sept. 3rd, there will be a combined class in the Heritage Room for K-5th Grade.

The Singing class will resume on September 3rd, but will meet in the main auditorium for that night only, and return to the Heritage Room the following week.

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Bible Class	473	471	447
Worship A. M.	751	744	706
Worship P. M.	464	365	426
Wed. P. M.	300	317	350
Contribution	\$28,647.49	\$27,839.74	\$25,010.55
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Nora Gravois is now home after surgery. | Louise Harris is still at Mother Frances Hospital extended care, room 406. | Kay Parrish is in Mother Frances Hospital. | Brent Osborn, son of J.D. & Sherry, is home and the biopsy indicated no cancer. | Bryne Stone, Jonathan Stone's father, had his foot amputated as a result of complications with diabetes. | Sylvia Tharpe will have a large kidney stone removed in day surgery on Thursday at Mother Frances.

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10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY**

Call to worship	Mike Baker
Prayer	Ralph Henderson
Scripture	Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Greg Jones

SERVING COMMUNION

Terry Lowry	Stan Mallory
Josh Lowry	Phil Marts
Blake Lowry	Glen May
Carroll Magee	Jim Mayer

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Todd Hancock
Scripture	Russell Fedell
Dismiss	Odie Kennedy

GREETERS

Wendell & Anita Potter & Cody Frick
Fred & Sara Powell & Patrick Garrett
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Kayla Gallegly
Visitor Center:
Glynn & Fran Starnes

Pick up cards for August 24 : Tanner Perry, Stephen Moore, Colton Haile, Austin Millican, Isaac Millican

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

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Moments With Mike

End Of Summer—Bits And Pieces

Our summer months are coming to a close and school will soon begin much to the sadness of students and the joy of parents. As we change gears from summertime vacations to fall routines, I'd like to share a few observations and thoughts with you.

West Erwin continues to be a positive influence not only within our own numbers, but also within our community. You are to be commended for your devotion to God and your love for one another!

Usually during the summer months attendance will drop off. We certainly had a few individual weeks that fell into that category. But our summer numbers for Bible class and morning worship maintained our yearly average and our Sunday night worship actually grew by 13. That is such an encouraging sign of our continued growth.

On Sunday morning we witnessed two more precious souls buried in Christ and raised in newness of life. We are so proud not only of Ryan and Will, but of all who have made that decision. Over the past 10 years West Erwin has averaged 17 baptisms a year. So far this year we have had 28 baptisms. Do you know someone who has been thinking about becoming a Christian? Now would be an excellent time to talk with them.

We also continue to attract families and individuals

who wish to be a part of the family at West Erwin. This year we have seen 37 members with 13 family members added so far with more who are soon to make that same decision. Thank you, West Erwin, for being a friendly, loving congregation that attracts and welcomes others.

This past Sunday, Michael Whitworth shared the results of his survey with the adult Bible classes. Education is a very important part of our work here and we appreciate your willingness to provide feedback that will help us improve our classes. We have excellent teachers and I believe we are poised to attract more people into our Bible class program. This is an area we need to build up and we welcome your help and encouragement.

We have also made some recent improvements in our PowerPoint projection system and content. Last week we added some new equipment to improve our projection signal and brighten the images. This week we will begin using the Paperless Hymnal software for our songs which will give us the ability to see the notes as well as the words.

Friends, great things are happening and will happen here at West Erwin! There are many opportunities to plug in and serve God here. Let us help you find your place as we unite in service to our Lord.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"Unity"
of all who obey the gospel

Sermons for Aug. 24 by Michael Whitworth and Mike Baker
A.M.: Start 2 Finish (2 Tim. 3:16-17) Whitworth
P.M.: What Shall We Do With The Bible? (2 Tim. 2:15)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

LIVING GODLY IN AN UN-GODLY WORLD

We are planning a very special class for the fall on Wednesday nights beginning Sept. 10. The title is "Living Godly in an Un-Godly World." We will have separate girls & guys groups. We are excited about the teachers and the direction. Be watching for more details to come... and make plans now to be present on Wednesday nights!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be working on some ideas for our classroom as well some ideas for the school year.

Aug. 24
Aug. 31
Sept. 7
Sept. 14
Sept. 21
Nov. 21-23

IMPORTANT DATES

Middle School Devotional
Out To Eat
High School Devotional
Combined Devotional
Small Groups Meet
Middle School Retreat

Thought for the Week...

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! **Philippians 2:5-8 (NIV)***

Coming Events!

September 2 — The Men's Class had to be rescheduled for a later date.

September 15 — West Erwin Hosting Karing Kitchen

September 27 — Golf Scramble

Glenwood, Shiloh, and West Erwin will have a fun golf scramble at Oak Hurst beginning at 8:00 a.m. A sign up sheet will be at the visitor center. Please sign up in teams of two. Each team then will be mixed with another twosome from a different congregation. Absolute deadline

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October 4 — West Erwin Trap & Skeet Shoot

October 18 — West Erwin Talent Show

If you want to share your talent contact Lindsay at the office or Steve Denman.

...Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The new **Fall Quarter** is almost here, and I am excited about what the next few months hold in store for the West Erwin Education Program! We had a great **teachers' meeting** this week, so thanks to all who attended! Also, in the next month, we will be conducting **surveys of the children's classes** to gather your input and feedback just as we did in our surveys of the adult classes.

I want to spotlight two adult classes that will be a part of our **Wednesday night** lineup this coming Fall. Starting on September 10th, **two ladies' classes will be offered**. The first is coordinated by Gail Vannoy and will be held in the Family Life Center. Five different ladies will be teaching a **study of the Gospel of John** and will be using material by Cassandra Martin entitled "That You Might Believe." This promises to be a great experience of learning and fellowship. Also, an additional class for **Mothers Raising Godly Daughters** will be offered in Room 112. This class is being coordinated by Debbie Bynum and Diane Weathers. I am very thankful for these ladies' hard work on these classes, and I hope that the wonderful women of West Erwin will take advantage of these great classes!

Please join us for a wedding shower honoring

Carla Lemons

Sunday, August 24, 2008

4-5:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections are at

Kohl's, JC Penney & Target

Carla is the daughter of Marc & Tammy Lemons and granddaughter of Velma Lemons



Prayer & Care List Changes

As many of you have already noticed, our prayer and care list has had a few changes. These were made in order to keep the list as current and accurate as possible. We will now start the guidelines that were once in place regarding the amount of time anyone remains on the prayer list. The update section will include any requests that have changed from Sunday to Wednesday or Wednesday to Sunday. Names in the West Erwin family section and family & friends section will remain the same for 4 weeks and must be resubmitted after that time. Please keep the church office informed about you or your loved ones who are in need of prayer.

Announcements

If you have any publication or announcement for the weekly bulletin, please have it to the church office by Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Also, any items you would like included in the Sunday handout, verbal announcements or the PowerPoint slides need to be given to the church office by Friday at 9:00 a.m. We appreciate your help!

Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to Cathy Scroggins on the loss of her aunt, **Hazel Dacus Feder**, who died last Tuesday. Services were held last Thursday in Vicksburg, Mississippi. **June Chapel**, former West Erwin member, passed away August 16. Our love and sympathy are extended to family and friends.



Blair Ethridge
2801 Calloway Rd. # 501
Tyler, TX 75707

Baptisms

We rejoice with **Ryan Haws & Will Weathers** who were baptized Sunday, August 17. Let us encourage and be examples to these new Christians!

Welcome New Members!

Jasper & Joanna Huff

1520 Pearl, Lindale, TX 75771- 903-882-4593

Luke, Ashley & Addyson Blackwell

617 Abbey Rd., Lindale, TX 75771- 956-648-9340

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Charity Golf Tournament



The 12th Annual Medina Children's Home Golf

Tournament will be held Monday, October 6th at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall.

Online team/sponsorship registration is available at www.medinachildrenshome.org/

events. For more information, contact Linda Cause at 972-898-6326 or lcause@att.net. You may also pick up a brochure at the Visitor Center.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Stan Clark for his new position as interim director of the state Department of Public Safety. We know that Stan will do an excellent job!

Ladies' Bible Classes

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Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, August 27

Renewal Complete: "Enter in thou good and faithful servant"

Matthew 25:31-40

Mike Baker

No dessert this week.

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Worship A. M.	744	697	642
Worship P. M.	365	417	374
Wed. P. M.	317	349	342
Contribution	\$27,839.74	\$28,678.50	\$27,765.19
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Carroll Cawyer, Bud's brother, will have back surgery 8/27 at Scott & White. | Louise Harris is in extended care at Mother Frances, room 406. | Bobbye May has moved to Health South for rehabilitation. | Buddy Kennedy, Rita Sitton's & Nita Kennedy's brother, is in hospice care.

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SERVING COMMUNION

Garland Latham Stephen Leung
John Lacy Pete Leung
Marc Lemons Michael Carnathan
Taylor Lemons Ron Lott

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Tom Hale
Scripture David Hammond
Dismiss Patrick Garrett

GREETERS

Noel & Jean Parker & Tanner Fedell
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Kenzie Fedell
Bob & Barbara Paul & Chase Fisher

Visitor Center:

Phil & Linda Marts
Charles & Linda Westerfeld

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Moments With Mike

An Encouraging Word

From time to time our office receives bulletins returned with a notation that the recipient has passed away. Some names we recognize and others we do not.

This past week I received a phone call informing us that one recipient in Georgia had passed away and that we should take his name off the bulletin list. His name was Nilas Manley.

Nilas was an encourager and he was not the type of person that you would easily forget. Permit me to share a bit about him so you can appreciate his influence.

I first met Nilas when I was just starting out as a preacher in the small town of Monroe, GA. The church there was small and I was still working my corporate job in addition to my preaching duties. I needed all the advice and encouragement I could find.

About once every two months I would look back into the audience and there would be Nilas' smiling face. He had several churches on his list and he made it his goal to visit and encourage as many preachers and congregations as he possibly could.

Following the service he would always offer some encouraging words about the sermon and inquire as to how things were going. He also would offer honest and helpful advice on how to better present a thought and appeal to

the interest of the audience. I benefitted greatly from his insights and was happy to employ the items he suggested.

Nilas was also one who liked to encourage preachers to read. His trunk was always stocked with various books, many of which were given free of charge. For the few that came with a cost, they were always passed along to us at his cost. Nilas did these things because he wanted to and because he loved to encourage.

His service of encouragement helped make the difference in what we were doing at that church. And his example has influenced my life as well. From time to time, I find myself following his example, distributing free books, some advice and encouragement to others who wish to preach and teach in the church.

Although I had not spoken to Nilas for many years, his influence is still very much with me and I'm sure with many other preachers who were encouraged by him. There is really no way to quantify the amount of good that has occurred as a result of his encouraging words. I thank God for people like Nilas Manley.

"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good work...exhorting one another, and so much more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:24-25.

See you Sunday! Mike

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 17 **Small Groups Meet**
Aug. 24 **Middle School Devotional**
Aug. 31 **Out To Eat**

Thought for the Week...

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:30-31**

THANKS...

Thanks to all who helped with the devo this past Sunday night. It was a special time to honor our graduates and Robbie.

Graduates: you have been a blessing to us over the years. Your leadership has impacted our youth group in a special way. It is our prayer that you will have success in college and will be an asset to the churches you become a part of. You will have some great opportunities to be The Light shining in the world. You will encounter many different people in the next few years who will challenge you and help your faith to grow. You will also encounter folks and situations that will test your faith and challenge your beliefs. Just remember the song we sung Sunday night... Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness... Stay strong in the Lord and remember... He will never leave you.

Robbie: Thanks for sharing your life with us this summer. Your spirit of serving others has touched us. Your spiritual depth and your love of God's word have been a refreshing blessing. I know that God will use you to impact many lives and you will bless those you come in contact with. Thank you for giving your all.

Coming Events!

September 2 — Special Men's Class
Tuesday Nights
6:30PM
Nine Weeks Only
Sign-up sheet & brochure available
at the Visitor Center

**September 15 — West Erwin Hosting
Karing Kitchen**

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October 18 — West Erwin Talent Show

Clothing Drop

For the past few weeks bags of clothing have been left at the back door of the Benevolence Center on Sundays. By Monday morning, Tyler street people have strewn the clothing all over the back area. If you must bring clothing during a time the Center is not open please put them into the metal box provided. We appreciate your donations and we want to be able to take care of them. Many, many people count on the clothes we have for back to school, work, and every day usage. Thank you for your help in making the Center the best it can be for our community.

... **Don Crawford**

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

This past Sunday, we conducted a survey in all the adult Bible classes so as to solicit your feedback. Your response was overwhelming. The results have been tabulated and a report has been given to your teacher. I just want to say thanks for the information you provided! Some have asked for a **survey of the children's classes** and I want you to know that such a survey is planned for the near future.

I also want to make you aware of some very important meetings coming up the next two weeks. This Sunday, August 17th, we will have a **teachers' meeting** in the small auditorium at 5 pm for all current **K-5th Grade teachers**, as well as those planning to teach in the Fall. One important item on the agenda is coming up with the schedule of teachers for the K-5th Grade classes in the Fall. **If you cannot attend, I need to know.** Also, on August 24th, at 5 pm, we will have a meeting about **Children's Worship**. If you would like to assist in this ministry, or would like to offer feedback about it, please make plans to attend that meeting. I want to thank all of you for your hard work and service to West Erwin, may God continue to receive all the glory, and may His face shine on you!

With Sympathy

Adele Hamilton, mother of Allene Smith, died Monday. Graveside services were Wednesday in Mansfield. Services for **Justin Turner**, grandson of Allen & Wanda Cook and nephew of Tommy Cook & Judy Mitcham, were held Wednesday at New Hope Funeral Home in Sunnyvale.

We extend our deepest sympathy to these families.

Teachers' Meeting

There will be a teachers meeting for all current and future K-5th grade Bible class teachers on Sunday, August 17 at 5:00 pm in the small auditorium. If you are unable to attend, please see Michael Whitworth.

New Member Pictures

If you have not taken a picture for our member board, please go to the small auditorium immediately after morning services Sunday, August 17.

Please join us for a wedding shower
honoring
Carla Lemons

Sunday, August 24, 2008

Family Life Center

Selections are at
Kohl's, JC Penney
& Target

Carla is the daughter of
Marc & Tammy Lemons
and granddaughter of
Velma Lemons

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,
Thank you for the comforting support of words, hugs, card, calls and the beautiful flowers that graced the funeral home walls as we said goodbye to another family member. Both death and life are easier to handle where love abounds.

Carolyn & Ray Womack

To our West Erwin family,
Thank you for all the cards, visits, phone calls and especially your prayers during Kalli's recent time in the hospital. We are so richly blessed to be a part of such a loving church family that always supports us in our time of need. We appreciate you all.

**In Christian Love,
Rachel, Krista & Kalli Huff**

Welcome New Members!

Gary, Karen, Bryce & Jillian Bender
15384 Hwy 64 E, Tyler, TX 75707
903-565-6241

Sonia Munoz

3400 NNE Loop 323 #25

Tyler, TX 75708

903-283-2547

William Parr

429 S. Bonner, Tyler, TX 75702

903-372-6156

Jesus, Yadira, Litz, Jesus & Melanie Villasenor

3400 NNE Loop 323, Lot 29

Tyler, TX 75708

Amalia Villasenor

3400 NNE Loop 323 #106

Tyler, TX 75708

903-262-0801

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Bible Lectureship

Longview Church of Christ invites you to a Bible Lectureship August 22-24. For more information, see the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Ladies' Day

All ladies are invited to the Ladies' Day at North Tenneha Avenue Church of Christ August 23. For more information, see the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Job Opportunities

Receptionist: M-F
3:15-6:00 p.m.
After school Pre-K &
Elem. Teacher: M-F
3:00-6:00 p.m.



Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, August 20

Renewing the Soul: Building One Another Up
II Corinthians 9:12

Tim Grounds

No dessert this week.

July 31, 2008	From the Heart Of Tyler		Vol. 39.—No 31
Records	Sunday-July 27	Sunday-July 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	428	453	402
Worship A. M.	668	751	610
Worship P. M.	392	438	355
Wed. P. M.	297	287	336
Contribution	\$22,385.06	\$30,357.72	\$27,613.40
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

PRAYER AND CARE: Jill Amundson, sister of Cathy Portwood, will have cancer surgery this week. | Lowrane Canada is now at home. | Adelle Hamilton, mother of Allene Smith, is now under hospice care. | Louise Harris is in extended care at Mother Frances, room 414 | Paul Pike, son of John & Virginia Pike, is having health problems. | Carey Woods, has returned to M.D. Anderson.

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: Erin Amundson, Kathy Portwood's nephew's wife | Johnny Anders | Bill Barrett, friend of Morris Hallman | Darrell Beard | Gerald Boykin | Diane Carroll | Carroll & R.D. Cawyer, Bud's brothers | Allen Cook | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Frank Doherty, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law | Debra George, Becky Howard's neighbor | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Frank Haddock, Bettie Thorne's son-in-law | Jean Henry, Donna Wright's mother | Billie Bob Hickman | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Linda Keeling, Tim Grounds' sister | Buddy Kennedy | Clay Kirby | Joel Knox | Gus Krewall | Jean Martin, Sandie Martin's mother | Leo May | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bobbye May | Mary McFadden | Shirley McClenny | Kay & Billy Bob McCool, Kathy Portwood's sister & brother-in-law | Ruth Meazell | Linda Morales, Jeri Prestidge's aunt | Will Orr, Friend of Blair Ethridge | Suzan Parker, Noel & Jean Parker's daughter-in-law | Jim Pierce, Faye Kennard's brother | George Richardson | Mary Richey | Butch Roach, neighbor of the Tanksleys | Sarah Rowland, daughter-in-law of Jo & Art Rowland | Odell Sessions | Ray Silvertooth, Ruth (Hearne) Moore's brother | Judy Simpson, Ruth Ellis' sister | Garrett Smith | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Jim Smith, Scott Smith's dad | Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister | Molly Lou Terry | Sylvia Tharpe | Esther Wilson | Earlyne Wimberly | Dorothy Woods | Carey Woods | Ponder Wright, Sr. & Patsy Young.

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Jared Jordan Toby Kennedy

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Scripture Carl Garrett
Dismiss Scott Hackett

GREETERS

Forest and Mary McFadden & Christina Denman
Lee and Camille Mink & Sean Denman
Gary & Judy Mitcham & Jessica Dupree
Visitor Center:
Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Stan & Ernestine Mallory

Pick up cards for August 3 & 10: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Carson Hancock, Grant Perkins

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

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, July 20: Nursery a.m.: Donna Wright; Nursery p.m.: Jan Cook; Toddlers a.m.: Camille Mink & Mollie; Toddlers p.m.: Mary June Goodson & Melanie; 2's a.m.: Joey & Leslie Coker; 3's & 4's a.m.: Cody & Larisa Mitcham; 2's, 3's & 4's p.m.: Joey & Mindy Marse

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Moments With Mike

When God And I Don't Agree

An old story is told of a battleship captain bringing his ship into port. In the fog of the night he spotted what he assumed was an oncoming vessel. He ordered that the warning horns be blown and then he attempted to contact the other ship on the radio.

Exerting his supreme authority and status he boomed, "I am the captain of this battleship and I order you to change your course immediately." But the reply he received was not exactly what he had expected. "Well, you may be the captain of that battleship, but I am the keeper of this lighthouse, and I suggest that you change your course before you run into the shore!" Imagine his situation when he realized that he was not the supreme authority that he supposed himself to be!

There are times in our lives when we may not be in agreement with God. What then? Should we stubbornly stick to our ways, or should we be open to embrace the ways of God?

As sinners outside of Christ, we realized that our actions/sins caused us to be separated from God and subject to His eternal punishment. (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:7-9). Those facts helped us to seek God and find the remedy for our sins. Why? Because we realized that when we disagree with God, it is always God who is right.

Jeremiah wrote, "O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps." Jer. 10:23. When we do not agree with what God has said, we must immediately realize that it is God who holds the supreme authority. God will always be right. We will not.

Even as Christians we may realize that we are not always in agreement with God. At these times, we must remember that it is God, not man, who holds the supreme authority in all matters. Through repentance, confession and prayer, we find that we can once again be in agreement with God. (1 John 1:9).

It doesn't matter how many times we blow our horns, express our rights, or exert our "authority." If a thing is wrong, then it is wrong. Just as the captain realized that he could not play "chicken" with a lighthouse and win, we also must realize that whenever we do not agree with God, it is always God who is right.

Solomon wrote, "There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death." Prov. 14:12. Friends, if we ever find ourselves not in agreement with God, let us be humble enough to search His word and conform our ways to His ways. See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"Unity"
of all who obey the gospel

Sermons for August 3, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Unity: Importance And Basis (Ps. 133:1)
P.M.: Unity: Reasons And Hindrances (John 17:20-22)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS...

Thanks to David Wicks and Mike Gravois for teaching the youth classes in our absence.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Check with Robbie Hurlocker for details.

PICTURES...

We are planning a special youth presentation on Sunday night, Aug. 10. If you took any pictures or video of the summer activities, we would like to have that to use in our presentation. See Robbie with your entries!

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Thursday, Aug. 7 from 1:00-4:00. Please wear tennis shoes. Invite a friend to join us!

MEXICO MISSION

As of this writing, 23 of us are in Nueva Rosita, Mexico working with the Rafael Falcon family and our brothers & sisters in the Iglesia de Christo. Hurricane Dolly dropped a few inches of rain just prior to our arrival but that proved to not be a problem for our mission team. Saturday morning we began building forms to pour concrete on the top "finish" layer of the wall our team built in 1996. We are doing some concrete and plaster work as well as painting around the property. We had our first day of VBS on Sunday. We had a good turnout of kids with over 60 present. The VBS will continue on Monday and Tuesday. Israel Sandoval preached on Sunday morning and as far as we could tell did a great job!

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 3 High School Devotional
Aug. 7 Middle School - Goofy Game Day
Aug. 10 Youth Presentation @ Evening Worship
Aug. 10 Combined Devotional
Aug. 17 Middle School Devotional

With Sympathy

Deepest sympathy to **Anna Nunn** on the loss of **Gary Nunn**. His services were held here at the building on Wednesday. Sympathy also to the family and friends of **Alta Martin** whose services were held Sunday. Condolences to the family of **Ray Hillis, uncle of David & Ginny Wicks**, whose graveside services were held on Wednesday. To **Carolyn McCune** at the death of her nephew, **Alvin Makovy** in Waco. Deepest sympathy to **Carolyn Womack** at the death of her brother, **Bob Davis**, who passed away Tuesday. His funeral was Friday in Ardmore, Oklahoma, burial Saturday in Dallas.

Thank You

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you for the beautiful basket of flowers you sent to Harry's funeral. They were placed at the sign-in table. Billie Bob was so pleased.

Faith, family, friends, and God is doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves. Love, The Hickmans

Dear West Erwin Christians,

You have faithfully prayed for me for several months. I really appreciate your love and concern for me.

Thanks again, many times. Yours in Christ, Tommy Montandon

Coming in September!

September 2 — Benaiah Class

A Special Men's Class
Tuesday Nights
6:30PM
Limited to 20
Nine Weeks Only
For more info call
Don Crawford
903-592-0809

September 15 — West Erwin Hosting Karing Kitchen

Coming in October!

October 4 — West Erwin Trap & Skeet Shoot Tyler Gun Club 10:00 AM

October 18 — West Erwin Talent Show
Sponsors: Young Married Class
A Fun night for all!
Family Life Center
To Share Your Talent
Contact: Steve Denman
903-881-0470
or
Lindsay Kelly

Playschool Enrolling!

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one of the tables located near entry doors to the main building. Call Kim DuPree at 903-530-4948 or West Erwin Church of Christ at 903-592-0809 for more information.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

All men are invited to a prayer breakfast Wednesday, August 6 from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m. at the Benevolent Center. Please sign up at the Visitor Center.

Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, August 6

*Renewing Our Mission Minded Attitude: The Great Commission
Matt. 28:19-20*

Richard Baggett

*For a complete series list, see sheets on entry doors or visit the website at
www.westerwin.com.*

There will be no dessert this week.

Baptism

Sean Denman, son of **Steve and Diane Denman**, grandson of **Harold and Shirley Denman**, put on his Lord in baptism, Sunday, July 27. Let's welcome him to God's family and be fine examples for him.

50th Anniversary Celebration

The children and grandchildren of **Harold & Shirley Denman** invite you to celebrate their parents' Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary at a reception on Saturday, the ninth of August from 2 until 5 o'clock in the afternoon in the Family Life Center, West Erwin Church of Christ.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

In the past several months, many events have transpired in my life that have underscored a simple spiritual truth long forgotten by yours truly: **God provides**. For example, my coming to West Erwin was a prayer realized and proof that God provides. Just when you believe that God has forgotten and abandoned you, He reveals His presence in your life and covers you with His providential hand.

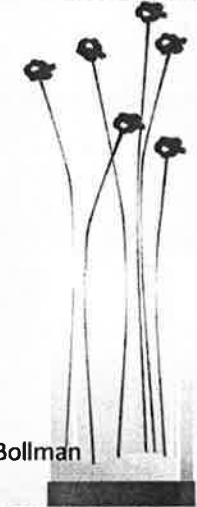
Just ask Abraham. He had a difficult time learning that God provides. God promised Abraham land (Gen. 12:1), but Canaan was in famine when Abraham arrived. God promised to be a shield for Abraham (Gen. 15:1), but Abraham lied twice about his relationship with Sarah. God promised Abraham a son (Gen. 15:4), but Abraham thought God needed a little help and Ishmael was born first. But then God called Abraham to Mt. Moriah in order to sacrifice his unique son Isaac. When Isaac's life was spared, Abraham discovered a ram in the bushes, and finally learned the greatest spiritual lesson of his life: when you least expect it, God provides in the most extraordinary of ways. So overwhelmed with this experience, Abraham renamed the mountain "Yahweh Yireh,"—"The LORD will provide."

Tyler Tea & Luncheon Fundraiser

All ladies are invited to a tea & luncheon benefiting:

Boles
Children's Home

at Roseland Plantation
Ballroom
2601 State Hwy 64
Ben Wheeler, TX 75754
Sunday, August 17, 2008
Lunch - Noon to 2 pm
Tickets per person - \$15
To RSVP or for more
information, contact Kristen Bollman
903-883-2204 &
bolang@boleschildrenshome.org



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Bible Class	453	447	422
Worship A. M.	751	688	653
Worship P. M.	438	460	443
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Contribution	30,357.32	\$24,911.32	\$23,622.42
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

PRAYER AND CARE: Lowrane Canada is still at Olympic Plaza. | Louise Harris is in extended care at Mother Frances, room 414. | Bill Mezell is now home. | **SYMPATHY:** Please remember to keep those who have lost loved ones in your prayers: Dale & Dot White on the loss of their son, Randy.

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Scripture John Cliver
Dismiss Chad Chauncey

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Carolyn Carruth & Becky Howard & Chandler Cook
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Dru Dawkins
Visitor Center:
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Joe & Connie Roach

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Moments With Mike

Constantly Improving

Unwelcome as they are, typographical errors are a fact of life. Most never make it past the author and proofreader, but some will eventually make it into print.

In the past two weeks I've been a victim of my own faulty proofreading. I create my own PowerPoint presentations and, pressed for time, I did not complete these files in time to be proofread by either of our secretaries or my wife. On one slide I typed that "All men were crated equal" instead of created equal. Then last week I managed to misspell Christ on a slide. How embarrassing!

Thankfully the only real damage was to my own sense of pride in creating an error free presentation. I doubt that anyone really misunderstood what I was attempting to convey.

To illustrate the wonderful powers of the human mind, consider the following internet illustration that I recently received from my good friend, Jim Rucker. Try reading this aloud and see if your mind can understand.

if yuo cna raed tihs, yuo hvae a sgtrane mind. Cna yuo raed tihs? Olny 55 plepoe out of 100 can. i cdnuolt blveiee taht I cluod aulacly uesdnatnrd waht I was rdanieg. The phaonmneal pweor of the hman

mnid, aoccdnrig to a rscheearch at Cmabrigde Uinervtisy, it dseno't mtaetr in waht oerdr the lteres in a wrod are, the olny iproamtnt tihng is taht the frsit and lsat ltteer be in the rghit pclae. The rset can be a taotl mses and you can sitll raed it whotuit a pboerlm. Tihs is bcuseae the huamn mnid deos not raed ervey lteter by istlef, but the wrod as a wlohe. Azanmig huh? yaeh and I awiyas tghuhot slpeling was ipmorantt!

Amazing, isn't it? Even with all of those errors most of you should have been able to understand the message adequately.

Friends, spelling and accuracy are important. We communicate much more clearly when all the letters are in the proper places. We proofread to catch errors and constantly improve our message.

The same is true of our spiritual journey. Perfection is not attainable, but is highly desirable. We compare ourselves to what God expects and constantly strive to improve.

May we always be willing to correct our errors. "Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection..." Hebrews 6:1.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Freedom"
from sin and from temptation

Sermons for July 27, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: He Will Deliver You (Daniel 6:13-16)
P.M.: Three "Cs" Of Temptation (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for *"Our Living Hope."*

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS...

As many of our teens have been all over the country this summer, there have been some very special adults who have made our middle & high school trips possible. Thanks to all of these adults who helped in Nebraska, Mexico, BackCountry Trek & Middle School Madness: Lisa Snell, Ken Culpepper, Bryce Murry, Tim Grounds, Steve Denman, David Wicks, David Asbill, Marc Philpot, Gary Broome, Mike Gravois, Robbie Hurlocker, Melanie Murry, Danielle Rousseau, Julie Frick, Ginny Wicks, Israel Sandoval, Curt Jordan, LaDawn Ragsdale, Jamie Jordan, Paul Lewis, John Shaw, Jeff Parrish, Mark Frick, Jean Duvall, Mary Lockhart, Jennifer Skender & Tara Kilgore. You have been a blessing to our teens and West Erwin. Thanks for being a light to the world.

MEXICO MISSION

As you read this, 24 of us from West Erwin will be in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. We will be teaching a VBS and doing some service projects. Please pray for our safety and success as we serve God and the church in Nueva Rosita.

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Baptism

Casey McClenny, son of Laura & grandson of Mike & Linda McClenny was baptized on June 29 by his uncle, Andy Luster.

Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, July 30

Renewing the Heart: "Fanning the Flame of Inspiration"
Hebrews 1:7

George Jones III

For a complete series list, see sheets on entry doors or visit the website at www.westerwin.com.

Dessert: Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes

Thank You

Dear Sisters & Brothers at West Erwin,
Thank you all so much for everything that has been done for us since Jim's mother's death. We both appreciate the prayers and all the cards that we have received. The flowers that were sent to her funeral service were beautiful and meant so much to us. Being a part of the church family at West Erwin is truly a blessing.

In Christian Love,
Jim & Priscilla Mayer

Truth for Today Commentary

We have received the latest Truth for Today Commentary. It is 1 & 2 Thessalonians by Earl D. Edwards. The cost is \$28. You may pick up your copy at the Visitor Center and place your payment in the box marked "Commentaries."

Prayers

Please continue to pray for Brad & Brittney Asbill as they continue their mission trip in Thailand.

Baby Shower

All ladies are invited to a baby shower to welcome
Walker Smith
Sunday, July 27
4 p.m.-5:30 p.m. at the
West Erwin Family Life Center
Selections at Babies R Us & Wal-Mart
Proud parents are Blake & Kenzie Smith



START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I was running numbers on our Bible class attendance and we have been averaging a respectable 438 for Sunday morning Bible class this summer. Considering that many people travel during these months, I am encouraged that our numbers have held steady, but they can always be better! One week, very soon, we will break 500 for our Sunday morning Bible class. Could this be the week?

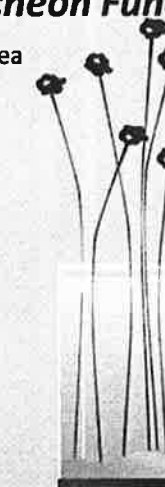
Here at West Erwin, we have a variety of classes that stimulate and inspire students of the Bible. **Mike Baker** is currently teaching a class in **Room 403** on the **Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures**, a book by Bro. Jimmy Jividen. The class has just begun this study, so if you would like to join them, you will certainly be coming at a great time. This is a very timely and appropriate topic given the attacks brought upon the Bible in recent years. Mike is an exceptional communicator of God's truths and his ability to teach is as powerful as his skill in preaching. If you are not a regular part of a Bible class, won't you consider Mike Baker's class on the **Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures** as an addition to your spiritual diet? May God's face shine upon you this week!

Tyler Tea & Luncheon Fundraiser

All ladies are invited to a tea & luncheon benefiting:

Boles
Children's Home

at Roseland Plantation
Ballroom
2601 State Hwy 64
Ben Wheeler, TX 75754
Sunday, August 17, 2008
Lunch - Noon to 2 pm
Tickets per person - \$15
To RSVP or for more
information,
contact Kristen Bollman
903-883-2204 & bolang@boleschildrenshome.org



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Records	Sunday-June 22	Sunday-June 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	446	418	414
Worship A. M.	711	740	661
Worship P. M.	478	327	428
Wed. P. M.	305	351	303
Contribution	\$59,861.89	\$26,461.53	\$25,117.51
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

PRAYER AND CARE: Bill Barrett, friend of Morris Hallman, is having health problems. | Darrell Beard is in room 2510 at ETMC. | Lowrane Canada had knee replacement surgery Wednesday at ETMC. | Les Carruth is still at Mother Frances after surgery. | Dr. Montie Dalton, friend of Dennis Stansbury, is showing positive improvements in treatment for cancer. | Diane Denman will have day surgery July 9. | Louise Harris has been taken back to ICU at Mother Frances. She has had a possible embolism and is undergoing tests at this time. | Carey Woods, Dorothy's stepson, had an unsuccessful surgery at M.D. Anderson.

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Dismiss: Jay Bynum
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jim Armstrong

SERVING COMMUNION

Preston Haile: Randy Hale
Dan Haile: Michael Hall
Tom Hale: David Hammond
Sonny Hale: Todd Hancock

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Tony Adams
Scripture: Keaton Ainsworth
Dismiss: Nathan Barnett

GREETERS

Chuck & Linda Gillam & Kelsi Wicks
Mike & Nora Gravois & Hayley Wilson
Tom & Beverly Hale & Jerrod Wilson
Visitor Center:
John & Virginia Pike
Carolyn Carruth & Becky Howard

Pick up cards June 22 & 29: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Taylor Stein, Nicolas Means & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, June 29: Nursery a.m.: Julie Ables; Nursery p.m.: Shirley Denman; Toddlers a.m.: Pam & Lindsey Lott; Toddlers p.m.: Debbie & Caysi Bynum; 2's a.m.: Blake & Mary Lockhart; 3's & 4's a.m.: JD & Anna Mitchell; 2's, 3's & 4's p.m.: John & Terry Shaw

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Moments With Mike

On My Mind

From time to time I like to share a few thoughts on my mind rather than a full teaching article in this space. Here are a few of the thoughts I have currently.

listening and hopeful that this program will help to teach people and draw them closer to God. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

⇒ We are a very friendly congregation. Did you know that? Responses from visitors continue to include how warm and welcoming we are. Several people have been here recently looking for a church home and I know that you are showing them how good it is to be a part of this family. Thank you!

⇒ It is hard to believe how time flies by. It has now been one year since I first heard about West Erwin. On June 24th of last year six men came out to hear me preach and later that afternoon we had our first interview. Thank you for your confidence in me and for your continued encouragement. It's great to be a part of this wonderful congregation.

⇒ We have been growing this year. Our Sunday morning numbers now average 709 for worship and 441 for Bible classes. Our evening and Wednesday numbers need to improve more, but they are also on the increase.

⇒ This month's sub-theme has been on commitment. I want you all to be here Sunday to hear the sermon about Dave, a man going through a mid-life crisis. Living successfully for Christ means making the right choices every day. Dave's story helps to put these choices in a practical light. Sunday night's lesson will be on some of the myths and risks of living together outside of marriage.

⇒ Thank you for the way you responded to the challenge Sunday morning. We had 478 in attendance on Sunday night which is 70 more than our average. Hope to see a full house next Sunday night as well.

West Erwin is a great place to be. Call someone this week and bring them with you to Bible class and worship.

⇒ Thank you for the responses to our Sunday morning radio program. I'm happy to know that you are

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Commitment"
To our Lord and to our families.

Sermons for June 29, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Dave: A Mid-Life Crisis (Prov. 6:32)
P.M.: Living Together: Myths and Dangers (Exod. 20:14)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past week. We had a great turnout for workers and served about 100 people. West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen again on Monday, July 21. Continue to pray for this ministry.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This past week 25 of us returned from our BackCountry Trek to the Pecos Wilderness. Our theme for the week was: "I saw God today..." It is amazing what you can see when you look for it! It was a very physically challenging trail and several of our folks really struggled with altitude sickness. Because of this and some other factors, we were unable to make the peak. We did however have an amazing day working together as a Team! Thanks to all the adults who went and made this trip possible.

MEXICO MISSION

All of those who are going to Mexico need to begin getting your paperwork together. We will have a meeting very soon!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Middle School Madness is July 16-19. We will depart on Wednesday Morning and return Saturday afternoon. The cost is \$85. The deadline for signing up is Wednesday, July 2.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All who are going to Nebraska need to be present at 4:00 Sunday afternoon to work on classes and details. Parents need to come at 5:00 to sign/notarize paper work and go over details of the trip. Please bring your \$50 Fee. Following church, we will all meet for the combined devo and pray for the Nebraska Team.

IMPORTANT DATES

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1 Corinthians 1:27

We were discussing this passage in class last Sunday morning: "But GOD chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; GOD chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong." Has GOD changed His mode of operation? Or, have we allowed the fear of looking foolish hobble our Christian walk?

Noah looked foolish building an ark in the desert. Sarah looked foolish shopping for maternity clothes at ninety. David looked foolish going into battle against a giant with a slingshot. The Israelites looked foolish marching around Jericho blowing trumpets. Peter looked foolish climbing out of the boat in the middle of the lake. GOD looked foolish allowing His Son to be killed

on a cross. But that is how GOD works! His foolishness shamed the wise! We have never killed a giant with a slingshot; we have never seen walls come tumbling down; we have never walked on water because we are afraid of looking foolish!

GOD has not changed His methods. He still chooses "the lowly things of this world and the despised things — the things that are not — to nullify the things that are." He still wants to dazzle the world by shaming the strong and the wise. Why? So the world will turn to HIM. Therefore, do not allow the fear of looking foolish keep you from being and doing what GOD wants you to be and do. That fear comes from the enemy, Satan.

.....By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Since childhood, I have been enamored with Naaman, the Aramean general struck with leprosy in the Old Testament. Do you remember how he was told by Elisha, a prophet of God, to go and dip in the Jordan River seven times (no less, no more) in order to be cleansed? After scoffing at the idea of swimming in a dirty river, Naaman did so and was completely cleansed of his dreaded disease.

But a small detail of the story often escapes many. God never spoke to Naaman during the entire ordeal. Rather, He communicated his will through a slave girl, two kings, Elisha the prophet, Elisha's servant, and Naaman's servants. He spoke through **community**. Today, I believe the same to be true. Some may seek the will of God, only to hear nothing, and such may be so because we have not invested ourselves in the community of God. On the other hand, if we involve ourselves in a spiritual family, God speaks to us through that community and strengthens us during life's storms. If you are currently not part of a Bible class here at West Erwin, let me encourage you to start attending. Your life and faith will never be the same. God will cleanse you from start to finish, just as He did for Naaman.

With Sympathy...

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Casey Aylor**, great nephew of Velma Lemons, who died in a car accident in Borger, Texas last Friday.

Funeral services will be held Thursday in Ardmore, OK for **Carrie Lou Little Davis**, sister-in-law of Carolyn Womack.

We extend our love and sympathy to these families.

60th ANNIVERSARY

Please come to a 60th Wedding Anniversary
Reception honoring
Audie & Opal Golden
July 6th
2-5 p.m.
At the home of
Marcus & Dianna Hall
209 Karla
Whitehouse, Texas
Given by their children
Your presence is your gift

Thank You...

Thank you for your prayers and friendship, and also for the lovely peace lily plant you provided for Troy's service. We love you.

The family of Troy Portwood

Thank you for sending me the weekly bulletin. I look forward to it and read it from cover to cover. I moved away several years ago, but I have not forgotten the 30 years I was a member there. May God continue to bless you!

Dorothy Hulsey

Create
in me a
clean heart,
O God,
and put a
new
and right
spirit
within me."
Psalm 51:10

Can You Help?

If you would be willing to help J.R. Tharpe on Sunday afternoons at worship services at the Rosewood Estates, please contact him at 849-2626. G.W. Cliver has been helping with these services, but with G.W. moving, help is needed.



There will be a meeting for all adult Bible class teachers on Sunday, July 13th, at 5:00 p.m. in the small auditorium. Those planning to teach adult classes in the Fall are also encouraged to attend.



Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, July 2

Special Devotional Program

Michael Whitworth

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake Sundaes

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PRAYER AND CARE: Darrell Beard is undergoing treatment. | Les Carruth had surgery Wednesday at Mother Frances. | Dr. Jim Cox fell Tuesday morning and is now home after being hospitalized. | Diane Denman will have day surgery July 9. | Linda Foreman, Shelly Mullins' mother and Les Carruth's sister, is at Mother Frances after surgery. | Louise Harris is still at Mother Frances, room 5536. | Carey Woods, Dorothy's stepson, will have surgery at M.D. Anderson June 19.

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Scripture: Gene Chandler
Dismiss: G.W. Cliver

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Alan & Patsy Fisher & Wendy Weathers
Lon & Loriece Gibson & Will Weathers
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Moments With Mike

Instructions. What Instructions?

It happens to most of us sooner or later. We open a package containing numerous parts. They all look somewhat familiar to us. We unpack the parts, lay aside the instructions and begin to assemble the parts so they will match the picture on the cover of the box.

But then it happens. Something doesn't line up properly. One part is too short over here and another part over there is too long. In frustration, we finally root around in the discarded papers until we find the instruction sheet. Meekly, we begin to disassemble what we've done in order to put it together properly.

Instructions come with everything today. Sometimes they are for assembly or for the proper operation of the product. On an increasing number of products we receive warnings of what not to do, like operate a hair dryer while in the shower.

So why is it that so many people fail to follow these instructions? Pride may blind someone who discards the instructions. It also causes people to have closed minds and to put far too much confidence in their own abilities. Ignorance may also be a reason why some instructions are not followed. Stubbornness may also be a cause.

Someone has written the following article entitled, *People Are Funny*.

"Isn't it strange? The builder depends on his blueprints and specifications to build a house. The woman follows her pattern to make a dress, or the recipe to bake a cake. The student follows the rules to work his math or diagram a sentence. With every new appliance we get a book of instructions, and a manual comes with our new car. If we are wise, we will use them in the use, maintenance and care of that for which we have paid a considerable sum of money! Why is it, I wonder, that so many of us are so inclined to ignore the book of instruction that God gave to maintain and care for our souls? God's word is the book of instruction for our life!"

The Bible has many instructions inside. Some are for the proper assembly of our lives, relationships and character. Others are for the proper use of the blessings that God has provided. Still others are warnings about what not to do. Let's be careful not to allow pride, ignorance or stubbornness get in the way of clearly understanding the instructions God has provided for us.

Remember the words of Psalm 119:105, **"Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path."**
See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Commitment"
To our Lord and to our families.

Sermons for June 22, 2008 by Mike Baker
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P.M.: Must Is Not An Option (2 Cor. 5:9-11)
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Youth With Heart... by Danny

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. This is a great ministry opportunity to serve. We begin serving at 6:00. If you are interested in helping, see me Sunday or just show up to help! We always need folks to help serve and visit with the people who come as well as preparation and cleanup.

"OUTRIGGER ISLAND"

West Erwin's VBS went very well this year! We had great attendance with our largest day of 74 K-5th Grade on the big day. Thanks to all who worked hard on the activities, crafts, food, drama and decorations.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High Schoolers: Remember our Devo this Sunday night!

GOOFY GAME DAY

Our first middle school Goofy Game Day will be Thursday, June 26 from 1:00-4:00. Wear tennis shoes & invite a friend to come and join us.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

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Congratulations to Lacie Carpenter who won the 2008 World's Champion People's Choice Award at the Fiddler's Festival in Crockett, Texas last Saturday. We are so proud of you!



Gumption

We don't use that word much anymore. What a shame. I grew up on that word. Another word might be "spizzerinctim." Having trouble with that one too? How can such good words just fall through the cracks never to be heard again?

Joshua had it and he did not hesitate to declare it in his famous "...as for me and my house..." speech (Josh 24:15).

Our nation is in a very trying time right now and as Christians we need to resurrect words like gumption and spizzerinctim to describe our stand for what we believe and in Whom we trust. We have never been so challenged as we are today to join Joshua in announcing: "as for me and my house we will serve the Lord!" Do you have the gumption to do so?

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

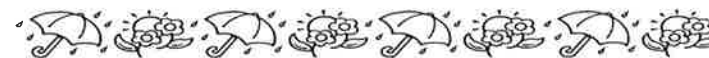
For much of my life, I have heard many preachers comment on the truth and wisdom of 1 Corinthians 3:6. In the context, Paul is convincing the Corinthian Christians that though he and Apollos were different men with different talents and abilities, they were both working towards the same goal and serving the same Lord. He says, "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (NKJV).

I have always appreciated the sentiment—that is until I learned that this verse is commonly mistranslated. Properly rendered, Paul states that he planted, Apollos watered, but God was giving the increase **all along**. In other words, Paul did his part, and Apollos did his as well, but God was at work in both of them from the beginning. None of us are a one-man show. Rather, God does great things through us by his power if we are united in Christ. One person may teach a class, a second may lead a prayer, and a third may serve as a greeter, but God works through all of us to give an increase. There is no "I" in team, but there is a "me" if you scramble the letters up. However, let us leave the scrambling to someone else and simply work to glorify our heavenly father in all that we do.



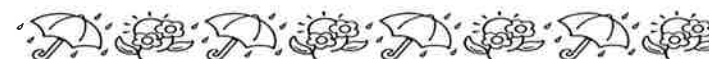
We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Troy Portwood**, father of John Portwood and grandfather of Jeri Prestidge, who passed away Thursday, June 12. Services were held Monday, June 16 at Mt. Carmel Baptist Church in Whitehouse. Our love and sympathy are extended to John and family.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Vera Beard**, who passed away Tuesday. Graveside services were held Thursday at Memorial Cemetery. Our love and sympathy are extended to family and friends.



BRIDAL SHOWER

Please join us for a bridal shower honoring
Sara DeMartino
Bride-elect of Casey Haws
Saturday, June 21 from 11-12:30
At the home of Pam Lott
2314 Kingsmill Circle
Tyler, Texas 75703
Selections: Crate & Barrel and Macy's



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the multitude of good things that this Church and its members did for Dorothy during her lifetime and at the time of her passing and the funeral. On a Lord's Day she wanted to worship with you but was too ill, and on a Lord's Day she started the journey that we all must take. She went to be with God.

We love you all,

George Daugherty & sons Craig, Bruce & Larry

With all my heart I want to thank all of you who so graciously gave your time and energy into making the pre-school children's VBS so successful. There were several adults and many teenagers who helped it be successful and so much fun. Many of you spent several hours with the children and many more helping get ready and in cleaning up.

Thank you!
Velma Lemons



NEW PHONE NUMBER
Suzanne Linseisen- 903-262-6121

"Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you will never grow."

JOB OPPORTUNITY

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking qualified applicants for a Physics and Pre-Cal teacher for the 08-09 fall and spring semesters. Please email kbellar@etca.org or call 903-561-8642 and ask for Kay.



G.W. & Valentina Cliver will be moving to Seaford, Delaware where he will be preaching. They plan to make the move at the end of July. They will truly be missed!

CAN YOU HELP?

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Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, June 25

*Renewing Our Personal Growth:
Maturing in Christ (Hebrews 6:1)*

Tye Powers

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Moments With Mike

A Father's Example

My father, Gerald Baker, was a preacher for 40 years until his death in 1999. He taught me many things, directly and indirectly. I learned baseball, camping and Bible study directly from him. I learned compassion for others and dedication to commitments by observing his life. Fathers should remember that it is not always what we say as much as what we do that provides the example for others.

The following article on fathers was part of my father's one minute radio broadcasts. I'm indebted to him for his example and his love for God and for others.

Paul said, "And, ye fathers provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4). "Father." That's a beautiful word! What a joy and thrill to be a "father." To see that son or daughter following their birth. To hold that "bundle of joy!" To see the child grow physically, mentally, and emotionally brings a wonderful feeling to father and mother. Fathers have great and wonderful responsibilities. First,

they need to be Christians, followers of Christ. They need to be the best examples they can be for the wife and the children. Their speech should be clean and edifying. Their habits worthy of following. They should do, as Paul states, "...provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The world needs Christian fathers who will teach their children God's word. If all fathers were what God requires of us to be and do, we would see much of the world's youth problems disappear. (March 26, 1997).

Fathers, lets' make sure our example is in keeping with what God expects of us. Mike

Our family will be away this weekend as we travel to Mt. Sterling, KY, for Carla's parent's 50th anniversary. Michael Whitworth will be doing the preaching on Sunday which is Father's Day. I know that he will do a wonderful job.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"Commitment"

To our Lord and to our families.

Sermons for June 15, 2008 by Michael Whitworth
A.M.: Boulevard of Broken Dreams Part 1 (Prov. 3:5-6)
P.M.: Boulevard of Broken Dreams Part 2 (Luke 22:42)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny

FATHER'S DAY

This coming Sunday is a day set aside to honor those who are fathers. Most of us have some great memories about our dads and the special times we spent together. Dads... make the best of the opportunities and time you have with your kids. Kids... Sit with your dad this Sunday at church and let him know what he means to you!

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going on the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday at 3:00 to pack up and depart for the Pecos Wilderness in New Mexico. We are planning to make the High Camp @ Trampas Lakes on Tuesday afternoon. We will climb Jicarilla Peak on Thursday and make our way home on Friday. Please keep us in your prayers. Make sure you get your medical release notarized.

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"OUTRIGGER ISLAND"

West Erwin's Vacation Bible School started off with a bang this past week! We had 66 K-5th Graders on Monday plus a host of Pre-Schoolers!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

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IMPORTANT DATES

Unity Sand Ceremony

For those of you who attended Bryan and Rachael's wedding last Saturday, you witnessed something new and different, but most meaningful. For years many weddings have used what is called a Unity Candle where two candles are lighted at the beginning of the ceremony by the parents of the Bride and Groom. Then later in the ceremony the Bride and Groom each take their candle and light one candle to symbolize the unity of the marriage covenant.

The Unity Sand Ceremony very elegantly captured the meaning of the two lives becoming one. It also created a lasting keepsake as a reminder of what was taking place on that very special day.

Two different colors of sand are used and the Bride and Groom take turns pouring the sand into that special keepsake container. The sands blend together to symbolize how their two lives have been joined together to become one, never to be separated again....forever entwined.

I thought to myself, this is really what takes place when we become Christians. I thought how our baptism is the cleansing and purifying step that GOD has chosen to prepare us to become the Bride of Christ. And I thought how the entrance into the kingdom of GOD is like a marriage....a covenant relationship.....the blending of two beings, never to be separated again.....forever entwined. What do you think?

....by Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I want to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all those who helped make our VBS successful. None of it would have been possible without your efforts!



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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Jim & Priscilla Mayer 11300 Hwy. 271 # 76
Tyler, TX 75708
Eddie Young P.O. Box 133123 Tyler, TX 75713

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

We are very pleased to welcome **Betty Holt** into the West Erwin family! Her address is 13659 FM Rd. 2661, Flint, Texas 75762 and phone number is 903-561-7156.

New Playschool Director

After 10 years of service as Director of the West Erwin Playschool, **Terry Shaw** has resigned that position and will begin working in the Whitehouse School District this fall. **Kim DuPree** has been selected as the new Director for the school.

We appreciate all of the wonderful work that Terry has provided over the years and we look forward to great things under Kim's leadership as well.



Kim DuPree and Terry Shaw

JOB OPPORTUNITY



East Texas Christian Academy is seeking qualified applicants for a 4th grade classroom teacher and a part-time Elementary Spanish teacher. An application is available at the school or online at www.etca.org.

SINGING SCHOOL

Abilene Christian University Singing School
July 13-18

SEMINAR

You are invited to a Bible Science Seminar sponsored by the Edgewood Church of Christ. It will be held at the Edgewood High School Gym June 13-15. The guest speaker is Kyle Butt with Apologetics Press. Admission is free. For more information, see the News and Notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

IN APPRECIATION

It has been a long time since I began reading your cards of encouragement and reaping the blessings of your prayers concerning my illness. Your expressions of love and caring have been uplifting and healing to me. I thank God for you, and His work in you. You all are always in my most cherished remembrance.

Mary McFadden & family

West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the New International Version Study Bible. I will always treasure this gift you have given me at this special time in my life. Also, thank you so much for your prayers and support throughout my formative years!

In Him,
Kelsi Wicks

To the beautiful saints at West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you so much for all the calls, cards and visits these past weeks during Gaylan's surgery and hospital stay. We are so blessed with your prayers and concern.

In Christ,
Gaylan & Margie Seagler

Seeking Spiritual Renewal

Wednesday, June 18

Renewing The Mind: Growth through God's Word
(Romans 12:2)

Keith Hodges

Bring your favorite chocolate dessert to enjoy afterward in the Family Life Center!

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Bible Class	445	423	386
Worship A. M.	707	751	664
Worship P. M.	487	370	355
Wed. P. M.	356	347	323
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Scripture: Bob Bennett
Dismiss: Leon Welborn
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Ernie Gordon: Tim Grounds
Ira Groom: Richard Gregory
Mike Gravois: James Gullion

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Jim Carty
Scripture: Michael Carnathan
Dismiss: Bud Cawyer

GREETERS

Milburn & Jan Cook & Ashlie Sustaie
Melvin & Nina Crow & Calley Waggonner
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Maselyn Walker
Visitor Center:
Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

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Moments With Mike

Seeking Spiritual Renewal—West Erwin Summer Series

On Wednesday nights this summer all adult classes will meet in the main auditorium for our summer series. Each week a different speaker will come to present a message. The theme for this year is "Seeking Spiritual Renewal."

The series began last Wednesday with the topic of "Is the Restoration Movement Complete?" I was the speaker for that session. This coming week, Dave Miller will be the speaker as he concludes his three night presentation on The Silencing of God. Please make your plans now to be here for all of these Wednesday sessions. See you Sunday! Mike

Here is the schedule for the remaining weeks.

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| June 11: | Dave Miller | Renewing Our Country: The Attempt To Silence God (VBS) |
| June 18: | Keith Hodges | Renewing The Mind: Growth Through God's Word (Rom. 12:2) |
| June 25: | Tye Powers | Renewing Our Personal Growth: Maturing in Christ (Heb. 6:1) |
| July 2: | Michael Whitworth | Special devotional program. |
| July 9: | Tim Pyles | Renewing Our Purpose: Seek and Save (John 20:21) |
| July 16: | David Asbill | Renewing Our Christian Families: "As for me & my house" (Josh. 24:15) |
| July 23: | Danny Snell | Renewing Our Youth: "Let no one despise thy youth" (1 Tim. 4:12) |
| July 30: | George Jones III | Renewing The Heart: "Fanning the flame of inspiration" (Heb. 1:7) |
| August 6: | Richard Baggett | Renewing Our Mission Minded Attitude: The Great Commission (Matt. 28:19-20) |
| August 13: | Jeff Jenkins | Renewing One's Life Against Sin: "Wages of sin vs. Gift of God" (Rom. 6:23) |
| August 20: | Tim Grounds | Renewing The Soul: Building one another up (2 Cor. 9:12) |
| August 27: | Mike Baker | Renewal Complete: "Enter in thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:31-40) |

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"OUTRIGGER ISLAND"

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BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those signed up for the BackCountry Trek need to meet this Sunday at 4:00 to pick up your gear. We will meet in the old Jr. High Classroom. Make sure you get your medical release notarized. We will make our trip for supplies next Thursday from 8:30am 5:30pm.

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Rethinking Prayer

.....By Don Crawford

Have you ever made an honest assessment of your own prayer life? Most of our prayers are "safe prayers" aimed at problem reduction. We ask GOD to keep us out of pits. We ask Him to steer us clear of heartaches. If a battle is unavoidable we ask GOD to stack the odds in our favor. We pray for comfort. We pray for an easy way out. We assume that what we pray for is the best for us. Now, if we could see what GOD sees, we would pray very different prayers. We would pray for character so we can stand firm when challenged. We would pray for courage, strength, and that He would be glorified.

sparing us the pain associated with our shallow, selfish, safe requests. And again sometimes GOD allows what His power could prevent so that we might learn to lean on Him.

The way I look at it, most us will owe GOD as many thank-yous for the prayers He did not answer as the ones He did.

I'm reminded that it was David who looked back at all his difficult circumstances to see that the lion and the bear were preparing him for the battle with Goliath. After scanning his own resume, David realized how his past was connected to his current opportunity. The Lord had delivered him then, and David was confident that the Lord would deliver him again.

So, lets quit praying safe prayers!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Several years ago, I read a story of a couple in the Midwest who wanted to begin attending church for the sake of their new baby daughter. Unsure on how to adopt a church home, the mother remembered a small Bible that had been given to her one summer when she was a girl. After an hour or so digging around in the attic, she uncovered a small green Bible labeled "Vacation Bible School. Main Street Church of Christ. Summer 1974." Reading that simple inscription

brought back a flood of memories. The mother remembered the kindness of a VBS teacher who had introduced her to Jesus. Two decades removed, one church's VBS was still making a difference.

Next week, our Vacation Bible School will kick off and we need everyone involved! It promises to bless the lives of not only the young, but also the young at heart! Dave Miller of Apologetics Press will be here each night to speak to the adults and it promises to be a great opportunity for spiritual growth. Others of you will be working with the kids. Regardless of your role, I hope that the above story inspires you. Only eternity will be able to tell the good that will be done next week. In all things, to God be the glory! Smile, Michael.



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Have you noticed?

I overheard someone complaining about being crowded a couple of Sundays ago. Isn't that a great problem to have?

You are to be commended for your attendance this year. Already we have had 14 weeks over the 700 mark including the last 4 Sundays in a row. That is tremendous. We are now averaging 708 per Sunday, or around 32 more per week than last year.

Of course, with more people in attendance we need to be more aware of the need to make room for those who need to find a seat. As you settle into your pew this Sunday, please allow room for others who may be looking for a place to sit. Our ushers would appreciate your help.

Please also make your plans for Sunday night and for Bible classes. West Erwin is a great place to be. Let's look forward to being together as often as we can during each week.

Mike



Jack & Brenda Stein

Request the honor of your presence
At the marriage of their daughter
Rachel Lynn

to

Brian Robert Howard
son of John and
the late Mrs. Nancy Howard
Saturday, the Seventh of June
Two Thousand and Eight
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Reception immediately following at the West Erwin
Benevolence Center.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking to employ a Physics and/or Pre-Cal teacher for the 2008-2009 academic school year. Please call Kay Bellar at 561-8642 if interested.

ETCA is also looking for men and women to help coach their athletic teams. They offer soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track. If you are qualified to coach please call Aubrey Ballard at (903-561-8642) or email aballard@etca.org.

SINGING SCHOOLS

Haskell Singing School July 6-11
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cathy Scroggins who received Special Educator of the Year for Region 7. Cathy has taught 30 years in Arp. Congrats, Cathy!



WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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West Erwin's Family Life Center

Classes for all ages

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Ernie Gordon	Tim Grounds
Ira Groom	Richard Gregory
Mike Gravois	James Gullion

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Prayer	Terry Tindel
Scripture	Maselyn Walker
Dismiss	Ross Weathers

GREETERS

Carolyn Carruth, Becky Howard & Jordan Snell
Chad & Amber Chauncey & Caylee Stamps
John & Ruby Cliver & Cade Suggs
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Moments With Mike

Dave Miller will be with us to present the *Silencing Of God Seminar, June 9-11. The following is written by Dave.*

Adolf Hitler is credited with saying: "By means of shrewd lies, unremittingly repeated, it is possible to make people believe that heaven is hell—and hell heaven. The greater the lie, the more readily it will be believed."



