

Records	Sunday- Dec. 27	Sunday- Dec. 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	369	408	466
Worship a.m.	685	642	711
Worship p.m.	372	325	392
Wed. p.m.	NC	289	307
Contribution	\$79,865.50	\$23,303.78	\$26,060.00
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Kalli Huff is at UTHCT with pneumonia. | Joe McBee is now home. | Dub and Opal Mathews are now in Oak Brook Nursing Center in Whitehouse for rehab for Dub. | Bob May was scheduled to go to rehab 12/28. | Bobby May is at ETMC and requests no visitors. | Emma Morgan had knee replacement surgery on 12/29. | Tommy Price is at Mother Frances Rehab. She has requested no visitors during her rehab stay. **West Erwin Family:** Jim Armstrong | Deloris Bundy | Charlotte Caywer | Melvin Crow | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Charles Harris | Ralph Henderson | Norene Ingram | Louis Jones | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | Stephanie Ruddell | Robert Stokes | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Chris Goodnight, son of the neighbor of Wendell & Anita Potter | Laree Hall, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Tony Halleck (cancer), friend of Becky Howard | Mary Hunt, former member | Noble Johnson (cancer), son-in-law of Garland & Marlene Latham | Paul Pike, son of John and Virginia Pike | Jennifer Pintsch, daughter of Kyle & Lori | Bobbie Roberts, grandmother of Jennie Ables | Navoleine Roddy, mother of Patsy Fisher | Erla Smith, mother-in-law of Danny Riley | Bonnie Sweeney, great aunt of Kim Jordan | Amy Tucker (cancer), friend of Morris Hallman | Derinda Vaughn, relative of Bud Caywer | John Womack, friend of Tere Loveless

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Call to worship	Don Crawford
Prayer	John Shaw
Scripture	Larry Murphey
Dismiss	James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Dannie Skipper

SERVING COMMUNION

Bob Hackett	Sonny Hale
Scott Hackett	Tom Hale
Dan Haile	David Hammond
Preston Haile	James Hardin

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Spencer Shaw
Scripture	Shaun Stamps
Dismiss	Dennis Stansbury

GREETERS

Arnold & Agnes Ables & Justin Parrish
Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Sydney Parrish
Ernest & Gail Bennett & Tanner Perry
Visitor Center: Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
Carla Baker

Pick up cards for 1/3 : Matthew Kimball, Evan Kingsbury, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Stephen Moore

Sound Booth- 1/3: Paul Lewis & Alex Mullins

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Moments With Mike

Ok, so it is that time of year again when we end one year and begin another. As people gather for year end celebrations many will make resolutions for what they hope to accomplish in the new year.

Common resolutions include losing weight, exercising more, stopping a bad habit like smoking or drinking, getting a promotion, spending more time with family, hitting a financial target for retirement and the list goes on and on. Sadly, most resolutions will fall by the side by the time the second month has come around.

I would imagine that everyone who reads this article has experienced a resolution that was left unachieved during a year. Despite the best of intentions we often are not equipping ourselves to achieve our goals.

Here are some simple thoughts on how to improve our ability to complete the resolutions we make.

1. Make it specific. Instead of saying you want to lose weight, set your mind on a specific amount. If you need to lose 50 pounds, break that down to a weekly goal of 1 pound. Then make the needed adjustments to your routine to lose that 2.28 ounces each day (i.e., cut out the milkshakes!). Specific goals are measurable and can be easily broken down into manageable segments.

2. Make it meaningful. Link your resolution with

Resolutions

your longer term objectives. A resolution to have a date night each month with your wife can be seen as supporting your lifelong commitment to her.

3. Make it known. Write your resolutions down and share them with others. The lack of accountability is a common element in failed resolutions. Having friends that know your resolutions will help you keep your focus on reaching them. Post your copy of resolutions where you can frequently read it.

Now, instead of just saying "I want to be a better Christian" as your resolution, apply these three suggestions and see how your new resolutions seem more attainable.

Are there questions you have about the Bible? Make a list and work to find the answers this year. Would you like to know better how to share the message of salvation with others? There are great tools already available. Pick a date and come begin your study. Do you have friends that need to hear the gospel? Write their names down and begin praying and inviting them to learn about Christ. Share your goals with others so they can support and encourage your efforts!

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Col. 3:23).

See you Sunday! Mike

2010 Theme

We Believe

Sermons for January 3, 2010, by Mike Baker

A.M.: First Things First (Matt. 6:33)

P. M.: Tap Our Potential (Phil. 4:11-13)

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 all of you who expressed your care and concern to our family this past week during the loss of my brother. Your many prayers, cards, calls, texts & hugs came at a time that really blessed our family. Thank you for that.

Thanks to Davy Carter for teaching my class while we were gone.

SPECIAL TEEN CLASSES

Join us for a series of special classes on Wednesday nights for the guys and girls in grades 6-12. We have separate classes for the guys and girls as well as middle and high school. We only have 2 weeks left! Don't miss it!

OUT TO EAT

All youth group families are invited to go out to eat together

with us this coming Sunday night after church. We will be going to Ken's Pizza across from the Mall. We will be finished by 8:00.

SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat is Jan. 29-31. The cost will be \$35. Mark your calendars and plan to come. Please sign up by Jan. 20.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Watch for more details as our practices will begin soon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 3	Out to Eat
Jan. 6 & 13	Special Wednesday Classes
Jan. 10	High School Devotional
Jan. 17	Bible Quiz Study Session
Jan. 25	Bible Quiz
Jan. 24	Middle School Devotional
Jan. 29-31	High School Servant Retreat
Feb. 7	Super Bowl Party

2010

By Don Crawford

We are standing at the gate of a New Year. We've said our goodbyes to 2009 and 2010 is being opened to us. If our dream for this nation, for our lives, and for West Erwin is to become a reality, then we must create a vision and enact a plan.

It's pretty obvious that the "good ole days" of people respecting one another and the evening meal being the highlight of the day are gone. That was America in a different era. Therefore, if we are going to penetrate the lives of people with the true message of hope that is available in Christ, we must be intentional about it.

First, the Gospel does not change. We never stop teaching the good news that Jesus is our Savior.

Secondly, there is no real evidence that the early

church did good deeds so they could convert more people, yet, it was in the act of showing compassion to those who were hurting and needy where you will find the progress reports of the church. Therefore, we continue to serve others with a compassionate heart. After all, the church was never intended to be only a lecture hall. It's a laboratory for life. God intended the church to operate with open hands and compassionate hearts.

Thirdly, Acts 9:31 tells us the church grew because they were experiencing a time of peace. Whatever we do in 2010 we do it together. Pray with me:

Father, may 2010 be the greatest year ever for Your kingdom. Work through us. Help us to listen to You more carefully, love You more dearly, serve You more eagerly, and encourage each other more sincerely than ever before. We ask it through Jesus.

Winter 2009-2010 Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class Schedule

Class Group & Location	Topic	Teacher
College/Young Professionals- 306	"Life of Moses"	Jon Murry
Young Marrieds-302	"Welcome to the Lifeboat"	Ray Vannoy
Anyone- Family Life Center	"The Names of God"	Danny Snell
Anyone- Benevolence Center	"Hebrews"	Don Crawford
Anyone- 112	"Prison Epistles"	Paul Montandon
Anyone- Small Auditorium	"Proverbs"	Mike Baker
Anyone- 403	"Parables of Jesus"	Wayne Berryman
Anyone- Heritage Room	"Proverbs & New Testament	Ralph Henderson
Anyone- Auditorium	"Words Related to God's Role in Salvation"	Forest McFadden
Hispanic - 303		Israel Sandoval

Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Each week, we are highlighting a different Ladies' Ministry that you can be involved in. If interested, contact the leader of that ministry.

Funeral Meals

Contact person: Linda Westerfeld

westerfeldcl@yahoo.com

903-881-9222

Co-leader: Margie Seagler

gaylanseagler@netzero.com

903-566-1958

When there is a death in our West Erwin family, these teams go into action to provide a meal for the funeral. The team's contact person will be notified and they will then notify their team. At the present, there are 7 teams.

CORRECTION: The Decorating Committee contact person is Sandra Wingate, sansjw@aol.com, 903-581-6440.

With Thanks

Charlotte is most appreciative for the cards, phone calls and food during her continued recovery. Thank you so much. Love in Christ,

Bud Cawyer

To our fellow Christians, We and the family of Chris Goodnight want you to know how much your prayers for Chris during his eight weeks on life support are appreciated. If you ever had doubts about miracles, Chris' story should change your mind. Doctors had said if he lived, he would not be normal again, but he is off life support and is talking, eating and learning to walk again. Thank you for your prayers and give thanks to God for this miracle.

Anita & Wendell Potter

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia. Your thoughtfulness is overwhelming. I feel so blessed to be part of a loving, caring community of Christians. You are always in my thoughts and prayers. Best wishes for a Happy New Year. In Christian Love,

Eura Mae Clyburn

With Sympathy

Services for James Collins, brother-in-law of Alice Thompson were Wednesday at Boren Conner Funeral Home. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Ladies' Class

The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class will resume January 13, at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 of the Office Complex. The study will be on the Omnipresence of God and Fern Bench will be teaching. The Ladies' Wednesday Evening Bible Class will resume January 13, in the Parlor of the Family Life Center. Make plans now to be present!

Event of Interest

Our own J.R. Tharpe was featured in the most recent edition of Carter BloodCare's AboutLife magazine. The article commends J.R. for donating more than 20 gallons of blood, and it outlines his life of surviving polio, the Vietnam War, two car accidents and a near fatal electrocution, all the while remaining positive about life. Last year Carter BloodCare named J.R. Blood Donor of the Year. See the article on the News & Notes Bulletin Board by the Small Auditorium. You are a great example to all of us, J.R.!

Wednesday night, December 30, all Bible classes will meet in the Main Auditorium.

Baptisms

Nereida Olivares

P.O. Box 205, Corrigan, TX 75939

936-635-7671

Melina Gonzalez

6331 CR 1125 Lot#1 Tyler, TX 75704

903-245-5524

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!



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Updates: Deloris Bundy had a CT scan Mon. at ETMC. | Charlotte Caywer had shoulder surgery 12/9. | Melvin Crow is awaiting results from a bone marrow test. | Clinton Culpepper is having a skin cancer removed. | Buddy Emmons, brother of Danny Snell, is in ICU at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio. | Chris Goodnight, son of the neighbor of Wendell & Anita Potter, seems to be slightly improving but is still nonresponsive. | Ralph Henderson had a procedure 12/15 at ETMC. | Norene Ingram is now home. | Noble Johnson, son-in-law to Garland & Marlene Latham, has cancer of the lymph nodes. | Joe McBee is at MFH, rm. 5538. | Emma Morgan will have knee replacement on 12/29. | Tommy Price will have a hip replacement 12/22 at MFH. | Stephanie Ruddell will have her tonsils removed 12/17. **West Erwin Family:** Jim Armstrong | Charlotte Caywer | Louise Culpepper | Louis Jones | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carol Morgan | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Robert Stokes | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Laree Hall, grandmother of Amber Chauncey | Tony Halleck (cancer), friend of Becky Howard | Paul Pike, son of John and Virginia Pike | Jennifer Pintsch, daughter of Kyle & Lori | Bobbie Roberts, grandmother of Jennie Ables | Erla Smith, mother-in-law of Danny Riley | Bonnie Sweeney, great aunt of Kim Jordan | Amy Tucker (cancer), friend of Morris Hallman | John Womack, friend of Tere Loveless

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James Gullion Ernie Gordon
Lon Gibson Richard Gregory
Daniel Gillam Ira Groom

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Scripture Jimmie Philpot
Dismiss Marc Philpot

GREETERS

Walker & Rhonda Weathers & Dylan Laird
Bill & Barbara White & Elizabeth Lewis
Dale & Dot White & Leanne Linseisen
Visitor Center: Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson
Burney Wilson

Pick up cards for 12/20 : Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Samuel Estes, Caleb DuPree, Colton Haile

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Happy Holidays

From the West Erwin Church of Christ Staff

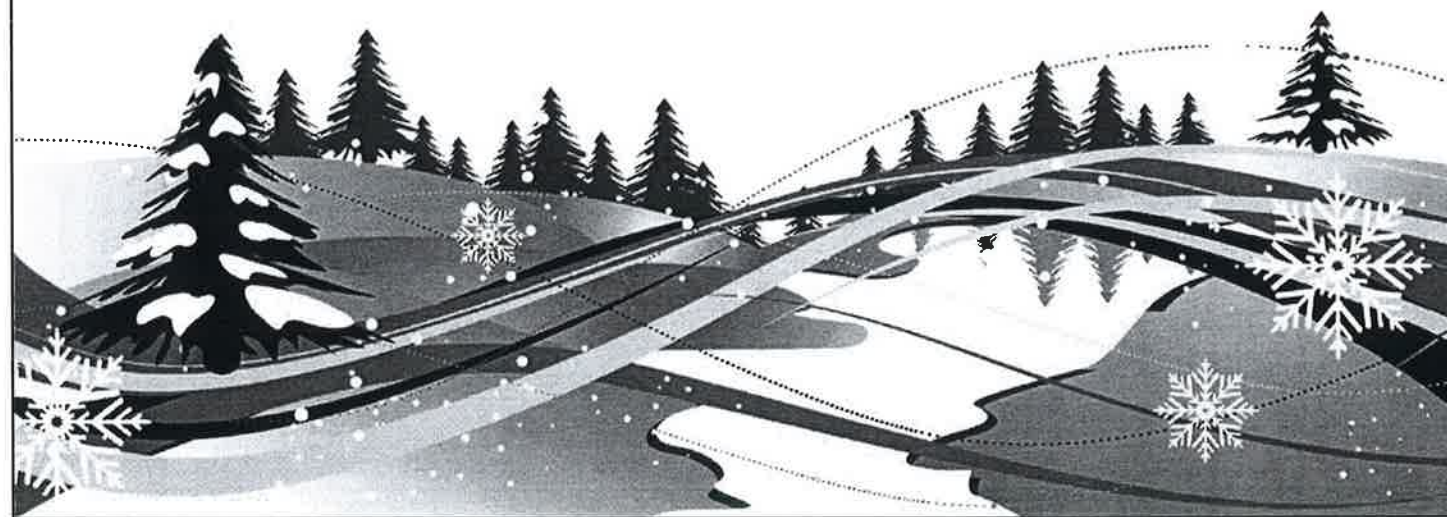
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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to Daniel & Kim Dupree for hosting the Middle School party last week. Thanks to the many other adults who helped with both parties.

SPECIAL TEEN CLASSES

Join us for a series of special classes on Wednesday nights for the guys and girls in grades 6-12. We plan to have separate classes for the guys and girls as well as middle and high school. We will begin on Dec. 2 and conclude on Jan. 13. Don't miss it!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

If you missed the sign up, please contact me.

HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Teens and families are invited to go with us to Six Flags' Holiday in the Park on Tuesday, Dec. 29. West Erwin along with several other youth groups will be going that same day. The cost is \$20. Sign up by Dec. 20.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are planning to have a final work day and lay grass for the Habitat House on Tuesday, Dec. 22 from 9:00-Noon. If we have a large group, we can get it finished easily! Thanks to all who have helped on this project! Call me for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 20	Small Groups Meet
Dec. 29	Holiday in the Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 6 & 13	Special Wednesday Classes
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Involvement Info

From Don Crawford

Attention Small Groups

The Burger House is offering to donate 10% to our Benevolence Center for those who come in to eat on Sunday nights. Just tell them you are from West Erwin. They will track it by the month. They have an area in the back that may suit the needs of your small group. Thank you from the Benevolence Center!

New Year's Eve

As usual the Family Life Center has been reserved for any one who would like to hangout to see the old out and the new in together. Bring snacks, finger foods, drinks and games you would like to play. The gym is a great place for your children to play. No sign ups, just show up! It starts at 7:00pm.

John 15:1-8

Jesus makes one thing very clear in this passage: GOD'S intention for His people is to bear fruit. Notice as you read it, Jesus does not say "Go produce fruit." He says we bear fruit, but GOD produces the fruit in us. He does all the work. All we do is stay connected to the vine. Jesus says, "I am the True Vine."

Jesus is the vine. You and I are the branches. The branches are where the fruit is produced. The fruit that GOD desires to cultivate in us is found in Galatians 5:22-23: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self-Control. The Gardener gently cultivates each branch so that it will bear as much fruit as possible. The Gardener is the one who rejoices in the fruit.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Sunday, December 20

A.M. Sermon: Don Crawford

P.M. Sermon: Mike Gravois

(The Bakers will be in Kentucky for Christmas.)

Wednesday, December 23

There will be no classes.

(See next page for details.)

Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25

The church office will be closed.

Wednesday, December 30

All classes will meet in the Auditorium.

Thursday, December 31

The church office will close at noon.

Friday, January 1

The church office will be closed.

We will not publish a bulletin the week of Christmas.

Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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Education

Contact person: West Erwin Education Minister

Sunday a.m. Bible classes | Sunday a.m. Children's Worship (ages 2-preK) | Sunday a.m. nursery or toddler care | Workroom | Sunday night classes: Tots for Christ (age 2-preK), Bible Hour (grades K-3), Kids for Christ (grades 4-5) | Materials preparation for Bible classes | Wed. p.m. kid's classes | VBS | Substitute teaching

With Appreciation

The elders want to thank everyone that helped with the all church fellowship Sunday night. A special thanks to Danny Snell, Carolyn Philpot and the ladies for food preparation, Louise Seaberry and Barbara White for decorating, Daniel DuPree and Stan Clark for the entertainment. The attendance was good and we hope everyone had an enjoyable time. We wish for everyone a happy and safe Christmas season.

Response for Prayers

Tom Cook responded Sunday saying, "I would like to request the prayers of the church concerning my family. Donni and I have been extremely blessed and we are thankful and grateful for what we have been given. I sometimes have a hard time discerning how to serve them best. I want my family to know that I love them and there are times we need to pray and wait on the Lord. He is faithful. But as a father and a husband, I have a situation that I just don't know what to do. Thank you for being a church that I feel comfortable enough to share with. This is the place we get our answers and guidance." Let's continue to pray for and encourage Tom.

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jennifer Parker, mother of Trent Bennett, who was killed in a car accident last Friday. Trent is the grandson of Ernest & Gail Bennett and nephew of Keith & Jennifer Skender. Our love and prayers are with the family and friends.

Send a Card!

Samuel Mink has not received as much mail as in the past and could really use some encouragement over the holidays. His address is Samuel Mink #1437719, 1391 FM 3328, Tennessee Colony, TX 75880.

New Baby

Jackson Paul Muncy was born to Michael & Stacey Muncy of Lindale on Friday, December 11. Jackson was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 20 3/4 inches long. Proud grandparents are Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy. Congratulations!



The West Erwin church believes it is important for you and your family to spend some quality time together in worship to God. On Wednesday night, Dec. 23, we would like for you to carve out a time for your family to spend some time together with God. It might be appropriate for you to be together with some other families as well. A guide for study will be available on Dec. 20, at the Visitor Center.

Thank You

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and the wonderful luncheon; the food, fellowship and fun were outstanding

Jeanine Hughes

To the West Erwin family, Lunch Bunch & Bill Hawkins, Thank you for the wonderful meals prepared and served to us! Also, thank you for the beautiful poinsettia!

Mary Ruth & Jim Cox

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the lovely poinsettia plant. It really brightens my home. I appreciate this kindness and all the other kindnesses extended to me and my family. With love,

Charleen Clayton

To the loving, caring brothers & sisters in Christ at West Erwin, Our sincere thank you to all who helped James in any way last Tuesday morning when he suffered a fall in the quilting room in the Benevolence Center. Your expressions of concern, calls to check on his condition and cards hoping for a speedy recovery are very much appreciated. We love you. He is doing ok, but sore. God is good!

James & Frances Phillips

Thank you all so very much for the beautiful poinsettia plant and for my birthday cards.

Frances Moore

Thanks to those who prepared the delicious food, the beautiful decorations for the Ladies' Luncheon and the church for the poinsettia plant. Thanks for a most enjoyable time.

Wanda Cook & Dorothy Kennedy

A big thank you to all the ladies who prepared the delicious food, fun, fellowship and beautiful music for the Ladies' Luncheon and to the church for the poinsettia. How blessed I am to be a part of the West Erwin family.

Louise Seaberry

Dear wives of our ministers, elders & deacons, Thank you all so much for the very special day you gave us widows Saturday. We could see you put a lot of work and thought into the decorations, food & entertainment. Each of you are a blessing to West Erwin. Sincerely,

Carolyn McCune

To the wives of elders, deacons, ministers and the church, "Thank you" does not really express the joy you gave me and other ladies with the Widows' Luncheon. Thank you for the delicious food, the beautiful scarf, the poinsettia, the beautiful music of the harpist and your love and graciousness. Love,

Nettie Potts

Words cannot express my thanks for all your expressions of love while coping with medical problems. Every thought, prayer, card, calls & visits were appreciated. Also, thanks so much for the beautiful luncheon by the elders, deacons & minister's wives. It was special. The pretty poinsettia is also a special reminder why I love you all so much. God bless you all,

Tommy Price

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 Scripture: Glen May
 Dismiss: Phil Marts
 Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jerry Mitchell

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 James Gullion: Ernie Gordon
 Lon Gibson: Richard Gregory
 Daniel Gillam: Ira Groom

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 Scripture: Carlos Morgan
 Dismiss: Aubrey Morman

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 Mike & Dorothy Watts & Brittney Kempton
 Cathy Stowers & Matthew Kimball
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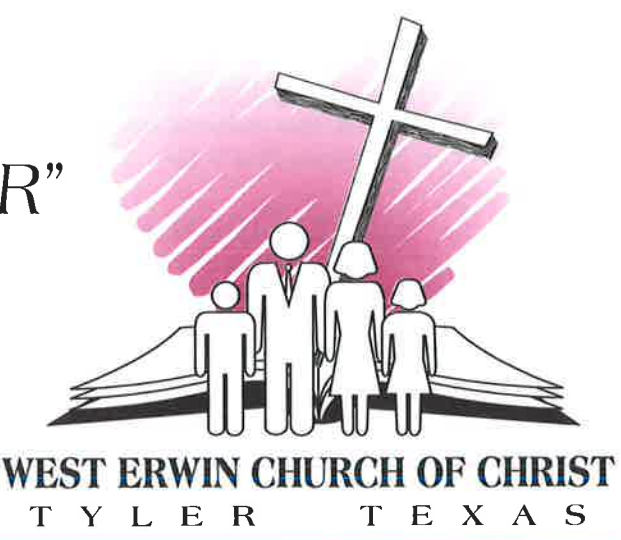
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Moments With Mike

Being The Best Bible Teacher You Can Be

The following article is by my friend Adam Faughn, who preaches for the Lebanon Road Church of Christ in Nashville, TN. I thought his article was right on target. I hope you enjoy it. If you are not in a Bible class already, you need to be. Why not start this Sunday. A listing of the new classes, topics and teachers can be found on page 2 inside.
 See you Sunday! Mike

Teaching Bible class is something I greatly enjoy. It is truly a skill, and one I need to hone! I pray often that my classes see that I am trying and that I truly enjoy the honor of teaching. It is a blessing to teach classes in which students offer input and are willing to answer questions and provide feedback.

That being said, teaching is work! It isn't hard to tell when a teacher has "thrown together" a class at the last minute. No teacher is going to be 100% prepared every single week, but it should not be a pattern for the instructor to be waiting until the last minute to "get up a lesson."

Those who teach often ask for "helps." They want to do a great job, and they ask for resources, books, websites and other materials that can help them present God's Word effectively. This post is not meant to list 100 resources or books that will help. Instead, it is meant to give you one step you can take to maximize your effectiveness.

If you were to ask me, "What is the one thing I need

to do to be the best Bible school teacher I can be?" I would give this answer:

Love your class!

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, His response, basically, was "Love God." When we think about any area of life, and we want to improve, we can answer with "love."

That is the case with Bible school teaching. If you truly love your class, you will do the best you can do! Will you win an award as the greatest teacher ever? Probably not (and neither will I, by the way), but your class will see the passion and desire you have to share with them the truths of God's word.

If you are a Bible school teacher, take a small test. This will only take about 1 minute. Write (or type) at the top of the page, "I love my Bible class because..." Now, write 3-5 reasons why you love that class (not Bible school in general). When you are finished, read it again...

- ...when you get a bit discouraged, read it again...
- ...when it's Saturday and you're stressing out, read it again...
- ...when Sunday comes and you are nervous, read it again!

Your class will know that you love them because you will be excited, prepared and ready out of love for them. When you love your class, preparation will take care of itself.

Adam Faughn, adfaughn@gmail.com.

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December: To Celebration

Sermons for December 13, 2009, by Mike Baker
 A.M.: Wise Men Visit (Matt. 2:1-3)
 P. M.: Obey As If Your Life Depended On It (Lev. 10:1-2)
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
 for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to our teens who collected over \$350 for helping a needy family for Christmas. Way to go!

HIGH SCHOOL PARTY

All of those in High School are invited to the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Snell's home. We will begin at 6:30 and finish at 10:00. Please bring \$5.

SPECIAL TEEN CLASSES

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pick up the forms from my office or at the Visitors Center and turn them in ASAP. We need the forms by Dec. 13.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Due to the wet weather we are unable to get grass for this Saturday. We will reschedule for a later date!

IMPORTANT DATES

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Dinners

Contact person: Louise Seaberry charlou53@centurylink.net
 903-849-6294

Co-leader: Pam Lott pamlott57@yahoo.com
 903-561-2490

This ministry includes food preparation for noon luncheons during gospel meetings, special dinners, and refreshments for other occasions.

The Gospelaire

The Gospelaire Quartet of Cleburne, Texas will present a program of gospel and sacred songs on Saturday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m. at Glenwood Church of Christ. The program presented will be inspirational and educational. The Gospelaire are firmly committed to the Ministry of the Word through Gospel singing. Their prayer is for God to be glorified and the audience to be edified.

Special Year End Contribution

On December 13, we will have our annual special contribution. This year, the elders are considering that this contribution be used to remodel the Atlas building into classrooms, replace the air conditioning system that covers the small auditorium and education wing, and for the construction of a facility to protect our buses from the elements. Please include this effort in your prayers.

Send a Card!

Samuel Mink has not received as much mail as in the past and could really use some encouragement over the holidays. His address is Samuel Mink #1437719, 1391 FM 3328, Tennessee Colony, TX 75880.



All Church Dinner

You are invited to an all church Holiday Dinner Sunday, December 13 after evening services at the Family Life Center. Food will be provided. There is a sign up sheet at the Visitor Center. Make plans now to be present!

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Stan Smith, who passed away November 24. Services were November 27 at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Thank You

To the West Erwin family, Our family thanks all of you for the prayers, cards and support you have given us. Shirley looked forward to receiving your cards and knew the prayers were being answered. Shirley knew that the cancer would at some time take her and she was prepared. Her faith was very strong until the end. Shirley was a blessing to me. She did far more for me than I did for her. Our children are doing ok. When you have a family that believes Jesus is our Lord and Savior and that Shirley knew that heaven was to be her new home, it is a comfort that helps us make it through this time of our lives. Thanks to all of you that came by to see her at hospice. I appreciate the visit and special prayer from the elders, that has always meant a lot to Shirley. Thank you for praying for me to be able to take care of Shirley for the time she had left.

The family of Shirley McClenny

It's so wonderful to have such a loving Christian family. Thanks for the food, prayers, hugs and calls. It's a blessing to know all of you. In Christian love,

Allene Smith

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the cards, letters and prayers leading up to and during my recent surgery. I appreciate you all.