Americans have been subjected to just such lies. For over 40 years now, we have been told that the Founding Fathers advocated "separation of church and state" and opposed public expressions of religion. We have been told that the Founding Fathers embraced "pluralism" and "multi-culturalism, and that they advocated acceptance of all religions as equally valid. We have been told that America was never intended to be a "Christian nation." And we have been bullied and berated with the claim that those who oppose immoral behaviors (like abortion and homosexuality) are "politically incorrect," ignorant, insensitive, intolerant, and lack compassion.

Indeed, the United States of America is in the throes of a full-scale war for its very life and soul. American society has been undergoing swift transition as social and political liberals, the ACLU, the NEA, and activist judges wage a vociferous

culture war. Make no mistake about their objective. They wish to expunge every manifestation of God, Christ, and the Bible from American life.

But America's intimate connection to Christianity from the very beginning was embedded deeply in our public way of life. Though the adversaries of the God of the Bible have been steadily chipping away at America's foundations for 50 years, many indications of our nation's Christian heritage remain. In fact, the evidence is overwhelming and breathtaking for those who care to take the time to recover America's forgotten past. The truth of the matter is that the vast majority of those who were responsible for establishing this country believed that the Christian religion must be the basis of the Republic if their grand experiment was to last.

The Silencing of God Seminar is designed to awaken Christians to the urgent need to recall our nation from the moral and spiritual depths to which she has plunged. It issues a stirring call to reaffirm the biblical values that are being systematically stripped from our public life.



Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"Commitment"
To our Lord and to our families.

Sermons for June 1, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Counting The Cost Of Discipleship (Luke 14:26-27)
P.M.: Can You Handle Your Thorn In The Flesh? (2 Cor. 12:7-10)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny PROMOTION SUNDAY

This coming Sunday is the day we promote the 5th Grade into the Middle School Group and the 8th Grade into the High School Group. This is a special event and we need you here on time at 9:00 for class Sunday morning!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All who are signed up for Nebraska need to be present at 5:00 Sunday afternoon to work on classes and details. We will meet in the High School Classroom. It is important for you to be present.

SUMMER TRIPS

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THANKS!
Thanks to all who joined us for a fun day this past Memorial Day. We had over 80 teens and their families enjoy some great BBQ and evening of just chilling out! Thanks to Mark Frick for cooking up some INCREDIBLE BBQ!

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 1	Promotion Sunday
June 1	Combined Devotional
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July 3-12	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 16-19	Middle School Madness
July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

West Erwin Iglesia De Cristo

.....By Don Crawford

There are two ways to start a new ministry. There is a natural process and a planned effort. The West Erwin Hispanic ministry was not a planned effort, but a natural process. GOD first sent us the people. For the past several years 45% of the people we help through the Benevolence Center have been Hispanic, but we could not minister to them fully until GOD sent us the preacher, Israel Sandoval. We quickly started by providing a class in Spanish. The class naturally led to worship in Spanish. GOD has given us unlimited opportunities to spread the Gospel among the Spanish speaking population.

We are learning several valuable lessons. First, Hispanics stay very close to one another, therefore, networking is one of the most effective means of

reaching new people. Those converted will lead to many others.

Secondly, we are learning that family values are very high among the Hispanics. It is a joy to work with them because of their loyalty and appreciation. They are some of the most loving and open people in the world and our GOD has brought them to us by the dozens. Yes, legal and social barriers abound and the answers do not come easily. Perhaps, GOD has brought us together to help resolve these issues.

One thing I know for sure is this: every human being has a soul which is either lost or saved. Jesus has commissioned us to take His Gospel message of the kingdom to the entire world. When we do not move fast enough for Him, He sends the world to us.

Therefore, let me encourage you to go out of your way to meet them.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Have you ever noticed just how much of life is spent "in between"? In between birth and death. In between jobs. In between single and married. The worst in between of life is between the pain of yesterday and the hope of tomorrow. Visit the bedside of the cancer patient or the empty house of the grieving widow. You can cut the discouraging haze of "in between" with a dull butter knife.

If life is a series of in betweens, then how do people deal with these seasons of life? The frustrated pessimist looks to the past and wistfully thinks, "I used to..." The foolish optimist anticipates only the future: "I wish that..." or "When I..., then..." But the correct way to manage life in between is to **REDEEM** the present (Eph. 5:16). **REMEMBER** the past and learn its lessons. **RESPECT** the future, knowing that the end of all things is near (1 Pet. 4:7). But never forget to live in the present. The present, after all, is a present or a gift from your heavenly father. If you reconstruct your thinking to live in light of eternity, you will be ready when the trumpet sounds and the saints assemble on the mountain of the Lord. There you will see God in his glory and heaven will be the finale of life "in between."

BAPTISM

Briana Bradshaw was baptized Sunday afternoon, May 25 by Dale Blackstone. She is the daughter of Dan & Amanda Gilliam and granddaughter of Chuck & Linda Gilliam. Her address is 343 Copeland, Chandler, 75758 and phone number is 849-4621.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,

Although we do not attend West Erwin as members anymore, we appreciate you keeping our son, Brent, who is in the Navy, on your prayer list. It means a lot to us. Thank you!
Tom, Pam & Kaitlyn Carder

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of James Martin whose funeral services were held Wednesday, May 28 at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup. Our love and sympathy is extended to Alta and family.

With Sympathy

TIME CHANGE

For the summer months, Sunday evening worship services will be at **6:00 p.m.**

Lindsay Kelly To Begin As Secretary

As was announced this past Sunday, Lindsay Kelly has accepted a position as secretary at West Erwin. She and her husband, Matt, have been at West Erwin for the past two years.



Lindsay recently graduated from UT Tyler with a major in Journalism and Public Relations. We look forward to having Lindsay join our staff. She will begin full time on June 5th.

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June 9-11, Monday-Wednesday

6:30-8:00 PM

West Erwin's Family Life Center
Classes for all ages



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ETCA is also looking for men and women to help coach their athletic teams. They offer soccer, volleyball, basketball, baseball, tennis, and track. If you are qualified to coach please call Aubrey Ballard at (903-561-8642) or email aballard@etca.org.

SINGING SCHOOLS

Haskell Singing School July 6-11
Abilene Christian University Singing School July 13-18

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men, plan to attend the prayer breakfast Wednesday,
June 4 at 6:30 am in the Benevolent Center.

2007-08 PLAYSCHOOL GRADUATION



On May 27, eleven children graduated from the West Erwin Playschool. They are: **Konner Bennett, Colton Birdsong, Emily Husketh, Jack Lewis, Dustin Means, Grant Melton, Ella Mitchell, Matthew Ponnequin, Talon Seals, Avery Skender and Mary Gwynn Tipton.** Many thanks to **Terry Shaw** and all of the wonderful teachers for their excellent work!

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PRAYER AND CARE: **Trey Jackson**, had an emergency appendectomy 5-17 | **James Martin** is now in hospice | **Kay Parrish** is in rehab | **Jim Pierce**, Faye Kennard's brother is undergoing chemo for colon cancer. | **Gaylan Seagler**, will have double bypass 5-21 at Mother Frances | **Garrett Smith** will have surgery 5-23 | **Judy Smith** will have hip surgery May 23 | **Sylvia Tharpe** had tests last Thursday | **Ponder Wright, Sr.** remains in Houston at Methodist hospital |

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Jerry Frick Terry Frick
Mark Frick Carl Garrett
Cody Frick Lon Gibson

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Prayer Kyle Willoughby
Scripture Ira Wilson
Dismiss Ray Womack

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Moments With Mike

From The Beginning

California was in the news last week with their supreme court decision to allow same-sex marriage. This comes as little surprise to most of us since the trend has been toward this type of outcome. However, from the beginning it has not been so.

How do we know that? Listen to the words of Jesus from Matthew 19:4-6:

And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

The "from the beginning" of course was a reference to Genesis 2 where God created Eve to be a companion for Adam. Isn't it a shame that this basic design for mankind has been distorted and perverted as we see today?

In an effort to justify homosexual behavior some scholars have suggested that the real sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was not homosexuality but in fact was a lack of hospitality. But anyone who has read the Book of Jude

verse 7 would know that *"as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, have given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."*

Same-sex relationships have been around since the Old Testament days. They were condemned then and they are condemned today as well. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Paul lists several sins including fornicators, homosexuals and sodomites. He states clearly that these will not inherit the kingdom of God. Some in Corinth had been guilty of these sins, but they changed. In verse 11 Paul says, *"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."*

Friends, the political and cultural pressure is on to allow and condone all kinds of sin. But do not be deceived. From the very beginning God's plan was for marriage to be between a man and a woman.

As with any sin, may we see the wisdom in God's word and dedicate our lives to following that instead of our own desires. May we, like God, love those in sin and compel them to see the love of God and redemption through Jesus Christ.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"GOD'S CREATION"

And be more convinced that there is a God.

Sermons for May 25, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Adam And Steve? Gen. 2:18, 21-24
P.M.: Fearfully And Wonderfully Made Psalm 139:13-16
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for *"Our Living Hope."*

Youth With Heart... by Danny MEMORIAL DAY FUN-IN-THE-SUN

Join us on Memorial Day for a special evening of Fun in the Sun! All of those in the middle and high school group and your families are invited to the Snell's house for a very fun evening. Mark Frick is preparing some special BBQ and we have an evening of games planned. This will be a great opportunity for you to get to know Robbie Hurlocker/Intern Guy! We plan to start at 4:00 and end about 9:00. Bring a lawn chair and your favorite outdoor game! Let me know Sunday morning if you are coming.

"CONNECT"

Our last High School "Connect" this year will be on May 29 at the Wicks. Join us as we look at our personalities and how they work together. We meet from 7:00-8:00.

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May 26	Memorial Day Fun in the Sun!
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June 15-21	BackCountry Trek
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Commitment vs Surrender

What is the difference between commitment and surrender? Here it is.....when I make a commitment I am still in control. I can easily make a commitment to lose weight, to study my Bible, to pray daily, to go to church every Sunday, or to take part in any other activity because I am in control. If I cannot keep my commitment it's not a huge loss because I am in control.

Surrender is different. If someone comes up behind me and shoves a gun in my ribs and says, "Reach for the sky" I don't argue, I simply surrender and do as he tells me to do. He is in control.

With that in mind think of the words we have sung so often..."All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live."

Commitments to follow Jesus are easy to make because it keeps us in the driver's seat and behind the wheel.....we are still in control. If the journey gets too hard -- we can always offer an excuse and abandon the commitment after all, we are in control.

Surrender puts Him in control. We simply do as He tells us to do. Now, which words are we singing?

.....By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I am so excited to begin my work here in the heart of Tyler! I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of this wonderful congregation for the warm welcome I have already received. I have already met some of you, others of you I have yet to meet, and it will take me a few months to remember all of your names, so you will have to forgive my memory lapses in advance! In the future, I hope to use this short column to accomplish two goals. First, I want to promote all of the Bible classes here at West Erwin because it is there that life-change happens in the hearts of God's children. I believe in the power of the Scriptures to make us thoroughly complete for every good work (2 Tim. 3:17)! God wants to overhaul our lives from start to finish and I believe He uses the Bible classes here at West Erwin to do that. Second, I will periodically use this small space to specifically encourage the many individuals who serve in the education program as teachers, coordinators, assistants, etc. You are the lifeblood of this congregation, and I am thankful for your past, present, and future service! May God's make His face to shine upon you and give you peace this week. Smile.

BAPTISMS

Nita Kennedy was baptized Thursday evening, May 8 and placed membership at West Erwin. She is Rita Sitton's twin sister. Her address is 322 Chimney Rock Dr. #409, 75703, ph. 581-9551.

Melodi Kenney was baptized Sunday evening, May 18. She is the daughter of Pat & Kelli Malone. Her address is 302 Helen, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-7240.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards, calls & visits. Your love and care has been a great comfort & inspiration during my recovery.

Bobbye May

Thank you for being there for us after the birth of our son Cade. Cade had a rough start to life. It was all of your prayers that helped him and us make it through that time. Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, food, cards & gifts for Cade. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful church family.

Love, Gary, Jennifer, Caleb & Cade Heath

We have been so comforted by every expression of concern for us since my brother, Paul Lowe, passed away. The flowers were beautiful and your hugs, cards and kind words continue to uplift us. Please keep us in your prayers. Paul loved our church family very much, as do we.

Sharon & David Hammond

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Susan Parker on the birth of a baby girl born on May 13. Karaleigh Kristine Parker weighed 9 lb. 3 oz. and was 20" long. Maxine Ray is the proud grandmother and Dorothy Woods is the proud great-grandmother.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Kenna Kempton & Lindsay Kelly** on their graduation from UT Tyler, May 10 with a bachelor of Science in Journalism.

A CELEBRATION OF LOVE

Harvey & Verla Strickland will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 30, 2008

There will be a come and go reception on May 25 at 3:30 p.m. West Erwin Church of Christ



Jack & Brenda Stein

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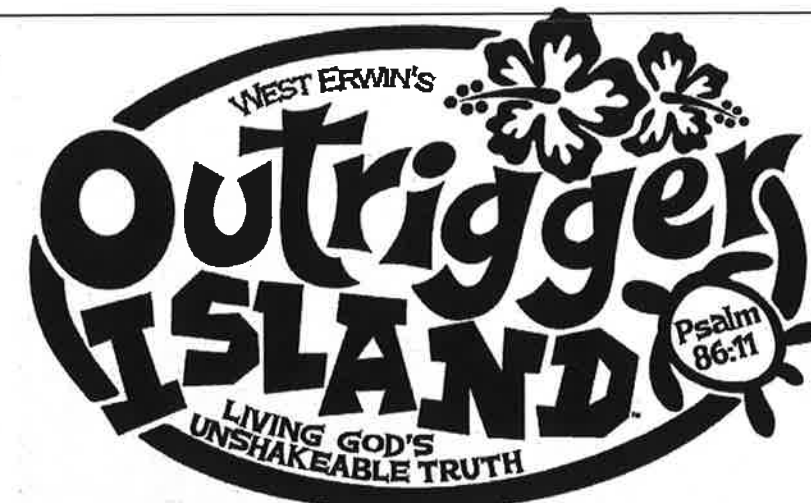
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Darrell & Nell Beard & Maggie Ragsdale
Ernest & Gail Bennett & Chris Scroggins

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Moments With Mike

When God Speaks

Many years ago there was a television commercial campaign for the investment firm, E. F. Hutton. Several versions were produced but all followed the same pattern. Many people would be busy talking then one would say, "My investment broker is with E. F. Hutton, and he says..." Then the room would be silent and all the people would be listening. The tag line on that commercial was, "When E. F. Hutton speaks, people listen."

Wouldn't it be great if every time we opened the Bible to hear what God has to say that the whole room would go silent and attentively listen?

In our busy, fast-paced world not many people really stop to listen anymore. Parents and teachers know this fact all too well. We speak, but often we find ourselves repeating ourselves over and over. The same can be said of preachers, Bible class teachers and others who convey the word of God to others. People just don't listen as they should.

While doing some reading in preparation for this Sunday's sermon on creation I was reminded of the following passage in Psalm 33:6-9.

*By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And all the host of them by the breath of His mouth.*

*He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deep in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.*

Did you notice that line about God speaking? He spoke and it was done. The elements of this universe are under the authority of God. He speaks and they fulfill His commands.

But with mankind God leaves us with a choice. We hear His will through the word, but it is up to us to decide if we will follow it or not.

Our problem with listening is not solely the issue with being too busy. The Israelites wandered for 40 years and still had to be reminded time and again about being faithful to God. No, friends, the real issue has more to do with acknowledging that God is the authority over our lives. When that issue is firmly settled, then when we hear God speak, we will listen.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
"GOD'S CREATION"
And be more convinced that there is a God.

Sermons for May 18, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: And God Saw That It Was Good (Gen. 1:1-5)
P.M.: Hold My Hands Up (Exod. 17:11-13)
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Chloe Ainsworth is the daughter of Kalon & Sharon Ainsworth, and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She has been a dedicated band student for nine years, a member of All Region Band for five years, and Band Librarian two years. She has been an A-B honor roll student, office aide, teacher's aide, played Jr. Varsity and Varsity soccer her freshman year, and is the youngest member of the Starbucks team. She has participated in LTC six years, Nebraska mission trip, Mexico mission trip, Camp Red Oak Springs and Karing Kitchen. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College on a band scholarship.



Chloe Ainsworth

Dru Dawkins is the daughter of Wally & Laurie Dawkins, granddaughter of Jeanine Hughes, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She has been in the Whitehouse First Ladies three years, Captain for two years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and voted Top 10 senior students and most talented by faculty & staff. Dru participated in LTC five years, taught bible class, and assisted with VBS and nursery/toddler worship. She plans to attend Kilgore College and tryout for Rangerettes.



Tanner Fedell

Tanner Fedell is the son of Rick & Karen Fedell, grandson of Dorothy Kennedy, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. He is graduating in the top ten of his class, and is a member of the National Honor Society. He was named top student in both Spanish & Health Science. He played basketball four years. Tanner participated in LTC, Nebraska mission trip and Mexico mission trip. He plans to attend the Business College at A & M.



Hannah Grounds

Hannah Grounds is the daughter of Tim & Patti Grounds, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She is the band captain and has been in band four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society. She has participated in LTC for ten years, Mexico mission trip four years, Nebraska mission trip three years, BackCountry Trek four years and Bible Quiz eight years.

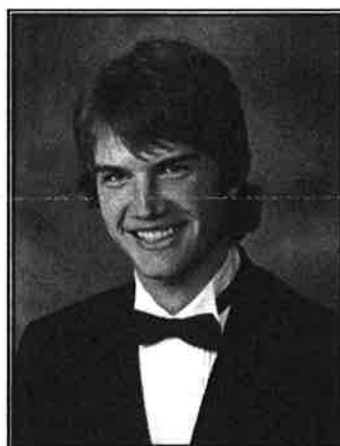
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Dru Dawkins



Chris Scroggins



Patrick Garrett



Kelsi Wicks



Kara Murry

Kara Murry is the daughter of Jon & Melanie Murry, and is a graduate of The Brook Hill School. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, Varsity Choir four years, and played volleyball for two years. Kara participated in LTC ten years and earned over 100 medals. She participated in the Nebraska mission trip five years, Mexico mission trip four years, and the BackCountry Trek four years. She plans to attend Harding University and major in pre-law.



Ross Weathers

Chris Scroggins is the son of Doug & Cathy Scroggins, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. He has played baseball two years. He is a member of the Key Club & Foreign Language Club three years. He has participated in LTC ten years, high school retreats, Nebraska mission trip five years, Mexico mission trip five years & BackCountry Trek five years. He plans to join the Coast Guard.

Ross Walker Weathers is the son of Walker & Rhonda Weathers, grandson of Don & Wanda Weathers, and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He is graduating in the top 10% of his class. He is President of the East Texas Junior Symphony League and received the Windsor Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society and 2007 Homecoming Royalty. Ross has attended West Erwin since birth, participated in West Erwin's youth group, and Mexico mission trip one year. He plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin.

Kelsi Lynn Wicks, is the daughter of David & Ginny Wicks, and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. She is graduating sixth in her class where she has been a member of the band for four years as 1st chair bassoonist, Social Committee for two years, Historian and Assistant Drum Captain one year. She played Junior Varsity soccer two years. She participated in LTC ten years, Nebraska mission trip five years, Mexico mission trip three years. She plans to major in Animal Science at ACU, then attend Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine.



Hayley Wilson

Hayley Wilson, is the daughter of Randall & Denise Wilson, granddaughter of Ira & Esther Wilson, and is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She has been a member of the National Honor Society and Listed Who's Who Among American High School Students. She participated in band for four years, served as majorette for four years and advanced to state UIL Solo & Ensemble competition for three years. Hayley has attended West Erwin since birth. She participated in LTC five years and Nebraska mission trip three years. She plans to attend Tarleton State University and major in Education.

Class of 2008

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Records	Sunday-May 4	Sunday-April 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	423	398	430
Worship A. M.	680	665	703
Worship P. M.	380	421	485
Wed. P. M.	305	309	300
Contribution	\$29,676.50	\$27,949.29	\$26,059.74
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

PRAYER AND CARE: Sarah Rowland, daughter-in-law of Jo & Art Rowland has breast cancer. | Ponder Wright, Sr. remains in Houston at Methodist hospital | Kay Parrish is in ICU at Mother Frances | Mark Waggoner had a back procedure on Wednesday, 5-7 | Claudia Headley, friend of Ira & Esther Wilson is having colon surgery 5-7 at Mother Frances. | Will Orr, friend of Blair Ethridge, broke both femurs in a car accident 5-4 | Rebekah Carnathan's uncle has lung cancer & will undergo chemo & radiation | Jean Martin, Sandie's mother will be undergoing further treatment | Gerald Boykin is suffering with emphysema.

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Scripture Jonathan Stone
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Moments With Mike

Speaking of Mothers

History shows that as far back as the 1600's there has been some organized attempt to show respect and honor to mothers on a particular day. In our country, the concept of Mother's Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe, who also wrote the words to the *Battle Hymn of the Republic*.

In 1907 Anna Jarvis organized a campaign to have Mother's Day celebrated nationwide. The concept gained in popularity and in 1914 President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed that the second Sunday in May should be a national holiday.

The Bible says that being a mother is a position that is filled with responsibility, love and honor.

Mothers are responsible. Solomon writes of mothers being industrious home managers, able to accomplish a wide array of tasks while causing her family to call her blessed. (Prov. 31:27-28). He also writes that as a parent, she should share the responsibility to train her children in the way they should go. (Prov. 22:7). Timothy was blessed to have a mother and a grandmother who taught him in the ways of God. (2 Tim. 1:5).

Mothers are full of love. In 1 Kings 3:16-28 we find the story of Solomon and the two mothers brought before him. One mother had accidentally smothered her infant during the night, and then replaced him with the son

of the other mother. The next day each mother claimed the live baby. Not knowing for sure which mother was telling the truth, Solomon exercised great wisdom by attempting to literally divide the live baby and give to each mother. Through love, the real mother quickly objected, seeking rather to see her son live without her than to be dead with her.

Mothers are honorable. In the Old Testament, if a child showed disrespect to a parent by hitting or cursing them, they were to be put to death. (Ex. 21:15, 17). Solomon writes often about how we should honor our parent through our actions. (Prov. 1:8; 10:1; 15:20; 17:25; 19:26). God intends for our mothers to be respected, loved and honored.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." (Eph. 6:1-3).

Certainly to have a special day of honor for our mothers is a worthy event. Gifts, favors and hugs certainly will make her day more enjoyable. But to really honor your mother, one should live righteously each and every day.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

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And be more convinced that there is a God.

Sermons for May 11, 2008 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Mothers—A Gift From God (Eph. 6:1-3)
P.M.: No Longer The Same (Philemon 1:4-7)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny

NOTES...

May 18 is our Baccalaureate Service at Glenwood. It will start at 4:00. We should be finished about 5:30. We will meet in the FLC at 6:00 for our Senior Devo. This is a special night to honor/roast the seniors. All teens are encouraged to attend. We should be finished at 9:00. Prepare your thoughts!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast was last Thursday. West Erwin helped in preparing and serving the breakfast. A special thanks to all those who got up early and helped: Mike Baker, Mark Frick, Paul Lewis, Dwight Sowle, Jon Murry, Bryce Murry, David Wicks, Clyde Jones & Bob Bennett. Thanks especially to Mike Baker & Mark Frick for heading it up!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be June 9-11. As you are making plans for the summer, plan to be a part of our VBS. Watch for announcements!

The summer is closing in! Our young people have several opportunities for mission trips as well as the BackCountry Trek and Middle School Madness. All of those currently in the 8th Grade and above are eligible for the Nebraska Mission Trip, Mexico Mission Trip & BackCountry Trek. Those currently in grades 5-7 are invited to be a part of the Middle School Madness. Sign up as soon as possible. See dates in this column.

SUMMER TRIPS

IMPORTANT DATES

May 11 Mothers Day
May 12 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
May 15 "Connect" @ the Wicks @ 7:00
May 18 Baccalaureate Service & Sr. Devo

June 9-11 Vacation Bible School
June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 16-19 Middle School Madness

Office Activities

The office staff and ministers want to make sure that the church office is providing the level of support that our members desire. With our current transitions of Education Minister and Secretary, we want to avoid having anything "slip through the cracks." Please help us by letting us know if there is anything that we are missing. Thank you.

Thank You

As always you are very loving and caring. Thank you for being there for Bill, for the cards, calls, visits, and the food. The prayers are what has brought me this far. Bill and I love you all.

May God always bless you,
Bill and Ruth Meazell

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.

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

WEST ERWIN PLAYSCHOOL

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the fall. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 -2:15. For more information contact Terry Shaw (780-8512)



Upcoming Weddings

Brittany Haws & Jon Rutherford - June 6, 2008
Rachel Stein & Brian Howard - June 7, 2008
Jordan "Bubba" Lyons & April Butler - August, 4, 2008
Casey Haws & Sara DeMartino - August 30, 2008
Carla Lemons & Jeffrey Taylor - October 4, 2008



Upcoming Showers

You are invited to a baby shower honoring
Crystal Hill & baby boy
May 18th in the Family Life Center 3:30-4:30
Selections: Babies R' Us & Target

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring
Rachel Stein
Bride-elect of Brian Howard
In the Family Life Center
May 24th from 10:00-11:00A.M.
Selections: Bed, Bath & Beyond

EVENTS OF INTEREST

Camp Deer Run

Camp Deer Run's **50th Anniversary Celebration** May 24th & 25th at the camp. Their annual **Camp Cleanup Day** is also Saturday, **May 17th** beginning at 8:00 A.M. This is a correction in the clean-up date.

SINGING SCHOOL

Haskell Church of Christ's 43rd annual singing school will be July 6-11, 2008 For more information see the brochure at the Visitor's Center.

HYMN FEST 2008

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 West, Daingerfield, Texas Saturday, May 3, 6:30 -10:00 pm featuring "His Harmony," "The Harvesters," and "The Ethridge Family" and congregational singing led by experienced song leaders.

A Cappella Praise Night

Alpine Church of Christ in Longview—Sunday, May 18, 2008 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Single Parent Family Camp

For more info contact Don Crawford

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES

A loveseat, side chair, television and two kitchen table chairs are needed to furnish a small apartment for a birthmother that is in the care of Christian Homes & Family Services. If you can help with any of these items please call 903-509-0558 or email kbinkley@christianhomes.com or ljobe@christianhomes.com Please continue to pray for this Kingdom work. Thank you for your support.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Medina 's Golf Tournament will be held Monday, May 12th at Oak Forest Country Club in Longview.

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. Wednesday, May 14 Italian/Bruno

RADIO PROGRAM

Starting this month West Erwin has a 30 minute radio program on KTBB, AM 600. This program airs each Sunday from 7:30-8:00 a.m. with Mike Baker as speaker. The name of the program is "Our Living Hope". We encourage you to tune in and invite others to listen as well.

SERMON CD'S - CD's of previous Sunday sermons are available at the Visitor's 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.

COMMUNITY by Don Crawford Living In Prayer Mode

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Col 4:2)

People who live in a prayer mode are watchmen. They see more than others see. They see things before others see them. They see things others can't see. They see opportunities. They have their spiritual antenna up and their radar on. They are watching for the opportunities GOD throws their way.

Living in prayer mode people are able to discern the difference between coincidences and providences. Providence happens when we pray.

King David lived in prayer mode. Psalm 5:3 reveals to us the way David started his day:

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation."

He prayed and waited in expectation! Watchful! One of our chief enemies is low expectations! We don't expect much from GOD because we are not asking for much. David can't wait to see what GOD is going to do next. Why? Because he lives in prayer mode. The more you pray, the higher your expectations. Most of the time I think I have some good ideas. But when I am living in prayer mode I tend to have GOD ideas. And I'd rather have one GOD idea than a thousand good ideas.

Education

Todd Hancock is teaching the **Adventurers** adult class on Sunday mornings in the Family Life Center. They are continuing a study of the Book of Hebrews and this Sunday will begin a study of chapter 10. This chapter deals with the central theme of the book, the superiority of Christ.

In keeping with that theme, the writer illustrates the inadequacies of the former sacrificial system and the priesthood that accompanied that system. These were "only a shadow of the good things to come." This is in sharp contrast to the perfection that is found in Christ, his superior priesthood and sacrificial death. Unlike the old system, which could only forestall the righteous judgment of God, our new covenant relationship through Christ enables us to obtain true perfection and an eternal relationship with a holy God.

Ira Wilson is teaching the **Conquerors** class which meets in the Heritage Room. They are in a study of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus and are in 2 Timothy currently. The emphasis there is on the value of the gospel to help Christians (young or old) to be better prepared to do the Lord's will in this world. Ira and **Roy Bench** alternate quarters as teachers for this class.

If you are looking for a class to attend this Sunday why not try one of these two choices?

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Bible Class	398	447	444
Worship A. M.	665	706	700
Worship P. M.	421	451	392
Wed. P. M.	309	334	300
Contribution	\$27,949.29	\$25,093.45	\$23,976.57
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

PRAYER AND CARE: Ponder Wright, Sr. returned home, but his condition is unchanged | Mary McFadden is now at home | Kay Parrish is in Health South | John Pike had neck surgery Thursday, 5-1 at ETMC | Mark Waggoner will have a back procedure on Wednesday, 5-7 | Jean Henry, Donna Wright's mother, is doing well after breast surgery | Frank Haddock, Bettie Thorne's son-in-law, has more health problems | R. D. Cawyer, Bud's brother, is recovering from major back surgery | Ruth Meazell is now at home | Jean Martin, Sandie's mother had breast cancer surgery Monday, 4-28 in Mt. Pleasant | Judy Simpson, Ruth Ellis' sister will begin 3 rounds of chemo treatments | Linda Morales, Jeri Prestige's aunt, has a spinal cord injury.

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Scripture Chuck Rothwell
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Moments With Mike

A Living Hope

Starting this Sunday, May 4th, West Erwin will have a 30 minute radio program on KTBB, AM 600. This program will air each Sunday from 7:30-8:00 a.m., and I will be the speaker. The name of the program will be, "Our Living Hope." We encourage you to tune in and to invite others to listen as well.