Alan Fisher

My sincere thanks to West Erwin church for the beautiful poinsettia plant. It really brightened my day. Thank you all!

Teree Loveless

Wednesday Night Meal for December 16:
 Burgers & Fries

Great is Thy Faithfulness

By Don Crawford

Sing it with me:

Great is thy faithfulness, O GOD my Father,
 There is not shadow of turning with thee;
 Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail
 not;

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
 All I have needed thy hand hath provided—

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Did the words grab you as they did me? How often do we focus on ourselves. Not so much in our own abilities as in our own inadequacies; our fears, our failures, and our weaknesses. The words of our prayers become so pitiful because we are looking at ourselves.....forgetting we are praying to the Creator of the Universe, the all-powerful, all-knowing, all-faithful GOD. HE created mountains. HE can move them. You are praying to the GOD who has always been faithful to you. HE has never let you down no matter how frightened your were, or how difficult the situation seemed.

HE wants to bear fruit through you not because of who you are, but because of who HE is. HE is faithful!

By the time you sing these words one more time, you will be a different person inside.

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Bible Class	395	374	407
Worship a.m.	629	665	695
Worship p.m.	362	394	374
Wed. p.m.	158	313	NC
Contribution	\$23,436.50	\$31,852.40	26,112.82
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Tim Holt is home after back surgery. | Mary Hunt, former member, is at MFH, room 5502. | Louis Jones had a procedure on December 2. | Joe McBee is at MFH, rm. 5538. | Priscilla Mayer is now home. | Paul Pike, son of John and Virginia Pike, underwent surgery last Saturday in Shreveport. | Jennifer Pintsch, daughter of Kyle & Lori, is at MFH, room 581. | Bobbie Roberts, grandmother of Jennie Ables, is at ETMC Olympic Plaza Rehab. | Mollie Lou Terry is going to Abilene to stay with her daughter for three weeks as she recovers from her knee surgery. **West Erwin Family:** Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson| **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike| Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggonner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer)| Tony Halleck (cancer), friend of Becky Howard | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Eric Lyles (colon cancer), friend of the Sublettes | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles | Gordon Smith (hip surgery), father of Connie Sublette | Mary Ella Tate, neighbor of Carolyn McCune | Amy Tucker (cancer), friend of Morris Hallman

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Randy Farrar Cody Frick
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Scripture Carroll Magee
Dismiss Joey Marse

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James & Connie Sublette & Tailor Jackson
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Many years ago I listened to a preacher describe a month-long process of reading through the book of Proverbs with his family. He took one chapter a day (31 chapters/31 days) and read a chapter as his family ate their breakfast each morning. He recounted it as a very beneficial process.

Solomon wrote much of the book of Proverbs and the first nine chapters are in the setting of a father speaking with his son. He addresses "my son" some fifteen times during these chapters, so it is natural for parents to think of sharing the wisdom of this book with their children.

Proverbs, both biblical and secular, are commonly found interwoven into the fabric of our lives. Common secular proverbs include the following. "A penny saved is a penny earned." "Every cloud has a silver lining." "Haste makes waste." "The rolling stone gathers no moss." "What's worth doing is worth doing well."

A proverb is a short, often pithy statement that expresses a basic truth or practical principle. A Hebrew word for proverb is *mashal*, which means "a comparison, to be similar to, resemble. The proverbs found in the book of Proverbs are maxims in a condensed format that are easily understood and easily remembered.

I've just completed teaching this book to the

Proverbs

Seekers class and starting this Sunday I'll be teaching it to the small auditorium class. There is a 60 page study guide that I've prepared that will be available as well. I hope that you will consider being a part of this class, especially if you are not already involved in a Bible class on Sundays.

One of the key themes of Proverbs involves learning. Common words found in the book include wisdom, instruction, knowledge, understanding, discretion and prudence. God gave wisdom and understanding to Solomon, but Solomon instructs his son to acquire wisdom and always be open to receiving and following instructions.

Here are a couple of thoughts for you to consider. Try reading just one chapter of Proverbs each day for a month. Don't try more than that. You need time to digest what you read in each chapter. Share this as a family reading if you wish.

Consider how much time your family is spending in Bible study each week at home as well as here at West Erwin. Parents, let's lead by example and show our children how important it is study the Bible at home as well as in an organized class with others. "A wise man will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel" (Prov. 1:5).

See you Sunday! Mike

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Sermons for December 6, 2009, by Mike Baker
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P. M.: Philip, A Soul Winner (Acts 8:29-31)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

SERVICE PROJECT

Our teens are providing Christmas presents for a family with 3 young children. Teens. Please bring your donations by Sunday night. The high school group will be going Sunday night after church to purchase and wrap the presents.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTIES

All Middle School Students are invited to the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the home of Daniel & Kim Dupree. We will begin at 6:30 and be finished at 10:00. You will need to bring \$5. All of those in High School are invited to the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Snell's home. We will begin at 6:30 and finish at 10:00.

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HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Due to some scheduling conflicts, we will not be laying grass this Saturday. There will however be a crew doing some final painting and touch up if you are interested in helping. We are planning a final workday to lay grass, work on landscaping, and finish all of the odd jobs on Saturday, Dec. 12 beginning at 8:30. If you have any questions, just ask!

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Dec. 6	High School Service Project
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Dec. 20	Small Groups Meet
Dec. 28	Holiday in the Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 29-31	High School Servant Retreat

The Pain of Confession

By Don Crawford

What I'm about to refer to will date me, but I figure most all who read this were there anyway. It's about "The Fonzy" in the sitcom Happy Days. Occasionally, the Fonzy, as near perfect as he saw himself, would have to admit he was wrong. The problem was he could not say those words, but he would try. "I was wwwwrrr...." "I was wwwwrrrrrooooo..." "I was wwwwrrrooooooo..." He just could not admit that he was wrong.

In our Covenant with GOD, the word confession means to admit wrong. We are called to confess our wrongs and to verbalize it openly to GOD and our fellow servants.

There is a tremendous amount of pain in confession and I think I understand why. It's because once we confess it we have the responsibility to change what we are doing. When I confess to GOD: "Father, I didn't handle that like You want me to" or "Father, I did it again! I keep doing the very thing You don't want me to do" or, "GOD, I was wrong, and I confess it to you." Right there is where It becomes my responsibility to correct my wrongs.

"If we confess our sins, He (GOD) is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

1 John 1:9

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Decorating Committee

Leader: Barbara White Barbiewht@aol.com 903-596-8934
Co-Leader: Louise Seaberry clseaberry53@juno.com 903-849-6294

The purpose of this committee is to make new decorations, keep the old ones refreshed, and to decorate for women's activities as well as for all-church functions. The parlor and closet are filled with items made by these ladies so they will be available to be used as decorations for many occasions.

Young Married & Young Families Holiday Party

All young married couples and young families are invited to a holiday party at the Family Life Center on Sunday, December 6 after evening worship service. Bring a covered dish for dinner. Also, if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped DVD.

The Gospelaire@s

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<p>He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. <i>Mark 16:16</i></p>	<p>Jeanette McMiller was baptized November 29. Her contact info is 2002 Bellwood, Tyler, TX 75701, 903-526-8050. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!</p>
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Thank You

West Erwin Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers and words of encouragement for our granddaughter. She is making improvements every day.

Frank & Dotti Setzler

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Shirley McClenny, who passed away Monday. Services were December 2, at Caudle-Rutledge Funeral Home in Lindale. Our love and prayers are with the family and friends at this time of great loss.

Services for Wendell Mosley, father of Eric Mosley, were December 4, at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Information

The December calendars are now out for you to pick up as well as the Winter 2009-2010 Bible Class Schedule. We have Bible classes on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings for all ages. Please make plans to attend a Bible class!



All Church Dinner

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Wednesday Night Meal for
December 9:
Mexican Food

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Bible Class	374	384	460
Worship a.m.	665	600	768
Worship p.m.	394	402	381
Wed. p.m.	313	315	379
Contribution	\$31,852.40	\$28,249.31	\$31,319.83
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Wini Cullinan had a stress test Thursday and is now home. | Terry Frick is now home. | Joe McBee is still in ICU at MFH. | Shirley McClenny is at Hospice of East Texas, rm. 305. | Priscilla Mayer is in ETMC, with pneumonia. | Jennifer Pintsch, daughter of Kyle & Lori, is at MFH, room 582. | Bettye Price is at Park Place. | Tommy Price had an outpatient procedure on both hips at Spine & Joint today. | Mary Ella Tate, neighbor of Carolyn McCune, is in ICU at UTHCT with pneumonia and now has congestive heart failure. | Molly Lou Terry is now home. **West Erwin Family:** Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggonner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Tony Halleck (cancer), friend of Becky Howard | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Eric Lyles (colon cancer), friend of the Sublettes | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles | Gordon Smith (hip surgery), father of Connie Sublette | Amy Tucker (cancer), friend of Morris Hallman | Erin Ward, sister of Rebekah Carnathan

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Moments With Mike

Being Thankful

Do you find it confusing at this time of year? I mean, what season is it really? Not long ago, just before Halloween, I went into a store and they already had Christmas items for sale. And Thanksgiving? Well, you may as well just hurdle over it into the Christmas countdown. In our fast paced culture we hardly take the time to enjoy one thing before rushing on to another.

If we aren't careful, we will find that we have fast forwarded our lives too much and will have missed out on many blessings along the way. Friends, we need to slow down and be thankful.

While passing through some channels on the TV, I came across a channel of Christmas music. I listened to a few songs and among the selections was the one about Santa. You know the one. It's the one where "he's making a list, checking it twice." That's the one.

Christmas seems to be filled with lists. Santa makes one to keep up with the good and bad boys and girls. Kids make lists full of toys that they would love (expect) to receive as gifts. Adults make lists also of things that they'd love to have. We know all about making lists.

So here is my challenge to you at Thanksgiving. In the time that you spend with family and friends, take the time to make a physical list of things for which you are

thankful. Keep it with you and see how many items you can add to it. Then take the time each day to pray and thank God for every item on your list. Tell others how thankful you are to have them in your life, and encourage them to work on a thanksgiving list as well.

Here's what Paul encouraged us to do. "Rejoice in the Lord always, Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:4-7).

Paul is a great source of encouragement. I like what he wrote in Philippians 1:3 as well. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you."

So, let's get started on our lists. You might be surprised just how blessed you really are.

See you Sunday! Mike

Starting December 6th, I will be teaching the small auditorium class on Sunday mornings. We will be studying Proverbs and study guides will be available this Sunday. We invite you to attend this class. Mike

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Where To?
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Sermons for November 29, 2009, by Mike Baker
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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

We had a great middle school retreat this past weekend! Thanks to Amye Scarborough, Ashley Sustaire & Andrew Saucedo for going as High School Group Leaders. Thanks to the following for going as sponsors: Jeff Parrish, Alex Mullins, Rachel Huff, Tresa Jones & Danielle Rousseau.

YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTIES

All Middle School Students are invited to the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the home of Daniel & Kim Dupree. We will begin at 6:30 and be finished at 10:00. You will need to bring \$5. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Dec. 2 if you plan to come.

All of those in High School are invited to the Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 12 at the Snell's home. We will begin at 6:30 and finish at 10:00.

SPECIAL YOUTH CLASSES

Join us for a series of special classes on Wednesday nights for the guys and girls in grades 6-12. We plan to have separate classes for the guys and girls as well as middle and high school. We will begin on Dec. 2 and conclude on Jan. 13. Don't miss it!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Its time to sign up for LTC! We had a good turnout for the LTC informational meeting this past Sunday night. LTC has become a very significant part of the West Erwin family. All 3rd-12th grade students and their families are encouraged to be a part of LTC. If you missed the sign-up there is still time, pick up the forms from my office and turn them in ASAP. The deadline is Sunday, Dec. 6.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We plan to work on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 8:30. We are also planning a workday to lay grass and work on landscaping for Saturday, Dec. 5 beginning at 8:30. If you have any questions, just ask!

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 23	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Nov. 29	High School Devotional
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Dec. 5	Middle School Christmas Party
Dec. 6	Deadline for LTC Sign-Up
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Dec. 20	Small Groups Meet
Dec. 28	Holiday in the Park @ Six Flags
Jan. 29-31	High School Servant Retreat

Psalm 51: Part 2

By Don Crawford

In (vv. 2,7) David asks GOD to wash away all his iniquity and cleanse him so he might be white as snow. But, David's great desire ran deeper. In (vv.10) he asks GOD to create in him a pure heart and renew in him a steadfast spirit.

And we pray, "GOD, I promise to do better in the future." See the difference? David has no such hope in his ability to do better next time. He calls on GOD to create something entirely new within him. He asks GOD to create as HE created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). He was calling on GOD'S divine power to create this pure heart out of nothing. Recognizing this work is of GOD and no other.

"Renew a steadfast spirit within me" was David's second plea. A strong, immovable spirit for his everyday journey. He wanted to resist temptation not just one day, but EVERY day. No more spiritual roller-coaster where one day he is up and strong and the next day he is down and far from the GOD he loved. STEADFAST. He knew he could not do this himself.

Do you know you have been cleansed and forgiven? But you also know you usually repeat it again and again unless GOD creates in you a pure heart and a steadfast spirit. Pray David's words. Believe GOD can and will.

May GOD grant each of us a willing spirit to sustain us. (:12)

Thanksgiving

By Phil Ware

Wilbur was a sweet man with a serious countenance — those who didn't know him would call him sour or crusty. But, his heart was good and generous and kind. His young grandson, who was four or five at the time, came to stay with his grandparents for a week. On weekdays, they had the typical southern breakfast — eggs, bacon, toast, orange juice, and coffee. On Saturday, however, Wilbur and Willie Maude usually had cereal and coffee or juice. They sat down at the breakfast table and Wilbur asked his young grandson to say the blessing. The little guy hesitated for a minute, and then

prayed, "Dear God, we thank you for this breakfast ... even though it's small. In Jesus' name. Amen." Wilbur cracked up with laughter. We do have so many things for which we can be thankful. However, if we are not careful, the challenges of our moment in time can wilt the joy right out of our Thanksgiving. Like many of you, I've lost 1/3 of my retirement over the last year. I know folks on fixed incomes who are seriously hurting now financially. I opened an email this morning from a friend who will have no job this week. A family that I love is deep in grief during what is supposed to be a special and blessed time of the year.

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Communication

Leader: Lindsay Kelly lindsaykelly72@gmail.com 903-279-9686

This committee is a center of information for women's activities. It is responsible for the publicity of events including the production of any communication tool, such as programs, flyers or letters.

Thank You

Thank you for sending me your church bulletin each week. I look forward to it- it's a joy to reminisce about my Tyler friends. I attend the Collin County Church of Christ- a small group- a group who teach and believe the Word as it is written in the Bible. May all of you enjoy the upcoming holiday season!

Dorothy Hulseay

Young Married & Young Families Holiday Party

All young married couples and young families are invited to a holiday party at the Family Life Center on Sunday, December 6 after evening worship service. Bring a covered dish for dinner. Also, if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped DVD.

Happy Thanksgiving from
the West Erwin
Church of Christ Staff!



Welcome, New Member!

Elaine Fisk

506 Rice Rd., Apt 110

Tyler, TX 75703

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

All Church Dinner

You are invited to an all church Holiday Dinner Sunday, December 13 after evening services at the Family Life Center. Food will be provided. There is a sign up sheet at the Visitor Center. Make plans now to be present!



(cont. from page 2)

These concerns easily give way to fear. With the negative orientation our news and gossip magazines take, our hearts can be seized with anxiety and dread. Our prayers soon become laundry lists of things for God to fix — listen to our words: "Give me!" "Help me!" "Heal me!" "Rescue me!" Certainly we are to turn to God honestly and openly about the burdens of our hearts to "receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need" (Hebrews 4:16 TNIV). But with our cries for help, we must not forget the importance of being thankful for the incredible blessings we have in Jesus (Colossians 4:2). God isn't asking us for false or forced thanksgiving or some kind of simplistic relabeling of bad stuff. We are called back to the deep spiritual wells of grace we have in Jesus. From prison, Paul writes: *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ* (Ephesians 1:3). *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus* (Philippians 4:4-7). Because we have Jesus, and because he has us, our future is secure. Our relationships in Christ are eternal. All partings and every agony we face here are temporary. With this hope, we are to reframe all of life in a chorus song of thanksgiving: *Cultivate thankfulness. ... Let every detail in your lives — words, actions, whatever — be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way* (Colossians 3:16-17 MSG). In Jesus, the liturgy of our lives is thanksgiving — not just one day a year, but every day until we are lost in the thankful wonder of His presence, at home with Him forever. Yes, dear God, we do thank you for all the ways you have blessed us, for they are indeed, NOT small! www.heartlight.org

Wednesday Night Meal for December 2:
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Records	Sunday- Nov. 15	Sunday- Nov. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	384	428	480
Worship a.m.	600	655	750
Worship p.m.	402	400	450
Wed. p.m.	315	298	379
Contribution	\$28,249.31	\$25,950.51	\$29,476.06
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Terry Frick had out-patient procedure on 11/17 at ETMC. | **Tony Halleck**, friend of Becky Howard, will begin radiation for throat cancer. | **Joe McBee** had successful heart surgery on 11/16 at MFH and is recovering in ICU. | **Shirley McClenny** is at Hospice of East Texas. | **Grace McLain**, 6 year old granddaughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler, was scheduled to have heart surgery on 11/19. | **Tommy Price** will have an outpatient procedure on both hips at Spine & Joint on Mon. 11/23. **West Erwin Family:** Jim Armstrong | Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Cooper Goodson | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Jack Stringer | Molly Lou Terry | Ira Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggonner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** **Chris Goodnight**, the son of Wendell & Anita Potter's neighbor | Fran Starnes' sister, **Pat Gray (cancer)** | **Lou Jarrett (cancer)**, uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | **Eric Lyles (colon cancer)**, friend of the Sublettes | **Margaret Scoby**, member at Shiloh | **Linda Sellman (cancer)**, sister of Caddie Niles | **Gordon Smith (hip surgery)**, father of Connie Sublette | **Amy Tucker (cancer)**, friend of Morris Hallman | Erin Ward, sister of Rebekah Carnathan

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TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	
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Call to worship: Danny Snell
Prayer: Jim Holleman
Scripture: Gary Heath, Jr.
Dismiss: Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jamon Kirby

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Ken Culpepper: Howard Dickson
David Demic: Bobby Dingler
Harold Denman: Daniel DuPree

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Clay Kinser
Scripture: George Hill
Dismiss: John Lacy

GREETERS

Jean & Aubrey Morman & Dalton Harris
Bob & Barbara Paul & Drew Harris
Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot & Megan Harris
Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike
Wendell & Anita Potter

Pick up cards for 11/22: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Nicolas Means, Evan Kingsbury, Stephen Moore

Sound Booth- 11/22: Mark Frick & Terry Frick

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Moments With Mike

Two Minute Offense

If you have watched football in person or on television you have no doubt witnessed the excitement that comes with a two minute offense. For most of the game the teams will take their time and methodically run through their playbooks. But when time is short before halftime and at the end of the game, an exciting transformation occurs.

The two minute offense is a series of plays designed to gain the most yardage and score with a minimal amount of time run off the clock. Some teams are so effective at this offense one rightfully wonders why they don't employ it during the rest of the game.

Just this past Sunday night I was watching a game between two rivals. One team was up 13 points and the other team needed to score twice in just over 4 minutes. They effectively used their two minute offense and scored. They got the ball back and scored again all within 4 minutes. They worked the clock effectively and scored the winning touchdown with only seconds remaining.

Of course, had they built a lead of several points instead of being behind there would have been no need to use the two minute offense. Instead, they had very clear goals and a short time in which to reach them.

Someone has said, "A person without a goal will get nowhere and won't know when he gets there." I think

this is correct, don't you? What about spiritually?

What are your spiritual goals? Do you want to become a Christian? Teach others the gospel? Invite friends to Bible class or worship? Live to see all of your family become Christians?

Having goals is important. But how much time will you have to accomplish these goals? The answer is one lifetime. The key is to learn to use that lifetime wisely.

Here's what Paul had to say about the urgency of putting on Christ. "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed." "But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lust" (Rom. 13:11, 14).

When the coach calls for the two minute offense it means that it is high time to reach the goal. The game is on the line. In many cases, it is time to do what should have already been done earlier in the game.

Friends, don't let your spiritual life need a two minute offense to come out on top. Take care of your salvation and spread the good news to others now. Live your life in such a way that the outcome is never in doubt!

See you Sunday! Mike

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Sermons for November 22, 2009, by Mike Baker
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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

This weekend about 33 of us from West Erwin will be attending the Middle School Retreat in Lone Star. This will be a great weekend with about 150 folks from 6 churches. Keep us in your prayers!

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

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very significant part of the West Erwin family. All 3rd-12th grade students and their families are encouraged to be a part of LTC. If you did not receive any information in the mail, come to the meeting and we will answer your questions and get you what you need. We should be finished by 7:30.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We are still in need of donations to cover our portion of the commitment, if you would be willing to help financially or are interested in working please contact me.

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Psalm 51

No one in the Bible wrote more honestly and openly than David. Psalm 51 may have been his most difficult Psalm to pen. It's his prayer after Nathan came to him and confronted him with his adultery with Bathsheba and ordering the "hit" on Uriah. Psalm 51 is his prayer. He writes the words out for all generations to read. He opens with these words:

"Have mercy on me, O GOD,
according to your unfailing love,
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin."

Then he writes:

"For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me."

David knew all that he had done wrong. His wrongs were replayed over and over in his heart. He had no rest. He found no comfort until Nathan came to him. He found no peace until he confessed the knowledge of his sins.

Knowing GOD was his answer. Knowing GOD still loved him. Knowing GOD was filled with compassion. Knowing GOD could wash away his iniquities. Knowing GOD was willing to cleanse him. That's where these words came from in Psalm 51. Read them often. Let David be your Nathan and call upon the same GOD. He has not changed.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

As you read in last week's bulletin, this is my last week at West Erwin. On Sunday, I will begin my new work with the Vista Ridge congregation in Lewisville. Sara and I wish to thank all of you for how you welcomed me, and then her, into your midst. You have been a great church family to be associated with and we will miss you. We solicit your prayers as we begin our new work.

Two weeks ago, I began a three part series on the teachings of Calvinism. The last of Calvinism's five points is **Perseverance of the Saints**, known also as **Eternal Security**. This asserts that those predestined by God for salvation will be preserved by Him until the end, regardless of sin. Passages used to support this teaching are John 10:28-29; Rom 8:31-39; 11:29; Phil 1:6 and Jude 24. Whether fairly or unfairly, the churches of Christ have been stigmatized by some as scarcely believing in eternal security at all. It is a overreaction to say that I can never know I am saved (cf. Rom 8:1; 1 John 5:13), but it is also an overreaction to endorse the perseverance of the saints. In fact, Scripture warns repeatedly that salvation is sure only as long as one remains "in Christ" (cf. Rom 11:22; 1 Cor 9:25-27; Gal 5:4; 2 Pet 2:20).

Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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Caring Sisters

Leader: Gail Debenport gdebenport@yahoo.com 903-592-3046
Co-leader: Janice Kellenberger 903-534-0676

Caring Sisters is composed of twelve teams with four to six ladies per team. Each month, one team contacts each lady who is baptized or places membership during that month. The team's responsibility is to become acquainted with the new member and to provide her with a "Caring Sister's bag." Once each year, a welcome luncheon is hosted for the newcomers for that year.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class will not meet this Wednesday, November 25 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The last class before the Christmas Holidays will be Wednesday, December 16 and the class will resume Wednesday, January, 13.

New Members

Levi & Linda Benitez placed membership Sunday, November 15. Linda is the daughter of Israel & Martha Sandoval. They come to us from the Empire Central congregation in Dallas. Their temporary address is 2925 Club Lake Dr., Tyler, TX 75702. Linda's cell is 214-309-8557 and Levi's is 214-309-8556. Welcome to the West Erwin family!

New Baby

McKayla Renee Howard was born to Brian and Rachel, in Albany, Indiana on November 6. She was 6 lb. 11 oz. The proud grandparents are Jack and Brenda Stein. Congratulations!

All Church Dinner

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Thank You

To our West Erwin Family,
Thank you for being so caring and kind. Jan and I appreciate so very much all you have done for us the last several months while I was undergoing treatments. Your cards, food, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers for success of my cancer treatments are greatly appreciated, more than words can express. We love each and every one of you.

Milburn & Jan Cook

West Erwin Family,
Thank you all for the cards, calls and visits. Most of all, thanks to all of you who prayed for me.

Jon Sorrells

Dear Christian Friends,
We would like to thank the member of your congregation for their wonderful support of our food/grocery program and your generous clothing donations to the Arms of Hope. On behalf of all our children & mothers, "Thank You!" We are grateful for the loving support you have provided for those in our care. Thank you for your kind remembrance. We would like to extend an invitation to any of the church members to visit our campus. Very truly yours,

Kevin McDonald

Baptisms

DeAnna Rainer and her daughter, Christa Ruiz, were baptized Monday, November 16. Christa is in the 11th grade at Robert E. Lee High School. Their contact info is 321 S. Bois D Arc #6, Tyler, TX 75702, 903-262-5878, djrainer@yahoo.com. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

No Wednesday Night Meal for
November 25.

Records	Sunday- Nov. 8	Sunday- Nov. 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	428	419	436
Worship a.m.	655	613	684
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Wed. p.m.	298	282	344
Contribution	\$25,950.51	\$30,822.05	\$30,188.65
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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The Greatest Story Never Told

A few weeks ago I purchased three books in a series. The general theme was *The Greatest Stories Never Told* and the books were based on history, war and presidential stories. I've really enjoyed reading these and learning many little known facts.

Actually, I had heard some of these stories before, but they still remain unnoticed by many history books. Among the stories that caught my attention was one about a presidential speech that fell very flat.

Politics being what it is, we shouldn't be very surprised to hear about a speech on the boring side. Consider the following reviews of this particular speech.

The Chicago Times said, "The cheek of every American must tingle with shame as he reads the silly, flat, dish-watery utterances of...the President of the United States."

A Harrisburg, PA, newspaper wrote, "We pass over the silly remarks of the president; for the credit of the nation we are willing that the veil of oblivion be dropped over them."

The London Times reported, "Anything more dull and commonplace it would not be easy to produce."

Ouch! After such bad reviews one would consider that speech doomed to the trash heap of history. Instead,

this ten sentence speech, delivered in around three minutes, has gone down in history as one of the greatest speeches ever written—the Gettysburg Address.

If critics and enemies had their way, many great stories would never be told. But with perseverance one can overcome these obstacles and tell what needs to be told.

When it comes to the Christian walk we are sometimes challenged by critics and enemies when we tell the story of salvation. Rather than accepting God's plan of redemption with gladness, many will ridicule it and attack the messengers—us. To them it is silliness, a fable, far-fetched and something only the unlearned will follow. But to the Christian it is the greatest story to be shared.

In 1 Corinthians 1:18 Paul said, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved, it is the power of God."

The challenge to us is to keep telling the story regardless of what others say. May none of our friends ever think of it as the greatest story we never told!

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16).

See you Sunday! Mike

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who came to the Area-Wide Middle School Dodgeball night this past Sunday. We had over 125 folks with 7 churches from East Texas. Thanks to these who helped sponsor the evening: J & Tresa Jones, Jeff & Pam Fennell, Keith & Jennifer Skender and John Shaw.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen on the Monday before Thanksgiving with our traditional Thanksgiving Meal (Nov. 23). Come and join us as we serve the community.

MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

The Middle School ZEW Retreat will be Nov. 20-22 in Lone Star. We have a good group signed up! Please bring your Medical Release & \$35 by Wednesday, Nov. 18. We plan to leave on Friday at 5:00.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST

Its time to sign up for LTC! We are planning to meet after church on Sunday evening, Nov. 22 for an informational meeting and sign-up. LTC has become a very significant part of the West Erwin family. All 3rd-12th grade students and their families are encouraged to be a part of LTC. You will be receiving more information in the mail in the coming days.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We have a workday scheduled for this Saturday at 8:00 a.m.. Come and join us! We are still in need of donations to cover our portion of the commitment, if you would be willing to help financially or are interested in working please contact me.

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 15 Small Groups Meet
Nov. 20-22 Middle School Retreat
Nov. 22 LTC Sign-Up
Nov. 23 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Nov. 29 High School Devotional

Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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Books and Bindings Book Club

Contact Person: Jeanine Hughes

jeaninejh@yahoo.com 903-592-1167

Books and Bindings meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, September through May, to discuss the book selection for that month. Books are selected that will inspire, strengthen faith, encourage Christian living and entertain. In addition to the discussion, these ladies enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women who love to read.

Thank You

You have humbled us with your strong support and acts of kindness. We are especially thankful for your prayers. Please continue to pray for healing for Louis. It is with grateful hearts that we express our love and appreciation to our wonderful church family.

Louis and Jane Jones

All Church Dinner

The all-church sandwich supper scheduled for November 15 has been rescheduled to Sunday, December 13 after evening services at the Family Life Center. It will be a Christmas Dinner and food will be provided. Make plans now to be present!

Events of Interest

Winnsboro Ladies Day & Luncheon

Ladies are invited to the Annual Ladies Day & Luncheon at the Winnsboro Church of Christ on Wednesday, November 18, with featured speaker, Marka Cross Bennett. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. followed by a salad luncheon at 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP at 903-342-5715 or email secretary@winnsborochurchofchrist.org. Please note that childcare will be provided.

Involvement News of Interest

Wednesday, Nov 25

Church office will close at noon.

"Elder's Season of Prayer"

7:00 P.M.

No Classes

Nursery only

Holiday Dinner

The all-church sandwich supper that was scheduled for Nov 15 has been rescheduled for Dec. 13. The dinner will follow a Christmas theme. A sign-up sheet can be found at the Visitor Center. Sign your name and how many in your family will be attending.

Small Group Additions

Our small group ministry has been very successful over the past 7 years. Some groups have grown, some have pretty much maintained a steady number, some groups have disbanded while new ones have been born. Come 2010 we would like to birth some new groups. However, these new groups will not be focused on fellowship only, but on service. Your group may wish to consider a change in focus, or some in your group may wish to move to such a group. Let's view 2010 as a year of expansion. Watch for the new and pray GOD will expand your area of service.

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Shampoo

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Last week, I began a three-part series on the teachings of Calvinism. This week, I want to discuss briefly the next three points of Calvinism. **Unconditional Election:** This is more popularly known as **Predestination**. It asserts that, before creation, God arbitrarily chose those who would be saved. Those who are not predestined for salvation cannot do anything to reverse the decision. Passages normally used to support this belief are Rom 9:15-16, 22-24; Eph 1:4-5, 11. However, while the Scriptures indeed speak of predestination or election, this election refers to groups of people rather than individuals. God has predestined the righteous for eternal life and the wicked for eternal punishment. **Limited Atonement:** This point of Calvinism teaches that Jesus' sacrifice only redeemed the elect, rather than the whole world. This point is easily refuted by passages such as John 1:29; 3:16; 2 Cor 5:14-15; and 1 John 2:2. **Irresistible Grace:** God's grace will save the elect when and how God chooses, regardless of individual choice. It will be impossible for an elect person to resist God's grace (Rom 8:29-30). However, the Bible teaches that salvation is a choice that we all make (cf. Acts 22:16; Rom 6:17) and that it is indeed possible to reject the grace of God (cf. Luke 18:18-23; Acts 26:28; Heb 2:3).

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Sunday, November 15, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. 3615 River

Oaks Port,

The Woods Subdivision

Selections at Target and

Bed, Bath & Beyond

Welcome, New Members!

Charles & Jennie Melville placed membership Sunday. They come to us from the Paradise Church of Christ in Paradise, CA. Their contact info is 13321 CR 434, Lindale, TX 75771, 903-882-3723, jcmel@cwnet.com. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 18:

BBQ

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Bible Class	419	375	451
Worship a.m.	613	621	675
Worship p.m.	355	490	485
Wed. p.m.	282	308	393
Contribution	\$30,822.05	\$21,530.15	\$23,847.79
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Lori Dyer, aunt of Sara Whitworth, is now home. | **Cooper Goodson** had a heart cath and 2 stents put in and is now home. | Pray for **Nathan Linseisen** as he joined the Air Force. | **Grace McLain**, 6 year old granddaughter of Frank & Dotti Setzler, will have serious heart surgery on November 19. She lives in Plano. | **Jerry Mitchell** is undergoing tests. | **Stan Smith** is now home. | **Jon Sorrells** is in ICU at MFH. | **Molly Lou Terry** will have knee replacement surgery on Nov. 6. | **Amy Tucker**, friend of Morris Hallman, has been diagnosed with cancer. | **Kyle Womack**, the 21-month-old great-grandson of Ray and Carolyn, fell and broke his right femur and is in a leg cast. He lives in Longview. **West Erwin Family:** Jim Armstrong | Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Shirley McClenny | Mary McFadden | Ruth Meazell | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Jack Stringer | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggonner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** **Kathy Foster**, sister of Tommy Price | Fran Starnes' sister, **Pat Gray (cancer)** | **Lou Jarrett (cancer)**, uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | **Eric Lyles (colon cancer)**, friend of the Sublettes | **Margaret Scoby**, member at Shiloh | **Linda Sellman (cancer)**, sister of Caddie Niles | **Gordon Smith (hip surgery)**, father of Connie Sublette

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Tom Cook: Carlos Cudd

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: David Hammond
Scripture: Dalton Harris
Dismiss: Ralph Henderson

GREETERS

Joey & Mindy Marse & Chase Fisher
Bob & May Helen May & Cody Frick
Forest & Mary McFadden & Kayla Gallegly
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Elmer & Nila Miles

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Moments With Mike

Messing With Time

At two times during the calendar year most Americans go through the Saturday night ritual of adjusting their clocks: forward an hour in the spring and then back again in the fall. Not everyone likes this process and I can't say that I blame them. Being creatures of habit we really don't like it when people mess with our time.

But, believe it or not, it could be much worse!

In 46 B.C. the Roman calendar was off by more than two months. Adjustments had been made previously to the 355 day calendar, but something needed to be done to straighten things out for good. Julius Caesar directed that a new calendar be created. He moved the start of the new year from March 1 to January 1 and fixed the calendar at 365 days following the solar cycles. One day was also added every four years to keep the calendar accurate.

But unlike our annual exercises of moving forward and back an hour, these changes were more severe. In order to catch things up for that year, Caesar added an extra two months between November and December and another three weeks between February and March. The year 46 B.C. ended up being 445 days long.

This seemed to work pretty well until 1582, over 1,600 years after Julius Caesar made these corrections. Each of those years had been off by just eleven minutes

but those minutes added up. Pope Gregory XIII appointed a committee to refine the calendar to keep it on true time. The resulting calendar meant that ten days now had to be trimmed from the current year. So on October 4, 1582, people went to sleep and woke up the next day, October 15, 1582! Some were outraged that 10 days had been stolen from them.

After reading about this recently (*The Greatest Stories Never Told, 100 Tales from History to Astonish, Bewilder & Stupefy*) I suddenly didn't feel so badly about setting our clock forward or backward an hour at a time.

The underlying lesson here is that time exists with or without our attempts to keep it. We can set a clock back an hour but we can not retrieve that hour to live it over again. Time marches on. We cannot "make time." We can only utilize the time we presently have.

Paul tells us to redeem our time (Eph. 5:16) being careful to follow God's ways. Friends, lets make every moment, every hour, every day count. Time is a gift from God. Don't mess with your time by throwing it away.

Both sermons this Sunday will deal with time and how we utilize it. I hope you will set aside your time on Sunday and join us in worship.

See you Sunday! Mike

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THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. Over the past several months, we have been serving over 150 people. This week we had over 165 folks that came for a hot meal. West Erwin will be hosting the Monday before Thanksgiving with our traditional Thanksgiving Meal (Nov. 23). Come and join us as we serve the community.

AREA WIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL DODGEBALL NIGHT

West Erwin will be hosting the area churches this coming Sunday Night for a meal together, Devotional and Dodgeball. We will begin at 6:00. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:15.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We will have several more work days ahead including some Thursdays. If you would be willing to help financially or are interested in working please contact me.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to a group of our teens who participated in Bible Quiz this past Sunday. We are studying 2 Samuel. If you are interested in participating, please let me know! Study sheets are available.

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Nov. 8 Area-Wide Middle School Dodgeball
Nov. 20-22 Middle School Retreat
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GOD: Safe? Tyrant?

By Don Crawford

Do you remember those days when hell, fire, and brimstone were angrily preached every Sunday? We sang about the all-seeing eye and how it was watching you...watching you. GOD was more of a tyrant.

Well, since those days, preaching has swung to the far side where GOD is the nice GOD...the safe GOD. The One we call on to give us good weather for our golf game. The One folks call on asking Him to make this ticket "the winning ticket." But revere Him or die for Him — You must be kidding. Which image has caused the most damage?

It's a weird thing the way we always swing so

far to an extreme and rarely find the middle. Could it be Satan who keeps us from the middle? Could it be in the middle where we find the true image of GOD? Respect for His firmness and appreciation for His grace. Would we even be able to recognize Him if He came close?

His true character is disclosed in Scripture. Christ came....the exact replica of GOD our Father.....the Jews killed Him because they did not recognize Him. (John 1:10-11)

Benevolence Center Needs

Toilet Paper
Toothpaste
Deodorant
Bar Soap
Shampoo

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WHITWORTH

This week, I want to begin a three-part series which will discuss the teachings of Calvinism. John Calvin's beliefs were expressed in his commentary on the Bible and in a collection of works known as *Institutes*. Several religious groups adhere to some or all of his teachings. But in recent years, Calvinism has experienced a revival within religious groups that did not previously embrace it. There are commendable attributes of

Calvinism—it is based upon absolute faith in God's sovereignty. But Calvinism also has its flaws. The first of Calvinism's five points is **Total Depravity**: At birth, a person inherits Adam's sin and is totally depraved or sinful. It is thus impossible for someone, of free will, to love or be obedient to God. To be saved, God must enable that person through the Spirit to love and be obedient. Passages normally used to support this belief are Gen 8:21; Psa 51:5; John 6:44, 64-65; Rom 5:12-19; 8:7-8; and Eph 2:1-3. But the NT teaches that a person dies spiritually because s/he sins, rather than inheriting Adam's sin. Spiritual death is a consequence of our own sins, rather than Adam's (cf. Ezek 18:20; Rom 3:23). We are all sinners and in need of Jesus' redemption, but we must personally decide to obey the gospel!

Ladies' Involvement Ministry

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Benevolence Center

(This group consists of men and women)

Tuesday Morning Activities 8:30-11:00

Contact: Frances Phillips frances.phillips@gmail.com 903-597-4492

Clothing Distribution

- Assist visitors with "shopping"
- Unpack donations
- Pack out-of-season and replace with in-season

Quilting

- Cut and piece quilt-tops
- Bind and tack quilts to be given to the needy

African Hospital Projects

- Cut and bind diaper shirts to be sent to a church supported hospital in Africa
- Prepare sheets for use as bandages to be sent to church supported hospital in Africa

Thursday Morning Activities 8:30-11:00

Contact: Linda Gillam lgillam1@juno.com 903-849-4022

Food Distribution

- Registration – Sign people in – check IDs
- Computer Check – View and record visit information
- Interviewing - Assist in filling out requests, Correspondence Course information, Pray with visitors
- Fill bags with food

Clothing Distribution

- Assist visitors with "shopping"
- Unpack donations
- Pack out-of-season and replace with in-season

Events of Interest

Gospel Meeting in Alto

The Alto Church of Christ invites you to their gospel meeting Monday-Wednesday, November 9-11, at 7:00 p.m. each evening. The guest speaker this year will be Dan Manuel from Palestine, Texas.

Winnsboro Ladies Day & Luncheon

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Meeting

There will be a Deacons/Elders/Preachers meeting at El Charro's on Monday, November 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 11:

Burgers & Fries

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Ray Cooper, who passed away Monday. Ray was Odie Kennedy's boss. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Directory Changes

Bob & Pat Hackett's home phone number:
903-561-2302

Louise Seaberry's new email address:
charlou53@centurylink.net.

Chris & Miranda Conder's new address:
701 Shiloh Ridge, Tyler, TX 75703

If you noticed any of your information is incorrect in the directory and would like it to be updated, let the church office know by calling 903-592-0809 or email office@westerwin.org.

Young At Heart

Seniors 55+ are invited to our Young At Heart meeting Thursday, November 12, at 6:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. This month's theme is "Being Thankful!"



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Wed. p.m.	308	344	327
Contribution	\$21,530.15	\$21,514.20	\$27,568.15
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: H. L. Bain, father of Susan Hearon, is now at Pinecrest Nursing Home. | Lori Dyer, aunt of Sara Whitworth, is hospitalized in Naples, FL, with a bacterial infection in the intestines. | Cooper Goodson will have a heart cath on November 2. | Kalli Huff is now home. | Louis Jones had surgery last Friday and is now home. | Eric Lyles, 36-year-old friend of the Sublettes, was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. | Stan Smith fell and is at Hospice of East Texas just for rehab. He should return home in just a few days. | Brice Sustaire is homebound to avoid exposure to the flu. He is not sick but is having to miss school, church or anywhere there is a crowd. | Molly Lou Terry will have knee replacement surgery on Nov. 6. **West Erwin Family:** Jim Armstrong | Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Shirley McClenny | Mary McFadden | Ruth Mezell | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Jack Stringer | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Kathy Foster, sister of Tommy Price | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Margaret Scoby, member at Shiloh | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles | Gordon Smith (hip surgery), father of Connie Sublette

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Moments With Mike

Where Do I Stand?

Throughout the school year many students will approach the teacher and inquire about their current grades. This happens with greater frequency just before the mid-term exams and especially before the finals. The students want to know where they stand.

What they do with the information may still be a mystery to some teachers. Having teachers in both my family and in my wife's family, I've heard plenty of stories of students who questioned where they stood on their grades and then apparently did nothing to better themselves.

The Bible records an example of a very fortunate young man. This fellow was able to approach Jesus and ask Him questions directly related to his relationship with God.

His first question was, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:16). Jesus replied by saying that he should keep the commandments.

Then, like many students today that may wish to further clarify the situation, he asked his second question, "Which ones?" (Matt. 19:18). This time Jesus lists a few of the Ten Commandments, including the ones for murder, adultery, stealing, bearing false witness and honoring parents.

The young man had successfully kept these commandments and so he presses for a third question. "What do I still lack?" (Matt. 19:20). Knowing of the young man's love for his riches, Jesus instructs him to sell what he has, give that to the poor and then follow Jesus.

Unfortunately, the young man was unwilling to give up what he treasured so much. Jesus knew where the man stood. Material things had replaced God in his life. But just like the failing student who declined to apply himself for a passing grade, this young man went away with great sorrow for he had many possessions.

We would do well to consider the questions the young man asked Jesus. What must we do to have eternal life? Which commands are we to follow today? What do we still lack?

Friends, we'll find the answers to those questions in the Bible. But here's the real question for us. Will we do what God expects of us in order to go to heaven?

David wrote the following in Psalm 139:23-24. "Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting."

Where do you stand with Jesus today?
See you Sunday! Mike

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who were a part of the West Erwin Fall Festival this past weekend. We had one of the largest crowds ever! Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and their faithful crew who served over 450 hotdogs and lots of nachos! Thanks to all of those who brought cookies and candy. Thanks to Melanie Benson, Sara Whitworth & Brittany Carter for judging the costume contest. A special thanks to the teens and their families and the college students for setting up and running the booths!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this Monday night. We serve a hot meal to anyone who is hungry. If you are interested in helping, be here by 5:00. We serve at 6:00 and we are typically done cleaning up by 7:00.

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BIBLE QUIZ

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Ladies' Involvement Ministry

Wed. A.M. Ladies' Bible Class

West Erwin has a Ladies' Bible class that meets at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings September through May at the church building. If you are interested in teaching the Ladies Wednesday morning Bible class, contact Fern Bench at 903-882-7222. If you are available Wednesday mornings at 10:00, please make plans to be present at Ladies' Bible Class!

Events of Interest

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With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Harvey Strickland on the loss of his sister-in-law, **Dorothy Strickland**. Services were Sunday in Wiggins, Mississippi. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Thank You

Dear Brethren,
I do not have an adequate command of words to express our appreciation for your love and support. Your concern for Esther and myself during this difficult period has been overwhelming. You are such a great blessing to our lives and we love each of you dearly. Love,

Ira Wilson

Guest Editorial...

Beyond the Slogans

By Phil Ware

Those of us in the community of believers pull out several sayings when folks face hardship and troubles. The truth behind these sayings is powerful and comforting. Yet we frequently use them when we don't know what to say to folks facing hardship, loss, deep disappointment, and grief. We don't intend for them to be throwaway slogans, but they can become that if we use them indiscriminately. "I'll be prayin' for you!" Few things are more important than intercessory prayer for someone who is hurting. Yet this statement can feel like a throwaway slogan when the wounded friend doesn't know for sure that we are actually praying for them and doesn't know what it is we are praying for them. To keep this from simply being a throwaway slogan, we can actually place our hand on our friend and pray for them, especially for the Holy Spirit to bring comfort and strength as we ask for

God's presence to be with them during their time of sorrow, pain, or grief. We can also let them know that we will pray specifically for them at a certain time each day or on a certain day of the week. Suddenly, the slogan becomes a partnership of grace — a commitment to support them regularly in their struggle to regain their hope and balance in life. (To read more of this article, visit www.heartlight.org.)

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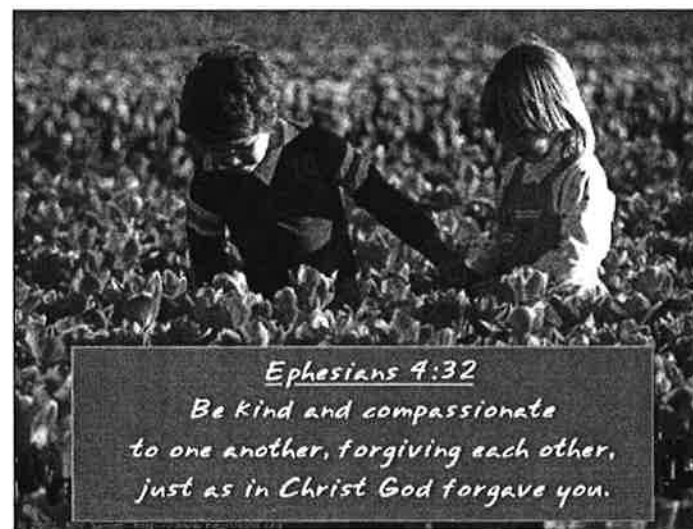
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November 8, 2009 | West Erwin Family Life Center

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

What we believe about Jesus is very important. Christians profess that Jesus was God-in-the-flesh and the Christ. But what proof do we have of such claims? **1.) Jesus was a historical person.** The historical reality of his life cannot be denied. Dozens of Roman historians refer to him. There is simply too much written about Jesus—ancient and modern—for him to be a myth or legend. **2.) Jesus claimed to be God.** We do not give Jesus a position he did not claim for himself. On several occasions, he claimed that he was God (John 5:17-18; 10:30) and accepted worship as if he were God (Matt. 8:2). **3.) Jesus fulfilled every messianic prophecy.** Scattered throughout the OT, there are several predictions about the Messiah (cf. Psa. 22:14-18; Isa. 9:1-2; Mic. 5:2). According to the gospels, Jesus fulfilled every one of these! Jesus' resurrection was the final proof of his deity. **4.) Jesus predicted his own resurrection** (Matt. 12:38-40; John 2:18-22). Resurrection critics propose all sorts of absurd theories, including the allegation that his followers stole the body. But the reality is that Jesus truly died, rose on the third day, and appeared to hundreds of eye-witnesses. Isn't it great to have such solid evidence for our Savior?



Ephesians 4:32
Be kind and compassionate
to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ God forgave you.

New Address

Samuel Mink
#1437719
1391 FM 3328

Tennessee Colony, TX 75880

Samuel can now receive email. Call Lee Mink for that info if you are interested.

Wednesday Night Meal for Nov. 4:
Mexican Food

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Records	Sunday-Oct. 18	Sunday- Oct. 11	Year Ago
Bible Class	377	402	445
Worship a.m.	629	657	712
Worship p.m.	351	407	424
Wed. p.m.	344	326	340
Contribution	\$21,514.20	\$32,818.60	\$25,257.20
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Jim Armstrong is homebound after suffering a bacterial infection. | H. L. Bain, father of Susan Hearon, is at ETMC. | Alan Fisher had shoulder surgery for an injury to his rotator cuff. | Kalli Huff is at UTHCT with pneumonia. | Louis Jones will have surgery Oct. 23 at MFH. | Shirley McClenny is now home. | Dub Mathews was hospitalized briefly on October 17 but is back at the Hamptons. | Ruth Meazell is in room 113 at Waterton Place on Shiloh Rd. for further rehab. | Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother, has been released from the hospital. | Bettye Price is at Park Place for further rehab. | Margaret Scoby, friend of Dale & Dot White & member at Shiloh, is at Waterton Place. | The premature daughter of Kyle Stowers (born 3 months early) has now developed swine flu. She is hospitalized in Dallas. | Gordon Smith, father of Connie Sublette, had successful hip surgery and is hospitalized. | Molly Lou Terry will have knee replacement surgery on Nov. 6. | Ira Wilson began outpatient therapy last Wednesday. **West Erwin Family:** Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Louise Culpepper | Mary McFadden | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Jack Stringer | Ira Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Kathy Foster, sister of Tommy Price | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray (cancer) | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles

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Chad Chauncey Joey Coker

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Bobby Dingler
Scripture Harold Denman
Dismiss Don Durham

GREETERS

Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Emily DuPree
Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Jessica DuPree
Robert & Mary Lee & Michelle Ellis
Visitor Center: Paul & Shelia Lewis
Carroll & Cherrie Magee

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Moments With Mike

Over The Hilltop

Several years ago I began to have an interest in the history of hymns. Reading about the authors and the inspiration for their songs can be a very enlightening process. Currently I have about a dozen books that are devoted to the history and origin of songs. Our church library also has several books on this subject.

When we learn about how a song came to be, we often develop a greater appreciation for the deeper meaning of that song. For example, I can't sing *It Is Well With My Soul* today without thinking about H. G. Spafford and his tragic loss of his daughters drowning at sea.

The story below is included in the book, *A Song Is Born*, by Robert J. Taylor.

Ira Stamphill wrote the song *Mansion Over The Hilltop* after hearing the following story from a visiting preacher, Gene Martin, while in Dallas, TX, in 1949.

"A man of considerable means, facing imminent bankruptcy, took a driving trip through a rural part of the country. Here, one particular house caught his attention. It was badly in need of paint and repairs of every kind. Most of the windows had oil paper to replace the broken glass. Parts of the roof and shingles were missing. He wondered how the house was still standing. Out front, playing in the yard, was a young girl about 8 or 9, who was poorly

dressed. The traveler felt an urge to stop and talk. During the conversation, he mentioned how sorry he was that the young lady had to live in such poor surroundings. The young girl replied, "Why, haven't you heard? My daddy just inherited a fortune and he's building us a mansion just over that hill over there. Don't know when it will be done, but I won't have to live in this house forever."

Jesus said in John 14:1-2, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Isn't it a great comfort to know that our Lord has a place prepared in heaven for us? We may live in many different houses during our life, but we will not find any permanent dwellings here. These are all temporary. The dwelling place we desire is eternal in heaven.

Friends, let's live with the understanding that we are on a journey through this world in search of that eternal city above. Let's keep the promise of a home in heaven firmly in our vision as we seek to do God's will every day.

See you Sunday! Mike

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October: To Peace

Sermons for October 25, 2009, by Mike Baker
A.M.: Will You Carry The Wood? (Gen. 22:1-6)
P. M.: You Be The Judge (John 7:24)
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

WAY TO GO!!!

I had the chance to see several of our teens this past weekend at the UIL Marching Contest in Nacogdoches. We have teens in Brownsboro, Chapel Hill, Lindale, Robert E Lee, John Tyler and Whitehouse schools who marched. They all did an outstanding job! Way to go gang!

FALL FESTIVAL

West Erwin will be hosting the annual Fall Festival for children ages Birth through 5th grade. The date is Sunday, Oct. 25. If you haven't signed up but are interested in helping, just let me know and we will get plugged in!

Setup will be Saturday morning from 10:00-12:00. If you are working a booth, please be there for setup.

We are also in need of bags of wrapped candy to pass out to the kids Sunday night.

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Fall 2009 Lecture Series at Holly Lake

Holly Lake Church of Christ invites you to their lecture series October 25-28. Dr Jay Lockhart will teach a series of lessons on "The Glory of Christ." We will be taking the bus on Monday, October 26 to the Holly Lake Church building. If you would like a ride, please sign up at the Visitor Center.

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Welcome, New Member!

Brian Brown

2515 Caldwell, Tyler, TX 75702 | 903-245-3673
We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

New Baby Girl

Roxanne Elizabeth Mayer was born October 15 to Mike & Leslee in Albany, Oregon. She was 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Great-grandparents are Ray & Carolyn Womack. Congratulations!



Thank You

God is so good to provide us with such a wonderful blessing of family! I want you to know how grateful we are for the concern you have expressed for me during this difficult time. We are most thankful for your prayers because this is the most important thing that will ensure my recovery. In addition to thanking you, I want to ask you to continue to hold us up in prayer during the process of my treatment.

In His love,
Carol Morgan

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November 8

Sign up sheet coming soon

Attrition

I found in the dictionary that attrition meant the gradual wearing away....like my left knee. However, the application Webster used was called a siege. A siege, like the one Babylon put upon the city of Jerusalem in order to wear them down. Those inside the city walls were powerless to resist. Their troops had no strength to stand. Babylon, the invader, could do as she pleased.

Please do not let Satan put a siege on your life that gradually wears you down. Unless an ally comes to rescue you, you may become powerless to resist this invader.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Ever wonder why it is so hard to turn from temptation? What is it that causes you to make the same poor choices again and again? In Matthew 4, there is an incredible story about Jesus' temptation in the desert. This story offers us hope for our moments under fire and helps us gain traction when we find ourselves stuck in the mud of our own failures. It is a story that has the power to change the way

you and I wrestle with Satan.

In Matthew 3, Jesus was baptized by John, and God showed his approval both visually and audibly. But immediately following the occasion, Jesus was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. As we dig deeper into this story, we discover something very similar to what Dorothy found in *The Wizard of Oz*. She believed that the yellow brick road would lead to a great and powerful wizard, but what she found was a little man behind a curtain. Likewise, God wants to pull back the curtain and show us that temptation is not as menacing as it might seem. The reason why this is so is because Jesus did more for us at the cross than give us the hope of heaven. He also came to break the power of sin over our lives. The apostle Paul put it in these terms: "Sin shall not be your master, for you are not under law, but under grace" (Romans 6:14).