In writing about our heavenly inheritance, Peter says the following in 1 Peter 1:3-5.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Hope is such an important part of our lives. When hope of a victory is lost, a ball team will often give up and just go through the motions. When people feel hopeless about life, spirituality or eternity, they also can find themselves just going through the motions. Without hope our values and priorities often get out of sorts.

But when hope is present we are lifted up. Hope helps us to look beyond our current troubles and focus on the time when those troubles will be a distant memory. Hope provides us with the courage to act, to persevere and to ultimately win.

It will be my aim to use this radio program as a means of linking current events with biblical principles that help us to see that God's word does provide us hope. Your feedback, suggestions and comments are encouraged and will be welcomed.

Please pray for the success of this program as we continue our efforts to be a beacon of hope to the community around us.

See you Sunday! Mike

Carpet Update

Although I haven't actually seen carpet yet, the pews are being removed from the main auditorium as I write this and our new carpet should be here soon. The next two Wednesdays we will meet in the Family Life Center, but our Sunday schedule should not be affected. Please note: The pews on Sunday will not yet be anchored to the floor. So please exercise caution.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"GOD'S CREATION"

And be more convinced that there is a God.

Sermons for May 4, 2008

By Mike Baker

A.M.: A Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)

P.M.: 10 Reasons Why We Have Not Reached The

Unchurched (2 Cor. 5:17-20)

Youth With Heart... by Danny

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, May 12. We serve at 6:00 and preparation starts at 4:30. Come anytime and help as you can. We always have a need for servers as well as folks to just visit with the people who come. Please keep praying for this ministry of serving needy people.

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COMMUNITY by Don Crawford

Unlearning

I read this week that we are born with only two innate fears: the fear of falling and the fear of loud noises. What that means is every other fear is learned. It also means every other fear besides falling and loud noises can be unlearned. Our learned fears are what keeps us from becoming what we were meant to be. I have also discovered that unlearning what I have learned is twice as hard.

In John 5 Jesus meets a man at the pool called Bethesda who had been crippled for 38

long, miserable years. He had learned the only way he could possibly be healed is by getting into the pool while the water is stirring, but no one would help him. Jesus came that day to uninstall what he had learned—that which had imprisoned him for so long. Jesus simply said, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk."

Faith, then, has two parts: one is learning what we don't know; secondly, unlearning what we do know...especially those misconceptions and fears that have crippled our spiritual growth. GOD has a plan for each of us. He wants to set us free to become what He knows we can be in order to glorify Him on this earth.

Unlearning is twice as hard— it is not impossible! Nothing is impossible for GOD.

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF CENTRAL AMERICA TRIP by Jay Bynum

A week ago this past Saturday three members of the mission committee, Jay Bynum, Aaron DuVall, and Todd Kempton accompanied by Israel Sandoval, Jose Martinez and his wife Rosa left Tyler to spend a week in Guatemala, Central America. The purpose of the trip was two fold. First to check on the work that West Erwin supports at the Biblical Institute of Central America (BICA) located in Guatemala City. Second, to work with the 38 students and staff of the school, in helping establish the first church of Christ in the city of Esquipulas, Guatemala.

After attending worship services Sunday morning with some 450 brethren and witnessing 3 baptisms at Iglesia de Cristo, Pinares del Norte, which is the largest church of Christ in Guatemala City, the group along with George Hall, left for Esquipulas. Located about 4 hrs east of Guatemala City, Esquipulas has a population over 20,000. The principal religions are Catholic and Pentecostal.

The days were spent in several neighborhoods and in the city's market area talking to people about Christ and inviting them to the campaign, (our version of a gospel meeting) that ran from Thursday thru Saturday. There were 13 baptisms before the campaign began resulting from bible studies with residents of the city, including the owners of the motel and one of their maids. By Saturday night there had been some 25 conversions and a church had been started in another Central American city.

While six went on the trip, all the members of West Erwin who have prayed and given of their means have had a part in this mission work and its success. Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. Look for a complete presentation on the trip in the near future.

THANK YOU

Thanks to our West Erwin family for the cards, calls, e-mails, food, and flowers. We appreciate your love and concern during a difficult time for us. God bless each of you with His love, joy, and peace:

Roy and Fern Bench

Ladies Class

The ladies Wednesday morning class has now finished this session. This class will begin again in the fall.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome **Robert & Mary Lee** into the West Erwin family. Their address is 302 CR 3310 Jacksonville, TX 75766, ph. 876-2401

Office Activities

The office staff and ministers want to make sure that the church office is providing the level of support that our members desire. With our current transitions of Education Minister and Secretary, we want to avoid having anything "slip through the cracks." Please help us by letting us know if there is anything that we are missing. Thank you.

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CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES

A loveseat, side chair, television and two kitchen table chairs are needed to furnish a small apartment for a birthmother that is in the care of Christian Homes & Family Services. If you can help with any of these items please call 903-509-0558 or email kbinkley@christianhomes.com or ljobe@christianhomes.com Please continue to pray for this Kingdom work. Thank you for your support.

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Worship P.M.	451	400	405
Wed. P.M.	334	317	322
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Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

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PRAYER AND CARE - Ponder Wright, Sr. Is in Methodist Hospital in Houston for heart valve surgery. **Kay Parrish** is in Health South; **Dr. Montie Dalton**, friend of the Dennis Stansbury's, is being treated for Myeloma in Arkansas; **Frank Haddock**, Bettie Thorne's son-in-law, has more health problems; **R. D. Cawyer**, Bud's brother, had back surgery Tuesday, 4-22, in Denton; **Butch Roach**, neighbor of the Tanksleys, is in hospice; **Darrell Beard** is having heart problems; **Ruth Mezell** is now at home; **Troy Portwood**, John Portwood's dad in Mother Frances, room 477. Continue to remember: **Kay & Billy Bob McCool**, Kathy Portwood's sister & brother-in-law; **Erin Amundson, Kathy Portwood's** nephew's wife;; **Lowrane Canada; Allen Cook; Opal Cooper; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Frank Doherty**, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; **Norma Durham; Debra George**, Becky Howard's neighbor; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Louise Harris; Billie Bob Hickman; Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister; **Buddy Kennedy; Archie Kennard; Clay Kirby; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Dub & Opal Mathews; Bobbye May; Shirley McClenny; Suzan Parker**, Noel & Jean Parker's daughter-in-law; **Fred Powell; George Richardson; Mary Richey; Odell Sessions; Ray Silvertooth**, Ruth (Hearne) Moore's brother; **Judy Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' sister; **Judy Smith; Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Scott Smith's dad; Joy Taylor**, Bill Mezell's sister; **Molly Lou Terry; Becky Thompson; Jan Weeks; Esther Wilson; Earlyne Wimberly; Dorothy Woods; & Patsy Young.**

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Mike Baker - Pulpit Minister			
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

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Bible School	9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
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Evening Worship	Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.			
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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Harvey Strickland
Scripture	Tom Ramsour
Dismiss	James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table	J.R. Tharpe
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY	
Prayer	D.L. Thompson
Scripture	Billy Terrell
Dismiss	Greg Walker

SERVING COMMUNION

Melvin Crow	Ken Culpepper
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GREETERS

Paul & Sheila Lewis & Mollie Mink
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Moments With Mike

The Best Seat

When we attend certain events we often find ourselves trying to obtain the best seats. Ten rows up on the 50 yard line, courtside at the basketball game, or front row center for our child's play. But when we come to worship we often do not think in those same terms.

For years I listened as preachers, song leaders and others made requests that people move down closer to the front instead of staying in the balcony or in the rear seats. Especially when the numbers are down, those pleas certainly made sense. When we sit closer together we tend to sing better, fellowship more and also tend to encourage those who lead us.

However, the best seat in worship is not to be found merely in its location, either front row center, or in the very rear of the auditorium. From our human standpoint, the best seat in worship is the one occupied by you, wherever you choose to sit.

Having a concept of one place being better than another can create an occasion for favoritism or preferential treatment. James discusses this from the perspective of welcoming others in James 2:1-4 as he urges us not to treat the poor and wealthy differently. On the other hand, in Luke 14:8-11, Jesus addresses this from

our point of view as we humbly consider our position in life.

"When you are invited by anyone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in the best place, lest one more honorable than you be invited by him; and he who invited you and him come and say to you, 'Give place to this man,' and then you begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place, so that when he who invited you comes he may say to you, 'Friend, go up higher.' Then you will have glory in the presence of those who sit at the table with you. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Wherever people decide to sit in our assemblies, it does not trouble me. I realize that they have made the commitment to come and worship God and I thank God for that commitment. What does trouble me is to realize that others who were capable of attending had made a decision that hour to stay away from the assembly.

No, friends, the best seat in the assembly is not up front, nor is it on the back row. The best seat is the one that you occupy when you come to join others in worship!

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"JESUS"
and pattern our lives by His.

Sermons for April 27 2008
by Mike Baker

A.M. "When Being Good Isn't Good Enough (Luke 17:7-10)
5:00 P.M. "A God Who Delights in Mercy" (Micah 7:18-19)

"The Church WITH Heart"

Youth With Heart... MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford Relearning How to Cast

Peter is writing to a group of churches in Northwest Asia who are suffering untold persecution. They are afraid and worried. Peter offers them these words of encouragement: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under **GOD'S** mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on Him because **HE** cares for you" (I Peter 5:6-7). In other words Jesus is sufficient for every need, every desire, every problem, every challenge, every demand, and every struggle. **HE** can handle all your problems. The word "cast" means to throw. Throw all your worries and concerns and fears upon Jesus the Christ. Transfer them to this transference is the fact that **HE** cares for you.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is Thursday, May 1. As we have for the past several years, West Erwin will be helping prepare and serve the breakfast. We need about 12 men who would be willing to help. Sign-up list at the Visitor's Center.

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Recently, I have been faced with a situation where I have been tempted to worry and I am relearning how to apply Peter's instructions. I have cast this over to Him who says He cares. It is His now. I refuse to worry about it any longer. How can I do this? Because I trust that **HE** cares. I have decided to walk forward and not back. When the situation tries to control my thoughts, I resist it. I refuse to worry about it. I have given it over to Christ who cares. And now enjoy a peace that belongs to me because of **HIM**. That peace is part of my inheritance.

As believers in Christ we are a new species. Humbling ourselves before the Lord and casting our cares on Him is our natural response. We are a worry free people! If you have forgotten this, take a quiet moment to hand your burdens, your cares, your fears over to **HIM** for He cares for you. Believe it.

Michael Whitworth Hired As Education Minister

Fred Wingate announced last Sunday morning that Michael Whitworth has accepted the position as Education Minister at West Erwin. Michael is currently the pulpit minister at the Culleoka Church of Christ in Culleoka, TN.

Michael will be here from May 5th-9th looking for a place to live and getting acquainted with several people here. He will be with us on Wednesday, May 7th and we hope that many of you will get to meet him then.

Michael is 23, single, and has a B.A. in Bible from Freed-Hardeman and is currently working on his M.Div. degree at Harding Graduate in Memphis.

He will begin with West Erwin on June 1st. We look forward to his arrival. More will be mentioned about Michael closer to his start date.

If you'd like to contact him, his current email is michaelwhitworth@bellsouth.net .

Education

The Searchers class meets in the small auditorium each Sunday. Stan Mallory is the teacher for this class and they are currently in a study of 2 Timothy. This Sunday they will be concluding chapter three.

This class has been working through the Pauline epistles. At the conclusion of 2 Timothy they will start on the other New Testament epistles. This class is discussion oriented and goes verse by verse in their study.

Why not check out this class this Sunday morning?

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Paul Lowe, (Sharon Hammond's brother) whose funeral services were Tuesday in Sulfur Springs. Memorials may be made to Camp Deer Run. Our love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

THANK YOU: We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support during the week of Mom's hospitalization. You collectively fed us, sat with us, fielded calls, cried with us, and prayed with us. Afterward, you hugged us, consoled us, sang beautifully at her funeral, provided a beautiful spray of flowers to honor her, fed us again, and continued to pray for us. Your care and concern so genuinely expressed your love for Mom and honored her love for West Erwin. Thank you all for everything and continue to pray for us as we begin to comprehend life without her.

Marisa Suggs & family
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Moments With Mike

Jo Butler

I began the Sunday morning sermon on April 6th with a challenge to the congregation. Reflecting on the recent death of Charles Seaberry, I asked for each of us to think about our own mortality.

What kind of a gap, void or place are we going to leave when we are no longer here? I encouraged us to reflect on our place in the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12) and know that we are supplying something (Eph. 4:16) that the rest of the body needs.

None of us could imagine that within that hour Jo Butler would collapse and begin her 6 day journey away from us. All the more reason to reflect again on our standing with God and our place in the local body.

Jo first came to work in the office at West Erwin in October 1985. She worked part time, two days a week until 1991 when she began full time work. She did a fine job and was very helpful to me as I began my work here. The bulletin and worship handout were just two of the many things that Jo was responsible for doing. Like Charles, who interacted with so many people as he was stationed at the west side doors, Jo's work crossed the hands of every member here. They have both left lasting legacies of their devotion to the church and their love for the people. We miss them both.

Jo's life has been connected with West Erwin for many years. She worked in the nursery for over 30 years, patiently and lovingly helping many of our children begin their lifelong connection with coming together as a church. As a fitting tribute, memorial donations to the church will be used for the children's library.



She deeply loved her family and we continue to pray for her daughters, Marisa, Julienne and Joelle, and their families in their adjustment to life without their mother. Each week Jo would make sure that her family received a special note from her saying, "I love you." And you know what? She still does and always has.

It is never easy to say "goodbye" to anyone, especially those who are so much a part of our everyday lives. But for the Christian, it is more "see you later," than "goodbye," for we shall be reunited.

Oh what comfort we receive by knowing that this is not the end.

See you Sunday! Mike

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**Sermons for April 20 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "Who Will Follow Jesus?" (Luke 9:57-62)
5:00 P.M. "If You Had Only Been Here"
(John 11:21-23)**

"The Church WITH Heart"

Youth With Heart... *by Donny*

NOTES...

Our young men did a great job in our worship assembly this past Sunday. Thanks to Spencer Shaw, Patrick Garrett, Keaton Ainsworth & Michael Ragsdale. Thanks also to Mark Frick for helping put the powerpoints together.

A special thanks to Kim & Daniel Dupree and Jeff & Melissa Parrish for keeping us well fed at LTC and to all who helped in so many ways with LTC this year.

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FACES...

Over the years there are so many familiar faces that you see at church. It is hard to remember... ever... walking through the foyer doors and not see Charles Seaberry & Elmer Miles. There is something special about the way Charles greeted you and smiled. I am hard pressed to walk into the offices and not see Jo Butler at her desk... These faces will be missed because they have had a huge impact on our lives. I think what we have seen in those faces... is the face of Christ. Just remember the difference that we all make in others lives.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Finding

I remember the movie *Karate Kid* and his relationship with Mr. Miyagi. As their relationship grew, Mr. Miyagi had the opportunity to tell Daniel Larusso that balance was not the key to good karate, but it was the key to all life. Balance in all life was the lesson for him to learn.

Finding balance in this life is most important and here's why. Imbalance in one area of life will usually result in an opposite imbalance in another area. For instance, parents who become too strict with their children with rules in one area will often become too lenient with their children in another area.

Parents may overemphasize strict religious traditions, yet fail to teach their children to love the Lord and to learn to walk in His wake.

Again, if you are out of balance in one area of your life, look around because you are most likely out of balance in another area as well. If home is a wreck and you have many problems with horizontal relationships you most likely have problems with your vertical relationship (with GOD) as well. Repairing those imbalances also have a sequence to follow...always begin with the vertical first and the horizontal will fall into place. We are powerless to repair the imbalance of broken relationships without first getting the relationship with GOD back into balance. Balance is the key to all life!

Education

Last week we listed the teachers for our children and youth classes. West Erwin is blessed to have a large number of members here that are involved in our teaching programs. We appreciate the time, effort and dedication of each of them.

In our adult classes we have 9 classes offered on Sunday mornings and 5 classes on Wednesday nights. Additionally, we have a Wednesday ladies class that meets at the building at 10 a.m.

From time to time we have a shortage of teachers and assistant teachers. But we also have a shortage of students. So in the next few weeks we will be using this space to give some more exposure to our adult class choices and to encourage more members to attend a class.

In our auditorium class, Forrest McFadden is currently beginning a new study on the book of 1 Corinthians. This class has just finished a review of the book of Revelation.

Forrest provides a handout each week so that the students can prepare for the next week's class. His classes are discussion oriented.

Mike Baker is teaching a class in room 403. This class is currently in a review of the Fruit of the Spirit. This is also a discussion oriented class and handouts are given for personal study in preparation for the upcoming week. This Sunday's class will be on peace.

Next week other classes will be listed here. Please make your plans to be in a class this Sunday and Wednesday.

WITH SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Jo Butler**, who passed away on 4-11. Her funeral was held on Monday, 4-14. She was the church secretary for 22 years. Services were held for **Laura Kelly**, Fern Bench's sister, on Wednesday, 4-16 in Wolf City. Services were held last week for William Barnes, cousin of Tommy Price. Our love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends.

Thank You

How blessed I am to belong to such a loving church family. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, singing, cards, food, hugs, and prayers. You are such an encouragement to me and my family. In Christian love, Louise Seaberry and family

New Members: We welcome **Cody and Larissa Mitcham** to West Erwin along with their children **Sydney and Clay**. They live at 107 Senter Street, Whitehouse, TX, 75791. Ph. 903-839-3925.

IN THE MILITARY

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ETCA Golf Tournament

Monday, May 5, at the Hollytree Country Club
Entry Forms at Visitor Center, Deadline: April 25

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. & Mrs. Bruce D. Monk
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Cayla Ann Monk

to
Cody Shane Ables
son of

Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Ables
Saturday, the nineteenth of April, two thousand and eight
at six o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church, Lovelady, Texas
Reception following

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

Brittany Haws & Jon Rutherford - June 6, 2008
Rachel Stein & Brian Howard - June 7, 2008
Casey Haws & Sara DeMartino - August 2008
Carla Lemons & Jeffrey Taylor - October 4, 2008

You are invited to a bridal shower

for Kelly Herttenberger, bride-elect of Jeffrey Knight (son of Grant and Leanne, grandson of Roger and Jan) at 813 Elaine on April 26 from 10:00-12:00. Selections: Dillards and Bed, Bath, and Beyond

ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is in need of a person for the preschool (3 to 5 year olds) after school care position. You must be 18 years of age or older. The hours are 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day. Dates are Monday, April 21 through Thursday, May 28. Please call Bev Anne McCorkle at 903-561-8642 if interested.

LADIES NIGHT 2008

Chandler Street Church of Christ, 2700 Chandler Street,
Kilgore, TX. Friday, April 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
"Adversity With Joy" (Matthew 18:20) Joy Wood, speaker

HYMN FEST 2008

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 West, Daingerfield, TX
Saturday, May 3, 6:30 -10:00 pm featuring "His Harmony,"
"The Harvesters," and "The Ethridge Family" and
congregational singing led by experienced song leader.

HOMEcoming 2008 - North Tenneha Church of Christ,
1701 North Tenneha, Tyler, TX

Saturday, May 3, 5:00 pm - NTCC Male Chorus
Sunday, May 4, Bible classes 9:00 am, Worship 10:15 am
73rd Annual Homecoming Services 2:30 pm
Guest Speaker: George M. Williams from Austin, TX
Mon. - Wed. 7:00 pm

LADIES DAY

Avenue F Church of Christ, 1026 F Ave., Plano, TX, May 31,
2008, 8 am - 12:30 pm. Theme: "Save Our Sisters" (SOS)
Marsha Millington of the Greenville Avenue church in
Richardson is keynote speaker Call Cheryl @ 469-744-4277 or
Pam @ 214-335-1234 for more information.

Gospel Meeting

Ken Hope will be speaking at the Church of Christ in Emory,
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Single Parent Family Camp

For more info contact Don Crawford

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Bible Class	443	444	459
Worship A.M.	705	725	723
Worship P.M.	373	433	NS
Wed. P.M.	340	NC	350
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Moments With Mike

It's Me Again, God

Prayer is and should be a main component of the Christian's life. But in our fast paced world it can be easy for one to fall out of a regular habit of prayer.

Paul points to the importance of prayer several times in his writings. He urges us to continue "steadfastly in prayer" (Rom. 12:12), to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes. 5:17), and to "continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." (Col. 4:2).

Even though God knows our thoughts as well as our actions, He still desires our prayers. Paul understood both God's desire to hear our prayers as well as our benefit in offering them.

As you read the opening verses of Paul's letters you will find that he is constantly praying on behalf of his fellow Christians in other places. Even better than this, he tells these Christians that he is praying for them.

It was impossible for Paul to be with everyone at all times or to personally see each one through difficulties in this life. But he did include them in his frequent prayers. He loved them and felt a connection to them through his prayers to God.

Friends, there is benefit both in giving prayers and in knowing that prayers are being offered on our

behalf, especially when we know that things are out of our control. Far from the "least that we can do" or as a "last resort," prayers are an important part of how God intends for Christians to share encouragement and to find assurance in difficult times.

James 5:16 says in part, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." As we learn to trust God more and lean more on His will and His understanding we will also come to rely more on the wonderful blessing of prayer.

Our unceasing prayer will become as an often interrupted conversation. We will find ourselves retuning to God in prayer as if we are picking up where we last left off. "It's me again, God. Are you ready to hear my prayers again?" And, of course, He always is!

In good times as well as bad, may our prayers be focused, fervent and frequent, lifting up our praise, thanksgiving, requests and burdens to God.

See you Sunday! Mike

This Sunday John Baker will teach a combined adult class in the auditorium as well as preach for the morning service. All adult classes are to meet in the main auditorium for this Sunday, April 13.

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* NOTES...

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KARING KITCHEN

This month, the Karing Kitchen will be celebrating 10 years of serving a meal to hungry people in downtown Tyler. Several folks had the vision to fill a need to serve hungry people. Since that first Monday night of serving 1 person, the Karing Kitchen has prepared and served some 50,000+ meals! Wow! Thanks to all who have helped in this ministry.

COMMUNITY

..... *by Don Crawford*

HOPE

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13 about faith, hope, and love. We speak often about faith and love, but hope also has a powerful role in life. Hope can point, lift, offer, keep, remind, fuel, give, tell, convince and escort.

When we find ourselves in a tunnel, hope points to the light at the end.

When we are discouraged and disappointed, hope lifts our spirits.

When we are stretched and exhausted, hope offers new energy.

When we are tempted to quit, hope keeps us going.

LTC CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our LTC Celebration on Sunday, Apr. 13 (This Sunday). Our young people will be participating in the worship assembly. We will have a highlight video and present the plaques to the young people. Following the assembly, our 11th & 12th grade Drama will present their skit. Please wear your LTC shirt.

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When we feel rejected, hope convinces us we are not alone.

When we must say goodbye to one we love, hope escorts relief.

When life hurts and dreams fade, nothing helps us clear hurdles like hope...not wishful thinking, but desire coupled with expectation. For true hope comes only from the risen Savior, Christ Jesus, the Son of GOD.

IN APPRECIATION

To the congregation of West Erwin,

Your expressions of love during and after my surgery are deeply appreciated. The beautiful cards and notes were welcomed, as well as the telephone calls, visits, and delicious food. You are truly the most loving congregation I have ever known. Thank you.

With love,
Dorothy Woods

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CONGRATULATIONS

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CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES

Golf "fore" a Cause!! Friday, April 18, 2008 at Legacy Ridge Country Club in Bonham, Texas. Christian Homes Charity Golf Classic. Check bulletin board in Education wing or call Carl Dye @903-583-3484 for more information or to reserve your spot.

BAPTISMS

Cade Suggs, son of Stuart & Marisa Suggs and grandson of Jo Butler, was baptized into Christ Sunday by Mike Baker. He is in 7th grade and lives at 8937 Pleasant Hill Circle, 75707, ph. 561-9637.

Also on Sunday, **Katherine Weathers** was baptized by her father, Wade. Her address is 9797 CR 2167, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-9797.

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Reception following

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Cayla Monk & Cody Ables - April 19, 2008
Brittany Haws & Jon Rutherford - June 6, 2008
Rachel Stein & Brian Howard - June 7, 2008
Casey Haws & Sara DeMartino - August 2008
Carla Lemons & Jeffrey Taylor - October 4, 2008

You are invited to a bridal shower
for Kelly Herttenberger, bride-elect of Jeffrey Knight (son of Grant and Leanne, grandson of Roger and Jan) at 813 Elaine on April 26 from 10:00-12:00
Selections: Dillard's and Bed, Bath, and Beyond

LADIES NIGHT 2008

Chandler Street Church of Christ,
2700 Chandler Street, Kilgore, TX
Friday, April 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

"Adversity With Joy" (Matthew 18:20) Joy Wood, speaker

HYMN FEST 2008

Daingerfield Church of Christ, Hwy 11 West, Daingerfield, TX
Saturday, May 3, 6:30 -10:00 pm featuring "His Harmony,"
"The Harvesters," and "The Ethridge Family" and
congregational singing led by experienced song leader.

HOMECOMING 2008 - North Tenneha Church of Christ,

1701 North Tenneha, Tyler, TX
Saturday, May 3, 5:00 pm - NTCC Male Chorus
Sunday, May 4, Bible classes 9:00 am, Worship 10:15 am
73rd Annual Homecoming Services 2:30 pm
Guest Speaker: George M. Williams from Austin, TX
Mon. - Wed. 7:00 pm

Education

West Erwin is blessed to have great teachers in our Bible class program. The classes and teachers for our children's classes are listed below. If you would like to be a part of the teaching program at West Erwin, please contact the office.

Class	Room	Sunday Teachers	Wednesday Teachers
Beginners	109	Jo Butler, Jeanine Hughes	Jo Butler, Jeanine Hughes
Toddlers	111	Sharon Hammond, Carolyn Welborn, Donna Wright	Martha Waggoner, Judy Yates
Two's	101	Velma Lemons, Sue Ellen Laird	Velma Lemons, Cathy Stowers
Three's	102	Will & Stephanie Christian	Brenda & Rachel Stein
Four's	103	Martha & Samantha Richardson	Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury
Kindergarten	201	Candace Montgomery	Patti Grounds
First Grade	202	Carolyn Blackstone	Kay Baker
Second Grade	203	Corey & Angie Coleman	Kristi Harris
Third Grade	110	Judy Hamm	Suzanne Perkins
Fourth Grade	204	Carolyn Carruth, Linda Westerfeld	John & Terri Shaw
Fifth Grade	206	Nancy Crawford	Nancy Crawford

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Bible Class	444	322	451
Worship A.M.	725	686	718
Worship P.M.	433	225	471
Wed. P.M.	NC	NC	325
Contribution	\$26,784.33	\$54,241.34	\$25,158.58
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, April 6 and Wednesday, Apr. 9: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Charles Seaberry is in Mother Frances, room 398. Kay Parrish is in Mother Frances, room 417. Deloris Bundy is scheduled for back surgery Monday at Mother Frances. Bobbie May is scheduled for surgery Tuesday at ETMC. Mary McFadden is in Mother Frances for tests. Noel Parker will decide treatment for heart blockage. William Tanksley, little son of Will and Anna, had surgery Wednesday at the Spine & Joint Hospital. Courtney Huddleston had some complications after recent thyroid surgery. Nathan Barnett had a tonsillectomy Tuesday. R.J. Roddy, Patsy Fisher's dad, is at home after brain surgery. Butch Roach, neighbor of the Tanksleys, is in hospice due to kidney cancer. Continue to remember: Darrell Beard; Lowrane Canada; Allen Cook; Opal Cooper; Cecil Crawford, Don's mother; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Frank Doherty, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; Norma Durham; Debra George, Becky Howard's neighbor; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Louise Harris; Billie Bob Hickman; Linda Keeling, Tim Grounds' sister; Buddy Kennedy; Archie Kennard; Clay Kirby; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Dub & Opal Mathews; Shirley McClenny; Suzan Parker, Noel & Jean Parker's daughter-in-law; Fred Powell; George Richardson; Mary Richey; Odell Sessions; Ray Silvertooth, Ruth (Hearne) Moore's brother; Judy Simpson, Ruth Ellis' sister; Judy Smith; Scott Smith, Michelle's husband; Scott Smith's dad; Johnnie Stringer; Connie Sublette; Joy Taylor, Bill Mezell's sister; Molly Lou Terry; Becky Thompson; Jan Weeks; Esther Wilson; Earlyne Wimberly; Dorothy Woods; & Patsy Young.

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Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
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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

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, April 6:
Nursery a.m.: Kenna Kempton; Nursery p.m.: Karen Fedell;
Toddlers a.m.: Kim Frick & Linda Marts; Toddlers p.m.:
Melvin & Nina Crow; 2's: Joey & Leslie Coker; 3's & 4's:
Brant & Jeri Prestidge.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Danny Snell
Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Jordan Mullins
Dismiss James Sublette

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
J.D. Mitchell
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jon Murry
Scripture Buck Nowell
Dismiss Jeff Parrish

SERVING COMMUNION

Don Chaffin Chandler Cook
Joey Coker Stan Clark
Will Christian Brody Clark
Gene Chandler Tommy Cook

GREETERS

Bob & Barbara Paul & Colt Keeney
Wendell & Anita Potter & Jessica Keeney
Fred & Sara Powell & Melodi Keeney
Visitor Center: Ray & Carolyn Womack
Louise Seaberry

Pick up cards April 6: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Carson Hancock, & Grant Perkins.

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Moments With Mike

How Is Your Aim?

A couple of weeks ago I was invited to go hunting with some friends from church. I hadn't hunted in, well, almost forever. One of the first questions they asked me was, "How is your aim?" As it turned out, it wasn't as good as I remembered it being, but at least it was focused on the right targets.

But as most people know, a good aim is nothing if there isn't some action to go along with it. A phrase I heard a few times that day was, "You'll never hit anything if you don't shoot." Far from trigger happy, I was just too slow in deciding to pull the trigger. In reality, I was afraid of missing the target.

Hockey legend, Wayne Gretzky, holds 61 NHL records including several records for scoring. He said, "You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take." Aim is only part of the equation.