Mark your calendars for our Annual Fall Festival! It will be Sunday, October 25, from 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. There will be carnival booths for children birth-5th grade, with games, prizes and a costume contest! Please bring a bag of wrapped candy by that Sunday morning. Refreshments will be served. This fun night for all of our families is sponsored by the West Erwin Youth Ministry.

Response For Prayer

Cathy Stowers responded Sunday asking for prayers as she struggles with being too quick to anger and too slow to forgive. We appreciate Cathy's courage. Please continue to pray for and encourage Cathy.

Wednesday Night Meal for Oct. 28:
Italian-Bruno's

In Appreciation

The elders express their sincere appreciation to Don Durham for his dedicated service to West Erwin during the time he served as an elder. His wisdom, insight and hard work have been an integral part of our team for many years. We look forward to working with Don and Norma as active members for a long time to come.

James M. Sublette
Chairman

Children's Home Needs

The Medina Children's Home truck will be in Tyler during the week of November 2-6. They are in need of salsa and/or chicken broth. You may drop your items off in the bin located in the foyer by the Erwin Street entrance. Please remember to check the expiration date on the food items. They also appreciate cash donations as it allows them to purchase milk, meat, fruit & vegetables. You can now make a secure donation on their new website www.medinachildrenshome.org.

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Wed. p.m.	326	280	289
Contribution	\$32,818.60	\$22,223.15	\$27,524.68
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Jonathan Baker has the flu. | Reagan Corley, 4-year-old son of Michael & Mindy Corley (friends of the Kellys & Carnathans) is hospitalized at Texas Children's in Houston after having 2 surgeries to drain fluid from between his skull & brain. | Louise Culpepper is undergoing tests. | Fran Starnes' sister, Pat Gray's cancer has returned. | Louis Jones is undergoing tests. | Ruth Mezell is at MFH. | Tommy Price is now home. | Jack Stringer had a pacemaker implanted Tues. at Mother Frances. **West Erwin Family:** Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Mary McFadden | Carolyn Montandon | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Tommy Price | Jon Sorrells | Ira Wilson | Carolyn Womack **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Fern Bench | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Shirley McClenny | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Kathy Foster, sister of Tommy Price | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother | Colleen Porter, sister of Riece Gibson | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles

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Moments With Mike

React Or Respond

I've always been a huge fan of Zig Ziglar. From my days in the business world I found insight, wisdom and energy from his books and tapes. The same is of benefit to me as a preacher as well.

A few weeks ago I rediscovered a few of his tapes and listened to them while traveling up to Kentucky. I found it very refreshing to hear his voice again and to reflect on his insights.

One concept he taught caught my attention more than the others. He was speaking of how we interact with others (managers, family, customers, friends, etc.) and how there is a difference between reacting or responding.

For example, one might say that a person had a reaction to a medication, meaning that they had complications. On the other hand, one might say that a person is responding well to treatment of an illness.

How about in our lives? Do we tend to react more or respond more?

When something bad happens to us (and you know it will) we need to be prepared to handle that situation righteously. James reminds us of this in James 1:19-20. "So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God."

A reaction to an insult or an injury might well be to return like for like. But a response falls more in line with what God desires from us. Peter speaks of our responses being with "meekness and fear" so that as people speak against us as "evildoers" our good conduct may cause them to be put to shame. See 1 Peter 3:15-17.

Here is another passage to consider. In Ephesians 4:26-27 Paul says, "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil."

Friends, let's focus on spending more time on righteous responses rather than quick reactions.

See you Sunday! Mike

On my mind...

I want to thank Don Durham for his work here as an elder. Don resigned Sunday and will be missed in that role. He and Norma will continue to worship here.

I also want to thank the ladies for a good turnout at the ladies' ministry event. I have heard that there were a good number present and many signed up for work with the various committees.

This Sunday morning we will continue some thoughts on renewal. Hope to see you then.

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GREETINGS...

I bring greetings from the Casa Hogar Childrens Home and Iglesia de Cristo in Nueva Rosita, Mex. Last weekend, several of us from West Erwin made a trip to visit our brethren in Mexico and deliver some needed supplies to the children's home. Thanks to all who helped financially in donating to that cause. We were able to take a washer, dryer, stove, nebulizer, weed eater and other yard tools and toys to the children's home. It was good to see our brothers & sisters in Christ and worship with them Sunday. Israel Sandoval even got to preach Sunday night. He did a great job... I think! Thanks to Ken Culpepper, David Wicks and Israel Sandoval for going!

THANKS...

Thanks to Tom & Donnie Cook and Mark & Melissa Frick for hosting the high school devo this past Sunday night.

Thanks to Davy Carter for filling in for me in class Sunday morning.

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We will have a meeting on Sunday, Oct. 18 @ 4:00 in the small auditorium to finalize the plans. All who are willing to help should attend.

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Son of Timaeus

Jesus and a large crowd were leaving Jericho. A blind man named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was headed his way he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" He was desperate. Desperate people are uncompromising in getting what they want. Bartimaeus was not going to be denied what might be his only opportunity to get healing. Jesus was his only hope and he knew it.

The New Testament is filled with desperate people. People who were willing to rip the roof off a house to reach Jesus. People who would walk into private dinners to wash his feet with

tears. People who were desperate to get near Jesus and who cared less about others around them or the mess they made on their way to him.

The people around Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52) were not willing to help him. They were not going to tolerate him either, so they tried to shut him up. But Jesus heard his desperate cry above all the other noises and asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?"

Jesus still hears the voices of desperate people. He will hear yours too when you cry out to Him.

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Sign up sheet coming soon

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Welcome, New Members!

Millie Tomlin, daughter of Joann Davis, placed membership Sunday. Her address is 11975 Woodcrest, Tyler, TX 75704, and phone number is 903-595-1398.

Jim & Helen Boyd placed membership Sunday as well. Their address is 15575 Wagon Wheel Circle, Chandler, TX 75758, and phone number is 903-849-4903.

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

Congratulations!

Grayson Gage Hogue was born to Caisson & Tiffany on October 9, 2009 in Charleston, SC. He weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces. The proud grandparents are James & Connie Sublette.

Wednesday Night Meal for Oct. 21:
BBQ

Letter of Resignation

To the Elders of West Erwin Church of Christ, I have made the difficult decision to resign as an Elder of West Erwin for personal reasons. My resignation has nothing to do with any doctrinal differences or over some issue with the Eldership or members of this fine congregation. On the contrary, I greatly respect the Eldership and admire their love and commitment to serving West Erwin while always respecting God's word. Also, Norma and I love this congregation. It has been a great honor for me to have been chosen as one of the Elders and serve for almost seven years. We know great things are ahead for West Erwin, and Norma and I plan to continue to worship at West Erwin and be active members.

With Christian Love,
Don Durham

Thank You

To the congregation at West Erwin, I recently found out what it meant to have a church family. Thank you so much. Your cards, calls and prayers made the days more pleasant. I love you all. Thanks to each and every one.

Lon B. Gibson

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards following my fall and subsequent hip joint replacement surgery. With the new titanium joint, I am good for the year 3000!!! Ralph continues to be a good helper. At 5 weeks post-op, I use a quad-cane and have neighborhood driving privileges. Life is too short for a "re-do," so I am trying to follow directions. This experience has increased my appreciation of the Body of Christ. We love you,

Ralph & Marian Rowe

Rejoice!

Kinsey Lockhart was baptized Sunday, October 11, after morning services by her father, Blake Lockhart. Kinsey is in the 8th grade and attends school in Lindale. Her address is 16245 CR 431, Lindale TX 75771. We are so proud of you, Kinsey!



START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I have always found personal introductions awkward. When I speak somewhere, I am always asked for a bio sheet so that I can be introduced. I never know how much or little to put (I believe that less is more). Even more awkward than being introduced is introducing another. You run the risk of getting the facts wrong or mispronouncing the name of his lone grandchild. Introductions are fraught with minefields one must cautiously avoid. Except when it comes to God. In Isaiah 45, the God of Israel introduced himself to Cyrus, king of Persia. What makes this passage unique is that Cyrus would not be born until a few centuries after Isaiah's ministry! Imagine Daniel the prophet approaching Cyrus with a scroll and Cyrus' name is present! In Isaiah 45, the God of Israel introduces himself in this way: "I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things" (Isaiah 45:5-7).

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Worship p.m.	354	335	437
Wed. p.m.	290	311	395
Contribution	\$22,223.15	\$23,714.16	\$56,713.84
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Lon Gibson is now home. | Mary McFadden has the shingles. | Linda Marts had cataract surgery Wednesday. | Carol Morgan is now home but was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma and will begin treatment. | M'Lynn Phillips, James & Frances Phillips' granddaughter, is 9 years old and has been diagnosed with H1N1, but is doing ok. | Bettye Price's surgery went well and she is at a rehab facility in Dallas. | Jack Stringer will have a pacemaker implanted on Oct. 13 at MFH. | Michael Whitworth is having problems with the treatment of his diabetes. **West Erwin Family:** Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Tommy Price | Jon Sorrells | Carolyn Womack **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny Anders | Fern Bench | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Shirley McClenny | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Jennifer Cawyer, Bud and Charlotte Cawyer's niece | Kathy Foster, sister of Tommy Price | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother | Colleen Porter, sister of Riece Gibson | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles

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Moments With Mike

Are You Plugged In?

At the end of last year we mailed out new involvement forms to every member at West Erwin. The old database was being replaced with a new system and we wanted to have fresh information concerning what our members were interested in doing.

Sadly, we didn't receive forms back on everyone. In fact, for several months we announced, encouraged and begged for people to fill out their forms and return them to the office. But not even half of our active members have done so.

As a result, our new database contains many names which have indicated no particular involvement with the ministries of West Erwin. Some can not participate due to health or other concerns. But some choose not to become involved and this is a concern.

We would love for everyone to have an active role in the work of the church. As with most organizations, we have a small percentage of people who are doing a large percentage of the work. This leads to burnout of the workers and atrophy of the ones who are not involved.

A much better situation is to find everyone doing something and spreading the work over the entire congregation. We really need everyone to be plugged into the local work in some manner.

Paul wrote of the importance of our individual involvement when he wrote, "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" (Eph. 4:16, emphasis added, MB).

Have you ever stopped to consider what your part and your share is? What is it that you are doing that helps to cause the growth of the body of our Lord?

This Sunday night our ladies will be setting up displays at the FLC to showcase the various ladies' ministries here at West Erwin. We encourage all of our ladies to take time to review a brochure that will be in our Sunday handout and to visit the displays. Through this exposure we hope that many new names can be added to help support the efforts of these good ministries.

There are over 20 ministries listed in the brochure and 9 of them are looking for a new leader, co-leader or both. There are so many needs that need to be filled and I'm confident that the talented ladies here are well suited to fill these needs.

Are you plugged into some ministry here at West Erwin? If not, why not?

See you Sunday! Mike

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS...

Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, Shane & Becky Millican & John Shaw for hosting the middle school devo this past Sunday night.

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"A man reaps what he sows"

Gal. 6:7b

By Don Crawford

It's impossible to sow to please our sinful nature and reap a harvest to the Spirit. We reap in kind. If we sow to the Spirit we reap to the Spirit.

What we sow today will require a season of growth before the results are known. Therefore, Paul says, "...do not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." (:9)

Every moment you spend in the Scriptures is an investment into eternal realities. Every moment you spend in the Scriptures seeds are being planted in your heart that will bring forth a

harvest in your own heart — if you continue to persevere in faith and love.

So, don't quit! When you feel like you are not accomplishing much and you don't understand it like you had hoped to, get stubborn and don't quit! The Word being planted in your heart today is going to germinate, sprout roots, and produce fruit.

Have a great week and don't forget to thank the ONE who gave it to you.

West Erwin Blood Drive

November 8, 2009

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

One of the Old Testament's most beautiful stories is found in Ruth. A woman known as Naomi lost her husband and her two sons. In the aftermath, she returned despondent to her homeland of Israel with little hope for a bright future. Her surviving daughters-in-law were under no obligation to go with her, but one chose to do so: Ruth. In this beautiful story of

faithful love and devotion, I see three important lessons concerning our personal relationships. First, Ruth teaches us that relationships are not cheap bonds to be broken when circumstances demand; rather, loyalty is a sacred calling. As Christians, we take comfort in the fact that Jesus is faithful to us even beyond our own death (Matthew 28:20), and Christ expects us to be devoted to one another just as he is devoted to us. Second, Ruth's devotion was the only flicker of hope in Naomi's otherwise shattered life. Your un-faithfulness has the power to shatter someone else's life, but your faithfulness could very well be the final thread of hope to which someone clings. Finally, in hindsight, Ruth's loyalty to Naomi had lasting repercussions in the history of Israel—her lineage included David and Christ. Your faithfulness could also have eternal implications, but unfaithfulness could spell disaster for generations.

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Sermon CDs

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Wednesday Night Meal for Oct. 14:

Burgers & Fries

With Sympathy

Neva Lacy, aunt of John Lacy, passed away on Saturday, October 3. Services will be this Friday, October 9 at noon in Ft. Worth. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.

With Thanks

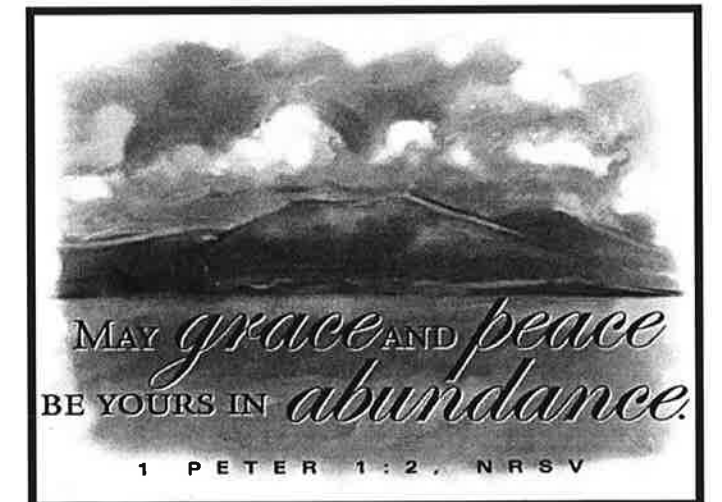
Dear Christian Friends,
I would like to thank all of our wonderful Christian friends in the Tyler area for your generous donations to the Arms of Hope. Your tremendous efforts in collecting 1,800 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank You!" 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. Very truly yours,

Kevin M. McDonald

Arms of Hope Youth & Family Solutions

Response for Prayer

Terry Jackson came forward Sunday saying he has been away from the church for many years and wants to rededicate his life. Terry is an example to all of us. Please continue to encourage and pray for Terry.



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Updates: Kathy Foster, sister of Tommy Price had quadruple bypass surgery. | Lon Gibson is at Health South. | Ruth Mezell is now home. | Carol Morgan has pneumonia and is at MFH, rm. 4444. | Tommy Price is having severe pain in her right leg and is undergoing tests. | Jon Sorrells is at ETMC, rm. 2530. No visitors at this time. | Ira Wilson is now home and doing well. **West Erwin Family:** Karen Bender | Melvin Crow | Jon Sorrells | Carolyn Womack *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Fern Bench | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Shirley McClenny | Bob May | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Bettye Price | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Clyde Waggoner | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Jennifer Cawyer, Bud and Charlotte Cawyer's niece | Lou Jarrett (cancer), uncle of Rebekah Carnathan | Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother | Colleen Porter, sister of Riece Gibson | Linda Sellman (cancer), sister of Caddie Niles

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Moments With Mike

A few weeks ago I received a notice in the mail about my registration renewal on my car. As in the previous year, I went down to the Cotton Belt building and submitted my payment with proof of insurance and received a new renewal decal for my windshield.

Unless I decide to trade for another car, I'm good to go for the next year. I'm in compliance with the laws of Texas and my car is considered legal to drive.

When you stop to think about it, renewal is a common part of our lives. The newspaper sends you a renewal notice when your subscription runs out. The same is true with magazines. They know that you are a current customer, but your original agreement is about to expire and they want to sign you up for another round.

Renewal can also be seen in relationships. Occasionally you will hear of a married couple who renew their vows to one another, reaffirming their love and commitment to one another. Sometimes this is done in the aftermath of a marital difficulty, but hopefully it was just at a milestone in their marriage. In either situation, renewal is seen as a positive step.

Renewal can be seen not only as a recommitment but also as a recharging of our strength and faith. Concerning God, Isaiah wrote, "He gives power to the

Renewal

weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength...But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:29, 31).

As a preacher, I often ponder what can be done to help people understand the power of renewal in their lives. God will supply our strength, but we must be willing to connect with that power.

Some will connect when times are difficult. David wrote Psalm 51 after Nathan had exposed his sin with Bathsheba. In verse 10 David wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."

David knew that his commitment with God needed renewal. Calling upon God for mercy, David requests that God help put him back in a righteous relationship with Him.

But we don't need to wait until we are separated from God to seek renewal with Him. Sunday morning's lesson will deal with some of this as we examine the topic, "Renew Our Spirit." In the weeks to follow I hope for us to continue with this theme as we seek a renewed commitment with God, with our Savior and with the church. Make your plans to be here.

See you Sunday! Mike

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Marshall's Ladies' Day 2009

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Wednesday Night Meal for Oct. 7: Mexican Food

Events of Interest

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 Oct. 6. An order form will be available at the Visitor Center or contact Kim DuPree for additional information. The Playschool thanks you for your support!

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With Sympathy

Virginia Kuykendall, sister-in-law of Carolyn McCune, passed away Monday. Services will be in Maryland. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Rejoice!

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

Justin Parrish was baptized Sunday, September 20, 2009, by his dad, Jeff Parrish. Justin is in 8th grade and attends school in Whitehouse. His address is 1617 Waterton Circle, Whitehouse, TX 75791.



Jaycie Wilson was baptized Wednesday, September 23, 2009, by her grandfather Gaylan Seagler. Jaycie is in 5th grade and attends school at Grace Community School. Her address is 5622 Reagan, Tyler, TX 75707.

With Thanks

Thank you to our brothers and sisters in Christ for the many cards, telephone calls, offers to drive us and asked about me during my eye surgery. Every act of interest warmed the hearts of James and myself. We appreciate and love you. Yours in Christ,

Frances Phillips

Thanks for your cards, calls, visits and prayer during my surgery. Sherrie and I appreciate all you have done for us. Love you,

Ira & Sherrie Groom

To Our West Erwin Brothers and Sisters, We want express our love and gratitude for the countless ways you have been supporting us in our transition. We thank you for sharing your song leaders and occasional speakers with our congregation. We thank you for the many caring visitors from West Erwin who come out to visit with us and encourage us and for all the many women from West Erwin who attended our Ladies Day. It is a thrill to see and visit with beloved friends. We thank Don Crawford and the congregation for donating a much needed table to our preschool classrooms. We thank Nancy Crawford for her ongoing support and hands-on service in our educational ministry. She personally came to our building and helped us begin the process of organizing our Resource Room for a whole month of Tuesday evenings over the summer. We thank Rick Fedell for his generosity in helping us obtain a copy machine at cost. We know there are many others who may not personally be mentioned. We love the church at West Erwin! We are doing well in Whitehouse. You are a blessing to us all! On Behalf of the Whitehouse Mission Team and congregation--we say "THANKS!"

Dear West Erwin Church Members, Thank you for all the prayers, cards and phone calls during the loss of my brother, Gary Gorman. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Janis & Gary Heath, Sr.
Jennifer & Gary Heath, Jr.

Welcome, New Members!

Anthony & Julie Kelsey, Ty & Cody
19270 CR 445, Lindale, TX 75771

Antonio & Karen Lopez
5480 CR 35 # 4, Tyler, TX 75706

Joe & Sherry Elerson, Joseph
2611 VZCR 4609, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754

Response for Prayers

Millie Tomlin came forward Sunday asking for prayers that she can become a better Christian. Please continue to pray for and encourage Millie.

NEW MEMBER PICTURES

Sunday, Oct 4, 2009

Church Library

After A.M. Worship

Annette Evans	Leo Gonzalez
Sheri & Wyatt Gruver	Stacey Hardin-Gregory
Anthony & Julie Kelsey	Teree Loveless
Frank & Dotti Setzler	Ben & Margaret Starr
Dale Thomas	George & Lorraine Whaley
Antonio & Karen Lopez	Juanita Masters
Rebekah Egan	Clay Kinser

100% Responsible

No one can make you unhappy. Your ability to be happy or unhappy is 100% tied up in your own beliefs. You will always be as happy as the beliefs in your heart allow you to be. Nothing, nor any one can take your happiness and your joy unless you hand that job over to them.

Our Creator offers us a set of beliefs to store

in our hearts and those beliefs determine our level of happiness. King Solomon recognized this and wrote: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life" (Prov. 4:23).

The idea of beliefs controlling our well-being is so foreign to us as a people who have spent years blaming others for the quality of our lives. Yet, revising some of our deepest beliefs can be almost miraculous regarding our happiness. It's simple, but not easy. It requires replacing old beliefs that we have acquired by living in a fallen world where things tend to fall apart. Seek those beliefs GOD offers us and store them inside your heart. Embed them deeply into your belief system and watch HIM work!

"And my GOD will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Phil.4:19

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

"Lord, make me a servant. Lord, make me like You for You are a servant; make me one too. Lord, make me a servant, do what You must do to make me a servant. Make me like You." I remember learning this song in my teen years at summer camp. The song is a simple one, at least in a musical sense, but the power of its message is anything but simple. This is what I mean:

One of Jesus' greatest desires was that His followers be servants. On the night before His death, he left a powerful image in the minds of the disciples by washing their feet (John 13). Today, we have an obligation as Christians to develop a servant's heart. I am thankful for the dozens of individuals who give of themselves so freely for the good of West Erwin, and particularly the education program. **Let us continue to promote that spirit!** I am quite confident that none of us serve as we do in order to promote ourselves. Rather, we seek to glorify God! When we do not get our way, or when we are asked to do something for the good of the congregation, let us step up with humility and say, "Lord, make me like You! Do what you must do!" Let us have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5-8) in all we do!

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Moments With Mike

Misunderstood Signals

This Sunday through Thursday I'll be conducting a gospel meeting at the Rolling Hills Church of Christ in Mt. Sterling, KY. This is where Carla's parents are members and I'm looking forward to being with all the good people up there.

There will be guest speakers here for a combined adult class and for both sermons on Sunday. Representatives from World Radio will be here in the morning and Jeff Holland will be here on Sunday night. Make your plans to be here to worship God and to learn about some of the great mission efforts that are ongoing.

Jeff Jenkins from Lewisville, TX, recently wrote a humorous story on his blog. While conducting a wedding he had rehearsed giving a nod to the mother of the bride when it was time for the bride to enter. That would signal the mother to stand and then the several hundred in attendance would also stand.

As things worked out, during the wedding someone in the rear of the auditorium waved to Jeff and instinctively he nodded back to them. The mother of the bride stood up and everyone followed her lead. But it was too early and the bride was not yet ready.

Misunderstandings happen in life. While it was pretty bad to have people stand too early, I recall a

preacher who forgot to tell everyone to sit down. The ceremony began with a prayer and continued point after point all with the audience standing.

On a personal note, one day my wife and I attended an auction in Tennessee. We sat for quite a while next to a very pleasant man who never bid on anything. I got up to walk around for a bit and was just by the edge of the tent when some friends from church were leaving and gave me a big wave goodbye. Without thinking I waved back and the auctioneer took my bid! To make matters worse, the item being sold was the only one that the man next to us was wanting and I had inadvertently run the bid up on him an extra \$10.

Misunderstood signals can lead to embarrassment, incorrect actions and may certainly become costly. From a spiritual perspective, if we misunderstand God's directions for us, we can find ourselves far from Him.

Paul wrote, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), *finding out what is acceptable to the Lord*" (Eph. 5:8-10). Let's spend our time in diligent study of God's word so we will properly understand His signals to us!

See you Sunday! Mike

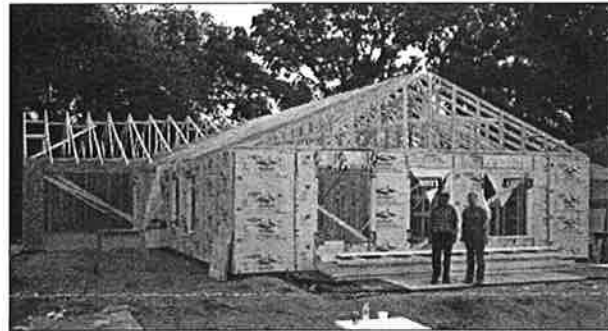
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Youth With Heart... *by Danny* **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

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Denying Self

Jesus said it in Mt. 16:24: "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

I've probably preached about taking up the cross, and I've probably preached about what it means to follow Jesus, but I can't recall preaching about denying ourselves. It's un-American to deny yourself anything. We've grown up with the concept that if we want it, we get it....even if we cannot afford it!

What is this "deny yourself?" Self-denial lies somewhere in our renouncing, or foregoing any pleasures, profits, or interests that may be in competition with Christ.

Another branch of self-denial is laying aside things like confidence in ourselves. Peter learned this one the hard way. In Mt 26:33-34 he answered Jesus so

confidently saying, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

The most interesting part of self-denial is the law of reversals. When we deny ourselves for Christ, we find what we denied in Christ. Two ways we find it are in Mt 19:29 "...many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first" and Luke 14:7-11 Jesus said, "...everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Again, he said, "...seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be give to you as well" (Mt 6:33).

Denying self covers a broad spectrum and should be preached often. We deny ourselves and GOD will give it in return, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. It's all part of trusting Him.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

One of the greatest statements in all of Scripture is found in Romans 11. The context, as is the case with every passage, is crucial to our appreciation of Paul's statement. For three chapters (Romans 9-11), Paul discusses God's scheme of redemption, including the entrance of the Gentiles into the Kingdom. Paul's argument is that God acts in whatever way he feels is best. God is sovereign. God is just. God is merciful. Paul's words in Romans 11:36, the final verse of this section, are an understated summary of the Bible's greatest claim: "For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen." Three prepositions are used in that first sentence; they seem so innocent yet are so full of power. "From him..." God is the source of all things. All things originate from him. He is all-powerful. "Through him..." God is the means by which all things happen. I am, at all times, sustained by his mercy. "To him..." God is the end of all things; all things point to him so as to glorify his great name. "To him be the glory forever!" I want to challenge you, in sickness and in health, in pain and in praise, in heartbreak and hallelujahs, to give the God of heaven all the glory, both now and forever. S.D.G.

Marshall's Ladies' Day 2009

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West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

It is West Erwin's turn to host Karing Kitchen on Monday, September 28. If you would like to help serve in this ministry, plan to be at the Benevolence Center at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

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Directory Update

The office is aware of some mistakes made regarding the order of pages in some of the directories. If the pages in your directory are out of order, please contact the office to receive a corrected copy. Thank you so very much for your patience in this matter.



Medina Children's Home

Mark your calendars for the Medina Children's Home truck that will be in our area collecting food for their pantry. The truck will be here November 2-6. They are suggesting two items: salsa and/or chicken broth.

There will be **no Wednesday Night Meal** on September 30 due to the laying of the new carpet in the FLC.

Benefit Dinner

Christian Homes & Family Services will be hosting a unique fall benefit "Welcome Precious" at Villa di Felicita on September 29. Special guest Brian Collier, award winning illustrator, and special guest speaker and Dean of Student Life at Abilene Christian University, Dr. Jean Noelle Thompson, will be celebrating children, art and adoption. If you are interested in sponsorship or purchasing individual tickets, please contact Christian Homes at 903.509.0558 or visit www.christianhomes.com.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Gary & Janis Heath & Gary & Jennifer Heath on the loss of Janis' brother, **Gary Goreman**. Services were Sunday. Our love and prayers are with the family.



A special thank you to our West Erwin family for both beautiful flower arrangements sent in memory of Marie Pilkington and Barbara Mathews Rains. We

appreciate your prayers, cards, and for the delicious meal that was served to our extended family after Barbara's memorial service. We love you!

Dub and Opal Mathews

We want to express our thanks for all the prayers and encouragement in our attempt to adopt Darren. The foster family he has been with for the last four years decided they could not part with him and they are going to adopt him. While we are saddened that he will not be with us, we are happy that he will have a permanent home.

The Sustaire Family

Gospel Meeting in Kilgore

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore with speaker Jeff Jenkins, Sunday-Wednesday, October 18-21. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Ladies' Involvement Fair

Ladies are invited to an involvement fair on Sunday night, October 11, after evening services. More details to come!

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Moments With Mike

On Choosing Friends

My Sunday morning class has been in a study of the Book of Proverbs. Last week we covered a section on the importance of choosing friends wisely. I've included some notes below on that topic. We still have room for more in class and would love to see you there! Room 403.

An important choice for children (and adults) is the choice for friendship. Parents worry about the "wrong crowd" and rightfully so. As seen in earlier chapters of Proverbs (5-7), the temptations of evil are very persuasive. "The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray" (12:26).

Choosing one's friends is a very important process. A choice of the wrong type of friend can lead one to evil and away from God. On the other hand, choosing friends who are righteous will help to enforce what godly parents have already instilled in a person.

There are certain types of friends that one should not desire. Solomon lists several. One should avoid befriending the gossip (20:19), short tempered (22:24-25), drinkers and overeaters (23:20-21), changers (24:21-22), liars (25:18-20) and those who are violent (1:10-19).

Those who are wise (13:20) and lead others to right choices (13:14) are the types of people that one should

choose as a friend. But, even with good choices there still remain the occasional problems that threaten friendship.

Here are a few problems that can surface. Gossip (17:9), overstaying a welcome (25:17), meddling in someone else's affairs (26:17), playing bad jokes (26:18-19), being a talebearer (26:20), being contentious (26:21) and using flattery to gain advantage (27:14).

Solomon offers some excellent advice on how to successfully deal with others, including friends. Be at peace with the Lord (16:7), be slow to anger (15:18), be slow to respond (18:13, see also James 1:19-20), avoid quarreling (20:3), speak gently (15:1), speak briefly (10:19), be quick to show love (10:12) and rebuke a friend rather than flatter him (28:23).

Great friends and neighbors can be tremendous assets to a person. "A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity" (17:17). "A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (18:24).

Finally, good friends are interested in helping one another be better. "Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend, But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (27:5-6).

See you Sunday! Mike

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Update on the Hollands

Jeff and Brenda spent three weeks in West Africa in August renewing old relationships, counseling and praying with missionaries, and visiting village churches. Jeff said, "We listened to the leaders speak about their successes and struggles. At times we offered counsel. Other times, we simply prayed for the Spirit to be their counselor. We laughed. We cried. We praised GOD and celebrated." Jeff will be speaking to us Sunday night, September 27.

To learn more about their trip back to Togo and to find out how GOD is continuing to work through them go to their website:
crossculturecare.com.

Next West Erwin Blood Drive Nov. 8, 2009

Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive

Please take your gently used suits and other professional clothing to the Men's Wearhouse at the Mall. The Benevolence Center will be involved in the distribution to help men secure a better job through Texas Workforce.

GOD did not give the Bible so we could master him or it; GOD gave the Bible so we could live it, so we could be mastered by it. The moment we think we've mastered it, we have failed to be readers of the Bible.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

We have a few special events going on in the next few weeks. First, those of you who have children in **Tots for Christ**, remember that there is a meal in the Family Life Center this Sunday following morning services, so be sure and plan to attend this great event. Also, on September 27th, all of the adult classes will meet together in the auditorium to hear another report from a mission work, this time from **World**

Radio. I hope that you are taking advantage of the great classes we are offering this quarter and that they are enriching your lives.

In Genesis 50, we read of Joseph requesting that he not be buried in Egypt, but in Canaan. Afterward, generations of Hebrews lived in slavery, wondering if they would ever return to their homeland, with little more than Joseph's coffin to sustain their hopes. "The God of our fathers never forsook Joseph. Surely he will not forsake us," they must have told themselves, if only half convincingly. However, after exodus, wandering, and conquest, Joseph's dying wish was honored by his posterity and he was laid to rest in Canaan (Joshua 24:32). I like to imagine that, as the workmen cleared a final resting place for Joseph, a timeless truth rang out with the echo of their tools: God is faithful. Always faithful.

Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

There will be a Charity Drive benefiting both Medina Children's Home and Boles Children's Home October 5, at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. Register online for either team or sponsorship at www.medinachildrenshome.org/events, or for information contact Amy Duncan at 972-740-0547. You may pick up a brochure from the office.



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listed in the back of the directory will receive one copy. If you ordered more than one copy then your additional copies will be in your envelope. Thank you so very much for your patience in this matter.

Benefit Dinner

Christian Homes & Family Services will be hosting a unique fall benefit "Welcome Precious" at Villa di Felicita on September 29. Special guest Brian Collier, award winning illustrator, and special guest speaker and Dean of Student Life at Abilene Christian University, Dr. Jean Noelle Thompson, will be celebrating children, art and adoption. If you are interested in sponsorship of purchasing individual tickets, please contact Christian Homes at 903.509.0558 or visit www.christianhomes.com.



Dear West Erwin Church Members:

Please accept my humble thank you for such a fantastic and elegant farewell and recognition for my services in the church. Thank you for the beautiful plaque which looks "good" on my wall, other gifts and many nice cards. So many people attended for which I am grateful. Thank you again and remember, I am still available if needed.

All my love,
Velma Lemons

A big thank you to **Caddie Niles** for filling in at the office while Lindsay was on her maternity leave. Caddie did a great job and we are grateful that she was willing to help in this way. Thanks a ton, Caddie!

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Fern Bench on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Etta Malone**. Services were held Wednesday in Wolfe City, Texas. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Tots for Christ Luncheon

Families who have children in Tots for Christ are invited to a luncheon THIS Sunday, September 20, in the Family Life Center after morning worship service. Please make plans to attend.

Medina Children's Home

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Updates: Lillian Alexander, friend of Nettie Potts and the Womacks had surgery. Karen Bender has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery this week. Jennifer Cawyer, Bud and Charlotte Cawyer's niece, is in ICU in Russleville, Arkansas. Her speech is impaired, although she is alert. Ira Groom had surgery and is in Mother Frances Hospital. Jasper Huff will have surgery 9/10 at Olympic Plaza. Ed Ketchum is now home. Larry McCune, son of Carolyn McCune, had an injection and will have hand surgery on Thursday in Dallas. Frances Phillips had eye surgery. Ellen Poindexter, Kenna Kempton's mother, is in Texas Spine and Joint Hospital with an infection in her knee. Bettye Price is awaiting a date for hip surgery in Dallas. Gordon Smith, father of Connie Sublette, is in the V A Hospital in Temple with anemia and respiratory problems. Gary Tuschoff, father of Anna Mitchell, is in ICU at ETMC. Clyde Waggoner fell and has a broken hip. Carla Baker's dad, Allen Willoughby, remains in ICU following heart surgery, but is making progress and doing better. **West Erwin Family:** Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Fern Bench | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Ruth Meazell has been moved to rehab at Olympic Plaza, Room 407. Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | John Pike | Tommy Price | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Pam Tindel | Carolyn Welborn | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Alice Egan, mother to Rebekah Egan | Tiffany Hogue, daughter of James & Connie Sublette. | Marian Rowe | Colleen Porter, sister of Riece Gibson. | Lou Jarrett, uncle to Rebekah Carnathan, has lung cancer and just recently found two spots on his brain. | Friends of Dale Thomas, Barbara Watson and Katherine Thompson. **Deaths:** Scott Smith died September 6 from renal failure. His funeral will be Wednesday, at 2:00 P.M. at the Stephenville Funeral Home in Stephenville, Texas. | Leslie Coker's grandmother passed away September 6.

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Moments With Mike

Memorable Teachers

Now that school is This coming Sunday afternoon we will be hosting a reception to honor Velma Lemmons for her 50+ years of service as a Bible teacher at West Erwin. I hope that you will be able to join us from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Benevolence Center for this event.

Reflecting on our lives, no doubt each of us can recall teachers who made a lasting impression on us. Over the years I've kept in touch with some of my teachers, from church as well as from school, although many of them have since passed away.

What kinds of teachers made a lasting impression on you? Perhaps it was a teacher whom you already knew before you entered her class. Or maybe it was a teacher who took extra time to explain a crucial element to you.

For me, most memorable teachers stand out in my memory because of their commitment to their subjects and for their personal concern that the students learned what was being taught. Teaching wasn't just a job or a duty for them, it was a passion. It may have been history, journalism or algebra in the public schools or the parables, missionary journeys of Paul or the resurrection in Bible classes. Teachers who really mattered knew their subjects and made every effort to see that their students learned what was being presented.

Many who will read this article are currently teaching or have taught classes at church in the past.

Thank you!

Thank you for your commitment to our Lord and for your faithfulness in helping others to learn more about how we need to live. Living what you teach is really effective.

Thank you for your patience when students may not seem to appreciate your lessons or may not want to be in class. Keep teaching with love. They will notice.

Thank you for the hours of preparation for your lessons. From cutting out visual aids to typing up lesson outlines, your efforts are appreciated and they do make a difference.

Also, a word for students. Please take some time and personally thank your teachers for the commitment that they have made to bring us closer to our Lord. Satan wins when discouragement appears.

Finally, Paul said to Timothy, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" 2 Timothy 2:2. Let us not forget, those whom we teach will one day teach others. What a great honor it is to teach!

See you Sunday! Mike

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for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

JUST THINKING...

What a mighty God we serve. He gives and takes away... Blessed be His name. Praise Him... no matter where you are or what circumstances you face. He is sovereign... His grace is sufficient. If you wonder or doubt about His role in your life... Be still and Know that He is God.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Because of the Family Life Center being out of commission due to the new carpet installation, we will be doing something else for the evening. We will have details in class Sunday morning. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

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Behold the Lamb of GOD

Have you ever noticed how some readers of the Bible go there seeking proof texts for arguments? The Old Testament encouraged people to meditate on the Law of Moses. When Jesus came GOD told us to "Behold the Lamb of GOD." The Pharisees continued to mediate on the law, dissecting every letter, but they never beheld the Lamb of GOD. They came to know the Law, but never knew the Author. That's what Jesus meant when He said, "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39-40).

The Scriptures were given to us so that we might gaze upon the majesty of the One who sacrificed himself for our sins. GOD aimed the Scriptures at the hearts of men and women. That's

why Paul said, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming like him in his death..." (Phil. 3:10). He beheld the Lamb of GOD.

The more I behold the Lamb of GOD the more I realize that I am so far from being like Him, yet, I'm drawn to Him even more. It's like I'm attracted to that which is different from me — that's what has made my spiritual journey such an Adventure!

Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive

Please take your gently used suits and other professional clothing to the Men's Wearhouse at the Mall. The Benevolence Center will be involved in the distribution to help men secure a better job through Texas Workforce.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Before I leave you with a spiritual nugget to think about over the weekend, I want to mention a few important details. First, I want to encourage as many of you as can to come out and help us honor **Velma Lemons** this Sunday afternoon at a reception from 3:30 to 4:30. Velma has been active in the children's ministry at West Erwin for well over fifty years and she deserves all of the recognition we can give her, and then

some! She has taught several generations of West Erwin kids and we want to say a hearty thank you for her decades of self-less service. Next, I want to thank you for your patience as we continue to have work done in the Family Life Center. This Sunday, September 13th, the class that meets in the FLC will not meet again. Your patience with us during this process is greatly appreciated.

This past week, many of us were blessed to have an extra day off from work (Labor Day). I was reminded of how important it is to periodically relax and spend quality time with family and friends. In Genesis 2:1-3, God set a precedent for being still and knowing that he is God (Psalm 46:10).

Restoration and Prayer

Kyle Stowers came forward requesting the prayers and forgiveness of God and the congregation. May God bless Kyle for his desire to be obedient to Him.

You may contact Kyle at:

4940 Paluxy Drive #269

Tyler, Texas 75703

Email: hickorynutmarine@yahoo.com

13th Annual Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

Charity Drive Benefiting both Medina Children's Home and Boles Children's Home.

October 5, at Buffalo Creek Golf Club in Rockwall. Register online for either team or sponsorship at

www.medinachildrenshome.org/events, or for information contact Amy Duncan at 972-740-0547. You may pick up a brochure from the office.

Thank You

To Our West Erwin Family,

Thanks so much for all of your expressions of love and concern during the time of John's recent surgery. Your prayers, cards, phone calls and hospital visits have been so encouraging and comforting. We love you!!

John & Virginia Pike

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Thought for the Day

"And to man He said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.'"

Job 28:28

Gospel Meeting

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Reception

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Plan to be there to celebrate with her.

New carpet is being put down in the Family Life Center and we will be unable to meet there until it is completed. Wednesday night meals are delayed until the carpet is down. Classes have been moved to accommodate this situation.

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Moments With Mike

The Fall Routine

Now that school is back in session and vacations are over, most of us are getting back to our fall routine. The new teaching quarter will start this Sunday and we encourage everyone to choose a class to attend.

Starting this Wednesday the small auditorium class will begin a study of the Ten Commandments. I'm excited about this study and I hope that you will make your plans to be with us on Wednesday nights this quarter.

Sunday night's lesson will help to serve as a kickoff for this series as we give an overview of these famous commandments. You can find these listed in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:6-21. Here is an abbreviated version.

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make for yourself a carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness.
10. You shall not covet.

Our Wednesday night meals are also starting back up next week and we look forward to some great fellowship during that time together. Many thanks are in order for the deacons and others who help to organize the workers and serve these meals. Be sure to let them know how much you appreciate their efforts.

Also as a reminder, our Sunday evening services will move back to 5 p.m. starting this Sunday. Our Sunday night numbers have remained strong throughout this year and we appreciate your attendance in worship.

Sunday morning's lesson will deal with how our perspective can alter our actions. While some may view things from a "glass half empty" perspective, others may see the same situation and think it is a "glass half full." How we perceive things will have an effect on how we act. We will explore some examples from the Bible concerning how we should be looking at things.

Carla and I wish to thank everyone for your prayers for her father, Allen Willoughby, during his heart surgery in Kentucky. It is wonderful to know that so many people are sharing their thoughts in prayer.

See you Sunday! Mike

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Men's Warehouse National Suit Drive

West Erwin Benevolence Center has partnered with Men's Warehouse this year in their second annual National Suit Drive.

Clients will be referred to the Benevolence Center through Texas Work Force and other Employment Agencies in order to assist them with a suite for their job interview.

The Men's Warehouse invites you to participate in the Suite Drive by donating your gently used professional attire (including suits, dress shirts, dress slacks, ties, belts, shoes, and coats) to your nearest Men's Warehouse during the month

of September and for every suit they receive, they will donate a new tie to the cause.

The Benevolence Center will be the distribution point for our community. All donations are tax deductible.

Reach out to your community and help someone make a good first Impression at job interviews.

Find out more at: nationalsuitdrive.com

You may be giving more than clothing — you may be giving a second chance.

See you Sunday!

Don Crawford

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MICHAEL
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Our **Summer Series** is officially over and I once again want to thank all of you for making it such a huge success. Many of you commented to me that this was the best Series yet, and for that I am most thankful. God blessed us this summer with many wonderful speakers and I hope your walk with the Father is enriched because of the lessons presented. With September almost a week old, that means that our regular Wednesday night

classes will resume on September 9th. **Don Crawford** will be teaching a great men's class on Bible study called "Text, Teaching, and Transformation." **Shelia Lewis** is coordinating the ladies' study on Psalms by Cassandra Martin. **Mike Baker** will do a great job teaching the small auditorium class. **Greg Jones** will return to teach the college class, and for those who love to sing, we offer a singing class in the Heritage Room.

Finally, Sara and I want to express our gratitude for the many well-wishes we have received for our marriage. To clear up any misunderstanding, we were wed in late April and, for family reasons, chose not to tell anyone immediately. If you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to come and talk to us. We love you all and are very thankful for the wonderful church family that you are.

Remember

- ♦ Sunday night meeting time will change to **5:00 P.M.** beginning **September 6.**
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Class Schedules

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Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class

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Young At Heart

September 10

6:00 P.M. Potluck

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Congratulations!!

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Thought for the Day

"The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

Philippians 4:9

Note

New phone number for Juanita Masters

903/ 525-9158

Welcome

Sheri Gruver and her son, Wyatt, have asked to be recognized as new members at West Erwin. Wyatt is 12 years old and a new member of the Lord's body. Add them to your directory.

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Moments With Mike

Keep On Praying

Carla and I will be in Kentucky the 29th through September 3rd as Carla's father, Allen Willoughby, is scheduled for open heart surgery on the 31st. Please pray for a successful surgery for him and for safe travels for us.

Don Crawford will be delivering the messages on Sunday and Tony Adams will be teaching my class. Danny Snell was ill and unable to present his Wednesday Summer Series lesson on the 19th, so he will present that lesson on the 2nd instead. I know that these men will do an excellent job and I am thankful for their willingness to teach and preach.

James tells us that the prayers of the righteous avail much (James 5:16). We are very blessed in that West Erwin is a praying church and we know that much good will continue to happen with the encouragement of your prayers.

Several of our own members and friends are struggling and hurting at this time. Not all are listed on the prayer and care list, but they are all in need of our prayers just the same. As you pray, please also include your petition for those who are struggling in ways unknown to you. Always be looking for others for which to pray.

See you (next) Sunday! Mike

Sunday, August 30th
All Church Fellowship
 Following the morning service there will be an all church fellowship. The food will be catered and everyone is invited to assemble at the Family Life Center immediately after the morning service.
 Following the meal a short afternoon service will be held at the FLC.
 No evening services will be conducted on the 30th.
 Reminder: We go back to our 5 p.m. start time for Sunday nights starting in September.

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
August: To Integrity

Sermons for August 30, 2009, by Don Crawford
 A.M.: The Quest For Eternal Life (1 John 2:9-11)
 P.M.: Watch And Pray
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m. for "Our Living Hope."

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FAMILY DAY

Teens & Families: You are invited to the Snell's house this Sunday afternoon from 4:00-8:00 for a day of fun and fellowship. We will eat about 6:30. Please bring your lawn-chairs, favorite outdoor games & chips & dip and desserts and join us! Call me for more details.

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THANKS!

Thanks to Marc & Ginger Philpot & Julie Kelsey for helping with the High School Devotional this past Sunday night.

Thanks to Davy Carter for filling in for me this past Wednesday night.

Thanks to Robbie Hurlocker for another great summer. I have really come to appreciate Robbie and his heart. I know that God has some great plans for him in the church and Robbie will bless many lives as he lives for the Lord.

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Aug. 30	Family Time @ Snell's
Sept. 6	Middle School Devotional
Sept. 13	Combined Devotional
Sept. 19	Habitat House
Sept. 28	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Oct. 25	Fall Festival
Nov. 1	Bible Quiz
Nov. 8	Area Wide Middle School Activity
Nov. 20-22	Middle School Retreat

The Tree

Straight from the great www

I hired a plumber to help me restore an old farmhouse; and after he had just finished a rough first day on the job, a flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric drill quit and his ancient one ton truck refused to start.

While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands.

When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss. Afterward, he walked me to the

car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing is for sure, those troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them up on the tree every night when I come home and ask GOD to take care of them. Then in the morning I pick them up again. Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick them up, there aren't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain.
See you Sunday! Don

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our **Summer Series** has been a huge success and **Keith Parker** could not have done a better job than he did Wednesday night. If you missed his lesson, be sure and order a CD! Next Wednesday night, September 2, we will be extending our Series by one week so that **Danny Snell** can speak to us on "Service." Danny was scheduled to speak on

August 19, but was unable to do so due to illness. I am really looking forward to Danny's lesson. All of our regular Wednesday night classes will resume on September 9, including the men's class taught by **Don Crawford** and the women's class coordinated by **Shelia Lewis**. Mike Baker will teach his regular class in the small auditorium on the Ten Commandments and I know this will be a great class as always. We will have classes for our college students and those who like to sing. If you are not a part of a regular Wednesday night class, I invite you to look for one that fits your spiritual needs beginning September 9. Finally, I hope that all of you have a great week and may God's face continue to shine upon you!

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Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Study

The ladies will begin meeting for Wednesday Bible Study on September 9 at 10:00 A.M. in the large classroom in the annex building. **Caddie Niles** will be leading a study on the Minor Prophets.

Reminder

Sunday night meeting time will change to **5:00 P.M.** beginning **September 6.**

Wednesday Night Summer Series

The Summer Series will continue one more night. We will all gather in the main auditorium for a lesson on "Service" presented by **Danny Snell**. There will be no adult classes that Wednesday.

New Baby

Corbin Joseph White was born Tuesday, August 25, to Doug and Beth White of San Antonio. He weighed in at 7 lbs. 3 oz. **Bill and Barbara White** are the proud grandparents.

Congratulations!

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Thank You

"To Our West Erwin Family,
"You have demonstrated once again just how loving and kind you truly are! We both appreciate so very much all you have done for us during the last several weeks. Your visits, calls, cards, flowers, food, and especially your prayers for the success of Sue's surgery are all appreciated more than we are able to express. We hope you will continue to pray that the pain will continue to subside. We love you."

Dannie & Sue Skipper

"Dear Brothers & Sisters,
"Thank you so much for the generous donation of a new medicine cabinet for the nurse's station at Camp Deer Run. This donation will help to organize the many supplies needed to keep our campers healthy."

Ty Ford, Camp Director
Camp Deer Run

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Friends, no doubt we all face frequent situations where we could be less honest or less righteous and probably get away with it. Who will know the difference if we keep the money when

the cashier gives us too much back in change? Who will know the difference if we "fudge" a bit on our tax returns? Who will know the difference if...well, you get the idea.

Who will know? First of all, you will know. Your mind works well and processes many decisions every minute. You know the difference in right and wrong and yet, at times, we all may fall into the trap of going ahead with something that we know isn't right. Sadly, we set our integrity aside.

Who will know? God will know. He knows everything, even the thoughts that led to your decision to go ahead with something unrighteous. He even knows your plans to explain it away if someone should discover your error.

Who will know? Others will know. Children are great at seeing what is real in people. The man with the two sons in the story knew that he was being looked at as an example in everything he did. He knew the importance of maintaining his integrity for himself, for God and for others who were watching.

Every day we face decision points in our lives. May we always choose to do what is good and what is righteous.

See you Sunday. Mike

To subscribe (for free) to the two email devotionals I've mentioned, check the following.

KneEmail: Mike Benson.

Send email to kneemail-subscribe@welovegod.org.

MercEmail: Steve Higginbotham. Visit www.preachinghelp.org to read previous devotionals or to subscribe.

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FROM ROBBIE...

Parents: Thank you so much for the privilege of working alongside you to influence your children for Christ's Kingdom. You have raised wonderful kids.

Sponsors: None of the youth trips could have happened without your assistance and encouragement. Adults who invest in the lives of teens by working to bridge the gap between generations is essential to this youth group!

Youth Group: Calvin and Hobbes once created a cloning device so that they could be in hundreds of places at once. (It consisted of a cardboard box with "duplicator" written on the side.) I wish that I had such a device so that I would never have to say goodbye. Each of you means the world to me. Thank you for your respect, maturity, and encouragement. Thank you for your humor, insanity, and fun-loving spirits. Thank you for helping me to grow. Thank you for another fantastically blessed summer. I hope and pray that God has somehow worked through me this summer to bless you, too. I love you all. I will miss you very much. One

last bit of advice: Never stop seeking, loving, or growing.

Peace to you all! robert.hurlocker@student.oc.edu

Footnote from Danny... Ran out of room... more next week!

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Need Help Call 911

We've all heard this and we've taught our children to call 911 in case of an emergency. Our Father in heaven finds 911 to be an important number as well. In times of emergencies call on Psalm 91:1: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

If you listen to these words, you can hear GOD'S great answer to all your problems.

Don't let what's wrong with you keep
You from worshipping what's right
With GOD

Shut the Door!

Do you struggle frequently with feeling disconnected from GOD? Do you strain to sense His presence when you pray? Perhaps (Mt 7:6) will help you find the secret.

"When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

This is probably the greatest secret in our relationship with GOD. Shut the door! He's already there waiting on you. It's your unseen relationship with GOD that molds you into His likeness.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

As the **Summer Series** for 2009 comes to a close this week, I want to reiterate my gratefulness for you making it such a huge success; yes, you! The speakers could not have been better, but you, **the members of West Erwin**, are the ones who made it so successful. We began the summer by discussing how unfortunate it is for some Christians to never reach the level God envisioned for them. We often find ourselves unprepared for the tasks that God has planned for us, and the reason is that we have not been in training; we have not been busy exercising ourselves in godliness. We have become worn out running against men when God wanted us to be running with horses (Jeremiah 12:5). The topics that we have heard lessons on from week to week—Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Confession, Submission, Guidance, Simplicity, Worship, Solitude, Service, and (next week) Celebration—these are all ways in which we can grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Just as an athlete will focus on different exercises to train his/her muscles, a Christian must constantly focus on these different areas so that he/she is well-rounded spiritually. God is at work in us through this process, and may he receive nothing less than all the glory!

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Directory Update

Our pictorial directory is currently at the printer and should be delivered within the next 2-3 weeks. All portraits have been shipped from Delk Studios. So if you have not received your photos yet, please contact Delk at 903-561-7104.

Greetings from Germany

We were glad to hear from Rudolf Rischer, a preacher which West Erwin supported in the past. He sends greetings from Germany. He has been meeting with congregations in Germany and Austria encouraging them to stand strong in the faith. He also tells of the young people learning new songs and practicing old ones in preparation for a concert they have been invited to give in Zurich, Switzerland in November.

Birthday Bulletin Board

The birthday bulletin board in the main foyer is a great way to send birthday cards to some of our members who are shut-ins or in nursing homes. Each month, a list of people and their birthdays are placed on the board for you to see. The individual birthday bags have been replaced by one drop-pocket on the board. **If you wish to participate in this good work, please put the recipient's name on each envelope and place in the drop box early enough to be delivered on time.** The cards will be taken out and delivered either on the birth date or earlier. Take advantage of this opportunity to brighten the day of one of these members.

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In Christian love,
Emma Morgan

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. Our 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!"

Kevin M. McDonald

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August 26, 2009

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"Celebration"

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Friends, no doubt we all face frequent situations where we could be less honest or less righteous and probably get away with it. Who will know the difference if we keep the money when

the cashier gives us too much back in change? Who will know the difference if we "fudge" a bit on our tax returns? Who will know the difference if...well, you get the idea.

Who will know? First of all, you will know. Your mind works well and processes many decisions every minute. You know the difference in right and wrong and yet, at times, we all may fall into the trap of going ahead with something that we know isn't right. Sadly, we set our integrity aside.