Sometimes in our spiritual lives we may develop a very good aim (goals, intentions, etc.) but we may also have a reluctance to "pull the trigger" out of a fear of failure.

Or instead of having an aim at all we may find ourselves settling for whatever comes along.

Someone has said, "The greatest danger for most of us is not that our aim is too high and we miss it, but that our aim is too low and we hit it."

Friends, we are off to a really good start in 2008. Our attendance is up and our contribution is strong. We've had 20 baptisms in the first three months and that is more than the annual average of the past 7 years. But there is much more to be done.

Let's make sure that our aim includes those things that will help us get to heaven as we do the will of the Father. Let us also be sure that our actions rise to the expectations of our aims, goals and vision.

Are you aiming high enough in your spiritual life? How about in your worship, Bible study, service to God and fellowship?

"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him." 2 Cor. 5:9.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

"JESUS"

and pattern our lives by His.

Sermons for April 6, 2008

by Mike Baker

A.M. "As Simple As A, B, C" (Matthew 11:28-30)

5:00 P.M. "He Went About Doing Good"

(Acts 10:34-38)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

NOTES...

Thanks to Marc Philpot for helping host the devo this past Sunday. Thanks to the Asbill's for cake!

If you plan to go on the Mexico Mission trip... Don't forget to get your Passport!

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen next Monday. Please join us as we serve the community.

AREA-WIDE LOCK-IN

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WAY TO GO JACKSON!

Jackson Smith, a 5th grader at All Saints in Tyler and son of Garrett and Jill Smith, recently won the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay contest for Smith County and the State of Texas. Easter weekend Jackson and his family had the honor of being the guest of President and Mrs. Bush for the White House breakfast and then attended the White House Egg Roll. Way to go, Jackson!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mindy Marse has been named Elementary School Principal for East Texas Christian Academy for the coming school year 2008-09. Congratulations, Mindy!

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

What a great quarter we are having in our Bible classes! We have a great host of fabulous teachers working in this ministry; our numbers are way up; and we are growing spiritually as we learn from His Word. Just in case you are not attending one of our classes let me encourage you to look at the list provided below and then to make a decision to get involved in one of these studies. You won't be sorry!

Our preschool through 1st grade basically use one of the following curriculum in their classes: (1) Palma Smiley - God Loves Us; (2) 21st Century Christian - Jesus Is the Son Of God; and (3) Gospel Advocate - Loving Jesus or Jesus Loves Me.

Our 2nd through 5th grade all use Sally Frasier's Faith Foundations and the break down is as follows:

1. 2nd grade (Old Testament part #1)
2. 3rd grade (Old Testament part #2)
3. 4th grade (The Gospels)
4. 5th grade (Acts)

LTC CELEBRATION

Mark your calendars for our LTC Celebration on Sunday, Apr. 13. Our young people will be participating in the worship assembly. We will have a highlight video and present the plaques to the young people. Following the assembly, our 11th & 12th grade Drama will present their skit. Don't miss this! Please wear your LTC shirt.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 4	Area-Wide Lock-in
Apr. 7	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
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Apr. 13	LTC Celebration
Apr. 20	Small Groups Meet
Apr. 27	Middle School Devotional
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July 25-30	Mexico Mission Trip

SINGLE PARENT FAMILY CAMP

This is an annual camp that is in Ruidosa, New Mexico. This year's dates are June 22-27. The cost is \$100 per camper with a \$100 nonrefundable deposit. If you are interested in going or need more information please contact me. We have some scholarship money available for those who need it. This is a great experience and well worth your time.

CELL PHONE ALARMS

Many of you accepted the challenge to pray for a non-Christian friend or family on a daily basis. You joined the challenge by setting your cell phone alarm for 3:16 pm as a reminder to pray for that particular person and that particular purpose. "For GOD so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life" John 3:16.

Our 6th grade through 12th grade classes fall under Danny Snell's ministry and he studies a variety of topics with them.

On Sunday morning our adult classes are as follows:

1. Young Professionals - James/I & II Peter (306)
2. Young Married - Current Topics (302)
3. Adventurers Class - Hebrews (FLC)
4. Inquirers Class - Spiritual Discipline (Benevolent Bldg.)
5. Seekers Class - Fruit of the Spirit (403)
6. Searchers Class - A Study on Hell (Sml. Aud.)
7. Conquerors Class - Timothy and Titus (Heritage Room)
8. Discoverers Class - Romans (Room 112)
9. Explorers Class - Revelation (Aud.)

On Wednesday evenings our adult classes are as follows:

1. Small Auditorium - Study of the Gospel of John
 2. Heritage Room - Singing Emphasis Class
 3. Room 112 (Men's) Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ
 4. Room 403 - (Ladies) Conquering Your Giants
 5. Room 306 - (Young Professionals) Successful Living
- Again, please look at this list of classes and select the appropriate class to attend. Thanks.



IN APPRECIATION

Words cannot begin to express how much we appreciate the overwhelming love and care you showed during the loss of our mother and grandmother, Our West Erwin church family is such a blessing and was a blessing to mother.

In Christian Love,
Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot
Marc & Ginger Philpot

To all the saints at West Erwin Church of Christ,

Words cannot begin to express my feeling for each and every one of you. The support you have given me through the sickness and loss of my husband, Wayne. The calls, cards, food, visits, plant, just everything. The couple from West Erwin there at his graveside funeral. It's a hard road ahead and I am leaning mighty hard on your support ... but with you and the Lord what more could I ask for.

In Christian Love,
Molly Lou Terry

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Friday at Marvin Methodist church for **Jackson Huse**, 7 year old friend of the Keith Johnson family. Our prayers and sympathy is extended to this family and friends.

NEW PH.#: Jared Bloch, ph. 903-952-9216.

Jose' & Rosa Martinez, ph. 525-9922

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.

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

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, April 9: Mexican food.

LITTLE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

Little People's School at the Glenwood Church of Christ needs loving, nurturing part time teachers for the coming school year. If interested, please call Cathy Howell @ 903-509-8904.

Little People's School is now enrolling kindergarten students for the 2008-09 school year. Hours are 9:00 am - 1:30 pm. School will begin the last week of August. Please call 903-509-8904 for more information.

EAST TEXAS AREA WIDE SINGING

Point Church of Christ, Hwy 69 & FM 47 in Point, Texas
Saturday, April 5th at 4:00 pm. Congregational singing and a special appearance by the *Revival* gospel quartet.

Franklin Church of Christ - 28th Annual Gospel Singing

Friday, April 25, 7:00 pm - Congregational singing and
The Harvesters and *Sounds of Glory* singers

For more information go to www.franklinchurch.com

BAPTISMS



Collene Garrett, daughter of Carl and Shelli Garret and granddaughter of Jess and Charlotte Hopkins, put on her Lord in baptism last Thursday evening. She is in 8th grade and was baptized by her dad. Their address is 444 CR 3201, 75706, ph. 894-4317.

Emily DuPree was baptized into Christ Sunday by her dad. She is the daughter of Daniel and Kim DuPree and granddaughter of Melvin and Donna Maples and Charles and Fredda DuPree and is in 4th grade in Whitehouse. Their address is 5625 Bostick, 75707, ph. 939-9908..

Austin Millican came Sunday to confess his faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized. He is the son of Shane and Becky Millican and grandson of Dale and Carolyn Blackstone. He was baptized by his grandfather. Austin is in 5th grade and lives at 2301 CR 1128, 75704, ph. 595-2131.

Jaci Prestidge was baptized into Christ by her dad Monday morning. She is the daughter of Brant and Jeri Prestidge and granddaughter of John and Kathy Portwood. Jaci is in 5th grade. Their address is 10483 FM 344 E, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-0738.

We rejoice with these young people in making this most important decision of their lives at an early age.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Broad Street Church of Christ, 440 West Broad, St. Mineola
April 5, 2008, 8:30 - noon

"Father, Teach Us To Pray" - Casandra Martin, guest speaker

LADIES DAY PROGRAM

Swan Church of Christ, 14260 CR 471, Tyler
April 5, 2008, 8:00 am - noon

"Spring Clean-Up for the Heart and Soul" (Psalm 51:10)

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MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Golden Anniversary Reunion & Appreciation Banquet
Moody Building, April 26, 2008, 12:00 noon.

Join us for a time of fellowship and celebration commemorating 50 years of making a difference in the lives of children and single mothers in the beautiful Texas Hill Country!

The Medina Children's Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of May 5-9. West Erwin is asked to collect ZIPLOC BAGS. They also appreciate cash donations as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit, and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet. You can now make a secure donation on their website www.medinachildrenshome.org

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

CHRISTIAN HOMES & FAMILY SERVICES

Golf "fore" a Cause!! Friday, April 18, 2008 at Legacy Ridge Country Club in Bonham, Texas. Christian Homes Charity Golf Classic. Check bulletin board in Education wing or call Carl Dye @903-583-3484 for more information or to reserve your spot.

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Moments With Mike

Construction, Carpet and Changes

After a few months of waiting we are finally getting closer to having our new carpet installed in the foyer and the two auditoriums. Many of you were able to see the red tape holding down the carpet in several places. This was covering areas where the concrete was cut out and new conduit was laid for microphone and camera lines.

If you had seen the auditorium on Friday you would have never thought it would be clean enough to use on Sunday. But thanks to the efforts of several dedicated people it was.

Unfortunately, our schedule for the new carpet has been **pushed out a month** and will begin on April 21st. If that plan holds then we will have a combined Wednesday adult class in the Family Life Center on **April 23rd and 30th**. Our Sunday schedule should remain unaffected.

This Sunday will be Doug's last one with us as our Education Minister. I appreciate Doug and the fine job he has done at West Erwin. He and I share several common paths in our pasts and I will truly

miss his presence here. I know he will do a great job for the Hilldale congregation in Clarksville, TN.

West Erwin members have shared the loss of loved ones lately and I'm encouraged by the wonderful ways in which this church responds when there is a death. Thank you, West Erwin, for showing love, compassion and encouragement to one another.

This week I sat and listened as Wally Dawkins delivered a wonderful eulogy for his father, Walter. His words were heartfelt, positive and a great tribute to his father. Any father would be honored to have a son pay such a tribute.

We've had some really great participation with LTC and I echo Danny's thanks to the many that helped make this a success this year. We are proud of all of our young people who were able to participate. Let's make sure that we keep up our good habits of fellowship and worship together as often as we can.

"Let your gentleness be known to all men." Philippians 4:5. See you Sunday! Mike

**Open Our Eyes That We May See...
THE LOST and find effective ways
of drawing them to Christ.**

**Sermons for March 30, 2008
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6:00 P.M. "Zacchaeus" (Luke 19:1-5)**

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny LTC

LTC 2008 is now a part of history. The 20th LTC was a wonderful event to be a part of. As we think about the past, present & future, I am impressed that so many young people (including our young people) are interested in the work of God and ministries of the church. As we look to the future, let us use what we have learned: to edify each other, teach the Gospel, serve others & glorify God.

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THE AMERICAN MORAL COMPASS

Last week the Today Show reported that monogamy was not a natural thing. Here's what one concerned Christian from West Erwin sent to the Today Show at NBC.com.

"Dear Today, I was so sad this morning with the piece from the "scientist" who reported that monogamy was not a natural thing. First of all I'm sad that anyone could skew his understanding of our world into believing something like that, and secondly, I'm sad that the Today Show chose to even consider airing such a report.

Please, Today, as a citizen who is concerned about the direction that our country is taking morally, will you please start taking the high road on these moral issues? Media, unfortunately, is such a vital ingredient in the framing of the America Moral Compass, and I beg you to be more responsible in your choices.

GOD bless you with wisdom as you continue to make decisions about these very important issues."

When the rest of the Christian world rises up in this fight, demanding to be heard, perhaps then we will see some changes

I feel that often we miss out on such life altering moments. For whatever reason we sometimes don't put as much into our singing as we know we should. We become complacent and lackadaisical in our approach to this aspect of our worship to God. God gave us our voice and we should use that voice to His glory. Ephesians 5:19 tells us: "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." What a great verse to motivate us to give our all to the Lord when we sing to Him. Let's also remember that when we sing we are implementing a great teaching technique to those who surround us. Remember, Colossians 3:16 tells us: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." We should view our singing as a way to edify the believer and to evangelize the lost. It is a teaching moment for the believer and the non-believer as well. Those young men and women singing in front of the auditorium put me in the frame of mind to remember my Lord and Savior. They caused me to reflect on Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16. And when it was over I was glad that I stopped by to listen and observe and to be taught.

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I had a unique opportunity to attend Harding University's Spring Sing this past week and I enjoyed it very much. I am a Freed Hardeman graduate and I never took a single class from Harding but I've always enjoyed visiting their campus. It is a beautiful campus. As usual, the campus was crowded with students and visitors walking, talking and throwing frisbees. So many activities were taking place that it kind of left me dizzy. As we walked around the campus, just outside the auditorium, we came upon a group of college students who were singing. A large audience gathered and so we went over and listened for awhile. The group sang several religious songs and they were well received by the audience. I started looking around the audience at the faces of those college students who were listening. I could tell that these students were really enjoying not just the voices of the singers but more importantly the message of those songs. It did me a lot of good to listen to the beauty of those voices blending together. It also did me a lot of good to observe the audience as they were edified through these wonderful songs.



IN APPRECIATION

To our West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for every expression of love and concern shown to us at the loss of our sweet Mother and "MiMi," Mary Haws. The hugs, calls, cards, beautiful flowers, food, and especially your prayers have been a great comfort to us. We love you.
The Matt Haws Family

Our sincere thanks to each of you for the love and concern shown to us during the recent illness and death of our mother. The beautiful flowers, cards, visits and prayers brought us much comfort. Our gratitude to the ladies who prepared food and served the family so compassionately. May God continue to bless the West Erwin family.

Fred & Sandra Wingate
& Mary Dawson family

We would like to express our sincere thanks for every expression of love shown to the family of Mary Butler at her death, the beautiful flowers, cards, calls, and prayers. A special thanks to Dean Brookshire for officiating so beautifully at the graveside and for the graciousness of the ladies who provided and served a delicious meal to the family after the services. Your kindness will not be forgotten.

The family of Mary Butler

It's wonderful having a Christian family like West Erwin. I want to thank all of you for the cards, food, flowers, visits, and prayers. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated.

In Christian Love,
Clay Kirby

WITH SYMPATHY

WITH SYMPATHY - Graveside services were held Tuesday at Tyler Memorial Cemetery for **Walter Dawkins**, Wally Dawkins' dad. Services were held last Thursday in Wills Point for **Francine Williams**, Patti Grounds' grandmother. Graveside services were held Saturday at Tyler Memorial Cemetery for **Mary Butler**. Graveside services were held Saturday at Tyler Memorial Cemetery for **Blanche Shuford**, former West Erwin member. Our love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Gary and Jennifer Heath on the birth of Jacob Cade on March 19. He weighed 7 lb. 8 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Caleb is the big brother. Due to breathing problems he was taken to the NICU unit in Longview but is now at home.

Congratulations to Carlos and Emma Morgan on the birth of a new great granddaughter! Finley Brooks Parker was born March 20 to Jess and Brooks Parker in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. And was 20 inches long. She was welcomed by big brother Tayton, and big sister, Ellis Ann.

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BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Drew Harris** in his decision to be baptized into Christ last Wednesday night. Drew is the son of Keith Harris, grandson of Louise Harris, and nephew of Mike & Kristi Harris. His address is 2100 Bernice, 75701, ph 593-8123

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NEW ADDRESS: Nelda Browning, 3016 Haltom Rd., Ft. Worth, 76117-3948.

NEW NAME & ADDRESS

Congratulations to Ruth Hearne on her marriage to Mr. Ed Moore on March 14, 2008. Their address is: 422 Hideaway Central, Hideaway, TX 75771, ph. 903-882-9929.

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, April 2: Bar-B-Que.

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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.

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Records	Sunday Mar. 16	Sunday Mar. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	420	387	450
Worship A.M.	686	686	690
Worship P.M.	602	425	438
Wed. P.M.	344	375	NC
Contribution	\$26,662.23	\$33,128.02	\$22,534.48
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00	Special City-wide contr.	\$4,431.07

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Mar. 23 and Wednesday, Mar. 26:
Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. **Please call if you need transportation.**

PRAYER AND CARE - Kay Parrish is in Mother Frances, no visits please. **Molly Lou Terry** is at home, having heart and eye problems. **Don Ingram** is at home after being hospitalized with a heart problem. **Peggy Garner** is at home after surgery Monday. **Dorothy Woods** had foot surgery Thursday. **Virginia Pike** had knee surgery last Thursday. **Clay Kirby** is in Olympic Plaza. **Opal Cooper's** move to Corsicana was postponed due to a blood clot. **Courtney Huddleston** is scheduled to have a malignant thyroid removed Mar. 25 at Scott & White. **Connie Sublette** will have laser surgery for glaucoma Mar. 25. **Johnnie Stringer** is now at home. **Judy Smith** is at home. **Charles Seaberry** is continuing treatment. **Walter Dawkins**, Wally's dad, is now in hospice. **Judy Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' sister, had surgery Tuesday in Atlanta, Georgia. **R.J. Roddy**, Patsy Fisher's dad, will have brain surgery Mar. 25 at ETMC. Continue to remember: **Mary Butler; Lowrane Canada; Allen Cook; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Frank Doherty**, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; **Norma Durham; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Louise Harris; Charles Hauk; Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister; **Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister; **Buddy Kennedy; Archie Kennard; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Dub & Opal Mathews; Ruth Meazell; Shirley McClenny; John Pike; Mary Richey; Liz Rogers; Odell Sessions; Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Scott Smith's dad; Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister; **Becky Thompson; Esther Wilson; Earlyne Wimberly. & Patsy Young.**

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Prayer Ralph Henderson
Scripture Rob Hilliard
Dismiss Tim Holt

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Lonnie Brown
Mike Carnathan
Jay Bynum
Jared Bloch

GREETERS

Gary & Judy Mitcham & Ryan Haws
Paul & Carolyn Montandon & Krista Huff
Carlos & Emma Morgan & Tailor Jackson
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
Joe & Connie Roach

Pick up cards Mar. 23: Bryson Bellar, Casey Bellar, Connor Clark, Jake Skender, & Zach Skender.

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Moments With Mike

If I Be Lifted Up

In the days that preceded his death, Jesus gave a prophecy which at that time must have seemed improbable to some that heard it. He said in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself."

Jesus was, of course, "lifted up" on the cross as well as from the grave. His resurrection is one of the basic foundations of the Christian faith today. Not many doubt that Jesus actually lived on the earth. Skeptics record that He was a great teacher, but little more. But it is the fact of the resurrection that proves that Jesus was the true Christ.

Paul passionately reasons with the Christians at Corinth about the importance of the resurrection. In 1 Corinthians chapter 15, he devotes a long section to the arguments based on Christ being resurrected.

First, he tells us "Christ died for our sins." 1 Cor. 15:3. Second, Paul gives proof of Christ's resurrection with a list of eye witnesses in verses 5-8. Third, a convincing argument is given through vs. 19 that if there is no resurrection, then Christ is still dead. If Christ is still dead, then we are all still in our sins, and if that is the case, then our religion is all in vain.

Many people claim to be Christians, but have never obeyed the gospel. Others may be Christians but have not grown spiritually and rarely worship God. Sadly, some people do not yet realize that we can not give only a portion of ourselves to Christ. We must give our all.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:24-26, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Friends it would be foolish to follow a fraud; to place your hope in a hypocrite; to live your life according to a liar. Jesus was lifted up on the cross and was raised up 3 days later to draw men after Him. The evidence compels us to investigate and follow Him.

May we renew our memory of the sacrifice of Jesus and may we renew our determination to draw ever closer to Him.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
THE LOST and find effective ways
of drawing them to Christ.

Sermons for March 23, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "My Lord And My God" (John 20:26-29)
6:00 P.M. "A Price to Pay" (Matthew 5:9-12)

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"The Church WITH Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny LTC

This weekend, 200+ folks from West Erwin will be attending the 20th Leadership Training for Christ Convention in Dallas at the Hilton Anatole Hotel. West Erwin attended for the first time in 1991 with 17 people. Please pray for us this weekend.

Over 100 adults helped with LTC this year as coaches, teachers, food prep and a host of other jobs. Thanks to all of you for making this happen

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention
Mar. 27 "Connect" at the Wicks @ 7:00
Mar. 30 High School Devotional
Apr. 4 Area-Wide Lockin
Apr. 7 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

AREA-WIDE LOCK-IN

All of those in the middle & high school groups are invited to the Area Wide Lock-In on Friday, April. 4. We will be leaving from West Erwin at 8:00 p.m. and returning Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. We will be at the Kaufman church from 9:00-11:00 for some activities and snacks. We will proceed to Celebration Station in Mesquite and stay from 12:00 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. The cost is \$25 for unlimited video games, Putt Putt, Bumper Boats & Batting Cages. You will need money for snacks and drinks through the night. If you plan to go, the deadline for signing up is Sunday, Mar. 30. Your fee must be paid by Wed., Apr. 2.

SUMMER DATES

June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 16-19 Middle School Madness
July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

COMMUNITY

....by Don Crawford

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here." (Mark 16:6)

The empty tomb is where our sorrow is turned to joy. Have you ever wondered why we usually conduct our communion on the first day of the week with sadness and sorrow? Most of the time we read 1 Corinthians 11:26, "For whenever you eat this bread and take this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" and we target the word *death*. Yet, Jesus never spoke of His death as sorrowful occasion. GOD raised Jesus from the grave to be our Savior! Surely in our time of communion together we can remember his death yet learn to focus beyond the cross. Surely we can learn to

open His tomb to the Joy of its emptiness because He is not here...He is risen! Surely we can celebrate His resurrection because a dead savior cannot save anybody. We follow a living Savior who gave His life so we can celebrate the freedom to worship God in truth and spirit.

Again, look at the last three words..."Until He comes." Then read Hebrews 12:2, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus-- who for the Joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of GOD." Jesus died so He could return. His resurrection is the very core of our faith. And communion is the celebration because He is not there. He is risen! He is our Living Savior! And now because He lives you and I can face tomorrow.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Teachers, some of our classes will be altered in the next few weeks so hold on tight and we will get through this with the least amount of disturbance possible. As you know our carpet in the large and small auditoriums has needed to be replaced for some time now. Over the years it has become wrinkled and worn. Several weeks ago our deacons recommended to our elders that it be replaced so the dates have been picked and it will affect our class schedule a little bit on Wednesday evenings. The dates for our carpet replacement will be two consecutive Wednesdays, (March 26 and April 2). The replacing of our carpet will not affect our Sunday morning class schedule. All of our preschool through 12th grade classes will continue to meet in the same rooms that they currently meet in. The changes will be to our Wednesday evening classes only. All of our preschool through 12th grade will meet in their regular classrooms on March 26th and April 2nd and all of our adult classes will meet in the Family Life Center on March 26th and April 2nd. Mike Baker has agreed to tech the two class sessions on the above mentioned

dates. So, all of the adult classes that will need to meet in the Family Life Center will be (1) the small auditorium class; (2) the ladies class; (3) the men's class; (4) the singing class; (5) the young professional's class, and (6) the special needs class that is being taught by David Asbill. After the carpet work has been completed we will then pick back up on our regular classroom schedule. Also during this time (March 26th and April 2nd) the Hispanic class will meet in room 403 (annex). Because pews, etc., will be placed in the foyer it will be virtually impossible for this class to get to their regular classroom. We hope this does not impede our attendance on these dates. We are altering our classes for a few reasons: safety being the main reason but also so that we can avoid confusion as well as for expedience for our Sunday morning services. The workers assure us that by following this schedule our Sunday morning schedule will not be interrupted. I am amazed that all of this carpet can be replaced in such an effective and efficient way that we only have to alter two of our Wednesday evenings. I think we owe a great big thank you to our elders who oversee the facilities (Jay Bynum, Ron Lott and Phil Marts) and also to Matt Haws who serves as the deacon to this ministry.



IN APPRECIATION

Last Sunday I made the announcement about the Nelson family from Whitehouse who lost their home and belongings in a recent house fire. Even though they are not members of the church, the West Erwin church family answered the need in the same generous and sacrificial way as you always do. Thank you from the Nelsons for the \$2,272 you gave as an act of brotherly love. You're a great church. Any donations received in the next two weeks will be sent after that time.

Jay Bynum

To our West Erwin Family,

Your outpouring of love in the loss of our dear grandson, Cash, has been overwhelming. Thank you for the many beautiful cards, calls, prayers, and other expressions of love and concern you've shown our family. And a special thank you to those who came to the visitation and funeral. We love you all.

Gene & Gwen Chandler

Thank you to all who expressed sympathy and caring for the loss of our Mother, Lela Duncan. With deepest appreciation,

The Lela Duncan Family

The Charles L. "Sarge" Holt family wish to thank all who expressed sympathy and caring for the loss of our father, husband, and best friend.

With sincere appreciation,
 Betty, David, Richard,
 Robert, Donna and Grand
 and Great Grandchildren

We wish to thank the singers from West Erwin church who helped to lay to rest our loved ones, Lela Duncan and Charles "Sarge" Holt. The singing was beautiful.

The family of Lela Duncan
 & Charles "Sarge" Holt

WITH SYMPATHY

Two special Christian ladies who were faithful and active long time members of the West Erwin church as long as their health permitted were called home this week. **Mary Dawson**, Sandra Wingate's mother died Monday. Services were held Wednesday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. **Zona Crone**, Carolyn Philpot's mother, died Monday. Graveside services were held Thursday. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to all these families and friends.

NEW ADDRESS: Opal Cooper, Heritage Oaks Retirement Village, room 407A, 3002 West Second Ave., Corsicana, 75110. **Todd, Kenna, Brittney, & Brayden Kempton**, 18078 Briarcrest Dr., Flint 75762. Cell ph. Todd: 571-4304, Kenna 571-4845, Brittney 574-4239.

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

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **Nathan Barnett** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. He has been attending with the Sustaires and was baptized by Kevin Sustaire. He is a student in Lindale High School and his address is 1100 South Main Street, Lindale, 75771, ph. 882-5486.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Bob Bennett** into the West Erwin family. He came Sunday to place membership with the West Erwin church and to rededicate his life to Christ. His address is 5615 South Donnybrook, Suite E, 75703, ph. 662-213-7887.

Kyle and Lori Pintsch came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin family. Their address is 10649 CR 212, 75707, ph. 566-0768.

We hope to be a blessing to these as they have blessed us by their coming.

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Prayer
Scripture
Dismiss

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Keaton Ainsworth David Asbill
Tony Adams Scott Albritton
Greg Anding Jim Armstrong

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Bob & May Helen May & Preston Haile
Forest & Mary McFadden & Dalton Harris
Lee & Camille Mink & Drew Harris
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Moments With Mike

Hear Me When I Call

Communication is a very important part of our lives. Some wouldn't know what to do without email and 24 hour news. Many won't go anywhere without their cell phones. These cell companies are trying to show that they are very reliable at communication. One says they have "more bars," meaning more coverage. Another has a catch phrase, "Can you hear me now?" Good communication is highly valued today.

God desires that we pray to Him and we have been taught that God is able to hear and answer our prayers. But we might be left wondering at times, "Is God hearing me now?"

In 1962 Tillit Teddlie wrote the song, "Hear Me When I Call," which begs for God to listen to our needs. The first verse of this song goes as follows.

*Hear me when I call, O God, my righteousness,
Unto Thee I come in weakness and distress;
Hold my trembling hand, lest helpless I should
fall,
O hear me, Lord, hear me, O hear me when I
call!*

David experienced many occasions where he cried out to God. Through the Psalms we find several

occasions where he lays his soul bare, searching for God, and then reaffirms his faith in God. One such example of this is found in the 7 verses of Psalm 142.

In this Psalm David lays out his troubles, calls for God to attend to his cry and then to deliver him from his adversaries. His confidence in God is great and he ends by saying, "For You shall deal bountifully with me."

I like David's confidence that God will hear his concerns and then deal with them properly. Likewise we also should have this confidence and attitude.

Do we know that God hears us? Our prayers can be hindered by not treating our spouses properly (1 Pet. 3:7), or by allowing our sins to hide God's face from us (Isa. 59:1-2). But when a Christian is living a righteous life, desiring to be in harmony with God's will, then we will have the confidence that God will hear us when we call.

May we learn to treasure each day and always trust that God is there to listen to our needs, thanksgiving and desires. May we pour out our heart and empty our cares with our Lord and know that He is there for us!

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
THE LOST and find effective ways
of drawing them to Christ.

Sermons for March 9, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "R.S.V.P." (Matthew 22:1-6)
5:00 P.M. LTC Choruses
6:00 P.M. "But God Meant It For Good" (Gen. 50:18-20)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

LTC

We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings on www.westerwin.com. We will have a very important meeting Sunday night after church for everyone going to LTC. We will settle up the final payment as well as finalize the all the transportation details. Please make every effort to be present. Bring \$3 for dinner.

Drama will meet Sunday @ 2:00. (Check with your coach about additional meeting times)

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 3:00-5:00.

Puppets will be meeting on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

THANKS!

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick and John Shaw for helping with the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday.

Thanks to Paul Lewis & Davy Carter for helping teach the past few weeks in our Wednesday night classes.

AREA WIDE LOCK-IN

All of those in the middle & high school group are invited to the Area Wide Lock-In on Friday, Apr. 4. We will plan to leave from West Erwin @ 9:00pm and go to the Kaufman church for refreshments and activities. We will then go to Celebration Station in Mesquite from 12:00am until 6:00am and return home about 8:00am. The cost is \$25 for unlimited games, Putt Putt & Bumper Boats. If you plan to go, the deadline for signing up is Sunday, Mar. 30. Your fee must be paid by Wednesday night, Apr. 2.

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Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention
Mar. 27 High School Connect @ 7:00 @ Wicks
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IN APPRECIATION

To Our Brothers and Sisters In Christ,

For about 7 1/2 years we have worked with the West Erwin Church of Christ and it has been a blessing and an honor for us to serve this congregation. My work with West Erwin has been so rewarding. Giving God the glory, we have secured the services of a host of well trained teachers, restructured our classrooms and have had the opportunity of seeing this ministry grow both spiritually and numerically. We have also been allowed to start two additional ministries: (1) The Kid's Kingdom ministry for our K-5th grade; and (2) the Young Professional's ministry (18 through 25 year olds). I've said it before so I don't mind saying it now: "My work here at West Erwin has been the most rewarding to date. We love and we will always cherish our time here."