Who will know? God will know. He knows everything, even the thoughts that led to your decision to go ahead with something unrighteous. He even knows your plans to explain it away if someone should discover your error.

Who will know? Others will know. Children are great at seeing what is real in people. The man with the two sons in the story knew that he was being looked at as an example in everything he did. He knew the importance of maintaining his integrity for himself, for God and for others who were watching.

Every day we face decision points in our lives. May we always choose to do what is good and what is righteous.

See you Sunday. Mike

To subscribe (for free) to the two email devotionals I've mentioned, check the following.

KneEmail: Mike Benson.

Send email to kneemail-subscribe@welovegod.org.

MercEmail: Steve Higginbotham. Visit www.preachinghelp.org to read previous devotionals or to subscribe.

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

FROM ROBBIE...

Parents: Thank you so much for the privilege of working alongside you to influence your children for Christ's Kingdom. You have raised wonderful kids.

Sponsors: None of the youth trips could have happened without your assistance and encouragement. Adults who invest in the lives of teens by working to bridge the gap between generations is essential to this youth group!

Youth Group: Calvin and Hobbes once created a cloning device so that they could be in hundreds of places at once. (It consisted of a cardboard box with "duplicator" written on the side.) I wish that I had such a device so that I would never have to say goodbye. Each of you means the world to me. Thank you for your respect, maturity, and encouragement. Thank you for your humor, insanity, and fun-loving spirits. Thank you for helping me to grow. Thank you for another fantastically blessed summer. I hope and pray that God has somehow worked through me this summer to bless you, too. I love you all. I will miss you very much. One

last bit of advice: Never stop seeking, loving, or growing. Peace to you all! robert.hurlocker@student.oc.edu

Footnote from Danny... Ran out of room... more next week!

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Aug. 23
Aug. 30
Sept. 19
Oct. 25
Nov. 20-22

IMPORTANT DATES

High School Devotional
All Church Fellowship
Habitat House
Fall Festival
Middle School Retreat

Need Help Call 911

We've all heard this and we've taught our children to call 911 in case of an emergency. Our Father in heaven finds 911 to be an important number as well. In times of emergencies call on Psalm 91:1: "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty."

If you listen to these words, you can hear GOD'S great answer to all your problems.

Don't let what's wrong with you keep
You from worshiping what's right
With GOD

Shut the Door!

Do you struggle frequently with feeling disconnected from GOD? Do you strain to sense His presence when you pray? Perhaps (Mt 7:6) will help you find the secret.

"When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

This is probably the greatest secret in our relationship with GOD. Shut the door! He's already there waiting on you. It's your unseen relationship with GOD that molds you into His likeness.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

As the **Summer Series** for 2009 comes to a close this week, I want to reiterate my gratefulness for you making it such a huge success; yes, you! The speakers could not have been better, but you, **the members of West Erwin**, are the ones who made it so successful. We began the summer by discussing how unfortunate it is for some Christians to never reach the level God envisioned for them. We often find ourselves unprepared for the tasks that God has planned for us, and the reason is that we have not been in training; we have not been busy exercising ourselves in godliness. We have become worn out running against men when God wanted us to be running with horses (Jeremiah 12:5). The topics that we have heard lessons on from week to week—Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, Confession, Submission, Guidance, Simplicity, Worship, Solitude, Service, and (next week) Celebration—these are all ways in which we can grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Just as an athlete will focus on different exercises to train his/her muscles, a Christian must constantly focus on these different areas so that he/she is well-rounded spiritually. God is at work in us through this process, and may he receive nothing less than all the glory!

All Church Fellowship

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Cookies for All Church Fellowship

Cookies are needed for our fellowship Sunday, August 30. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Visitors Center if you would like to participate.

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Greetings from Germany

We were glad to hear from Rudolf Rischer, a preacher which West Erwin supported in the past. He sends greetings from Germany. He has been meeting with congregations in Germany and Austria encouraging them to stand strong in the faith. He also tells of the young people learning new songs and practicing old ones in preparation for a concert they have been invited to give in Zurich, Switzerland in November.

Birthday Bulletin Board

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For the Ladies

The Whitehouse Church of Christ will be hosting Cassandra Martin on September 12 at 8:30 A.M. Lunch will be provided. Registration is available on the Whitehouse website under the Register tab. (www.whitehousechurch.org)

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls during my recent surgery. Thanks to the Tuesday Lunch Bunch for the meals. And, thanks to those who came to the hospital. We love and appreciate you.

In Christian love,
Emma Morgan

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. Our 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!"

Kevin M. McDonald

Wednesday Night Summer Series

August 26, 2009

Keith Parker

"Celebration"

No Desserts.



August 16, 2009	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 40— No. 32
Records	Sunday—August 9	Sunday— August 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	431	387	405
Worship a.m.	680	584	685
Worship p.m.	414	390	388
Wed. p.m.	340	312	337
Contribution	\$25,066.26	\$28,229.52	\$28,678.50
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Gene Chandler had a heart cath on Monday and everything went well, with no surgery scheduled. |Gwen Chandler had cataract surgery on Tuesday. | Ira Groom will have cataract surgery Thursday. | Ruth Mezell is in the hospital (Mother Frances). | John Portwood is now home.

West Erwin Family: | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Teree Loveless | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald |Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Sue Skipper | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods

Family & Friends: Allen Willoughby, father of Carla Baker will have surgery on August 31. |Betty Richards, a friend of J. R. Tharpe | Frances Arnold, Sylvia Tharpe's mother, had a heart attack Sunday afternoon and is now home. | Tiffany Hogue, daughter of James & Connie Sublette's, fell and broke her foot.

Responses: Curtis Elmore responded to the invitation Wednesday night, 8/5/09, saying he had wandered from God's path and requested prayers for strength. | Molly Lou Terry responded Sunday morning, rededicating her life to the Lord and requesting prayers for help.

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

Call to worship
Prayer
Scripture
Dismiss
Presiding At The Lord's Table

Mike Baker
Jerry Mitchell
Glynn Starnes
Don Durham
Jon Murry

SERVING COMMUNION

Jimmie Philpot
Wendell Potter
Michael Ragsdale
Chris Reynolds

Danny Riley
Gaylan Seagler
Keith Skender
Dannie Skipper

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Service Conducted By Youth
Speaker: Robbie Hurlocker

GREETERS

Arnold & Agnes Ables & Jeffrey Scarborough
Jarrod Wilson & Jeanie Ates & Spencer Shaw
Ernest & Gail Bennett & Jake Skender
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
Dale Blackstone

Pick up cards for 8/9 & 8/16: Trey Jackson, Matthew Christian, Stephen Moore, Nicolas Means, Keaton Condor

Sound Booth for 8/9 & 8/16: Curt Jordan & John Snow

Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday: Don Ingram ph. 903-253-4600. Please call if you need transportation.

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Moments With Mike

How Did You Do?

Last week I ran the following article listing several phrases that sound like they are from the Bible. How many of them did you find?

Here's a little quiz for you. People often attribute statements to the Bible, but cannot provide book, chapter and verse. So they say, "Well, it's in there somewhere." Can you identify which of the following statements find their origin in the Bible? Give it a try.

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13. "Like father, like son."
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15. "Strike when the iron is hot."
16. "To thine own self be true."

On that list, only three are in the Bible. Number 4 is found in Psalm 17:8. Number 8 is found in Job 19:20. Number 12 is found in Ezekiel 16:44. On number 11, it is the love of money that is the root of all evil, not money itself.

Several of you have asked about our new directory. The final proofs have been approved and it should go to the printer this week. We will let you know just as soon as we know about delivery times.

Speaking of directories, I found the following quote on page 13 of the West Erwin History Book. I thought it might be of interest to all.
"ON THE TITLE PAGE OF THE 1931 ROSTER, THE FOLLOWING IS PRINTED: OUR MOTTO
To see to it that the church is the warmest and most effective brotherhood in the town; that no stranger shall remain ungreeted; that no unfortunate member shall go unbefriended; that no invalid shall go unvisited; that no needy person shall go unassisted; that no bewildered soul shall go unadvised; that no home of mourning shall be neglected; and that no act of needed mercy shall be omitted."

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" Matt. 5:16. That's another good motto to follow.

See you Sunday. Mike

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

I'd like to extend a huge thank you to those parents who helped with the combined devotional on the 9th. There were more than I could thank by name, but you know who you are. One of the many things that make this youth group unique is the great degree of parent involvement. It lightens the my load, and it illustrates for your teens how important their church education is to you.

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YOUTH SUNDAY

This Sunday evening, many of the teens will be involved in reading scriptures and leading prayers. Robbie Hurlocker, who has served as our youth ministry intern for the second summer in a row, will deliver a lesson before presenting a slide-show of the many activities that have taken place this summer. This will be Robbie's last Sunday in Tyler.

Aug. 16
Aug. 17
Aug. 23
Aug. 30
Sept. 19
Oct. 25

IMPORTANT DATES

Youth Presentation Night
West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
High School Devotional
All Church Fellowship
Habitat House
Fall Festival

Appreciated, Affirmed & Admired

Where did we come up with the idea that Christians will be appreciated, affirmed, and admired? We didn't get it from Jesus. He said, "They persecuted me, they will persecute you also." (John 15:20)

In the closing words of his letter to the church in Corinth, Paul wrote: "Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be men of courage; be strong" (1 Cor 16:13). Why be on your guard? Because the evil one is always dogging your trail. Why stand firm in the faith? Because that was your commitment in the beginning. Why be men of courage? Because that is what it will take in the midst of battle with Satan. Why be strong? Because weakness always precedes quitting.

These words are coming from a man who was often imprisoned and flogged for his preaching Jesus. Five times he was beaten by his own people, three times with rods. He was stoned once, shipwrecked three times and spent a night and a day in the open sea. He was constantly on the move. Always in danger. He had gone without food and water. He knew what it was like to be cold and naked (2 Cor. 11:23-27). Maybe this is why we lean toward preaching Jesus behind closed doors surrounded by nice people so we can be appreciated, affirmed and admired. Maybe this is why our President says the United States is no longer a Christian nation? Where are the strong, the courageous men?

Our **Summer Series** is winding down. **Steve Bailey** of Mesquite did a great job. Next week, **Danny Snell** will speak to us on the theme of "Service." I know he will do a great job, and we will all benefit from hearing what he has to say. In two weeks, on August 26th, our Summer Series will conclude with **Keith Parker** of Hendersonville, TN. To say that Keith is a dynamic speaker is a gross understatement. He will be speaking on "Celebration" and if you have not been able to

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WHITWORTH

be with us this summer for any of the sessions, you want to hear Keith.

Finally, I want to extend thanks to several individuals. Recently, **Gail Vannoy** expressed a desire to step down from coordinating the Wednesday Night Ladies Classes. Gail has done a great job and she will be helping **Shelia Lewis** during the transition period. I really appreciate Shelia taking over this ministry and I know that she will do a great job. This Fall, the Ladies Class on Wednesday Night will be studying Cassandra Martin's study on the Psalms. Thanks is also due to **Nancy Crawford** and her team of **Young Professionals** as they have done a great job coordinating the children's program on Sunday nights during the temporary Summer absence of Tots 4 Christ, Bible Hour, and Kids for Christ.

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- morning, August 30. Lunch will be catered. Following the meal there will
- be a period of worship, which will
- take the place of the evening service.

Annual Ladies Day Program

North Tenneha Avenue Church of Christ

Topic: "Bad Hair Day"

August 22, 2009

8:30 — 12:00 P.M.

If you plan to attend, please call 903 593-6868.

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Dub and Opal Mathews in the passing of Dub's daughter, Dr. Barbara Simmons -Rains. Memorial services are scheduled at West Erwin on Sunday at 2:00 p.m.



LaDawn Ragsdale
325B Summertree Circle
Lindale, TX 75771

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Thank You

Thank you for your continued prayers for our great granddaughter, Kymrie Trevino. She is doing very well after open heart surgery.

Bud & Charlotte Cawyer

Thanks for the cards and prayers during my surgery.

Sharon Ainsworth

We would like to thank all the brothers and sisters who have been praying and visiting Martha. Thanks for all the "Get Well Cards" and the food. Thanks for never leaving us alone and always making us feel like family. Martha is now better, but she would still like to be kept in the church's prayers. We love all of you very much.

The Sandoval Family

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers on behalf of our granddaughter, Emma Cagel, she is doing great and is a happy little girl again.

Carlos and Emma Morgan

Wednesday Night Summer Series

August 19, 2009

Danny Snell

"Service"

No Desserts.



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Wed. p.m.	312	306	NC
Contribution	\$28,229.52	\$22,348.56	\$22,385.06
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Carolyn Carruth broke her foot and is now in a post-op boot. | John Portwood is hospitalized in Mother Frances, Room 4403, with atrial fibrillation. | Betty Richards, a friend of J. R. Tharpe, is in Health South after a stroke. | Sue Skipper is now home following back surgery.

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Family & Friends: Emma Cagle, granddaughter of Carlos and Emma Morgan | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle | Rhonda Schoonover, niece of Linda Westerfeld | Tim Russell (colon cancer), friend of James Sublette | Katherine Thompson and Barbara Watson, friends of Dale Thomas. | Allen Willoughby, father of Carla Baker.

SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY

Call to worship: Mike Baker
Prayer: Lee Mink
Scripture: Joey Marse
Dismiss: Jay Bynum
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Phil Marts

SERVING COMMUNION

Jimmie Philpot: Danny Riley
Wendell Potter: Gaylan Seagler
Michael Ragsdale: Keith Skender
Chris Reynolds: Danny Skipper

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Carlos Morgan
Scripture: Todd Kempton
Dismiss: J. R. Tharpe

GREETERS

Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson & Luis Saucedo
Fred & Sandra Wingate & Enrique Saucedo
Ray & Carolyn Wornack & Andres Saucedo
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Jo Anders & Carla Baker

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While the gist of several of these comments in Steve's article can certainly have a basis in the words of the Bible, the truth is that only a few of those 16 are actually in the Bible. I'll let you use your concordance this week to do a search to see if you can find them. Next week I'll publish the scriptures where those few can be found.

Friends, we need to continue to stress the importance of individual Bible knowledge. Parents, encourage your children to bring their Bibles to class and worship and don't forget to bring yours as well.

As the sermon is being delivered, I'll give time for everyone to open their Bibles and turn to the passages being discussed. Take advantage of these times together as we study God's word. Build an appreciation for what you know is in it so you can answer with confidence when a question arises.

"These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" Acts 17:11.

Don't wonder if it is there. Find out for yourself!

See you Sunday. Mike

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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

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NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

Last Wednesday our group of 22 from West Erwin returned from our mission trip to New Orleans. This was something new for us and what a blessing it was! We worked with the Carrollton Ave. Church who is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina almost 4 years ago. Our goal was to bless them while serving the Lord. In turn, God blessed us beyond imagination! Check out their website: www.carrolltonavenuechurch.org.

Aug. 9
Aug. 13
Aug. 16
Aug. 17
Aug. 23
Aug. 30
Sept. 19
Oct. 25

IMPORTANT DATES

Combined Devotional
Middle School Goofy Game Day
Youth Presentation Night
West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
High School Devotional
All Church Fellowship
Habitat House
Fall Festival

Points to Ponder

I was given a piece of advice once by a mail carrier that has always stuck with me. He said, "To have something you must give up something else." I have found that to be so true over the years. If I want a new house and a new car, I give up something else for it. If I want to have a lean body with a 1% fat content, I have to give up a bunch of other things.

We are now living in a nation where entertainment is everything. Technology has flattened the world in regard to communication, but what have we given up for it? Neil Postman wrote a book entitled Amusing Ourselves to Death where he claims that we communicate so much more today

yet say absolutely nothing. The message to our world is: Don't think, just watch. Don't question, just accept it and play along. What are we giving up for this new way of life?

David spoke often about his delight being in the law of the Lord and His salvation. He spoke of how GOD was his joy and his delight. Is this what we are giving up for entertainment?

Proverbs 1:22-33 serves as our warning as a nation and a people as well as a word of hope saying: "whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

See you Sunday!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our **Summer Series** continues to get better! I know that **Mike Baker** did a great job, and next week, **Steve Bailey** from the Mesquite congregation will be speaking on "Solitude." We also anticipate the final dessert fellowship of the summer. Hats off one final time to **Pam Lott** for a great job coordinating these.

In my recent study, I have noticed that no star shines as brightly on the pages of Genesis as Joseph arguably does.

The story of his life is a staple of Sunday School curriculum. However, its compelling nature is due to more than its kid-friendly factor. Joseph's story is compelling because he rose above the worst of circumstances to become second-in-command of a dominant world-power while maintaining a remarkable perspective of who he was. Unlike those before him, Joseph showed remarkable willingness to surrender his life to God. Promoted to prominence, he continued to honor God with his decisions. In a dramatic twist, he found himself with the surreal opportunity to extract revenge on those who had hurt him the most, but chose to forgive them instead. And through this story, God beckons us into a brave new world of faith, not of sight (2 Cor. 5:7).



Moved

Don and Kaye Chaffin have moved. Their new address is 22926 Spring Willow Drive, Tom Ball, TX 77375. They will be missed.

Annual Ladies Day Program

North Tenneha Avenue Church of Christ
Topic: "Bad Hair Day"
August 22, 2009
8:30 — 12:00 P.M.

If you plan to attend, please call 903 593-6868.

IN SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Dub and Opal Mathews in the passing of her sister last Friday. Her funeral was held on Tuesday in Crockett, Texas.

Birthday Bulletin Board

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Edie Fowler
205 Willow Road
Bullard, TX 75757

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New Baby

Congratulations to Matt and Lindsay Kelly on the birth of Owen Louis. Owen was born Friday, July 31. He weighed 9 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.



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Telephone Number

Kathy Stowers phone number has changed to 903 533-1213

Thank You

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls and concern during my recent surgery. And, a big hug for those who came to the hospital. I love my West Erwin family.

Louise Seaberry

Thanks for your prayers for Becky Richey, our friend. Her aneurysm is gone.

Charles & Linda Westerfeld

Wednesday Night Summer Series

August 12, 2009

Steve Bailey

"Solitude"

Dessert: Ice Cream Bars.



July 30, 2009	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 40– No. 30
Records	Sunday–July 26	Sunday– July 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	408	382	453
Worship a.m.	611	637	751
Worship p.m.	368	343	438
Wed. p.m.	306	286	NC
Contribution	\$22,348.56	\$21,848.30	\$30,357.32
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Sharon Ainsworth is at home after hernia surgery on Tuesday. | Emma Cagle, granddaughter of Carlos and Emma Morgan had corrective urological surgery Tuesday the 28th at Children's Hospital in Dallas. | Carolyn Carruth broke her foot last week and is on crutches. | The great granddaughter of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer is doing well after open heart surgery. The grandson of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer is doing well after his surgery, but will have to have more surgery later. | Tere Loveless had knee surgery last Thurs. and is now home. | Lou Jarrett, Rebekah Carnathan's uncle, is hospitalized for an infection related to cancer complications. | Carolyn Philpot had hand surgery on Wednesday and is now home. | Sue Skipper had back surgery Wed. at Spine and Joint Hospital. | Mason Starkey, Grandson of Charleen Clayton is doing much better. | Katherine Thompson, friend of Dale Thomas, is in severe pain. | Barbara Watson, friend of Dale Thomas, is at M.D. Anderson and battling leukemia.

West Erwin Family: Martha Sandoval *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Warren Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Stan Smith | Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods

Family & Friends: Pam Hall (*ovarian cancer*), friend of Donella Jackson | Becky Richey, (*brain aneurysm*), friend of the Westerfelds | Rhonda Schoonover, niece of Linda Westerfeld | Linda Sellman (*cancer*), sister of Caddie Niles | Tim Russell (*colon cancer*), friend of James Sublette

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Prayer	Dan Haile
Scripture	Robert Lee
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Pete Leung

SERVING COMMUNION

Roy Morgan	Tommy Parrish
Jordan Mullins	Bob Paul
Kenneth Muncy	Marc Philpot
Larry Murphey	Tanner Philpot

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Paul Lewis
Scripture	Clifton Lindsey
Dismiss	Stan Mallory

GREETERS

Walker & Rhonda Weathers & Maggie Ragsdale
Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Samantha Richardson
Bill & Barbara White & Kevin Sandoval
Visitor Center: Dale & Dot White
David & Ginny Wicks

Pick up cards for 8/2 & 8/9: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Colton Haile, Grant Perkins

Sound Booth for 8/2: Terry Frick & Mark Frick

Minibus Driver for Sunday and Wednesday: Don Ingram ph. 903-253-4600. **Please call if you need transportation.**

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Moments With Mike

I have yet to meet the wisest person in the world, but I have certainly met many who easily surpassed me in wisdom. I have listened to a speaker before and became awestruck of his wisdom on a given subject. What did he do to become so wise? Who taught him, or was he just naturally inclined to understand these things?

Where can one find what the wise already have? Oh, if only we could just go to the store and buy the amount of wisdom we needed! But, of course, real wisdom is not so easily obtained.

The story of Job shows us many aspects of the wisdom and understanding that man desires to obtain. Chapter 28 of that book shows how man's ingenuity is unable to grasp wisdom, and his wealth cannot purchase understanding.

Job asks in verses 12 and 20, "From where then does wisdom come? And where is the place of understanding?" These are great questions.

Knowledge is fairly easily obtained these days. Just do a "google" search on your computer or phone and you can read up on any subject instantly. Of course, not everything you read online is true or accurate. But then, knowledge is not the same thing as wisdom or understanding. Job's friends had plenty of knowledge, but

Finding Wisdom

they certainly lacked wisdom and understanding when it came to assessing Job's situation and offering advice.

In verse 28 the Lord defines wisdom and understanding. "Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding." This is so simple, yet so many people will never realize the power of that definition.

To fully appreciate and understand true wisdom we not only need to find God's ways, but we also need to turn away from evil. Many people have tried to be righteous while still following the ways of the devil. This will not work.

Jesus addressed this in Matthew 6:24. "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and man."

As we contemplate our need for more wisdom and understanding, may we always have an open mind for learning and may we always seek wisdom from God. As we open our Bibles daily, may we anticipate learning something that will equip us for the day's challenges.

Our lesson on Sunday night will focus on Job 28 and the quest for wisdom and understanding. I hope that you will be here for that time together.

See you Sunday. Mike

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
August: To Integrity

Sermons for August 2, 2009, by Mike Baker
A.M.: Paul: A Transformed Life (Gal. 2:20)
P.M.: Where Can Wisdom Be Found? (Job 28:12)
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

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

This past week, 22 of us worked with the Carrolton Ave. Church and the Holly Grove Church Plant in New Orleans. We demolished a house and did construction work at the Holly Grove Church Plant. Our kids and adults did an amazing job this week and God has blessed us greatly by working with our brothers and sisters in New Orleans, an area that was hit hard and is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. On Sunday, we worshipped with the church

and it was a real blessing to us. Thank you for your prayers!

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."
Ephesians 2:10

THANK YOU!

Thank you to Jeremy & Jenny Wilson and John Shaw for hosting the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday night.

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Pay Attention!

By Don Crawford

Having spent most of Tuesday on jury duty and being one of the "chosen" ones I had the opportunity to reflect on the words I heard in the courthouse.

Words like, "Pay Attention," as they gave instructions to the specific panels. Lots of legal terms are passed around in that place as well. Words like: violations, just punishment, neglect and binding.

What's so interesting is that these same words are found in the book of Hebrews. Did you ever **pay attention** to the words the writer uses when he speaks of the Law of Moses? He wrote: "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For if the message spoken by angels was binding,

and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?"

First, neglect means to disregard, to make light of, or to ignore. The writer wanted to warn us of such an attitude toward the salvation that Christ has provided through the cross. If the Law of Moses was binding and every violation was to receive a just punishment then how much more this great salvation that comes through the Son of GOD?

This Jesus is greater than the angels. He is greater than Moses. Do not neglect the Words of GOD that come through His Son. For Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

See You Sunday morning
In Bible Class!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Some of my earliest memories are of my dad reading bedtime stories to me every night. Most often it was a tale from the Bible, and as you can easily imagine, Abraham was a regular staple. It's easy to understand why: Israel's religious heritage (Exod. 3:6), physical inheritance (Deut. 1:8), and ethnic identity (Matt. 3:9) were all associated with Abraham. It was often for Abraham's sake that God chose not to destroy Israel (2 Kings 13:23). Ultimately, Abraham was remembered as a friend of God (2 Chron. 20:7) and his name became synonymous with faith itself. But Abraham's faith—long acclaimed as the ultimate model—had as many hiccups as highlights. God made promises of prosperity, property, posterity, and protection to Abraham. But Abraham struggled at times to completely trust in these promises, until God led him to Mount Moriah (Gen. 22) and Abraham learned that the Lord provides. This fact, I believe, gives comfort to those of us whose walk of faith is often "one step forward, two steps back." If the father of the faithful eventually learned to trust, then there remains hope for us as well, the many children of father Abraham. "I am one of them, and so are you, so let's all praise the Lord!"

Ladies are invited to a
bridal brunch honoring

Jennie Guinn

Bride-elect of Chris Ables

Saturday, August 8, 2009

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

At the home of Pam Lott

2314 Kingsmill Circle

Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond,

Cole & Co. & Pottery Barn

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Melinda Honey
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411
Longview, TX 75604

Response for Prayers

Priscilla Mayer responded Sunday night saying "I have made some poor choices since Jim's death and even before. Please pray that I make better and wiser choices in the future." Let's continue to keep Priscilla in our prayers.

New Baby

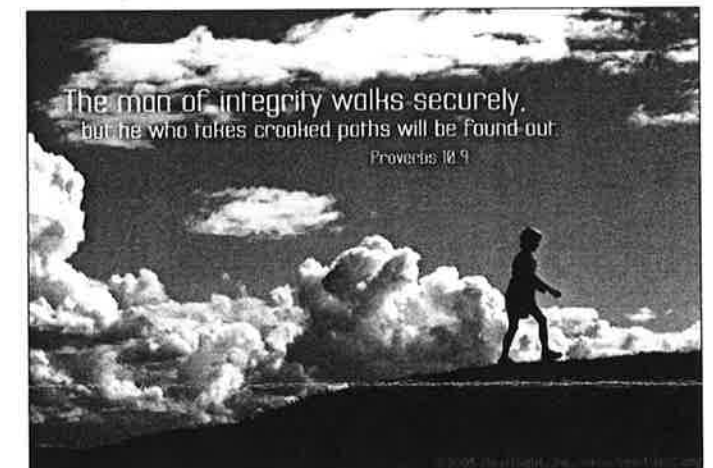
Congratulations to **Paul & Carolyn Montandon** on the birth of their grandson, **Ezra Paul Montandon**.

Ezra was born July 21, 2009 in Lubbock, Texas to Chad & Lesley. He weighed 6 lbs., 14 oz.



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Thank You

Dear West Erwin,
Thank you for all the prayers and sweet cards I got for my brother's death. I love my West Erwin family.

Zena Wright

Wednesday Night Summer Series

August 5, 2009

Mike Baker

"Worship"

No desserts this week.



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Jordan Mullins Bob Paul
Kenneth Muncy Marc Philpot
Larry Murphey Tanner Philpot

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jamon Kirby
Scripture Clay Kinser
Dismiss John Lacy

GREETERS

James & Connie Sublette & Cassidy Pace
Billy & Lynda Terrell & Jaci Prestidge
Cathy Stowers & Michael Ragsdale
Visitor Center: Mike & Dorothy Watts
Leon & Carolyn Welborn

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Moments With Mike

What Trials Have You Faced?