Once I made my intentions known that we would be moving to Clarksville, Tennessee to work with the Hilldale Church of Christ, I asked the elders not to have any special event for us such as a farewell meal or a good-bye meal. We do not like good-byes and we also intend to visit Tyler as often as possible to see Kristen and our grandson, Jackson. I told the elders: "No event can trump what we already know about West Erwin. We know you love us and we hope you know how much we love you." The elders wanted to have such an event but they have agreed to honor our request.

We are looking forward to hearing many wonderful things from this congregation as you continue to strive toward excellence. May God bless you as you continue to labor for His cause.

The Yates

We want to thank our West Erwin family for all the cards, calls, visits, food, and especially your prayers as Charles continues the treatments. You have been such an encouragement to us; we love and appreciate each of you.

Charles & Louise Seaberry

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Monday at Fairview Cemetery in Gainesville for **Wayne Terry**. Wayne died Friday after a lengthy illness. Services were held last Saturday at Hawthorne Funeral Home in Carthage for **Cash Matthews**, Gene & Gwen Chandler's grandson and Donni Cook's nephew. Services were held Wednesday at the Shiloh Road church for **Sue Wehant Cheek**. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN THE MILITARY

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Annual City Wide Worship
Sunday, March 16 at West Erwin.
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Worship at 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS



Michelle Ellis, daughter of James and Ruth Ellis, was baptized into Christ by her dad Sunday. She is in the 4th grade in Chapel Hill ISD. Their address is 15075 CR 285, Tyler, 75707, ph. 566-6779.

Megan Harris, daughter of Mike and Kristi Harris and granddaughter of Louise Harris and Rayford and Marilyn Renick, was baptized into Christ Sunday by her grandfather. Megan is in the 5th grade in Whitehouse ISD. Their address is 205 Robinwood, Whitehouse, 75791 ph. 570-7516.

Angel Williams, who has been attending with Tanner Philpot, put on her Lord in baptism Sunday. She is a student at Lindale ISD. Her address is 15907 Brittain Court, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-0303.

We rejoice with these young people in this most important decision to live their lives for Christ.

ADDRESS CHANGES:

David & Lori Blaylock, 655 CR 2460, Mineola, 75773
Brison, Kristen & Jackson McPhail, 502 East Magnolia St., Troup, 75789

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LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

Broad Street Church of Christ, 440 West Broad, St. Mineola
April 5, 2008, 8:30 - noon

"Father, Teach Us To Pray" - Casandra Martin, guest speaker
Please sign up at the Visitor Center if you plan to attend.

LADIES DAY PROGRAM

Swan Church of Christ, 14260 CR 471, Tyler
April 5, 2008, 8:00 am - noon

"Spring Clean-Up for the Heart and Soul" (Psalm 51:10)

LADIES NIGHT 2008

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

Friday, April 25, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

"Adversity With Joy" (Matthew 18:20) Joy Wood, speaker

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

No Wednesday meals for March 19 due to spring break holiday.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

THANKS TO PAUL LEWIS & HELPERS

Last week 16 West Erwin men gathered for a great early morning breakfast and devotional. We were challenged with Romans 12:9-21 by reading the commands and sorting them according to which ones were easier to keep and which ones were more difficult. Thanks to Paul Lewis, Jonathan Stone, and Danny Snell for preparing breakfast and thanks to Paul Lewis for serving the challenge.

Other breakfast gatherings for men are being planned watch for the dates.

SPEAKING OF CHALLENGES

If you are looking for a challenging exercise, take a piece of paper and on the left side write down the things from Psalm 37 that GOD expects us to do and on the right side of the paper write down the things He will do. When you are finished, look over the list for a clear understanding. What you may find is that you are trying to do the things GOD promises He will do and you are expecting GOD to do the very things you are responsible to do. Let me know what you think after working through this Psalm. We delight in the Lord ... He promises to give us the desires of our heart.

last second loss. As my tenure draws to a close here at West Erwin I am experiencing sleepless nights. I am trying my best to finish my work here having everything lined up for the summer months. Generally I plan ahead for about 3 months at a time. You have to plan ahead if you are an education minister. Planning ahead for 6 months has been a challenge. A lot of you do not have your summer lined up and here I am asking you to make a commitment to us for the summer months. But there you are, agreeing to help even though the details may still be sketchy. I deeply appreciate all of our workers, teachers, helpers, speakers, etc. who have pitched in during the beginning of this transition and who have dedicated themselves to helping us out in this matter. There is one area that we really need to shore up before I go. I will be asking some of you to step up to the plate as teachers through the summer months. That will be my last official act here and I hope you will accept this challenge. This will take a lot of pressure off our elders if we can lock our teachers in for the summer months. Teaching is a labor of love that carries with it an enormous amount of responsibilities. So please consider this work and let's get busy for the Lord during the summer of 2008.

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I don't know how many of you suffer from sleepless nights. I know that periodically I do. This problem usually occurs when I have a lot on my mind. I lay down to go to sleep and then my mind kicks into high gear. I may start thinking of a new ministry we are about to start or (in my case) a new work that I'm about to be engaged in. The flood gates of methods, techniques, etc., pour in and then for the next few hours I'm laying there with my eyes wide open. Other times I remain awake due to regrets or mistakes that I've made in my past. I start thinking about those things and here I am again 2 hours later with my eyes wide open. Sometimes my thoughts get pretty serious and at other times they are pretty silly. For example, the other night (for whatever reason) I started thinking about a basketball game that I coached over 20 years ago. We lost that game in the last few seconds. My coaching record in basketball was 119 wins and 65 losses. That's not a bad record; however, I tend to dwell on the losses more than the wins I guess because I always thought we should've won those games. So, over 20 years later I am still kept awake by a

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Bible Class	468	453	455
Worship A.M.	717	688	6,894
Worship P.M.	483	387	424
Wed. P.M.	386	385	334
Contribution	\$30,487.15	\$24,010.31	\$27,433.65
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Mar. 9 and Wednesday, Mar. 12: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Kay Parrish had another procedure Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Johnnie Stringer** is in Health South 131A after surgery on a broken hip. **Opal Cooper** is improving in Health South Rehab. **Clay Kirby** is in Health South Rehab. **Odell Sessions** has been dismissed from the hospital. **Dub Mathews** is now at home. **Norma Durham** is at home. **Mary Butler** is in Briarcliff after surgery on a broken hip. **Sue Carty** is at home after recent surgery. **Judy Smith** is at home. **Charles Seaberry** is undergoing cancer treatment. **Shirley McClenny** out of chemotherapy for the time being. **Patsy Young** had surgery last week on a broken femur (4602 Barrett Court, Sugarland, TX 77479). **Buddy Kennedy** is very ill in Mother Frances. **Judy Simpson**, Ruth Ellis' sister, is scheduled for surgery March 18 in Atlanta, Georgia. Continue to remember: **Lowrane Canada; Diane Carroll**, Buck Nowell's niece; **Zona Crone; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Walter Dawkins**, Wally's dad; **Mary Dawson; Frank Doherty**, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Louise Harris; Charles Hauk; Mary Haws; Ralph Henderson; Fred Hertwig; Billie Bob Hickman; Ann Holt**, friend of the Wilmeths; **Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister; **Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister; **Archie Kennard; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Ruth Mezell; John Pike; Mary Richey; Liz Rogers; Mary Sue Scott; Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Scott Smith's dad; Joy Taylor**, Bill Mezell's sister; **Wayne & Molly Lou Terry; Sylvia Tharpe; Becky Thompson; Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly.**

MINISTERS			
Mike Baker - Pulpit 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 Don Crawford
Prayer Roger Knight
Scripture Matt Kelly
Dismiss Phil Marts

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jamon Kirby
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer John Lacy
Scripture Greg Jones
Dismiss Don Ingram

Kalon Ainsworth Ernest Bennett
Keaton Ainsworth David Asbill
Tony Adams Scott Albritton
Greg Anding Jim Armstrong

GREETERS

Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Patrick Garrett
Phil & Linda Marts & Hannah Grounds
Jim & Priscilla Mayer & Sara Grounds
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Wleborn
Bob & Pat Hackett

Pick up cards Mar. 9: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Taylor Stein, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Mar. 9:
Nursery a.m.: Lynda Terrell; Nursery p.m.: Frances Broome; Toddlers a.m.: Sandra Wingate & Norma Durham; Toddlers p.m.: Donella Jackson & kids; 2's: Joey & Leslie Coker; 3's & 4's: Stuart & Kathy Means.

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Moments With Mike

Off To A Great Start

We are off to a great start this year and you are to be commended for your love for God and for your willingness to work for the church. We have a very good number of our members involved in the work here. Of course, we'd love to see everyone involved in some work or effort. If you haven't found your place to help yet, please let us know and we will help find a place for you.

Here are a few things for us to take note of this week.

Time changes this weekend as we spring forward one hour. For those of you who may be grumbling about losing an hour, just remember that you picked up an entire day on the 29th of February.

The Spanish speaking class and worship services are having a successful start. 35 were present last Sunday morning and we are hearing good things from that ministry.

Our area wide worship service will be held here on the 16th. The LTC choruses will be performing during the 5 pm hour, then we will have our worship starting at 6. We expect to have a very good number

here that night so please come early and wear your name tags. A collection will be taken up at the start of the worship hour. This will be divided between ETCA, Camp Deer Run and the Karing Kitchen.

For years I've been discouraged by the many voices who seem to have nothing positive to say or write about the church. To them the church has it all wrong, can never get it right and is already dead and doesn't know it. How discouraging!

But I believe there is a better alternative. If we allow negative thinking to fill our heads we will never be successful in drawing others to Christ. So how can we be more positive? Learn the facts.

This Sunday night's sermon will cover some interesting insights on where the churches of Christ are statistically speaking. (Yes, numbers can be interesting. Trust me.) I want to encourage everyone to be here Sunday night for this presentation.

My prayer is that we can all gain a renewed sense of pride and optimism that will help us gain momentum in reaching the lost of our community.

See you Sunday! Mike

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P.M. "Churches of Christ: Where Do We Stand Statistically?" (Matthew 16:13-18)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny LTC

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Drama to have an all day practice on Mar. 9 until 3:30 (Lunch Provided-Bring \$3).

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 3:30-5:00.

CONNECT

Due to the upcoming Spring Breaks, Connect will resume March 27.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Invite a friend! Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. Finished @ 8:00.

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS GUY?

One of the most incredible shows I have watched lately is the story about Cesar Millan who is called The Dog Whisperer. The shows can be viewed on the National Geographic channel. It is often available on Friday nights.

Cesar walks into a house with a vicious dog and in a matter of seconds has him under control. But the most incredible thing is what he does for the dog owners. His technique works the same wonders on the dog owners as it does the dog. You have to see it to believe it.

Here's what Cesar says about dogs that are out of control. First, aggression is a symptom of an unsatisfied dog. He lacks structure and discipline which leads to aggression. Creating balance is the key. The balance

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We had a great start to our new quarter. We have some great teachers in our classrooms and they are ready to go with their lessons. Let me encourage you to pick up one of the "Class Action" brochures and select a class and then attend that class each and every week. I am confident that at the end of the quarter you will be glad you did. Let me also encourage each of our students at West Erwin to thank their teachers for all of the time, energy and effort they put into their classes. I know that a lot is involved in this work and that it is very rewarding but I also know that a thank you goes a long way in the longevity of a teacher's career.

Several years ago I decided to become a teacher and I have not regretted that decision at all. At one time in my life (for about 5 years) I taught a Sunday morning Bible class; a Sunday night Bible class; a Wednesday evening Bible class and then at the Christian school I taught three Bible classes each day 5 days a week. I gained an enormous amount of experience in those years and it did not burn me out but rather motivated me to

THANKS!

Thanks to Barry Scarborough and Marc Philpot for helping with the High School Devo this past Sunday night.

Thanks to all of those who participated in Bible Quiz this year. We had our last quiz this past Monday night. All of those who participated, studied the entire book of 1 Samuel. Great job young people!!! Next year the text will be the book of John. A special thanks to Barry Scarborough for helping the teams.

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involves exercise, discipline, and affection. Love must include exercise, rules, boundaries and limitations. Once the dog understands these things, his behavior will greatly improve. As the owner of the dog you must project calm, assertive energy. This is the only language he really understands. If the dog does not have that assertive director he, himself, will attempt to rule the home.

Incredible! Yet, I can't help but think that it is the same with people. That aggression is a symptom of an unsatisfied person -- one who has unfulfilled expectations in his life; the lack of exercise, discipline and affection is the reason so many of us are out of balance; and that without Christ as the King and Ruler of our lives we are trying to direct our own steps.

 "People who will not be governed by GOD will be ruled by tyrants." - William Penn

continue in this line of work for the last 20+ years. It is a privilege to teach but with this privilege comes an awesome amount of responsibility. Some people seem to have a natural talent to stand before a crowd and teach in an almost ad-libbing way. Believe me, even though it looks like they are ad-libbing they really are not. They've studied this subject and know the material they are teaching.. They've become an expert on the subject matter and so with total confidence they teach their lesson. Other teachers stand before their students and they, too, seem to be ad-libbing. However, they do not know their subject matter and they have put little if any time into their material for class. They talk about a lot of things that they are confident in but it has little to do with God's Word. The difference between the two teachers is that the students of the teacher who has become an expert on the subject that he is teaching go away from their class with a world of knowledge, wisdom and understanding (Col. 1:9-10). The teacher who thinks he is an expert but who teaches on everything but God's Word, his students leave the classroom knowing no more about God's Word than when they came to class. That's a shame, isn't it? Let's study to show ourselves approved.



IN APPRECIATION

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the food, visits, cards, and mostly the prayers that were sent up in my behalf during my recent stay in the hospital.

Linda Dickson

West Erwin Church of Christ,

Thank you very much for the flowers for our Mother's funeral. Our Mother was so blessed to such a wonderful Christian family. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Virginia Cartwright's children,
 Anne Vannoy, Connie Kucek,
 Bob & Richard Cartwright

Thank you for your kindness and your prayers. It may seem simple to you but it meant everything to me. Thanks again!

In Christian Love,
 Rodney Dalton

To the family at West Erwin,

We thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, food and prayers at the loss of our son Richard.

In Christian Love,
 Ed & Margie Hunt
 Cheryl Johnson
 Thelma Bennett

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, and prayers. You are a special church family.

Joe McBee

To our family at West Erwin,

Thank you so much for the lovely cards of encouragement that you sent during my illness. Most of all I thank you for your prayers and your love. At this time my tumors are much smaller and I am out of chemotherapy for the time being. I hope to see you all very soon..

With much love and gratitude,
 Shirley McClenny

WITH SYMPATHY

Mary Haws, Matt Haws' mother and a long time West Erwin member, died Monday after a valiant battle with cancer. Graveside services were held Friday at Cathedral in the Pines. Graveside services were held Wednesday at Hopewell Cemetery for **Lela Duncan**, long time West Erwin member. Graveside services were held Monday at Hopewell Cemetery for **Charles "Sarge" Holt**, Lela Duncan's son-in-law. Services were held last week in Gainesville for **Larry Riley**, Danny Riley's cousin. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Dr., Longview, 75605

Spring Meeting, March 8-9, 2008

Theme: "How Did We Get The Bible?" Denny Petrillo preaching

See bulletin board in education wing for details. For more information, please call 903-236-0988.

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Worship at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBER!

We are delighted to welcome **Kathie Thompson** into the West Erwin family. Her address is 4120 New Copeland Road, 75701, ph. 903-530-4862.

We are also pleased to welcome **Kristen Westerfeld** back home after living in the Dallas area for the last several months. Her address is 16441 Fox Run, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-9222.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. sharp!

at the home of the Dale Blackstones

Bring baskets - open to all West Erwin families with children 8 months through 6th grade.

In case of bad weather or for more information contact Dale or Carolyn Blackstone @ 903-595-0130



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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

begins March 9. Be sure to set your clocks AHEAD one hour Saturday night so you'll be on time for church on Sunday.



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Bible Class	453	463	471
Worship A.M.	688	701	694
Worship P.M.	397	414	470
Wed. P.M.	385	387	351
Contribution	\$24,010.31	\$25,112.27	\$28,090.03
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Mar. 2 and Wednesday, Mar. 5: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - **Johnnie Stringer** had surgery on a broken hip Wednesday at Mother Frances. **Opal Cooper** is improved in Mother Frances after suffering a stroke. **Odell Sessions** had a pacemaker implant Monday at Mother Frances. **Kay Parrish** is in Mother Frances. **Joe McBee** is in Mother Frances. **Clay Kirby** had knee surgery Tuesday at the Spine & Joint Hospital. **Dub Mathews** is in ETMC. **Norma Durham** is at home. **Sue Carty** is at home after rotator cuff surgery. **Judy Smith** is at home. **Shirley McClenny & Charles Seaberry** are both undergoing cancer treatment. **Fred Hertwig** who has been visiting West Erwin, is recuperating after a heart attack and bypass surgery. **Larry Riley**, Danny Riley's cousin, is in hospice. Continue to remember: **Lowrane Canada**; **Diane Carroll**, Buck Nowell's niece; **Danny Craddock**; **Cecil Crawford**, Don Crawford's mother; **Zona Crone**; **Dan & Wini Cullinan**; **Louise Culpepper**; **Mary Dawson**; **Frank Doherty**, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; **Lela Duncan**; **Pat Gray**, Fran Starnes' sister; **Warren & Gaynelle Gray**; **Louise Harris**; **Charles Hauk**; **Mary Haws**; **Ralph Henderson**; **Billie Bob Hickman**; **Ann Holt**, friend of the Wilmeths; **Jess Hopkins**; **Virginia Jones**, Buck Nowell's sister; **Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister; **Archie Kennard**; **Joel Knox**; **Gus Krewall**; **Ruth Meazell**; **John Pike**; **Mary Richey**; **Liz Rogers**; **Mary Sue Scott**; **Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Scott Smith's dad**; **Joy Taylor**, Bill Meazell's sister; **Wayne & Molly Lou Terry**; **Sylvia Tharpe**; **Becky Thompson**; **Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly**.

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Scripture Dennis Kingsbury
Dismiss Odie Kennedy

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Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Jamie Ellis
Don & Nereen Ingram & Tanner Fedell
Louis & Jane Jones & Kenzie Fedell
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
Gene & Gwen Chandler

Pick up cards Mar. 2 & 9: Trey Jackson, Caleb Grounds, Taylor Stein, Nicolas Means, & Keaton Conder.

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Moments With Mike

Half Full or Half Empty?

Optimism and faith have much in common. When we have a sustaining faith in life we look at things in a much more optimistic way. Given the choice, I'd much rather be an optimist than a pessimist. How about you?

If God's people had listened to Joshua and Caleb instead of the majority of the spies (Num. 13) they would have all entered the promised land. Instead, their faith faltered and their pessimism prevailed.

If the one-talent man (Matt. 25) had the same faith in himself as his master had, he would have been confident that he could increase his sum of money just as his two friends did. But fear overtook him and he hid what was valuable instead of using it for good.

Friends, God has trusted us to carry out an exciting and challenging plan—to evangelize the world. Some will freeze with fear or stall in skepticism and will never realize the faith that God had in them all along. To them every problem is an insurmountable obstacle.

On the other hand, can you imagine what could be accomplished if we greeted each difficulty with assurance that we could prevail? Faith and an optimistic outlook can help this to take place.

Our world has no shortage of people who need the gospel. Are we ready to seize those opportunities with faith and optimism? The same Jesus who said to take the gospel to all the lost of the world also said, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." John 14:15. If He trusts us to do this, why should we ever doubt we can?

But evangelism isn't a passive act, and it can certainly be full of challenges.

I like what Peter Marshall once said. "Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen." Now that's a "glass half full" attitude.

May God help us all to trust His faith in us to reach the lost of the world. May we be ready to welcome each challenge with faith and optimism.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

**LOVE for God
and for one another.**

Sermons for March 2, 2008

by Mike Baker
A.M. "A Mission From God" (Acts 8:26-29)
P.M. "A Heart Of Unbelief" (Hebrews 3:12-13)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart...by Danny LTC

We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com. The next few weeks will be very hectic with all day practices. We are planning for the **Puppets to have an all day practice on Mar. 2** and **Drama to have all day practice on Mar. 9**. On Sunday, Mar. 16, West Erwin will host the City Wide Worship. The LTC Choruses will perform the hour preceding and we will have a very important meeting afterwards for all of those going to LTC. Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00. Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00. Puppets will be meeting on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

CONNECT

High School: Join us Thursday night @ 7:00 for Connect. We are studying Song of Solomon. Snacks are provided.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our last Bible Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 3. Please be at Shiloh Rd. @ 6:45. Parents can pick you up at Braum's on 110 at 8:30. We will have a study session this Sunday afternoon.

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who went to the Area Wide Gathering last Sunday. Thanks to John Shaw for helping. We had a great time especially listening to the Glenwood group who recently returned from New Zealand on a mission trip.

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar. 2 High School Devotional
Mar. 3 Bible Quiz
Mar. 6 High School Connect @ 7:00
Mar. 16 City Wide Worship & LTC Meeting
Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention
Apr. 7 (note date change) Karing Kitchen

SUMMER DATES

June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Thursday, February 21, 2008, Darrell Newman was baptized into Christ. Darrell Newman is serving time in the Texas Department of Corrections. His former girlfriend lives in Tyler. She came to the Benevolence Center for help and in the process was offered a Bible Correspondence Course which she turned down for herself but gave the name and address of Darrell Newman. It was like throwing a life preserver to a drowning man. He grabbed hold of it and over the next months he has asked many questions about GOD and his own existence. February 21st Darrell was cleansed and set free from

his past. He is now a "new man" for sure, empowered by a new Spirit that has moved in and taken over his life. He now lives for GOD in Christ. I can only imagine what GOD has in store for Darrell. GOD is at work. He is always working!

This is surely a description of the body concept we read about in Scripture. Thanks to all who labor in the Benevolence Center for allowing GOD to use you. Never doubt what He can do. And thanks to Carmen Hilliard for her relentless passion to reach the lost through Bible Correspondence courses. You can visit with Carmen to hear "the rest of the story."

*"Who you are is not always significant
-- what you are matters most."*

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

What are some advantages to attending a Bible class here at West Erwin? The answer really depends on what is being studied in our classes; if it is God's Word then there are tremendous advantages but if it is everything but God's Word then there are virtually no biblical advantages. The Bible wasn't written to supplement the writings of man. The Bible was written as **the set standard rule of authority for all of mankind** to study and obey. I am extremely thankful that most of our teachers here at West Erwin understand this principle and they teach accordingly. I am also thankful that most of our teachers strive to: (1) prepare Bible based lessons; that are (2) Christ centered; and (3) needs oriented. If we fail to strive toward these goals we should be ashamed to be called a Christian teacher. Teachers, let's remember to pray to God and ask for help in preparing our lessons; let's remember to show ourselves approved regarding the lesson we will be teaching; let's focus in on our students remembering our responsibilities that we have toward them as

members, potential members and guests; let's also thank God for the successful class session that we were allowed to conduct and in so doing let's remember the following advantages that we have gained through our Bible study time.

1. We can come to better understand the love of God through our Bible study.
2. We can come to better understand our commitment to God through our Bible study.
3. We can come to know (by listening to and obeying) the Good Shepherd through our Bible study.
4. We can come to understand that the Word of God becomes the light to the world through our Bible study.
5. And we can come to understand the distinct nature of the church through our Bible study.

That's just five advantages that we can gain through a study of God's Word. I didn't even mention the strength that we can draw from one another and the confidence that we can gain as we lift one another up through our fellowship together. Please attend one of our classes so that you can also gain these advantages as New Testament Christians.



IN APPRECIATION

How wonderful it is to be a part of the West Erwin family! We are so thankful for the calls and cards about Ruby's surgery and health. The food has been wonderful, John's cooking isn't so good. Most of all we are so grateful for the remembrance in prayers. Again, thank you so much.

John & Ruby Cliver

Dear West Erwin Members,

Thank you to everyone who has prayed a prayer for me, inquired about how I am doing and have sent cards. Each one has been an encouragement to John and me. Each day brings its own challenges and I request that you continue to remember me in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Becky Thompson

To my Christian family at West Erwin,

Let me thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your calls, cards, food, and especially your prayers. Wayne is not progressing like I had hoped. Please, please pray that he will snap out of this. God bless each one of you.

In Christian love,
Molly Lou Terry

*"The surest way to make yourself happy
is to make someone else happy."*

ANNUAL EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSION DINNER

Holiday Inn Select

5701 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas (Constellation Ballroom)

Monday, March 31, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Dinner

Questions: contact Dale Mitchell with EEM

903-388-8453 or mdalemitchell@sbcglobal.net

GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Dr., Longview, 75605

Spring Meeting, March 8-9, 2008

Theme: "How Did We Get The Bible?"

Denny Petrillo preaching.

See bulletin board in education wing for details

CHEROKEE DAY

Cherokee Home for Children - May 3, 2008

50th Annual Food Drive/Open House/Barbeque

Any usable food or supplies, or cash gift is welcome, West Erwin is asked to provide *bouillon cubes (beef, chicken); Ranch dressing mix; onion soup mix; taco seasoning; and chili seasoning.*

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The Medina Children's home food truck will be in our area the week of May 5-9. West Erwin is asked to furnish **Ziploc Bags**. Cash donations are appreciated as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit, and vegetables necessary for a balanced diet. You can now make a secure donation on their website: www.medinachildrenshome.org.

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, March 5: Hamburgers.

BAPTISMS



Angel Vega, Jr., son of Gabriel and Ana Zavala, was baptized into Christ last Thursday evening by Israel Sandoval. Their address is 129 Kyle Drive, 75706, ph. 903-714-6453. **Betsy Calleja** (age 15) and **Naomi Santibanez** (age 14) were also baptized. They attend the church in Swan with their families. We rejoice with these young people who have made decisions to live their lives for Christ.

RESPONSE

Kim Jordan came Sunday to request prayers of her church family that she might be a stronger Christian and have God's spirit to focus on her blessings and to deal with difficulties as He would have her to do.



BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

Honoring

Cayla Monk

bride-elect of Cody Ables

Saturday, March 1, 2008, 10:00 am - noon

at the home of Pam Lott

2314 Kingsmill Circle

Selections: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target & Dillard's
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 15, 1:00 p.m. sharp!

at the home of the Dale Blackstones

Bring baskets - open to all West Erwin families with children 8 months through 6th grade.

In case of bad weather or for more information contact Dale of Carolyn Blackstone @ 903-595-0130



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.

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

PALESTINE DOGWOOD JAMBOREE

Presents Classic Country Music

Saturday, March 1st, 7:00 p.m. Palestine Civic Center

Hwy 19 North & Loop 256, Palestine, TX

Advance tickets \$12.00 sold through Friday, February 29

Tickets at the door \$15.00 - Jamboree office 903-729-7080

East Texas Christian Academy

ETCA is interviewing for the Elementary School Principal's position and for CFO/Business Manager for the oversight of the Business office, Financial Affairs & Human Resources. If interested, please call ETCA at 903-561-8642.

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Records	Sunday Feb. 17	Sunday Feb. 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	463	524	447
Worship A.M.	701	754	729
Worship P.M.	414	430	493
Wed. P.M.	387	340	370
Contribution	\$25,112.27	\$29,779.66	\$27,079.67
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Mar. 2 and Wednesday, Mar. 5: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Mary Dawson is in ETMC. Sue Carty had rotator cuff surgery Thursday. Kay Parrish had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. Cathy Stowers is at home after parathyroid surgery Monday. Joe McBee is scheduled for carotid artery surgery Tuesday. Judy Smith is continuing rehab at home. Shirley McClenny & Charles Seaberry are both undergoing cancer treatment. Harold Denman got a good report - no cancer! Mary Haws is having more health problems. Garrett Sublette, James & Connie's son, had ear surgery Thursday. Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is at home after a recent heart attack. Continue to remember: Christopher Bobbitt; Lowrane Canada; Diane Carroll, Buck Nowell's niece; Danny Craddock; Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother; Zona Crone; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Louise Culpepper; Larry Davis; Mary Dawson; Frank Doherty, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; Lela Duncan; Pat Gray, Fran Starnes' sister; Warren & Gaynelle Gray; Louise Harris; Charles Hawk; Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Ann Holt, friend of the Wilmeths; Jess Hopkins; Virginia Jones, Buck Nowell's sister; Linda Keeling, Tim Grounds' sister; Archie Kennard; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Terry May; Ruth Meazell; John Pike; Mary Richey; Liz Rogers; Mary Sue Scott; Scott Smith, Michelle's husband; Scott Smith's dad; Joy Taylor, Bill Meazell's sister; Wayne & Molly Lou Terry; Sylvia Tharpe; Becky Thompson; Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Mike Baker
Prayer Howard Dickson
Scripture Gary Cain
Dismiss Aaron DuVall

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Ernie Gordon
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Mike Gravois
Scripture Nathan Grounds
Dismiss Randy Hale

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Bill White Cameron Ables
Dale White Randall Wilson
David Wicks Fred Wingate
Ray Womack Ponder Wright, Jr.

GREETERS

Todd & Kenna Kempton & Chase Fisher
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Cody Frick
Carroll & Cherrie Magee & Kayla Gallegly
Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

Pick up cards Feb. 24: Tanner Perry, Chase Mink, Colton Haile, Austin Millican, & Connor Clark.

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Moments With Mike

Which Wage Would You Take?

Not much value is given to the lowly penny these days. So what would you think if a person offered you a job with a starting salary of a penny a day but offered to double your salary each day? Most of us would never consider such an offer. What about if they counter offered with a salary of \$1,000 a day for a month? Which wage would you take?

With a daily salary of a thousand dollars the monthly total would be \$31,000, assuming a 31 day month. That's a fantastic salary and I'm sure most of us would be glad to have such a job.

But taking the penny job actually would work much better for us. Each day the salary would double. 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, etc. By day 10 you would be up over \$5. But by doubling each day, in just 10 more days you would be earning over \$5,000 a day.

On the 31st day you would be earning almost eleven MILLION dollars. Your monthly total would be \$21,474,836.47. Now which job looks more promising? (I'm sure at this point some of you will

be reaching for a calculator and a pad of paper to work this out for yourselves. Go ahead. I did also.)