Have you ever had one of those days? The kind where everything just seems to be working against you? Some might say that Murphy's Law was in effect. You know: "anything that can go wrong will go wrong."

But when we honestly examine life we see that it is full of all kinds of difficulties. Some we anticipate while others appear suddenly. These trials in our lives will test us and hopefully will cause us to grow.

James said, "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing." James 1:2-4.

As God's children we should follow this good advice and know that each challenging day is an opportunity for us to grow and to become more mature in our faith. Let's not forget that God has faith that we can be strong and be faithful in our daily lives. And, "If God is for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

A successful athlete will welcome the resistance of training because it will build his muscles and improve his conditioning. He will also welcome the repetition of practice in order to learn the plays. By facing the daily trials of practice and training, the athlete will be better equipped to perform at his best when the game is played.

One football coach a few years ago experimented with practices where there was no hitting or tackling. While this was intended to preserve the strength of the players, it actually had an opposite effect. Without the daily practices of hitting and tackling, the players were not as ready to hit and be hit in the actual games. Real strength and endurance came from facing the daily trials or struggles and consistently overcoming them. With each day's victory the next day's battle became easier.

Helen Keller said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved." This is quite a statement from a woman who dealt with difficulties every day of her life.

So how will we handle the trials that we face? Are we prepared to accept each challenge and to grow through it? Someone has said, "Nothing will show more accurately what we are, than the way we meet trials and difficulties."

James said to count it joy when we find ourselves being tested. Patience and spiritual maturity will come if we will endure the trial. Someone rightly said, "As the diamond cannot be polished without friction, so the Christian cannot be perfected without trial." Friends, let's face each day's challenge with confidence, knowing that God will lead us to be stronger and to conquer each trial. See you Sunday. Mike

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
July: To Commitment

Sermons for July 26, 2009, by Mike Baker
A.M.: I Surrender All (Luke 18:18-23)
P.M.: I'd Rather Have Jesus (Phil. 3:7-8)
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"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works..."

Ephesians 2:10

MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the Middle School Group are invited to the activity this coming Sunday night after church. Details will be given in class.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

Thanks to all who went to Middle School Madness this past week. A special thanks to Aaron & Jean DuVall for letting us use their house and to the adults who went as sponsors: Kim Dupree, Melissa Parrish, Kristi Harris, John Shaw, Keith Skender, Barry Scarborough & Kevin Sustaire. Thanks to Robbie for challenging us to the Greatest Commandments!

IMPORTANT DATES

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Doing The Unexpected

By Don Crawford

GOD has called us into a spiritual adventure. He preached it in his sermon on the mount saying: turn the other cheek...go the extra mile...love your enemies...reconcile your differences.

Jesus knew that being so different in this world would be an adventure and that in the process doing the unexpected would disarm our enemy, Satan, and that we would be showing the world that love is the greatest way of all.

So...why not? Joseph did it. After years of abuse from his brothers, GOD placed him in a position of power, respect and wealth. His brothers were weak, their sandals were worn out, and so helpless. It was Joseph's moment for revenge to unleash his "get even" thoughts. Instead, he did the unexpected. He loved them.

Why do we hesitate in doing the unexpected? How about starting a new adventure through random acts of kindness? Look for them. Do the unexpected. No strings attached. Just allow the love Christ had for you to overflow into the lives of others.

Benevolence Center Need
plastic bags

Family Life Center Class
"Personal Assumptions"
9:00am
Plan to be there!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I want to thank **Tim Grounds** for the amazing job that he did Wednesday night. I know that I speak for everyone when I say that we miss him and his family, but that we are very thankful that they are doing such a remarkable job working for the Kingdom along with everyone else in Whitehouse. Next week, **Keith Hodges** will be with us from Marshall and I know that

we are really looking forward to seeing him again. I want to thank you for all of your support for the Summer Series thus far. A big thanks once again to **Pam Lott** for coordinating the dessert fellowships every few weeks. Next, I will soon be finalizing the Fall schedule of teachers. If you have thought about teaching, but have never worked up the nerve to actually do it, the Fall would be a fantastic time to start. Many of the spots are already filled, but if you hurry, you may get to pick which class you teach! Finally, I want to thank you for all of your encouragement and kind words over the lesson Sunday morning. You are truly a wonderful church family and I am blessed to be a part of it.

Camp Deer Run Swimming Pool

Camp Deer Run is needing funds for a new, larger swimming pool to replace the current pool which was built in 1961. If you are interested in helping with this, you may contact Camp Deer Run at 903-629-7165.

Ladies are invited to a Bridal Tea honoring



Thank You

Thank you for all of your cards, phone calls and prayers during Christine's last battle with health. She was very much a Christian lady with a sweet spirit. Love,

Ruth Bell

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 1,500 pounds of clothing will help us care for our children and single-mother families. On behalf of all our children and mothers, "Thank You!"

Kevin M. McDonald
Medina Children's Home

Dear West Erwin Friends,
Thank you for all your prayers, cards and calls regarding my surgery and illness. It is wonderful to be a Christian and be a part of God's family.

Linda Sellman, sister of Caddie Niles

Opportunity at ETCA

Due to a transfer situation, an Elementary Enrichment Teacher/Librarian position has just become available at East Texas Christian Academy. Enrichment subjects include Art, Music, Spanish and Library. Part time and/or full time. Please contact Suzan at 903-561-8642 if interested.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

July 29, 2009

Keith Hodges

"Simplicity"

Dessert: Strawberry Shortcake
Sundaes



With Sympathy

Avery Elizabeth Teel, infant daughter of David and Tina Teel and granddaughter of former member Rose Teel, was born on July 15 and passed from this world the same day. Great aunts and uncles are the Jim Sizemores, Charles Rachuis and Daniel Morgans. | **Robert Waters**, brother of Zena Wright, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2009. Services were held Tuesday, July 21, at the Dover Church of Christ.



"So basically he took five loaves of bread and supersized 'em."

Thought For The Day

"Some people think God does not like to be troubled with our constant coming and asking. The way to trouble God is not to come at all."
D. L. Moody

Please join us for a
Bridal Shower
honoring
Sara Glazier
Bride-elect of Michael Whitworth
Sunday, July 26, 2009
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Records	Sunday-July 12	Sunday- July 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	437	376	401
Worship a.m.	648	565	683
Worship p.m.	415	310	370
Wed. p.m.	272	374	318
Contribution	\$28,945.80	\$40,578.47	\$43,399.11
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: The 6-month-old **great granddaughter of Bud and Charlotte Cawyer**, will have open heart surgery in San Antonio on July 22. The **2-year-old grandson of Bud and Charlotte**, will have surgery on July 23 in Nashville. | **Pam Hall**, friend of Donella Jackson, is undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. | **Emma Morgan** had surgery Monday morning at Mother Frances Hospital. | **Amanda & Brian Oyler's** unborn baby tested positive for down syndrome and fluid has been found on her heart and lungs. Doctors are considering a shunt so they must travel to Dallas two times a week to a specialist. They are friends of Chad & Amber Chauncey. | **Lacey Pieper** of Houston, 16-month-old great granddaughter of Dan and Wini Cullinan, is in need of prayer. | **Martha Sandoval** remains at ETMC in room 2223. She is showing a little improvement. | **Mason Starkey**, grandson of Charleen Clayton, has been sick for two weeks and saw a specialist in Dallas this week.

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Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	James Sublette
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6:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer David Hammond
Scripture Forest McFadden
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

GREETERS

Gaylan & Margie Seagler & Justin Parrish
Dannie & Sue Skipper & Tanner Philpot
Louise Seaberry & Barbara Smart & Mallori Philpot
Visitor Center: Danny & Lisa Snell
Glynn & Fran Starnes

Pick up cards for 7/19 & 7/26: Caleb DuPree, Austin Millican, Isaac Millican, Jake Skender, Zack Skender

Sound Booth for 7/19: Jordan Mullins & Alex Mullins

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Moments With Mike

Has It Been That Long?

It has been 40 years since man accomplished what NASA has called the "greatest technological achievement of mankind," that is, landing on the moon and having men to walk on it's surface. On July 20, 1969, at 10:56 p.m., Neil Armstrong, descending from the lunar module's ladder and touching one foot to the Moon's surface, announced: "That's one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind."

This was a great achievement and one that helped complete a challenge from President John F. Kennedy. On May 25, 1961, in a speech to congress, Kennedy said, "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to the Earth."

This country responded to that challenge and in just over 8 years they attained that lofty goal. Without a vision of one day reaching the moon no one would have ever attempted such a task.

Other milestones and achievements have been reached within the space program. But perhaps none unified and energized this country more than the goal to set foot on another world.

Naturally, Christians have something to say about being in another world one day. We've made our preparations and our passage has been arranged to go from this world to Heaven. Whereas only 12 men have ever set

foot on the moon (the last one in December 1972), millions upon millions will be able to inhabit the new world of Heaven.

Sixty-one years ago someone in Tennessee had a dream of sharing the gospel by correspondence in Nigeria. In 1948 a policemen there was the first to obey the gospel through that course. Since that time the church in Nigeria has grown to over 4,000 congregations and around 800,000 in attendance.

A similar vision was cast on India. Our first missionaries arrived there in 1963 and 46 years later some estimates have the number of Christians there at around 1 million. There are great blessings in following our vision.

Nearly 2,000 years ago our Lord issued a commission to us. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" Mark 16:15. His challenge should frame our vision. Our world begins at home and reaches outward to our neighborhood, our city, our state, our country and our planet. Our vision should be to reach all that we can reach in our world for Christ in our lifetime.

Crazy you say? That's what they said about landing on the moon also. It took NASA 8 years to reach their goal. How long will it take for us to personally share the gospel with everyone in our own neighborhoods? Think about it.

See you (next) Sunday. This week I am teaching a VBS class in Clarksville, TN, where Doug Yates worships.

**2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
July: To Commitment**

Sermons for July 19, 2009
A.M.: "Intoxicated" by Michael Whitworth (John 19:8-11)
P.M.: Charles Valentine
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 MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

As of this writing, a group of 31 middle schoolers and sponsors are in Galveston for a special time of growing and bonding. Please pray for our safe return on Friday afternoon.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

A group of our high school students and sponsors will be going to New Orleans to help the Carrolton Ave. Church on July 24-29. All of those going need to meet Sunday afternoon at 5:15 in the High School Classroom. Please bring your payment of \$50. Prior to leaving next week you will need to make sure your tetanus booster is up to date. If you are interested in going, we can put you on a waiting list if we have a cancellation. We are very excited about this mission opportunity and know that God will use us to serve and reach people who need Him... wherever that is!

July 14-17
July 19
July 26
July 24-29
Aug. 2

IMPORTANT DATES

Middle School Madness
Small Groups Meet
Middle School Devotional
New Orleans Mission Trip
High School Devotional

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our 19th mission trip to West Point, Nebraska was a tremendous success. We had one of the largest attended VBS's in the last 10 years as well as over 250 folks who came to the Wednesday night program and Ice Cream Supper. Our young people really shined. Their spirit of service and team work made a huge difference in the success of the week. Even though some think that this generation of young people have lost the truth and don't care about the church, they would think differently if they would experience our teens like we did last week. They are not just the future of the church, they are the church now! Way to go teens, we are proud of you! Kudos to you!

Jesus Never Took An Elevator

The strangest part of hospital visitation is the elevator. There is a certain elevator mentality that shocks me every time. Groups of people race through the doors to get on but never talk, smile, or touch. Most never even make eye contact. It's like the rules are: Enter quietly, remain quiet, watch the numbers, or look at your shoes.

Elevator mentality is so far from Christianity because it keeps us isolated and indifferent. Our world was not created for us to live in it alone and untouched. The Bible never says "This is your private life and it's no one else's business but yours."

Jesus never took an elevator, he always

walked with people. He cared. He listened. He served. He reached out. He supported. He encouraged. He touched.

The next time you are in an elevator remember it's your moment to be like Jesus. Let people know they are important and that life is to be enjoyed.

All Adult Classes meet in Auditorium
Sunday, July 19

Benevolence Center Need

plastic grocery bags
Bring them Sunday when you come
Box in foyer

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I really appreciate everyone who came to hear **George Jones** this week. He did a great job speaking on the theme of **Submission**. Next week, on July 22nd, we are in for a real treat. **Tim Grounds** will be back at West Erwin to speak to us on **Guidance**. He and his family are doing a great work with the rest of the Whitehouse crew, but we all miss him a great deal, so let's come out

and support him. I also want to thank those who let their kids ride the bus to **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run**. The kids were awesome and I know they had a blast at camp each day. The children at West Erwin are amazing; we not only have a bright future, but we also have a fun present because of them! Finally, remember that **Charles Valentine** will be with us this Sunday to speak to a combined adult Bible class in the main auditorium. Our regular adult classes will not meet, but will instead resume on July 26th. I will be preaching at the morning worship service that day (good news for a few of you, bad news for the rest!). Until then, I hope you have a wonderful week and may God bless you!

Camp Deer Run Swimming Pool

Camp Deer Run is needing funds for a new, larger swimming pool to replace the current pool which was built in 1961. If you are interested in helping with this, you may contact Camp Deer Run at 903-629-7165.

Thank You

Thank you for all of your cards, prayers and concern during my recent illness. It was so encouraging. Love,
Ana Zavala

With Sympathy

Ella Keel, member at Bullard & aunt of Daniel DuPree, passed away last Thursday. Services were Tuesday at the Bullard Church of Christ. | Memorial services for **Alma McCoy Biggs**, former West Erwin member, were Saturday at Glenwood Church of Christ. | **Denton Thompson**, brother of D.L. Thompson, passed away in California on Monday. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

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July 22, 2009

Tim Grounds

"Guidance"

No desserts this week.



Adult Class Schedule

All adult classes will meet in the Auditorium on Sunday, July 19 to hear **Charles Valentine**. Please make plans to be present!

Seminar at Chandler Street

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore invites you to a seminar with Journey of Hope and the Pastoral Care department of Cancer Treatment Centers of America that will be teaching how to be effective in ministry in a way that is uplifting and encouraging to those who have been diagnosed with cancer. It will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Chandler St. Church of Christ and will include breakfast and lunch. For more information, call 903-984-2928 or email church@cscoc.com. The registration deadline is July 22.

Moved Away

Bob Bennett

2662 Arlington Dr., Tupelo MS 38801

Nell Doty

3121 Cobblestone, Rockwall, TX 75087

New Address

Dennis & Shannon Kingsbury

1900 Waunell Dr., Tyler, TX 75701

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School begins September 8

Tuesdays & Thursdays

8:15-2:15

6 weeks thru Pre-K



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Worship p.m.	310	401	424
Wed. p.m.	374	303	289
Contribution	\$40,578.47	\$25,310.05	\$23,060.08
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Ella Keel, member at Bullard & aunt of Daniel DuPree, is in ICU at ETMC. | Tim Russell, from Longview, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. He is a friend of James Sublette. | Martha Sandoval is at ETMC, room 2223. | John Womack, friend of Teree Loveless, is having heart problems.

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Please keep the church office informed about you or your loved ones in need of prayer so our prayer & care list stays current. You can make a request on a card located on the back of the pew in front of you at worship times or contact the office by calling 903-592-0809 or email at office@westerwin.org.

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Prayer	Daniel DuPree
Scripture	Odie Kennedy
Dismiss	James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Ernie Gordon

SERVING COMMUNION

Tommy McJunkins	Jerry Mitchell
Stuart Means	J.D. Mitchell
Shane Millican	Paul Montandon
Lee Mink	Carlos Morgan

6:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Cody Frick
Scripture	Glen May
Dismiss	Lon Gibson

GREETERS

Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot & Chase Mink
Wendell & Anita Potter & Mollie Mink
Charles & Phyllis Rachui & Andra Murry
Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike
Mary Lu Pruett

Pick up cards for 7/12: Trey Jackson, Matthew Christian, Stephen Moore, Nicolas Means, Keaton Conder

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Moments With Mike

Lead Me To Some Soul Today

Our lessons last Sunday focused on challenges to church growth and how we can rescue the perishing. Thank you so much for your words of encouragement and for the conversations some of you are starting on how we can be more evangelistic in our communities.

One of the passages we discussed Sunday night was from Luke 14:15-24, The Parable of the Great Supper. In that discussion, Jesus told of the master of the house who sent out his servants three different times to bring people in for that great event.

Those initially invited chose to make excuses and would not come to the supper. So the master sent out the servants to bring in those from the streets and the lanes of the city. Even after this was done, there was still room in the master's house, so another group was sent to seek out more people, this time from the highways and the hedges.

Verse 23 ends with the phrase, "...compel them to come in that my house may be filled." The master's invitation had already been extended, yet there was a need for servants to still compel (urge, make) people accept it and come into the master's house.

One of the great parts of God's plan to redeem mankind is that He has made it possible for everyone to be saved—there is room for all. But, sadly, many people will

reject or ignore God's invitation and our urging for them to come.

Paul gives us some insight on the importance of reaching the lost in 2 Corinthians 5:20, when he said, "Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."

Friends, let's set our minds to be more active in reaching the lost and bringing them to Christ. Focus your prayers this week on how we can accomplish this. Think also on the words of the great song listed below.

See you Sunday! Mike

Lead Me To Some Soul Today

Lead me to some soul today; O teach me Lord, just what to say;

Friends of mine are lost in sin, And cannot find their way.
Few there are who seem to care, And few there are who pray;

Melt my heart and fill my life: Give me one soul today.

Lead Me To Some Soul Today: Words Will H. Houghton, Music Wendell P. Loveless

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**2009 Theme
Where To?
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July: To Commitment**

Sermons for July 12, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: The Light Of The World (Matt. 6:14-16)
P.M.: Be Kind To One Another (Eph. 4:32)
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Youth With Heart... by Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

The cost is \$75 which needs to be paid by July 12. We will have a brief meeting at 5:15 on Sunday, July 12, in the High School Classroom to go over details and take care of paperwork. All middle school students & parents signed up to go need to be present as well as sponsors.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

A group of our high school students and adults will be going to New Orleans to help the Carrolton Ave. Church on July 24-29. That church is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. We will be demolishing an old house as well as building interior walls in the inner-city church. We have a limit on how many we can take and at this point we have reached our maximum. If you are interested in going, we can put you on a waiting list if we have a cancellation. We are very excited about this mission opportunity and know that God will use us to serve and reach people who need Him... wherever that is!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Join us this Sunday night for the combined devotional. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, our group has done an outstanding job with the VBS and service project. On Monday we had 92 kids for the first day of VBS! On Tuesday, we had 119!! Please continue to pray for us as we will return Saturday evening. It has really been good to spend these days with the families of the West Point church. Our worship service yesterday was amazing. Ray Maxwell has such a way with teaching and bringing God's word alive. It has been a real blessing to spend these days with the Maxwells & Luebberts.

IMPORTANT DATES

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July 12	Combined Devotional
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Aug. 17	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

Thrown Under the Bus

When was the last time you felt like a victim? If you have ever been used and manipulated and felt like you were thrown under the bus by another person you know what I'm talking about. You know how desperately you need someone in your corner; someone to help you; someone to defend you; someone to carry your torch; someone who understands the issues; someone who is able to speak for you; someone who will be heard and respected and not ignored or doubted. You need an advocate.

John calls Jesus our Advocate in 1 John 2:1. He says, if you have sinned you have an Advocate, Someone who speaks to the Father in your defense, Someone who will not be ignored, Someone who understands, Someone who will be heard and

respected. His name is Jesus.

What makes Him such a credible advocate is that He is the atoning sacrifice for your sins and the sins of the whole world. He sits at the right hand of GOD representing me and you.

What a comfort! He is there right now in the presence of GOD standing up for me and for you. If that does not lighten your load nothing will!

Family Life Center Class

9:00 am

Right-Brain vs Left-Brain How Does It Affect Worship

Be there early!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

We have a lot to cover this week, so put your seat belts on because we are about to go for a ride! **Don Crawford** did an amazing job in our **Summer Series** this past Wednesday night on "Confession." I really appreciate his heart and enjoy working with him ministering in the Lord. Next week, **July 15th, George Jones** will be with us. George is no stranger to West Erwin and in need of little introduction. He will be speaking to us on "Submission." We had a great crowd last year for George and let's do the same this year. The following Sunday, July 19th, we will have a combined adult class in the auditorium to hear Charles Valentine speak to us. I know we will all look forward to that. For those of you who have children riding the church bus to **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run**, July 13-16, please make sure that your child is here at 7:15 each morning. Your cooperation in this will be very much appreciated! Finally, last Sunday I sat in on the Family Life Center class where **Bob Paul** was substitute teaching. He did an amazing job and it reminded me that there might be others at West Erwin who would like to sub from time to time. If you would like to do so, and did not mark such on your recent involvement sheet, be sure to contact me.

Camp Deer Run Info

The bus for day campers at Camp Deer Run will leave the West Erwin parking lot at 7:15 a.m., Monday- Thursday, July 13-16. Please contact Michael Whitworth if you have any questions at 903-592-0809 or mwhitworth@westerwin.org.

Teachers' Workshop

There is a sign up sheet at the Visitor Center for the teachers' workshop in Austin July 17-18, where Dale Blackstone and Nancy Crawford will be featured guest teachers. Lodging and registration will be paid for. Sign up at the Visitor Center and see Dale Blackstone if you have any questions.

New Address

Cameron & Ashley Chandler
10858 Deer Creek Drive
Tyler, TX 75707

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"Submission"

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desserts



Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers when my Aunt "Abey" passed away. Thank you! Love,

Barbara Henderson

Thank you for your expressed concern for me when I was in the hospital: your prayers, your visits, cards and phone calls. It was very encouraging! In Christian Love,

Noel Parker

Dear West Erwin family & friends, Thanks to everyone for the good wishes, cards and gifts. I really do appreciate it. Things are going well for me in Kentucky, and everything is in place for me to start college! Again, thank you for being such a supportive group of people. I am thankful to you for giving me and all of the graduates a Bible. It has been helpful! Love,

Joseph Baker

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Services for **Christine Weatherford**, sister-in-law of Ruth Bell, were Friday in Waxahachie. Services for **Tommy Wright**, member at Bullard Church of Christ, were Tuesday in Bullard. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

Response for Prayers

Linda Dickson requests prayers saying "I have not been doing the things in my spiritual life that I know I need to be doing. Please pray that I can be stronger and do the things I know God expects of me." We appreciate the example Linda is to us and the courage she has shown. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

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Scripture Joey Marse
Dismiss Bobby Dingler

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Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Chelsea Mezell
Tommy & Kay Parrish & Austin Millican
Visitor Center: Bob & Barbara Paul
Caddie Niles

Pick up cards for 7/5 & 7/12: Trey Jackson, Matthew Christian, Stephen Moore, Nicolas Means, Keaton Conder

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Moments With Mike

A Few Not-So-Random Thoughts

I hope that your summer is off to a great start. We realize that many of our members will be traveling and taking vacations during these months and we pray for their safe travels. If you are going to a new area, check with the office and get a listing of congregations in that area before you leave. Don't leave God out of your summer plans!

I want to express my thanks for the continued support and feedback for our Sunday morning radio program, Our Living Hope. If you are not currently listening to this program, you can find it on KTBB AM 600 at 7:30 on Sunday mornings. For the present time it is also being simulcast on FM 92.1 as well. Several of you have told me that your neighbors and friends from other churches have been listening. This could be a great way to engage them with an invitation to study with us. Keep the feedback coming.

I was glad to be low in my estimate of our attendance for Sunday morning. I mentioned around 660-670, but the final number was 714. Wasn't it great to see all the visitors we had? Why not make your plans today to invite someone to come to worship and Bible class?

And speaking of our classes, I want to encourage each family to strongly consider the benefits of being regular participants in our Bible school program. A listing

of all teachers and class topics can be found at the visitors center and also on our web page. My class (in room 403 next to the high school class) will continue the study of Proverbs this Sunday looking over chapters 5-7. You are welcome to join us or any of the other classes.

In 2006, Brad Harrub and Jim Palmer started a new magazine called *Think*. Brad spoke here 3 or 4 years ago and many of you remember him. *Think* is a magazine that addresses current issues from a distinctly Christian view. I hope to have a few sample copies of the June issue available for your review either this Sunday or next. I have been asked to contribute some articles to this publication and have one in this June issue. I would also recommend their web page, www.focuspress.org.

During this holiday weekend many people will celebrate the freedoms we have in this country. Let us also thank God that we live in a country that is still favorable towards Christianity and that allows us to worship God free from any intervention from others.

Be safe especially if you are traveling. Look for opportunities to share your faith with someone this week.

See you Sunday! Mike

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
July: To Commitment

Sermons for July 5, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Challenges To Church Growth (Matt. 9:35-38)
P.M.: Rescue The Perishing (Luke 14:23)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "*Our Living Hope*."

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

The Cost is \$75 which needs to be paid by July 12. We will have a brief meeting at 5:15 on Sunday, July 12 in the High School Classroom to go over details and take care of paperwork. All middle school students & parents signed up to go need to be present as well as sponsors.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As you read this, a group of 35 from West Erwin will be in West Point, Nebraska teaching the message of Jesus Christ. We will be conducting a VBS and hope to have over 125 kids attend. Please pray for the children we will be teaching that we can plant seeds that God will grow. Also, please pray that we will have safe travel and good weather. This week is such an important time for the church in West Point and West Erwin as well.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

A group of our high school students and adults will be going to New Orleans to help the Carrolton Ave. Church on July 24-29. That church is still recovering from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. We will be demolishing an old house as well as building interior walls. We have a limit on how many we can take and those who initially committed to go to Mexico have the first priority. We are very excited about this mission opportunity and know that God will use us to serve and reach people who need Him... wherever that is... both elsewhere and at home!

July 2-11
July 12
July 14-17
July 19
July 24-29
Aug. 17

IMPORTANT DATES

Nebraska Mission Trip
Combined Devotional
Middle School Madness
Small Groups Meet
New Orleans Mission Trip
West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

How Does Your Garden Grow?

We have a small garden. In fact, we have two 4'x8' areas where we plant a few tomatoes, peppers, and squash. We prepared the areas lasagna style (layering with different types of soil, leaves, etc). We planted the seeds. We water it. We walk around it with pleasure and expectation watching the plants accomplish the one thing we cannot make happen.....they grow.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and perch in its branches" (Mt 13:31).

We like to talk about building the church as if Jesus said, "My church is a stack of lumber on a truck from heaven and I need you to put it together."

He never said that. He never talked about needing us to advance His kingdom. He said, "The kingdom of heaven is...."

Have you noticed how we are so inclined to make things happen for GOD? Every week we want to measure it to see how well we are doing. And we figure that GOD is measuring too. But, GOD isn't measuring anything. GOD and only GOD can make things grow whether it's a garden plant or His kingdom. Because of all our performing, achieving and striving we want to take credit for all the growth that GOD has caused. Jesus said, "I will build my kingdom...."

It is through washing feet, turning cheeks, and being last that GOD grows His kingdom. It is only through humility, suffering, and brokenness that these spiritual truths are made clear.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our **Summer Series** is exceeding my expectations, and the bar was set pretty high in my mind as it was! Thank you for your great participation and to **Pam Lott** for doing a great job coordinating the dessert fellowships every other week. This upcoming Wednesday night, **Don Crawford** will be speaking on the subject of "confession" and its role in the life of a disciplined Christian. I know he

will do a great job as usual and look forward to his lesson. If you know of someone who has been unable to attend our Summer Series so far, why not invite them to be with us July 8 to hear Don? In ten days, **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run** will begin (July 13-16). If you have a child riding the bus to Day Camp each day, we will leave West Erwin's parking lot at **7:15 each morning. Please plan to be here a few minutes early.** Each child needs to bring a swimsuit, towel, and a sack lunch. On Thursday, lunch will be provided, so a sack lunch on Thursday is not necessary. We will arrive back at West Erwin approximately **4:30 each afternoon; please plan to pick up your child at that time.** I want to thank you all for being a wonderful church family.