Truth be told, many people forfeit the greater value of a life devoted to God by looking solely at the value of the "wage" today. Content with good health and a comfortable living they fail to fully invest in the life God desires them to have. But God offers us so much more than the physical necessities of this life.

Jesus says the following in Matthew 6:19-21. "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Friends, let's make sure that we don't settle for something that is far less than what God thinks we should have. Remember that your investment is not short term, but eternal.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
LOVE for God
and for one another.

Sermons for March 2, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "The Bronze Serpent" (Numbers 21:4-9)
P.M. "Ten Rules for Improving Attitudes Within The Church" (Matthew 5:43-48)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

AREA WIDE DEVOTIONAL

We will have an area-wide devo this coming Sunday night after church at Pine Cove. All Middle & High School students are invited. We will take the bus out there immediately after church and return @ 8:30. Bring \$3 for supper. Join us!

LTC

We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com. Remember that your \$100 housing Deposit is due.

Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00. (Rothwell's 3rd & 4th Team will meet all day Sunday)

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will be meeting on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

CONNECT

High School: Join us each Thursday night @ 7:00 for a special study of Song of Solomon. We are meeting at the Wick's. Snacks are provided. A special time to *Connect...* to God and each other.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 24 Area Wide Devotional
Feb. 28 High School Connect @ 7:00 @ Wicks
Mar. 2 Bible Quiz Practice
Mar. 3 Bible Quiz
Mar. 16 Area Wide & LTC Meeting
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Mar. 31 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

NEW VIRUS GOING AROUND

Have you heard? I read about it yesterday! There's a new virus going around. It's called P.E.B. -- Pre Election Blues. The symptoms include moping around, whining and complaining, resentment, smoldering anger, and thoughts of moving to a place called Down Under.

P.E.B. has reached epidemic level, but do not lose heart! GOD's Word has everything we need -- even the antidote for P.E.B. It's found in places such as Psalm 75:6-7 -- "No one from the east or west or from the desert can exalt a man. But it is GOD who judges;

He brings one down, He exalts another." Our GOD is sovereign! We can face the future with confidence no matter who is in office. Nothing will happen in this world that will surprise or frustrate our GOD.

Again in Proverbs 21:1 -- "The kings heart is like channels of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He wishes." Heaven rules! It is our GOD, the GOD of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who changes the time and the seasons. It is our GOD, the GOD of promise, who sets up kings and deposes them (Daniel 2:21).

Recovering from P.E.B. requires that we "stand strong in hard places."

This article was inspired by a favorite author and J.R. Tharpe

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

We had our first Vacation Bible School meeting on February 10th in which 10 of us were present. At least 3 individuals told me that they were not going to be present for the meeting but they wanted to help with this year's VBS. That's 13 and that number will need to greatly increase if we are going to have a successful VBS this year.

Velma Lemons has agreed to oversee the preschool and she already has several individuals locked in but I'm sure she can use some additional help so please see her if you want to help in that department.

Mike Baker will oversee the adult department. Our speaker for this year's VBS has already been secured. The topic has also been secured. We once again will recommend that our junior high through adults meet in the auditorium for their sessions.

As of right now our greatest need is for someone to coordinate the kindergarten through 5th grades. This group will meet in the Family Life Center. It was agreed upon at the meeting to keep the same format that we've had over the last 5 or 6 years.

Basically we will break our K-5th grades into 3 groups (Bible crafts; Bible snacks; and activities). These groups will meet for 20 minutes in each area and then rotate to the next area. There will be a Bible lesson with an application between each rotation. We already have secured our craft coordinator and our snack coordinator. We are still in need of an overall coordinator (K-5th) and an activities coordinator. So if you have a talent in these areas please see me as soon as possible.

Our theme this year will be : *Castaway Bay*. The 3 lessons that we will look at will be: (1) The Challenge To Know God; (2) The Challenge To Obey God; and (3) The Challenge To Share God. By the end of our VBS it is my hope that each of our students will be able to conquer their fear and doubts and have a stronger faith in God. Please be praying for this important Bible study.

There are some other areas which need your attention. Let's not forget the refreshment area. This year even more attention will need to be given to the refreshments because I will not be here to purchase, set, clean up, etc. A team will need to be established to do the above mentioned items. Also we will need some to count our attendance and then make sure that information is given to the elders.



IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so very much for all the concern given me and my brother, Benny White, during our stay in the hospitals. For the cards, visits, food and all the prayers we are very grateful. Thank you.

Ruth & Bill Meazell

Dear West Erwin family,

What a blessing it is to have such a wonderful church family that cannot be separated by miles. Your love and support for our family throughout our precious wife and mother's illness and death will remain in our hearts forever. Mary Beth treasured each card she received and she felt your daily prayers. Thank you for the beautiful flowers, the wonderful meals provided by such sweet ladies, the cards, calls, visits, and continued prayers. Thank you especially for allowing us to come "home" for her services.

In Christian love,

Charles O'Neal

Jim & Kelley Bell & family

Danny & Annette O'Neal & family

We would like to publicly thank Bob & Barbara Paul for being so caring and so gracious in giving of their time to take Sylvia to the eye doctor in Dallas recently, waiting with us, and bringing us home again. We are grateful for their sweet Christian spirit.

J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

I want to thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits while I was in the hospital and after I came home. We are so thankful to have such a loving church family.

Louise Culpepper

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for **Virginia Cartwright**. Services were held Thursday at Lloyd James Funeral Home for **Wilma Bradshaw**. **Richard Hunt**, Ed & Margie Hunt's son, died Monday night of a heart attack. Services were held last Saturday in Jacksonville for **Paul Lewis' grandmother**. Services were held last Sunday in Gilmer for **Walter Armstrong**, Jim Armstrong's cousin. Graveside services were held Thursday at Rose Hill Cemetery for **Lucille Stone**, former West Erwin member. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

"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

ADDRESS CHANGES:

Keith & Francie Hodges, 104 Piney Loop, Marshall, 75672, cell ph. his:903-926-9248, hers: 903-926-9247.

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Melinda Honey, new ph # 903-752-3616.

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903-388-8453 or mdalemitchell@sbcglobal.net

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **George and Crystal Hill** in making the most important decision of their lives as they were both baptized into Christ Thursday, February 14. George is the son of Rita Sitton and they are the parents of Jordan (age 2) and are expecting another addition to their family in June. They have been attending here for some time and we are delighted to welcome them into the West Erwin family. Their address is 11848 Lakeway Dr., 75704, ph. 595-3793.

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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. Wednesday, February 27: Mexican food.

BRIDAL SHOWER

You're invited to a bridal shower

honoring Cayla Monk

bride-elect of Cody Ables

Saturday, March 1, 2008, 10:00 am - noon

at the home of Pam Lott

2314 Kingsmill Circle

Selections: Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target & Dillard's Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation.



ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Mr. & Mrs. Lane Herttenberger

announce the engagement

and approaching marriage of their daughter,

Kelli Herttenberger

To

Jeffrey Knight

son of Grant and Leanne Knight

grandson of Roger and Jan Knight

The wedding is scheduled for May 24 in Abilene.

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.

ATTENTION TEACHERS & WORKROOM STAFF: East Texas Copy Systems will provide a demonstration Sunday, February 24th at 4:30 in the teachers workroom on the use of the new copiers

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Records	Sunday Feb. 10	Sunday Feb. 3	Year Ago
Bible Class	524	436	413
Worship A.M.	754	701	634
Worship P.M.	430	330	NC
Wed. P.M.	340	396	327
Contribution	\$29,779.66	\$30,916.00	\$19,477.19
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Greg Walker Walker Weathers
Maselyn Walker Ross Weathers

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Michael & Candace Hall & Grant DuVall
Charles & Bettye Sue Harris & Samantha DuVall
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

Pick up cards Feb. 17 & 24: Tanner Perry, Chase Mink, Colton Haile, Austin Millican, & Connor Clark.

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Moments With Mike

Stir Up Love and Good Works

This is a great place to be an encourager! West Erwin has many good things ongoing and each week brings new blessings. It seems to me that the more we acknowledge these blessings and encourage one another, the more blessings we see.

Each week we reach out to those in need through the Karing Kitchen, Tuesday Lunch Bunch, the benevolent center Tuesdays and Thursdays as well as individual members helping others on a daily basis. Friends, that is love in action.

Last Sunday West Erwin began a new Spanish speaking worship in addition to a class that had begun a few weeks earlier. The attendance for their first service was 28 and many were back also for the evening service. That is so encouraging.

Sunday evening we witnessed a 15 year old put on Christ in baptism. Additionally we announced that 5 families (19 people in all) wished to place membership here. Doesn't that lift you up?

Also on Sunday night the Bible Hour hosted its annual homecoming. It was wonderful to see the excitement of the young children (and adults) as awards were handed out acknowledging the progress that was being made by the kids. This is such a great work.

Oh, and did I mention that attendance is up for Bible classes and worship? For that matter, so is contribution. You see, we really are a blessed body of believers. And when we start pointing out blessings and building one another up, the blessings will continue to be discovered.

The writer of Hebrews said, "And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching." Heb. 10:24-25.

Please consider this your assignment: to spend more time together with Christians and find ways to encourage more love and good works to be shown and accomplished.

To God be all the glory!
See you Sunday! Mike

We are currently taking applications for our Education Minister position. Our webpage has a job description and qualifications for those interested in this job. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please direct them to this webpage or contact the office.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

**LOVE for God
and for one another.**

February 17, 2008

**by Mike Baker
A.M. "Resolving Personal Conflicts"
(Phil. 2:1-4)**

P.M. "Questions On Forgiveness" (Matt. 6:14-15)

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick for helping with the middle school activity this past Sunday night.

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

LTC

Pre-Convention Deadline is Feb. 19!!!

We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com. Remember that your \$100 housing Deposit is due.

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CONNECT

High School: Join us each Thursday night @ 7:00 for a special study of Song of Solomon. We are meeting at the Wick's. Snacks are provided. A special time to **Connect...** to God and each other.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 17 Small Groups Meet
Feb. 21 High School Connect @ 7:00 @ Wicks
Feb. 24 High School Devotional
Mar. 3 Bible Quiz
Mar. 16 Area Wide & LTC Meeting
Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention
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July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 16-19 Middle School Madness
July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

SUMMER DATES

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO JUDGE?

GOD. GOD's works are marvelous; His ways are true; He is absolutely righteous. Therefore, GOD has the authority to execute justice on all the earth. Every nation will ultimately bow to Him as King. This is not my idea, but clearly stated in Scripture that we will ALL stand before GOD's judgment seat.

"It is written: As surely as I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to GOD."

(Romans 14:10-12)

The Judge who makes the judgments for all eternity must have total understanding of all situations to the point

of knowing not only our actions, but the motivation which comes from inside us and is behind the behavior. Only GOD has that perfect knowledge and perfect wisdom to make such judgments.

So, why be reluctant to praise GOD for such a role? If guilt is what's keeping you from praising GOD, then seek the cure. Guilt is present because of unrepented sins. The cure for guilt is to confess sin and receive GOD's forgiveness for it, then go and leave your life of sin (John 8:11). For additional reading see I John 1:8-9.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your path straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I had a wonderful time on my recent trip to Freed Hardeman University for their annual lectureship. This years study was taken from the book of John (The Gospel of Belief). I had the opportunity of spending three days in numerous lectures and being challenged to come to a better understanding of this great book. As rejuvenated as I was from sitting at the feet of learned men, I was equally enthusiastic to be returning to Tyler.

Mike wrote in his article last week regarding the devastation from the tornados that once again wreaked havoc on the town of Jackson, Tennessee. Judy and I have both had family members that have lived in or just outside Jackson and on numerous occasions over the years we have been concerned about them due to tornados that have touched down in or near the city. About 5 minutes before the tornado hit Union University a friend and I had just left a restaurant close to Union University and returned to our hotel. That was at 7:00 p.m. The tornado hit the campus at 7:02 p.m. I finally fell asleep at 2:00 a.m. still hearing the ambulance sirens pass by heading for Union University.

Let's remember all of those who lost loved ones or had loved ones injured in Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee and other states. I know that there has already been a tremendous response and this response will continue for months to come.

Ladies of the congregation: on Wednesday nights, February 20th and 27th David Asbill will lead a support group dealing with the topic, **Depression, Anxiety, and Mood Swings**. David has a Master's degree in Education and is a licensed Professional Counselor. These sessions will be conducted in the parlor of the Family Life Center. Please be present for these classes as David shares a wealth of information concerning ways to face these difficulties in life.

Men, starting March 5th (Wednesday evenings) David Frick will conduct a class specifically geared to your needs. This class will meet in room 112.

Mike Baker will be continuing his study from the book of John in the small auditorium during the spring quarter. His class has been very well attended.

Teachers, your material for the spring quarter is in. You may pick it up in the office at your convenience.



IN APPRECIATION

To the West Erwin Family:

We thank God for your continued phone calls, cards and expressions of sympathy in the passing of Charlotte's mother. You have opened your arms and hearts to us so much and please know we thank God for each of you. God bless and care for you all.

Bud & Charlotte Cawyer

We just wanted to say thank you to all of the wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ that we are so fortunate to have here at West Erwin. All of your constant prayers, cards, phone calls, flowers, gifts and support have been a source of strength in this difficult time. You have overwhelmed us with a love that has changed our lives forever. Thank you again to each and everyone of you and may God bless you and your families.

Love,

Joel & Kara Knox

UPCOMING WEDDINGS

April 19, 2008 - Cayla Monk & Cody Ables

May 21, 2008 - Kelli Hertenberger & Jeffrey Knight

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GOSPEL MEETING

Longview Church of Christ, 1401 Eden Dr., Longview, 75605

Spring Meeting, March 8-9, 2008

Theme: "How Did We Get The Bible?" Denny Petrillo preaching
 See bulletin board in education wing for details For more information, please call 903-236-0988

CHEROKEE DAY

Cherokee Home for Children - May 3, 2008

50th Annual Food Drive/Open House/Barbeque

Any usable food or supplies, or cash gift is welcome, West Erwin is asked to provide *bouillon cubes (beef, chicken); Ranch dressing mix; onion soup mix; taco seasoning; and chili seasoning.*

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome **Allen** and **Wanda Cook** into the West Erwin family. They came Sunday to make known their desire to work and worship with the West Erwin church. They are the parents of Tommy Cook and Judy Mitcham. Their address is 1521 Rice Road, #K103, 75703, ph. 939-1290.

Israel Sandoval has been teaching a Bible class for the Spanish speaking members for several weeks and beginning last Sunday began a preaching ministry in a classroom in the office complex. Due to those studies several came Sunday to place their membership at the West Erwin church and one was baptized. We are very happy to welcome these into our fellowship.

BAPTISM

We rejoice with **Andres Saucedo** in his decision to be baptized into Christ Sunday. He is 15 years old and is the son of Alma Flores.

Placing membership:

Alma Flores and her children

Andres Saucedo

Enrique Saucedo (age 11)

Luis Saucedo (age 11)

Gaudalupe Saucedo (age 7)

9087 CR 427, 75706,

ph. 903-920-3396.

Jose and Rosa Martinez

Adrian Martinez (age 19)

2925 Club Lake Drive, 75702

ph. 501-681-4537



Alejandro Echeverria

(Alex) (age 20) TJC Student

9017 CR 427, Tyler, 75706

ph. 903-262-4994

Gabriel and Ana Zavala

Anabel Sandoval (age 19)

TJC Student

Angel Jr. Vega (age 15)

Fabian Vega (age 12)

Jazmin Palacios (age 6)

Aaliyah Garza (age 5)

Lindsey Zavala (20 months)

129 Kyle Dr., 75706

ph. 903-714-6453

East Texas Christian Academy's 2008-09 Preview Night Tuesday, February 19th * 5:00-6:30pm

Open Enrollment for 3 year olds through 12th Grade in the 2008-09 academic year. We will answer your questions about: the Application Process, Financial Aid, Athletic Programs, Core Knowledge/Curriculum and our Character Counts Program. Let us help you become part of the family that is East Texas Christian Academy.

ETCA is interviewing for the Elementary School Principal's position and for CFO/Business Manager for the oversight of the Business office, Financial Affairs & Human Resources. If interested, please call ETCA at 903-561-8642.

Ladies' Inspiration Day West Erwin Church of Christ (Small auditorium)

Saturday, February 16, 2008, 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

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.

There will be a \$5.00 fee to cover the cost of lunch.

Free child care with advance notice.

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Moments With Mike

I'm writing this bulletin article from a hotel room in Jackson, Tennessee as I'm in the area for the annual Freed-Hardeman lectureships. But my plans for Tuesday evening were delayed for several hours as a severe storm passed by this area.

During the evening some 68 tornados were generated over 4 states and the results were very destructive. At the time of this writing some 44 people have been confirmed dead as a result of the nighttime storms.

One of the hardest hit areas of destruction is just one mile to the north of my hotel. The Union University campus is located just to the north of Interstate 40 and I'm staying on the south side of that same road. 8 or 9 students there were trapped for over an hour as several dorms suffered damage and collapse. Amazingly no one died in this area.

For most of the day reports were circulating of the pending line of storms. In fact, the tornado sirens were blaring downtown as I made my way back into Jackson from the lectureships. This town has been hit hard two other times in the past 8 years so they take warnings seriously, and with good reason. Minutes after I entered my room and turned on the news they showed my exact area and issued a warning. At that moment the power went off and stayed off for three hours.

Are You Safe?

"Are we safe?" No one knew for sure. "Where is the storm?" Reports quickly circulated of a dozen large trucks overturned just 12 miles to the west. Shortly afterwards the storm struck the area just a mile north of us.

We were all very fortunate to escape any damage or injury. As most of the hotel guests were huddled in the lobby you could hear many of them giving assurances of their safety to loved ones on the phone. "Are you safe?" was certainly an often asked question last night.

Friends, danger can come with or without warning in our lives. Spiritually or physically we need to be prepared to face the danger and protect ourselves accordingly.

One of my favorite verses in the Bible comes from Psalm 27:1, where David says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?"

We can't stop temptation any more than we can stop a tornado. But we can heed the warnings, take cover and protect ourselves as we stay clear of the danger. We can also enjoy the assurances of knowing that we safe with the Lord. The residents of Jackson know that the time to prepare for safety is before the storm hits.

Are you safe from the storms of life?

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
LOVE for God
and for one another.

February 10, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "The Value of One"
(Luke 15:4-7)
P.M. George Hall

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THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Super Bowl Party this past Sunday night! We had a great time.

Thanks to Ginger Philpot & David Wicks for going as sponsors to the Servant Retreat. Thanks to David Blaylock for teaching.

CONNECT

Each Thursday night, our high school students meet at the Wick's from 7:00-8:00 to study and pray together. We are currently studying the Song of Solomon. Join us!

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BIBLE QUIZ

The next Bible Quiz will be Mar. 3. on 1 Sam. 23-31. Study Sheet are ready.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night in the FLC. Bring Tennis Shoes \$3 for supper. Invite a friend!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Feb. 11. Come & join us as we serve the community! We serve @ 6:00.

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COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Given the chance, most people attribute their problems to other people like it's always somebody else's fault. It that is true, then why do the Scriptures stress self evaluation rather than neighbor evaluation? Why are we called to judge ourselves rather than others?

I am convinced that Godly living depends on how we think of ourselves. Scriptures constantly call us to affirm and reaffirm that we are not alone, that GOD is always with us. Meditate for a few minutes on each one of the verses below to remind you that you are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).

He restoreth my soul (Psalm 23:3).

Be strong and fear not (Isaiah 35:4).

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Philippians 4:13).

I will never leave you nor forsake you (Hebrews 13:5).

All things are possible to him that believes (Mark 9:23).

If GOD be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31)

GOD is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1).

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for thou art with me (Psalm 23:4).

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

I've been really busy trying my best to make sure everything is squared away before I make my move to Clarksville. When we decided to accept the job in Clarksville I asked the elders of the Hilldale congregation if I could move there at the end of March. They agreed to this and then I asked the elders here at West Erwin if that was acceptable. They also agreed. Then I sat down at my desk and I began to write out all the things I needed to do to make sure I was leaving the education ministry here at West Erwin in good condition. My goal was to shore up things all the way through the summer months. The list was lengthier than I originally thought it would be. Little by little I am making progress on that list and hopefully by the end of March I will have everything scheduled throughout the summer.

One of my major concerns is our Summer Extravaganza (formerly called Vacation Bible School). Since I will not oversee this event this year I need someone or a group of people to step up and conduct this year's VBS. So please attend the VBS

meeting that we have scheduled for the small auditorium at 4:00 p.m. on February 10th. We need you!

Another concern that I have will be finding someone willing to drive our little ones to Camp Deer Run for their day camp experience. We generally go the first or second week of camp. If you can help us out in this please give me a call.

We have all our teachers lined up for the spring quarter and we have the majority of our summer lecture series (F.A.C.T.S.) speakers secured. I will be leaving a list of potential teachers for the summer months with the two elders who oversee the education ministry. When they contact you please be receptive and jump in and help out during this transition. I know you will.

I am extremely pleased with our Sunday morning and Wednesday night attendance since the new year started. Over the last 7 ½ years we have watched our Sunday morning attendance rise from a weekly average of 390 to a weekly average of 470. Our Wednesday evening attendance has risen from 250 to 367. This is great growth and giving God the glory I hope this trend continues for years to come. I know that it will if you continue to: (1) involve God in the process; (2) involve the membership; and (3) stay true to His Word.



IN APPRECIATION

Dearest West Erwin Family,

I am overwhelmed at the outpouring of love and concern for me and my family during my illness and the loss of my brother. The flowers, cards, food, words of encouragement have meant so much to me.

Love,
 Louise Harris & family

Cook and I would like to thank our West Erwin family for all the prayers, cards, visits, and food during my recent surgery. It is very humbling to know that so many people care. We appreciate every act of kindness shown to us.

Jan Cook

WITH SYMPATHY

Edna Dean, Charlotte Cawyer's mother, died last Wednesday in Athens, Alabama. Our love and sympathy is extended to Charlotte and Bud and all the family.

NEW ARRIVAL

Congratulations to Ray and Carolyn Womack on the birth of a new great grandson! Randal Kyle Womack was born February 2 in Longview to Kaleb and Amanda Womack. He weighed 7 lb. 1 oz. and was 19 inches long. Kevin and Kelly Jo Womack are the proud grandparents and Alan & Candace Montgomery are great uncle and aunt.

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"To change everything, simply change your attitude."

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

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RESPONSE

Marsha Richardson came Sunday to request the prayers of her church family that she might have the strength and faith to deal with family difficulties as God would have her do.

BIBLE HOUR HOMECOMING

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The time has arrived once again for the opportunity to support Christian education by participating in the annual ETCA. Charity Auction. This auction is the primary fund raising event sponsored each year to benefit the school. The theme for the auction this year "Treasure the Children" will be held March 1, 2008 at the Tyler Rose Garden, 2000 West Front. We hope to continue the tradition of success with your generous participation. For more information or for tickets, please contact ETCA directly @ 903-561-8642.

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Prayer Dwight Sowle
Scripture Ira Wilson
Dismiss Dick Higginbotham

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Kevin Sustaire Ray Vannoy
Billy Terrell Walker Waggonner

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Don & Norma Durham & Caitlin Cook
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Fred & Sara Powell

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Moments With Mike

Encourage Daily

Have you been encouraged lately? I know that I have been and I hope that you have been as well. Our attendance numbers are on the rise and we have seen 4 people become Christians already this year. Our membership is growing as well by people who have decided that West Erwin is the congregation for them. All of these things provide for a wonderful sense of encouragement.

Aubrey Johnson in his book, The Barnabas Factor, lists several aspects of the anatomy of an encourager. Here are a few of his thoughts condensed for us to consider.

The encourager should have:

- A Mind—to think good, pure and positive thoughts.
- Eyes—to perceive the good in every situation.
- Ears—to actively and enthusiastically listen to others.
- Lips—to verbally communicate respect and confidence.

- Hands—to sense and act on opportunities to do good.

Hebrews 3:12-13 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin."

The instruction to exhort or encourage one another daily is a key part of this passage. Unfortunately we don't always see each other daily.

So let's resolve to do what we can to become the kind of encourager God wants us to be. Let's continue to develop the anatomy of an encourager and seek to build up one another every time we encounter each other.

See you Sunday! Mike

P.S. I want to thank Keith for his good work at West Erwin. I appreciate so much his friendship and his love for the Lord. I'm sure he will do a great work for the church in Marshall.

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
LOVE for God
and for one another.

February 3, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "What's Love Got To Do With It?"
(I John 4:7-11)
P.M. Don Crawford

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Area Wide Middle School evening this last Sunday. We had about 140 from 6 churches in East Texas. Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, John Shaw, Mike Gravois, Davy Carter & Jeff & Melissa Parrish.

HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT RETREAT

This weekend about 28 of our high school students will be attending the Annual Servant Retreat in Lone Star. Please pray for us this weekend!

BIBLE QUIZ

Thanks to John & Terry Shaw, Mike Gravois, Jeff Parrish & Kenna Kempton for helping West Erwin host the Bible Quiz this week. The next Bible Quiz will be Mar. 3. on 1 Sam. 23-31.

SUPER BOWL PARTY

All middle & high school students and their families are invited to come & watch the Super Bowl with us Sunday night after church. Bring a finger food and be ready to pick the winner!

LTC

We keep updated information about LTC and team meetings. The site is www.westerwin.com. Remember that your \$100 housing Deposit is due by Feb. 1.

High School Short Film - Check with Jon Murry.
Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00.
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Puppets will be meeting on Wednesdays @ 7:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 1-3 High School Servant Retreat
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Feb. 7 High School Connect @ 7:00 @ Wicks
Feb. 11 Karing Kitchen
Mar. 3 Bible Quiz
Mar. 21-23 LTC Convention

SUMMER DATES

June 15-21 BackCountry Trek
July 3-12 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 25-30 Mexico Mission Trip

We Love You! Thanks For Everything!

By Keith Hodges

We can hardly believe how much we've come to love and appreciate you in such a short time. Through the years we'll look back on this time with West Erwin with the fondest of memories. Now as we move to work with the *Eastern Hills Church of Christ* in Marshall, TX, we do so with "wind in our sails," especially after the kind words spoken about us Sunday evening, your love expressed through the gift card, and your many personal comments.

Marshall's not that far away! We'll be back in Tyler from time to time doing various things. I've

already been invited to speak here in a few months as a part of your "summer series." And we'd love for you to visit us and/or worship with the Eastern Hills church!

When we move into our house and change our phones we'll give you the updates through this church bulletin. Meanwhile our e-mail address remains keithnfrancie@juno.com and my AOL screen name is "keithshodges."

Love, Keith & Francie

PS - Some have expressed interest in obtaining copies of "The Simon Peter Principles." You may pick up one or more copies from one of the church secretaries at West Erwin during regular office hours.

destination to his surprise he was reintroduced to the elderly man who had stayed in his room.

The elderly man asked the clerk what he thought about the hotel that they were standing in front of, to which the clerk replied, "It is the grandest thing I have ever seen." The elderly man then informed the young clerk that this is the hotel I built for you to manage. The elderly man's name was *William Waldorf Astor* and the building he was standing in front of was the *Waldorf-Astoria Hotel*. The clerk's name was *George C. Boldt* and he was the first manager of that world famous hotel.

Sometimes it seems to us that acts of kindness are becoming rarer and rarer. That's a shame isn't it? Do you believe that acts of kindness (i.e., a smile, opening a door; allowing someone to pull their car out of a parking lot and onto the main thoroughfare in front of you, etc.) can make a difference in a life. I do! I know a person who is a Christian today because someone opened a door for her and afterwards a conversation took place in which the person in need was invited to church. That person became a Christian. Acts of kindness can take a rainy day and turn it into a beautiful day. God has blessed us; now let's bless others by being kind to them in all we say and do.

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Several years ago during a rainy night an elderly couple stopped in at a local hotel in Philadelphia to get a room for the night. The young desk clerk explained to the couple that he had no vacancies. As the elderly couple started toward the exit the clerk called out to them that he just couldn't send them back into this rain storm and wondered if they would be willing to take his room. At first the elderly couple declined but the clerk insisted and so the elderly couple decided to stay. The next morning as the elderly couple checked out the gentleman said to the clerk: "You are the kind of manager who should be the boss of the best hotel in the United States. Maybe someday I'll build one for you." The clerk just looked at him and smiled.

Two years passed. The clerk was going through his mail one day when he found an invitation to come to New York (all expenses paid). The clerk was instructed that there would be a meeting that he would have to attend at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street. When the clerk arrived at that



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My Dear West Erwin Family,

First of all, my thanks goes to Keith for his prayers on my behalf when he and Francie visited me in the hospital. Also for my dear and faithful friend, Carolyn McCune, for her special attention and errands. And for all the cards, calls, and visits in the hospital, but most and foremost the prayers. Love and thanks to all.

Irene Whaley

Thanks to everyone who sent me cards and said kind words to me on the death of my brother, Larry.

Sincerely,
Ray Womack

Thank you for every expression of sympathy at the death of my brother, Keith Davis. The flowers, cards, calls, and food were very much appreciated.

Jack & Johnnie Stringer

We are so thankful to have such a loving church family. The flowers you sent for Mother's funeral were beautiful. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful luncheon. Also, we want to especially thank the singers. They were great.

James & Sue Hughes

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated. Thanks for sending the fresh flower spray for the funeral service.

Family of Oscar Moler
(Odell Sessions' brother)

WITH SYMPATHY

Our hearts were saddened to learn of the death of **Mary Beth O'Neal** Sunday morning. Services were held Wednesday at the West Erwin building. **Susie Hughes**, James Hughes' mother (age 100), died last Wednesday. Services were held Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt Funeral Home. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

SHARING

Is someone happier because you passed his way today?
Did you bring a smile to a clouded face when you did not turn away?

Is someone's burden lighter for just a little lift,
a pleasant word, a little boost, or perhaps some little gift?
Do you feel content and happy when you settle down at night
because you found a troubled friend and helped to set him right?

A load is always lighter when a friend walks by your side.
You cannot cure all ills, but at least you know you tried.
Let not one single day go by at home, at work, at play ...
unless someone is happier because you passed his way.

- author unknown

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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.

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What Are You Learning?

A few weeks ago I preached a sermon on the importance of setting goals. Afterward, one of our members asked me if I'd like to know one of his goals for the year. Naturally, I said that I would.

Now I'm not exactly sure what kind of goal I expected to hear. But to be sure, I didn't expect to hear what he said. Now, here's a man who is in his late 80's and yet one of his goals is to master the new computer operating system called, "Vista."

To say I was surprised would be an understatement. I'm pretty good on the computer but I'm not yet willing to try that new system. However, the more I reflected on his goal the more I appreciated the whole nature of his desire to learn.

We sometimes relegate learning to formal settings. We attend school for 12 years and receive a diploma. We go 4 more years and get a degree.

These "formal" arenas of learning were never really designed to be our complete education. Rather, they were intended to teach us how to continue the process of learning during our lifetime.

You've heard me say from the pulpit that we need to be lifelong students of the Bible. We should always look to learn something each time we visit God's word. Formal learning times of Bible study are certainly beneficial. But, like the structured times of regular schools, they should also be teaching us how to keep on learning.

In Hebrews 5:12 the writer chastises the people for not continuing to learn. In a time when they should have already become teachers, they were still learning the basics.

With this new year, let's set our minds to be diligent students of God's word, both in formal settings as well as in our private study. Let's set our minds on learning just one new thing a week from God's word.

I'm confident that if we train our minds to do this we will gladly be lifelong students of the Bible, eagerly awaiting what new things we will discover each day.

See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
The vision of how we
fit into God's plan.

Sermons for Sunday, January 27, 2008
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P.M. "Teach Me" (Hebrews 5:12-14)

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IN APPRECIATION

Dear Family in Christ,

Thank you all so much for the prayers, the words of encouragement, and the phone calls of concern. Thank you also for rejoicing with us when we got the results of the biopsy. Thanks to Don and Norma, Roy and Fern, and Phil Marts for coming to the hospital prior to my surgery and to Roy and Fern for keeping Jim, Shawn and Tara company during my surgery. We are so blessed to be a member of God's family at West Erwin. God is so good. He supplies all our needs even in times of uncertainty. We love you with the love of the Lord.

Sue & Jim Carty

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for the love and concern you have given me during my knee surgery. All of your prayers, beautiful cards, good food, visits, and encouraging words have helped me thorough this journey. God has blessed me with a church family and a sister and brother-in-law that has stuck by my side which I am so thankful for - continue keeping me in your prayers.

In Christian Love,

Janice Hardaway

Our deepest gratitude to everyone who called and sent cards after Colton's recent ear surgery. Your prayers and well wishes were greatly appreciated and allowed for a fast recovery.

In Christian Love,

Dan, Lally & Colton Haile

George Hall, from Biblical Institute of Central America, and Armando Alaniz, from the Texas Coast Biblical Institute, both express their sincere thanks and appreciation to our congregation for our support of them in their works and for the generous Christmas gifts. Let's keep remembering all our missionaries in our prayers. George Hall is scheduled to make a personal visit to our congregation in February.

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held Wednesday at the Mesquite Church of Christ for **Larry Womack**, Ray Womack's brother. Services were held Friday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt for **Buddy Todd**, Louise Harris' brother and uncle of Keith and Mike Harris. He was married to Louise Culpepper's niece. Services were held Thursday at the Chapel of Roses Funeral Home in Irving for **Keith Davis**, Johnnie Stringer's brother. **Rix Reaves**, friend of Marc & Tammy Lemons, died Monday after a lengthy battle with cancer. Our sincere love and sympathy is extended to these families and friends.

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

BAPTISM



We rejoice with **John Mulhauser** in his decision to put on his Lord in baptism Sunday. He was visiting with the Carters and was baptized by Davy Carter. John is a student at Harding University and lives at 2021 Hansel Ave., Huntsville, Alabama 35802.



WEDDING INVITATION

*This day I will marry my best friend
 the one I laugh with, live for, love*

Michelle Dyan Freeman

daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Dean Freeman

and

David Ayrie Crane

son of

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Mathis

hope that you will join us in this celebration

On Saturday, January 26th, 2008

at four o'clock p.m.

Shiloh Road Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

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EAST TEXAS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

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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

COMMUNITY

..... by Don Crawford

Abraham believed GOD and it was credited to him as righteousness, we are told (Genesis 15:6). The thought for this week is what did Abraham believe that led GOD to declare him righteous?

The text says Abraham believed GOD was going to give him a son who would one day be a countless multitude. Abraham believed GOD. Abraham trusted GOD would do the right thing for him in this life. What then is true with us? Must we too be declared righteous by GOD? Or have we been taught to trust in a gospel of sin management?

To follow in the footsteps of Abraham we too must trust Jesus now, having confidence in Him in every dimension of our current lives -- believing He is right about everything -- believing He is sufficient for everything.

It has become easy to verbalize that we trust the Lord for life after death, yet what proof have we shown the world of our trusting Him right now for everything in this life? How can we disconnect life now from faith and be declared righteous?

"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

Gene Taylor recently wrote an article entitled: The \$3,000.00 Telephone. This article was published in the Sebring Parkway Church of Christ bulletin located in Sebring, Florida. Gene's article conveyed the following thought to the readers. It seems that 50 years ago the phone company would rent their phones out to their customers for \$5.00 per month. Eventually they stopped doing this unless a special request was made by the customer to continue. Gene Taylor's parents decided to continue paying the \$5.00 a month fee. That was in 1958 and this is 2008; that's 50 years at \$5.00 a month which equals \$3,000.00. That is quite an expensive phone. To the Taylors it just seemed so cheap to pay the \$5.00 per month that they never saw the need to change.

Many people are in the same boat when it comes to how they view the wages of sin. Sin seems pleasurable and convenient to them (Heb. 11:24-25). They get into a comfort zone which seems to have little if any pain associated with it and they stay in that comfort zone. What they do not realize is that this comfort zone is sin and if they stay in it they will be judged accordingly (Rom.

6:23). It seems to me that our responsibility as Christians (spiritually speaking) becomes how can we wake them up and get them moving in the right direction. Let me make the following assessment regarding at least one way: **Attend a Bible class!** For example, in my Sunday morning Bible class we are studying the book of Genesis. Listen to the Words of God as He described how the people of Noah's day were living: *"And God saw the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."* Genesis 6:6

These people were living in sin and they were also in a comfort zone, unwilling to listen to God. They perished. We've spent a lot of time in my class talking about Genesis 6 and we want desperately not to make the same mistake that the antediluvian people made. The only way we can be sure not to follow in their footsteps is to study God's Word and then live accordingly. That doesn't come by happenstance but rather by seeking out His Word and living faithfully to that Word. Our Bible classes are a wonderful way to strengthen our commitment to God and to try to help others along the way. Let's all be in class on Sunday!

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Bible Class	494	456	401
Worship A.M.	754	700	652
Worship P.M.	390	424	342
Wed. P.M.		330	400
Contribution	\$25,759.80	\$28,516.94	\$22,598.53
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Jan. 20 and Wednesday, Jan. 23: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Louise Harris is in Mother Frances, had a heart cath Wednesday. **Ruth Mezell** is in Mother Frances. **Ruby Cliver** had surgery Tuesday at Mother Frances. **Mary Dawson** was admitted to ETMC Tuesday for tests. **Jess Hopkins** is awaiting results of an MRI. **Jan Cook** is at home after surgery last Thursday. **Anna Tanksley** is at home after surgery last Tuesday. **Wayne Terry** is in Promise Hospital in Shreveport. **Shirley McCleeny** and **Charles Seaberry** are both undergoing cancer treatment. **Rodney Dalton** is scheduled for surgery Jan. 24 in Dallas. **Judy Smith** is scheduled for hip replacement Jan. 31. **Harold Denman** will have a saturated biopsy Feb. 1. **Mary Beth O'Neal** is now in hospice in Wichita Falls. **Edna Dean**, Charlotte Cawyer's mother, is very ill in Alabama. **Cecil Crawford**, Don Crawford's mother is at home in Bowie, still not feeling well. **Garrett Sublette**, James & Connie's son, will have a second ear surgery Jan. 31. Continue to remember: **Darrell Beard; Christopher Bobbitt; Lowrane Canada; Zona Crone; Dan & Wini Cullinan; Frank Debenport; Frank Doherty**, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law; **Lela Duncan; Shane Durham**, Don & Norma's son; **Warren Gray; Mary Haws; Ralph Henderson; Billie Bob Hickman; Linda Keeling**, Tim Grounds' sister; **Archie Kennard; Joel Knox; Gus Krewall; Joey Merling**, 17 year old friend of Irene Whaley; **John Pike; Johnny Pledger**, Blair Ethridge's grandfather; **Mary Richey; Scott Smith**, Michelle's husband; **Joy Taylor**, Bill Mezell's sister; **Sylvia Tharpe; Bill Wilmeth; Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly**.

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Dannie Skipper: Shaun Stamps
Dwight Sowle: Charles Starr

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Moments With Mike

Great Start To A New Year!

It is great to be a Christian, isn't it? And it is great to be a part of West Erwin also. We have been blessed with a tremendous start to our new year and we are looking forward to many wonderful things in the weeks and months to come.

Our number for worship on Sunday was 754! That is fantastic. And so was our Bible class number of just under 500.

But more important that this, we were able to witness two young men as they put on Christ in baptism. We also prayed for one of our members as she asked for strength to be more of a Christian example for others. Two families were also introduced to us as they begin their time as a part of West Erwin.

What a great start to a new year!

This Sunday the elders will be presenting the budget for 2008 and I know that you will want to hear about the plans they have for this year.

Speaking of plans, our sermon for Sunday night will be on **Planning Your Life's Journey**. Will Rogers once said, "Plans get you into things,

but you got to work your way out." Someone else said, "It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan."

I'm grateful for the good plans that we have here to do the Lord's work. And I hope that you will be praying for our leadership and our membership as we set about to accomplish those plans. There is much to be done and we need everyone to step up and be a part of the effort.

Without plans we would be like a ship without a rudder or a sail. We may get to some shore some day, but only by the elements and not by our desire to be there.

I am very excited about our great start to the year and I'm looking forward to this year's journey with each of you!

See you Sunday! Mike

Planning Your Life's Journey
Proverbs 16:1, 9

Purpose: To establish & support a need for a plan in our lives.

*Open Our Eyes That We May See ...
The vision of how we
fit into God's plan.*

Sermons for Sunday, January 20, 2008
A.M. "Giving Joyfully" (2 Cor. 9:6-7) by Elders
P.M. "Planning Your Life's Journey"
(Prov. 16:1, 9) by Mike Baker

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart...by Danny

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. Remember that your \$100 housing Deposit is due by Feb. 1.

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PRIDE

"Pride lands you flat on your face." Prov. 29:23

The Message

Pride is the sin that GOD hates the most and punishes the swiftest. If you are not sure about this and would like to test it, then pray for humility and wait for His answer -- it will not take long! GOD seems to always be happy to answer such a prayer and to answer it quickly.

Adam and Eve's pride brought them immediate dismissal from the Garden of Eden. Death was the

immediate punishment for Ananais and Sapphira's pride. GOD hates pride (Prov. 8:13). Conflicts are stirred up because pride brings them on (Prov. 13:10). GOD wants us to live in peace.

Pride is what attempted to put Adam and Eve on an equal level with GOD. Pride is what removes Christ from the throne of our hearts. Pride is what causes us to place ourselves on His throne so we think we have the right to decide what is right or wrong for ourselves. Pride put Jesus on the cross, for the Jews said we will not have this man reign over us! (John 19:15).

Pride is of this world and not of the Father. There are two ways for us to conquer pride. First, is to humble ourselves before a holy GOD, recognizing exactly where we fit into His plan. Secondly, is by making things right with all whom we have offended. Don't let pride keep you from enjoying the rich blessings of GOD (Prov. 22:4).

I just want to take the remainder of my bulletin article to thank the West Erwin congregation for 7 1/2 wonderful years. I can't begin to tell you what a joy it has been to serve the Lord here in Tyler. You have made our stay here a wonderful experience and I know God will bless you with a dedicated education minister as my replacement.

To the teachers who have served during my tenure as the education minister: Thank you! It has really been a joy to work with you. You have dedicated yourself to God's work through our education ministry and I believe that you have helped lead many souls to Christ and in doing so you've laid up wonderful treasures in heaven. Again, thank you for your labor of love.

I will be closing out my work here at West Erwin on or before March 31st and I will be officially starting my new work at the Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville, Tennessee on April 1st (no April fool's jokes please). Judy and Daniel will be following me to Clarksville around June 1st. Kristen's plans are not definite as of right now. She may be coming with us or she may be staying here. If she stays here I know you will continue to give her the love and the support that she will need.

Thanks for the wonderful memories. - DLY



IN APPRECIATION

Dear West Erwin Brethren,

Thank you all so much for the generous "holiday bonus" you sent to our family. We're so thankful for your continued prayers, encouragement, and financial support as our work continues. May God richly bless you all in the coming year!

Love,

John, Angie, Daniel & Abby Baker

We are so grateful to the West Erwin family for remembering us in your prayers and for your gifts of love through phone calls, flowers, and cards. The death of Dorothy Mannen was in some ways unexpected and in many ways an answer to her own prayers ... to be with her Lord without pain and suffering. She lived 88 years and was fully dedicated to Christ. We know she is celebrating in a better place. Thank you for your comfort among those of us who remain.

With much appreciation

Joy, Danielle & Jordan Rousseau

To my family at West Erwin,

Thanks so much for the cards, calls, and prayers during the loss of my brother. The flowers were just beautiful. We are truly blessed to have such a loving Christian family at West Erwin.

Love,

David Hammond

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers. I know David and Sharon have a wonderful family in each and everyone of you.

Sincerely,

Marsha Hammond & Family

WITH SYMPATHY

Oscar Moler, Odell Sessions' brother, died Monday. Services were held at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup. Mildred Park, former West Erwin member, died Tuesday. Services will be Friday at 4:00 at the Eastern Hills Church of Christ in Athens. Services were held last Friday at Oakland Heights Baptist church in Longview for Glen White, Ginger Pippin's grandfather. Our love and sympathy is extended to all these families and friends.

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BAPTISMS



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Jeffrey Scarborough, was baptized into Christ Sunday by his grandfather, Jim Carty. He is the son of Karl and Tara Kilgore and grandson of Jim and Sue Carty and is in the 7th grade in Lindale. His address is 519 Abbey Road, Lindale, 75771, ph. 881-8769.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are very pleased to welcome Paul, Shelia, and Elizabeth Lewis into the West Erwin family. We know they will be an asset as we work together to serve the Lord. Their address is 104 Baylor Dr., 75703, ph. 534-9352.

We are delighted to welcome Joey, Mindy and little son Toby Marse to West Erwin. They come to us from the Buna Church of Christ. They have been attending her for some time and we hope to be a blessing to them as they have blessed us by their coming. Their address is 5058 Paluxy Dr. #7108, 75703, ph. 409-656-3482.

RESPONSE

Donella Jackson came Sunday to ask for the prayers of her church family that she might have the knowledge, wisdom, strength and love to be the Christian example to her children, family and friends that God wants her to be and to live her life in such a way that will help her children grow in Christ.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Cathy Stowers, 1219 West Third, 75701.

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NEW ARRIVAL

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Dwight Sowle Charles Starr

GREETERS

Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Wendy Weathers
Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Will Weathers
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Jerrod Wilson
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Pick up cards Jan. 13: Austin Millican, Taylor Stein, Caleb Grounds, Tanner Perry, & Nicolas Means.

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Moments With Mike

Where Do You Want Me?

Our theme for this month is "Open our eyes that we may see the vision of how we fit into God's plan." Each month our theme of opening our eyes will be focused on a specific area for growth and understanding.

Generally speaking we see God's plan for us to include reaching the lost, edifying one another and providing help to those who need it. But beyond these three general areas we also find much work that needs to be done.

None of us can do it all, nor are we expected to do so. Paul compares the church to a human body in 1 Corinthians 12:12 when he says, "For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ."

Later in that passage he discusses that some may be as eyes, ears, hands or feet for the body. Not everyone can be an eye, and even if they could, then who would provide the hearing?

So in God's wisdom we find the body, the church, comprised of many functioning parts. The

question that we all must ask eventually is, "What part of that body am I?"

For example, when a new member is assigned the task to serve on the Lord's Table, one question he will be asking is, "Where do you want me?" In other words, help me to find where I should be so I can do what I should be doing.

Wouldn't it be great if every week we all asked ourselves, "Where does God need me to be today?" Imagine the difference we could make if we all began actively looking to see what we could be doing. There is much to be done and God has a role for each of us to play.

Paul said in Ephesians 4:16 that we should be growing in Christ, "from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."

Let's actively seek out what our share should be and set our minds to perform it. See you Sunday! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...
The vision of how we fit into God's plan.

**Sermons for Sunday, January 13, 2008
by Mike Baker**
A.M. "Open Our Eyes" (Psalm 119:18)
P.M. "The Two Sons" (Matthew 21:28-32)

"The Church With Heart"

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LTC

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High School Short Film will meet Sundays @ 4:00 in the High School Classroom.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 20	Bible Quiz Practice
Jan. 27	Middle School Area Wide Gathering
Jan. 28	Bible Quiz
Feb. 1-3	High School Servant Retreat
Feb. 11	Karing Kitchen
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

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BENEVOLENCE CENTER 2007 STATS

For Wednesday/Thursdays only
Served 5, 211 families with groceries
Spent \$12,570 at East Texas Food bank
Handed out 42 tons of groceries
\$2,343 used to help with utilities, rent, gasoline, bus tickets, etc.
Over ten thousand volunteer hours
These figures do not include the Karing Kitchen nor the clothing & Tuesday morning services
Matthew 25:31-40

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"Heirs Of Life Together"

I Peter 3:7 Douglas L. Yates

The ladies class that meets on Wednesday evenings will start back up after a short break. Ladies, you will be meeting in room 403 this quarter. Room 403 is located adjacent to the office complex building. Please make every effort possible to be present for this class. The subject this quarter will be: Conquering Your Giants. This book was written by Nancy Eichman who is a graduate from both Freed Hardeman University and Harding University. In this book Nancy offers 13 lessons discussing how everyday fears can prevent us from living life to the fullest. Fears in our lives may loom large and threatening, but they can be overcome with God's help. Ladies, you won't want to miss out on this timely study so be sure you're here and ready to go.

The Wednesday morning ladies class started back on January 9th. Fern Bench is teaching this class. The topic she has selected for the quarter is: His Name Is Wonderful. The class will begin each Wednesday morning at 10:00 am. This class also meets in room 403. Fern has coordinated this class for several years now

and I'd like to publicly thank her for all she has done in this class.

The men's class started back up a couple of weeks ago. We are watching a video on the book of Matthew. This video series examines the book of Matthew verse by verse. We pause the video numerous times throughout the class so that comments can be made. I've never conducted a study this way but I found the discussion (during our first class session) to be very inspiring. Men, please attend this class and let's learn about the Good News from the book of Matthew.

I've heard great reports regarding Mike Baker's class on the book of John. Mike wrote this material and we had 250 copies printed up for the class which are all gone now and we are printing more. Mike takes you through John's gospel of belief by involving the class in the discussion as well as the material in the book. This class has been very well received and it is not too late to get involved.

For those who love to sing let's remember that each Wednesday evening Kalon Ainsworth conducts the singing emphasis class that meets in the Heritage room. This is a golden opportunity to sing praises to God.



IN APPRECIATION

"The Lord has blessed us because of you" Genesis 30:27. We do appreciate so much all the prayers offered by our brothers and sisters in Christ; a special thanks for the Mormans, Charleen Clayton, Linton Stewart, and our special little taxi driver, Evelyn Alme, when time was of the essence. All these have helped our children living in Quinlan at Boles Children's Home and our daughter in Huntsville, Alabama to be able to manage their transportation also. Our prayers go up to our Father in gratitude for being part of such a warm, caring family at West Erwin.

In Christian Love,
Darrell and Nell Beard

To our brothers & sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your fervent prayers for Frank as he went through this difficult surgery. Your visits, calls, and expressions of love have touched us deeply. May God bless each of you in the coming year.

In Christian love,
Frank & Gail Debenport

WITH SYMPATHY

Services were held last Friday at in Marshall for **Mark Hammond**, David Hammond's brother. **Dorothy Mannen**, Joy Rousseau's mother and a former West Erwin member, died Dec. 31. Services were held Wednesday in Holland, Texas for **May Belle Reynolds**, Charles Harris' aunt. Our love and sympathy is extended these families and friends.

ADDRESS CHANGE: Cathy Stowers, 1219 West Third, 75701.

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THE BEATITUDES

(New Cross-Cultural Version)

- Blessed are those who live each day with eternity in view, for in looking back on life there will be no regrets.
- Blessed are those who embrace a vision greater than themselves, for what they give their lives to will endure forever.
- Blessed are those who are passionate about the teaching of children, for they make a lasting impression for good.
- Blessed are those who commit to staying for the long-term, for lasting effectiveness increases with time.
- Blessed are those who are committed to prayer and children, for in this context lives are forever changed.
- Blessed are those who serve with a vibrant, caring vision, for in the midst of healthy community, results dramatically increase.



We rejoice with the angels in heaven, the DuVall family, and this church family in **Samantha Duvall's** decision to live her life for Christ. She was baptized into Christ by her dad Sunday morning. Samantha is the daughter of Dr. Aaron and Jean DuVall and is in 6th grade in Whitehouse. Their address is 16215 FM 2964, Whitehouse, 75791, ph. 839-1840.

RESIGNATION

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,

I have served this congregation for over 7 years and I have thoroughly enjoyed my work with you. We have accomplished much since the year 2000 and I see only good things ahead for our Bible school ministry in the future. It is my hope and prayer that God continues to bless this vital ministry here at West Erwin.

I was recently offered a job working with the Hilldale Church of Christ in Clarksville, Tennessee. The Hilldale Church of Christ is a very loving and peaceful body just like this congregation. They contacted us and we visited with them and after that visit we decided that we needed to make this move to Clarksville. This decision was not an easy decision to make but we believe it is in the best interest of my ministry to move to Hilldale to help that congregation organize, build and strengthen their education ministry. Therefore, I submit my resignation as the educational minister for the West Erwin Church of Christ effective on or before March 31, 2008. Let me say publicly to this congregation that this has been my most fulfilling work to date and that I could not have asked for a better relationship with the members than I have here. I am so thankful to all of the teachers here at West Erwin for their labor of love toward their students. We could not have had the success we've had without God's involvement and your dedicated service to Him. I know that God will continually bless this congregation.

Sincerely,
Douglas L. Yates

The West Erwin church is very appreciative of Doug and the good work he has done in his years of service to the Lord at this place. It is with regret that we accept his resignation. He will be greatly missed but we wish him well in this new endeavor in his life. The elders solicit your prayers as we begin the process to fill this position.

Fred Wingate
Chairman of the Elders

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

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Records	Sunday Dec. 30	Sunday Dec. 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	389	384	427
Worship A.M.	651	698	650
Worship P.M.	345	271	429
Wed. P.M.	NS	334	375
Contribution	\$24,451.38	\$23,556.77	\$24,759.42
Weekly Budget	\$24,667.00		

Minibus Driver for Sunday, Jan. 6 and Wednesday, Jan. 9: Don Ingram, ph. 509-8955. Please call if you need transportation.

PRAYER AND CARE - Sue Carty is at home after thyroid surgery last week. Irene Whaley is in Mother Frances with bronchitis. Louise Harris is recuperating at home. Shirley McClenny and Charles Seaberry are both undergoing treatment due to recurrence of cancer. Frank Debenport is recovering at home. Wayne Terry is now in Reunion Plaza, room 105. Sylvia Tharpe had eye surgery in Dallas. Dan Cullinan had more surgery after a skin cancer was removed from his ear. Shirley Denman had foot surgery. Harold Denman had a biopsy last Thursday. Janice Hardaway is at home. Joel Knox will go back to Houston for treatment after the first of the year (no cancer!). Colton Haile had surgery 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 Merling, 17 year old friend of Irene Whaley in Canada, has been diagnosed with cancer. Linda Keeling, Tim Grounds' sister, is undergoing chemo in Duncanville. Frank Doherty, Lowrane Canada's brother-in-law, is in Mother Frances ICU. Continue to remember: Darrell Beard; Christopher Bobbitt; Rob Brown; 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 Mezell's sister; Bill Wilmeth; Esther Wilson & Earlyne Wimberly.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship Doug Yates
Prayer Rick Fedell
Scripture Carlos Cudd
Dismiss Ron Lott

PRESIDING AT LORD'S TABLE
Jim Carty
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dr. James Cox
Scripture Grant DuVall
Dismiss Jeff Fennell

SERVING COMMUNION

Jeff Ruddell Art Rowland
Shanon Seals Gaylan Seagler
Joe Roach Barry Scarborough
Chris Scroggins Doug Scroggins

GREETERS
Dale & Dot White & Grace Weathers
Ray & Carolyn Womack & Ross Weathers
Ernest & Gail Bennett & Kelsi Wicks
Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
Joe & Connie Roach

Pick up cards Jan. 6 & Jan. 13: Austin Millican, Taylor Stein, Caleb Grounds, Tanner Perry, & Nicolas Means.

Children's Worship Workers for Sunday, Jan. 6:
Nursery a.m.: Norma Sorrells; Nursery p.m.: Judy Mitcham; Toddlers a.m.: Anna Mitchell & Connie Sublette; Toddlers p.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables; 2's: Blake & Mary Lockhart; 3's & 4's: Will & Stephanie Christian.

MINISTERS
Mike Baker - Pulpit 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
Bible School 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.

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

7:00 P.M.

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

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Open Our Eyes That We May See 2008 West Erwin Theme

2007 is now history and a new year is already underway. Many great things were accomplished and wonderful blessings were experienced in 2007. We anticipate great things in 2008 as well.

Our theme at West Erwin for this year will be "Open Our Eyes That We May See." Each month we will feature a sub theme that will focus on a specific area. These sub themes are listed below.

It is our prayer that this theme and related studies may help each of us draw closer to God and gain in our spiritual maturity during the year. May God continue to richly bless us all as we serve Him daily! Mike

Open Our Eyes That We May See...

- January— "The Vision" of how we fit into God's plan.
- February— "Love" for God and for one another.
- March - "The Lost" and find effective ways of drawing them to Christ.
- April — "Jesus" and pattern our lives by His.
- May— "God's Creation" and be more convinced that there is a God.
- June — "Commitment" to our Lord and to our families.
- July — "Freedom" from sin and from temptation.
- August— "Unity" of all who obey the gospel.
- September - "Our Neighbors" and meet their needs through our love.
- October - "Forgiveness" both to give and to receive.
- November - "Our Blessings" and continually praise God for them.
- December - "Heaven" filled with our friends and family.

Sermons for Sunday, January 6, 2008
by Mike Baker
A.M. "Goals" (Phil. 3:12-14)
P.M. "Has Media Become A God?" (Exodus 20:2-3)

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FAMILY SKI TRIP

Most of you probably saw the front page of the Tyler paper this past week with the winter storm in Colorado. As you might have guessed, we were caught in it. In fact you might even spot our bus in the picture! Fortunately, we did not have to stay in a shelter! We were on the bus for 10 hours to just to get back to Denver which is normally a 2 hour trip. This was the coldest ski trip EVER!!! We had temperatures in the negatives most of the time with windchills at -45 degrees. BRRRR... But as we are accustomed to, the good Lord took care of us! Only one major injury... guess you will see her at church on crutches for a while. The 48 of us who went had a great time. Our Sunday worship time together was very special. Thanks to all the dads who shared their thoughts.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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NEW BIBLE CLASS COMING JANUARY 6

Israel Sandoval will begin teaching an adult Bible class in Spanish on the first Sunday of the year. The class will meet upstairs over the foyer.

Thought for the week: "People have a way of becoming what you encourage them to be, not what you nag them to be."

Hollywood do in the case of *The Golden Compass*? This movie will not come close to breaking even. This movie was made for \$180 million dollars and as of the first two weekends of its release (which are the most critical in gauging the financial results) this movie only made \$34 million which was far short of its expectations. So let's just see what Hollywood does. Before the release of this movie Hollywood was talking about a trilogy but after its failure at the box office, will they go ahead and make the other two movies? Let me assure you that they will if they are promoting a hidden agenda. If they bite the bullet on their losses and produce these other two movies then they are sending a clear message to the world that they are anti-Christian. However, just like with *The Golden Compass* you hold the key to defeating this agenda by refusing to watch these movies. Eventually Hollywood will get the message and perhaps even return to making good family movies that we can all enjoy.

Since I asked the questions above regarding what Hollywood will do with *The Golden Compass*, let me speculate as to what I believe will happen in this case. I don't believe that the other two movies will be made. However, to save face I think this movie will receive at least one major award. We will see!



IN APPRECIATION

West Erwin Church of Christ family,

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls during this year and a half of my eye problems. I pray this surgery will be the beginning of the end of my eye problems. A special thank you to Bob Paul for taking me to Dallas for my surgery and a week later back to the doctor in Dallas. I am so fortunate to belong to a caring church.

I love you all,
Sylvia Tharpe

I am feeling much better. Thank you for your prayers and the beautiful cards.
Ruby McCain

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Brison and Kristen McPhail on the birth of a baby boy born on December 21! Jackson Tyler McPhail weighed 8 lb. 15 oz. and was inches long. Doug and Judy Yates are proud grandparents and Daniel is the happy uncle. Congratulations to Tom and Sondra Ramsour on the birth of a new grandson, Austin Blake Heinz! Congratulations to Bill and Donna Mullins on the birth of twin grandchildren! Brody Douglas (7 lb. 12 oz.) and Taya Savannah (7 lb. 2 oz.) were born December 31 in Castle Rock, Colorado to Kevin and Jessica Mullins.

WITH SYMPATHY

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KINDNESS

People who sow seeds of kindness never are able to actually know how much can be reaped from little acts of kindness which flourish and grow. Kindnesses are like flowers that blossom into a bouquet, magical, memorable moments of things people do and say. So everyone should take time to be kind and show others they care, knowing that kindness is contagious and soon will bloom everywhere. - copied

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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

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 hold 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