Thank You

Your prayers and cards have overwhelmed us and words are never fully adequate to express our genuine thankfulness for your concern. We know you've had a part in Mary's recovery. Thanks so much.

Forest & Mary McFadden

Thanks to the Elders and all members who sent cards of sympathy and words of comfort when my aunt passed away in Brownwood last weekend. Your prayers and words of comfort are greatly appreciated.

Bud & Charlotte Cawyer

West Erwin Members, Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent in honor of my mother, Eula Covington. Your many acts of love, cards, calls and words of encouragement will be remembered. We love our West Erwin family.

Carolyn Welborn

Thank you for your love, concern and prayers following my recent fall. The Lord has blessed us through our loving church family. Thank you for all the calls, cards, food and visits.

Roy & Fern Bench

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the graduation gift. I really appreciate it. A Bible never runs out, and its gifts are everlasting. I will keep it near because it holds all the answers I need. Thank you!

Samantha Richardson

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and floral arrangement and for the comfort of your love and support. Your expression of sympathy was a blessing. With love and gratitude,

The Ron Knight Family

West Erwin Family, Once again I want to say how much we appreciate all the visits, food, calls and encouragement you have given to Tommy and I. I truly believe all the prayers offered on my behalf is the reason my surgery has done so well. You truly are a caring, loving family, and we love and appreciate each of you. For Him,

Kay Parrish

Ladies are invited to a
Bridal Shower honoring
Caysi Bynum
Saturday, July 18, 2009
10:00a.m.-11:30 p.m.
West Erwin Family Life Center
Selections at Target &
Bed Bath & Beyond

Camp Deer Run Info

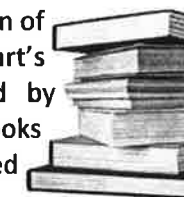
The bus for day campers at Camp Deer Run will leave the West Erwin parking lot at 7:15 a.m., Monday–Thursday, July 13-16. Please contact Michael Whitworth if you have any questions at 903-592-0809 or mwhitworth@westerwin.org.

Little People's School

Little People's School at Glenwood Church of Christ has a few openings for children in their 2-year-old classes for the 2009-2010 school year. Spaces fill quickly, so to register, call Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904.

Check It Out!

Now available in the New Books section of the Adult Library: Jay Lockhart's commentary on Ephesians (donated by Dean Brookshire) and over thirty books concerning missionary works (donated by Betty Choate).



Teachers' Workshop

There is a sign up sheet at the Visitor Center for the teachers' workshop in Austin July 17-18, where Dale Blackstone and Nancy Crawford will be featured guest teachers. Lodging and registration will be paid for. Sign up at the Visitor Center and see Dale Blackstone if you have any questions.

Holiday Schedule Change

The Sensational Summer Sunday Night Special will not meet Sunday, July 5. This is our new Summer program on Sunday nights for children age 2-4th Grade that meet in the Small Auditorium. The program will resume July 12.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Kenna Kempton on the loss of her aunt, **Joyce Walker**, who passed away Tuesday in Haughton, Louisiana. Services were Thursday in Haughton. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

July 8, 2009

Don Crawford

"Confession"

No dessert this week.



Records	Sunday- June 21	Sunday- June 14	Year Ago
Bible Class	408	436	418
Worship a.m.	655	641	740
Worship p.m.	372	432	327
Wed. p.m.	381	285	351
Contribution	\$63,082.46	\$28,946.12	\$26,461.53
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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Forest McFadden Jim McDonald

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer Clinton Culpepper
Scripture Melvin Maples
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May & Paige Lemons
Elmer & Nila Miles & Elizabeth Lewis
Lee & Camille Mink & Leanne Linseisen
Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
Carlos & Emma Morgan

Pick up cards for 6/28: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Colton Haile, Grant Perkins

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Moments With Mike

This past week I read a book that focused on why the younger generation of conservative Bible churches are leaving those churches. The book, *Already Gone*, provided some excellent insight on this latest generation to turn away from churches. The Churches of Christ represented 6.9% of the respondents represented in their research. There were 14 other churches included.

The authors began with a review of religion in England where only 2.5% of the population attend Bible-based churches. Only 6.3% attend any type of church on a regular basis. In 2004 more people attended mosques than worshipped at the Church of England. The new religion of England really has become secular humanism and they are truly living in a post-Christian era.

Similar trends seem to be mounting in our country as well. Although we still enjoy a majority of people who claim to be Christian, that number has fallen from 86% to 75% since 1990. We do have cause for concern.

The authors found that 61% of their sample attended Sunday school on a regular basis as children and teens. We've always stressed the need to be together for worship and for Bible study. But simply coming to class isn't enough.

This research showed that 38% of those who left

Post-Christian World

believed the Bible to be entirely true and accurate. Yet they didn't have a connection between Christianity and the local church. And while the additional time in Bible class should improve our knowledge of facts, it must also prepare the student to know and defend doctrines, not just become acquainted with Bible characters. Beyond that, our time together should also solidify our need to belong and serve in a local body of believers.

I hope that our country will never see the day when less than 10% of our population attends worship on a regular basis or when other religions outnumber Christianity. But even if it does, I'm more concerned that each local congregation and each Christian take up the charge to make a difference in the lives of others and share the gospel message more frequently and more personally.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." I believe that. Don't you?

Friends, the post-Christian era for our country will eventually be a reality. Fewer and fewer people have a respect for the authority and truths of God's word. Are we ready to evangelize a world/community that doesn't want to follow Jesus? We'd better be!

See you Sunday! Mike

**2009 Theme
Where To?
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June: To Satisfaction**

Sermons for June 28, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: From Good To Great (Col. 3:23-24)
P.M.: Jonah: A Troubled Faith (Jonah 1:1-3)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for "Our Living Hope."

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THANKS & THOUGHTS...

We had an amazing trip and the weather was incredible. Our teens really shined this past week with a focus on the things that are most important. Thanks to Ken Culpepper, David Asbill, Mark Frick, Steve Denman, Shaun Stamps, David Wicks, Lisa Snell & Robbie Hurlocker for going as sponsors.

We are still working on details for our Mission Trip that will take the place of our Mexico Trip this year. Watch for details.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle & high school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 9:00. Bring \$3 for supper. We will have a special time to discuss and pray for the Nebraska Mission Team.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those currently in grades 5-7 are invited to our Middle School Madness trip in July. The dates are July 14-17. We are planning to go to Galveston. The Cost is \$75 which needs to be paid by July 12. This Sunday is the deadline for signing up!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. Want to help, come about 5:00! We serve dinner @ 6:00 and finish clean-up about 7:00. Call for more details.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to work on classes. We will meet in the High School Classroom. We will have a meeting at 5:15 for all teens and parents of the Nebraska Team to go over the itinerary and do paperwork. Remember, you will need to have your 25 service hours for participation in the Mission Trips. Plan to be present for the devotional on Sunday night, June 28. This is a special devotional for all the youth group and the Nebraska Team.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 28	Combined Devo
June 29	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
July 2-11	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 14-17	Middle School Madness
July 19	Small Groups Meet
July 24-29	Mission Trip

The Way We Drive Tells a Lot By Don Crawford

Most of us live the way we drive. Is that scary or what? Some are over cautious and therefore cause dangerous situations because the rest of us are only interested in getting from point A to point B in the shortest amount of time. I have even noticed how my driving changes according to the way I am living my life at that moment. Evaluate your own driving and see that this is not true.

The question is: am I living my Christian life that way too? Am I more interested in getting from point A to point B in the shortest amount of time rather than simply knowing GOD?

Let me share this with you — getting where GOD wants you to go isn't as important as becoming who GOD wants you to become in the process.

Family Life Center Bible Class Summer Session 9:00am June 28, 2009

The Call To Spiritual Adventure

My Greatest Challenge: Margin

Plan to join our discussions
this Sunday
Our goal is 100!

START FINISH

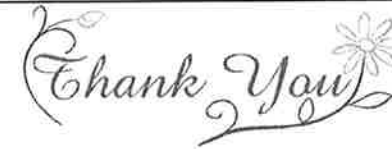
MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

As I said last week, our **Summer Series** continues to get better and better with every week. **Barry Throneberry** did an unbelievable job speaking on the difficult subject of **Fasting**. Next week I am really looking forward to **Jeff Jenkins** being with us to speak on the subject of **Study** (word is out that he studied hard for this lesson!). I want to say a huge "thanks!" to all of you who have complimented

the speaker selection this year. We have had great numbers attendance-wise and record requests for the CDs of the lessons. Next Wednesday night, look around and see if you notice someone who is not here; when you can, let them know they are missing out on some **WONDERFUL** lessons and encourage them to attend the next opportunity they have. As you absorb the lesson each week, don't forget to actively reflect on it in light of the Summer Series theme "Running with Horses." All of us would say at times that we have **disappointed** God because we have failed to live up to the standard he appointed for us. We are worn out in the rat race of life when God wanted us to be running with horses (cf. Jeremiah 12:5). And like an athlete in the Olympics, we must go into training so that we may win the prize (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). Keep training and have a great week!

Lectureship

Save the date of the 2009 Bible Lectureship at Longview Church of Christ August 28-30. The theme is "A Renewed Heart & A Steadfast Spirit." For more information, call 903-236-0988.



West Erwin Family,
Thank you for the Bible that was given to me at Baccalaureate. My time at West Erwin has been memorable and my memories with the youth will be cherished.

Colt Keeney

Dear Friends in Christ,
The Lord continues to bless us through our brothers and sisters in Christ. Many prayers have been answered as Johnny continues to improve, now 6 months after his fall. Your prayers, cards, smiles and words of encouragement and the delicious food you wonderful folks prepare and deliver each Tuesday have seen us through this very difficult time. We especially appreciate those who have taken time to come by our home to visit or bring food (especially the "special" chocolate pie), since March 13. This is always a bright spot in his day. Also, the cards that were delivered on his 88th birthday were greatly appreciated. We pray we can soon be back to doing the same for others. Our love and sincere thanks,

Johnny and Jo Anders

Thank you for the flowers, cards and calls since Mother's passing. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother, we will miss her very much.

Gail & Ernest Bennett
Jennifer & Keith Skender

Thank you so much for all of your prayers and kind words during Scott's latest stem cell transplant process. His last PET scan came back with some spots on it, however the doctors are very optimistic. The spots that were there previously in February are gone! Scott has been taken off all of his anti-rejection meds and he is doing GREAT! We can feel God's strength from your prayers. Please keep them coming. We can always use them. He will have another scan in 3 months. Thank you again for all of your support and love. In Christian Love,

Michelle Smith

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers that went up on my behalf before and during surgery. Also, thanks for the cards, calls, food and visits.

Howard Dickson

Camp Deer Run

If you have not turned in your applications for Camp Deer Run, please get those to Michael Whitworth as soon as possible.

New Address

Warren Gray

The Hamptons at Greenridge
4200 Old Omen Road, #2315
Tyler, TX 75707

Welcome New Member!

Teree Loveless was baptized on June 19 by Jerry Mitchell. Teree says, "I thank God for His blessings. I thank Jerry, Dot White, and Carmen Hilliard for their knowledge and wisdom and for their concern for me to know the truth about our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you so very much! You are without a doubt Christ's disciples. God bless all of you and the church." Teree's address is: 6796 Pearl Street, Tyler, Tx 75708. Home phone is: 903/504-5592.

With Sympathy

Mary Coleman, aunt of Barbara Henderson, passed away last Wednesday. | Susie Hebert, aunt of Bud Cawyer, passed away last Friday in Brownwood, Texas. | Eula Covington, Carolyn Welborn's mother died Sunday. Our love and prayers are with these families.

Funeral Meals

Thank you to those who have signed up for a team to provide meals for funerals. Although suggestions have been made, these teams will be able to handle the meal in the manner they would like. There will be a table in the foyer Sunday morning and Sunday evening if you would like to sign up and help.

Request for Prayers

Fannie Jackson is requesting prayers for strength for her to be the Christian she needs to be. She also requests prayers for her family.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

July 1, 2009

Jeff Jenkins

"Study"

Dessert: Create Your Own Sundae



June 18, 2009	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 40- No. 24
Records	Sunday- June 14	Sunday- June 7	Year Ago
Bible Class	436	405	445
Worship a.m.	641	621	707
Worship p.m.	432	400	487
Wed. p.m.	285	311	356
Contribution	\$28,946.12	\$22,359.50	\$28,189.29
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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Scripture	Roger Howell
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Marc Lemons	Brandon Lott
Pete Leung	Ron Lott
Paul Lewis	Tyler Lott

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Corey Coleman
Scripture	Stan Mallory
Dismiss	Melvin Crow

GREETERS

Pete & Alisa Leung & Matthew Kimball
 Ron & Pam Lott & Dylan Laird
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Ashley Laird
Visitor Center: Melvin & Donna Maples
 Joey & Mindy Marse

Pick up cards for 6/21 & 6/28: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Colton Haile, Grant Perkins

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Moments With Mike

Knowledge And Wisdom

Conventional wisdom would tell us that if we educate people more then they will be wiser and make better decisions in life. I think that is true for the most part. But have you noticed that our society isn't really getting better morally even though we are more and more knowledgeable in facts?

Simply knowing something does not make us wise. The acquisition of facts and knowledge is certainly to be desired and even expected. But it is the proper application of that knowledge that leads to wisdom.

My Sunday morning class began a study of Proverbs last week. This is a fascinating book, and one that can hardly be canvassed in a quarter of study.

A wide array of topics are covered including diligence, hard work, honesty, and warnings about the dangers of life such as prostitutes, thieves, lazy people and others. A listing of our class subjects is listed later.

The term "proverb" comes from the Hebrew word *masal*, which means "a comparison, to be similar to, resemble." Commonly we see this as a "short, pithy statement of truth that is recognized as a fundamental principle or rule of conduct."

The two categories of key words revolve around wisdom and foolishness. Within wisdom we find

instruction, discipline, knowledge, insight, understanding discretion and prudence. Within foolishness we find folly, simple, naïve, scoffer, scorners and forward.

Solomon clearly notes that some will reject the wisdom from the Lord and even today we find those who would presume to be religious that scoff at God's word.

The theme for the book can be found in Proverbs 1:7. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge."

Here are the planned lessons for our class. We hope you will join us.

1. Introduction and Overview
2. Wisdom and Life
3. Folly and Death
4. The Lord's Favor
5. Family, Friends and Neighbors
6. The Fear of the Lord
7. Humility vs. Pride
8. Hard Work vs. Laziness
9. Sexual Purity
10. Anger and Emotions
11. Proper Speech
12. Money Matters
13. Righteousness

See you Sunday! Mike

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
June: To Satisfaction

Sermons for June 21, 2009 by Mike Baker
 A.M.: Father Knows Best (Matt. 7:7-12)
 P.M.: When Wisdom Calls (Prov. 1:20-22)
 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 Keith & Jennifer Skender and J & Tresa Jones for hosting the Middle School Devotional this past Sunday. Thanks to Patrick Garrett for doing the activities and taking care of the devotional.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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All of those going to Nebraska need to meet this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to work on classes. We will meet in the High School Classroom. Remember, you will need to have your 25 service hours for participation in the Mission Trips. Plan to be present for the devotional on Sunday night, June 28. This is a special devotional for all the youth group and the Nebraska Team.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

As you read this, 26 of us will be heading down the mountain after a hard climb up Santa Fe Baldy peak in the Pecos Wilderness of New Mexico. Please pray for our safety and travel for the trip home on Saturday.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

All of those currently in grades 5-7 are invited to our Middle School Madness trip in July. The dates are July 14-17. We are planning to go to Galveston. The Cost is \$75 which needs to be paid by July 12. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, June 28.

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Did You Have Any Plans Today?

At this moment everything seems perfectly still. You are reading the church bulletin. Yet, you and I are sitting on a planet that is spinning on its axis at 1,000 mph. At the same time we are scooting through space at 67,000 mph. We'll make a full rotation today and travel 1.3 million miles in our annual lap around the Sun. And you didn't have any plans today!

What's so strange is — we have such a hard time believing GOD can do anything to help us when our life is spinning out of control.....yet HE keeps all the planets in orbit. Oh, ye of little faith.

Why do you doubt?

Family Life Center Bible Class Summer Session

9:00am
June 21, 2009

The Call To Spiritual Adventure

Inattentional Blindness

Plan to join our discussions
this Sunday
Our goal is 100!

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I want to say a huge, Texas-sized "thank you" to all those who came out to help in our **Vacation Bible School** last Saturday. You guys did an amazing job and made a lasting impression on the kids, one that will no doubt follow them the rest of their lives. If you were unable to be with us, you missed out on a huge blessing and a lot of fun, so be sure and plan to be with us next year. You will not regret it! Our **Summer Series** continues to get better and better with every week. **Willie Franklin** did a great job speaking on prayer. Next week, on June 24th, we will have **Barry Throneberry** with us from the Highland congregation in Columbia, Tennessee. Barry and I became very close friends during my time in Maury County. I am very confident that he will do an amazing job. His topic is on the spiritual discipline of fasting. This subject has not received a lot of press in the classrooms and pulpits of our brotherhood, but it is indeed a biblical practice and one that we perhaps should take another look at, if only for the sake of our waistlines! Finally, I want to let everyone know that if you would like to **teach a class for the Fall Quarter** (beginning in September), be sure and let me know. Thanks for being a wonderful church family!

Lectureship

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West Erwin is in need of a part time maintenance man. Please contact Ron Lott, Matt Haws or Phil Marts if interested.

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking a Vice President of Academic Affairs. Please submit your resume to Scott Fossey, ETCA, 1797 Shiloh Rd., Tyler, TX 75703.

New Baby

Congratulations to Dennis & Karen Stansbury on the birth of a new granddaughter, **Madeline Ann Wysocki**. She was born to Jeremy and Margaret Wysocki, on June 7 in Denver, Colorado.

The Bibles are in Schools and Ready for the Children!

Thank you once again for your gift last year toward our \$1,000,000 Sunday. As you remember, the purpose of the project was to put Bibles and Biblical literature in all 1,188 public schools in the state of Donetsk, Ukraine. By the last week of May, the majority of the schools in the state had received their Bibles with just a few schools left to go in the city of Donetsk. We wanted you to know and to rejoice! The reports are that the schools enthusiastically received the materials and we already know the teachers are planning on using the materials. Look for posters in your church building with pictures and the amount your congregation gave. The pictures are the actual schools and children for which we intended the Bibles and other literature. Thank you again for enabling God's Word to reach the children in their schools. We will keep you informed as progress continues. In Him,

Mike Armour, President, Eastern European Mission

With Sympathy

Services for **Ronald Knight**, brother of Dr. Roger Knight, were Tuesday at Legacy Church of Christ in North Richland Hills. | **Mary Reynolds**, aunt of Linda Marts passed away last Saturday. Services were Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Pittsburg. | Services for **Mardeas McKinney**, uncle of Frieda Starr, were Thursday morning in Elkhart, Texas. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with each of these families.

Thank You

To all those who worked so diligently making the pre-school Vacation Bible School a huge success, I am eternally grateful. Everything went well and all the children had fun and behaved properly. Thank you teachers, parents and helpers.

Velma Lemons

Thank you for your love and concern for my family when Mother died— she loved West Erwin. We miss you guys.

Carmen & Rob Hilliard

West Erwin Members,
Thank you for the beautiful plant you sent in honor of my mother Grace Riser. We appreciate the cards, calls, notes and words of encouragement. In Christian Love,

Carolyn & Barry Ciaschini

To my family in Christ,
Thank you one and all for your earnest prayers on my behalf. God heard each one and answered with a "yes". No blockage in my neck arteries. My stress test went well. (No full details from my Doctor). Just a "Everything is fine. You are a healthy lady." He has cut me back 1/3 on my stress medicine. Hopefully my muscle strength will return soon so I can be out and about again. Your calls, cards, food and especially prayers mean so much to me. Thank you and God bless you. Love,

Molly Lou Terry

Wednesday Night Summer Series

June 24, 2009

Barry Throneberry

"Fasting"

No dessert this week.



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Records	Sunday— June 7	Sunday— May 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	405	406	423
Worship a.m.	621	642	751
Worship p.m.	400	389	370
Wed. p.m.	311	320	347
Contribution	\$22,359.50	\$24,025.00	\$28,159.06
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Roy Bench fell and has some bruises and a sprained ankle. | Howard Dickson has been moved to Health South for rehab on his hip. | Virgil Draughon, father of Debbie Bynum, had knee replacement surgery Fri. | Alexa McNutt, 2-year-old niece of George & Crystal Hill, will have open heart surgery June 18. | Mary McFadden has started laser treatment for nerve repair in her lower legs and feet. She is appreciative of all your prayers. | Gayle Payne's post transplant is now six months. The meds are adjusted according to heart biopsy every two weeks to combat rejection. | Linda Sellman, sister of Caddie Niles, was diagnosed with breast cancer. | Christine Weatherford, sister-in-law of Ruth Bell, has been moved home. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Phyllis Holleman | Riece Gibson | Merle Lane | Sandie Martin | Dub Mathews | Gayle Payne | Bettye Price | George Richardson | Chris Scroggins | Winona Shankle | Molly Lou Terry | Nella Ware | Dale White | Esther Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Milburn Cook | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Gordon Smith, father of Connie Sublette | Elizabeth Tinsley, sister of Esther Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Sarah Rowland, daughter-in-law of Jo & Art Rowland | Michelle Tarbutton, friend of Judy Hamm | Jessica Wilson, granddaughter of Joann Davis

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Pete Leung Ron Lott
Paul Lewis Tyler Lott

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer Gene Chandler
Scripture Carroll Magee
Dismiss Chad Chauncey

GREETERS

Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Jessica Keeney
Todd Kempton & Odie Kennedy & Melodi Keeney
Robert & Mary Lee & Brittney Kempton
Visitor Center: Paul & Shelia Lewis
Carroll & Cherrie Magee

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Moments With Mike

Ever Need A Little Boost?

This past week I was driving my son's car up to him in Kentucky. I wasn't sure that the car would make it and that's one reason why I didn't let him drive it up there earlier in the week. But I was pleasantly surprised that the 11 year old car managed to do quite well, even getting over 30 miles to the gallon!

But my boasting in the car's performance was cut short the next morning when the battery decided it wasn't going to turn over. Most of us have been in that position and we know what to do. After purchasing a set of booster cables it took less than a minute to jump start the car and off we went.

I never worried about the battery on the car. It had always worked. However, Joseph and I had invested quite a bit of money to rework the engine, replace brakes and make several other needed repairs.

As I traveled further down the road I began to think about how churches can sometimes be like that car. Scores of major parts and thousands of minor parts go into the making of a car. It can still function without the use of many of the minor parts, and can perform at a lesser level even with damage to some larger parts. But it was designed to function with all of the parts performing together.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 describes the body of Christ as being made up of many members. And Paul emphasizes the importance of each member not only in that passage but also in Ephesians 4:15-16 where he says that we "may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—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."

I love that phrase "every part does its share." When that happens within churches growth will come.

When that battery didn't do its share the car didn't function as it should. A boost was needed to get the power back.

Likewise, when members of the body (church) don't do their share, a boost is needed to resupply the power and refocus our efforts.

"And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19.

Friends, are you fully charged for service to the Lord? If not, do you need a little boost? Look to God as your ultimate power supply.

See you Sunday! Mike

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TSO

Thanks to all the teens and sponsors who helped with TSO this past week. We had 19 on Friday and 24 on Monday who served some folks in our community for some much needed assistance. That translates into 280 man hours! That included sanitizing and packing some 200+ food boxes for the East Texas Food Bank. I am so proud of you and the attitude you had in serving others! May God bless you for that.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those going backpacking need to meet on Sunday, June 14 @ 3:00 to pack up and leave. Please pray for our group this next week!

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WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Betraying Tongue
By Don Crawford

Betrayal is more kin to treason than it is gossip. It's a violation of a trust that was placed in you.

Judas betrayed Jesus almost effortlessly. He used his inside knowledge of Jesus' habits to hurt him (John 18:2). Afterward the guilt of what he had done ate away at his self esteem and sense of dignity to the point of destruction.

Did you ever betray someone? Did you gain some advantage by doing it? Have you repented of it?

If you are blessed to have a trustworthy friend, be sure to thank GOD for them.

My New Class for the Summer
Family Life Center
9:00am
June 14, 2009

The Call To Spiritual Adventure

Is There Ever A Time to Quit Praying?

Please, join our discussions.

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Little People's School is looking for loving, part-time teachers for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact Cathy Howell at 903-509-8904.

East Texas Christian Academy has the following positions available for the fall of 2009: Receptionist desk from 3:30-6:00 p.m. each day and Preschool and elementary age after school care attendant from 3:00-6:00 p.m. each day. Please call Bev Anne McCorkle at 903-561-8642 or email bmccorkle@etca.org for more information.

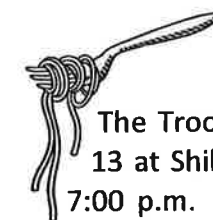


Don & Chris Drummond will be greatly missed as they have moved to Amarillo. Their new address is 7550 Hillside Rd. #2006, Amarillo, TX 79119.

Teachers' Workshop

There will be a teachers' workshop at the Cameron Rd. Church of Christ in Austin July 18-19. Our own Dale Blackstone & Nancy Crawford will be featured guest teachers. If interested in attending, see Michael Whitworth for more details.

Boy Scout Spaghetti Supper



The Troop 354 Spaghetti Supper will be June 13 at Shiloh Road Church of Christ from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person. Proceeds will help send the Scouts on the 2009 Summer Road Trip.

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With Sympathy

Graveside services for Gaynelle Gray were Wednesday at Memorial. Our love, prayers and sympathy is extended to Warren and the family. | Peggy Dickerson, cousin of Carolyn Blackstone, passed away Tuesday. Services are pending at Stewart Funeral Home.

Thank You

To our church family at West Erwin, What a blessing for us to be surrounded by Elders, Ministers & Christian friends. Thank you for your prayers, visit, cards, food and flowers. Thank you for your support during the most difficult time of our lives. Love,

Ira & Sherrie Groom

God has very much blessed my life with many Christian friends to share my cares. Thank you so much for the hospital visits, the prayers, the calls and cards during my recent surgery. What a joy to be so blessed by Him. In Christian Love,

Kim Frick

Dear Christian Friends,
We would like to thank members of your congregation for their wonderful support of our food/grocery program. We appreciate the time and effort it takes to coordinate the receiving and storage of these items until our truck picks them up. It is through your loving gifts & donations we are able to meet the nutritional, physical & spiritual needs of these precious children. Thank you for your kind remembrance. For the children,

Kevin McDonald
Medina Children's Home

Singing Schools

Foundation School of Church Music: June 28-July 3
Haskell Singing School: July 5-10
Abilene Christian University: July 12-17
See the flyers on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

June 17, 2009

Willie Franklin

"Prayer"

Dessert @ FLC: Hot Fudge
Brownie Sundaes



START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our Vacation Bible School is this Saturday, June 13th, and I want to make one last plea for volunteers. We could still use some help in the kitchen on Saturday to help prepare lunch. If you would like to help, come around 9:30-10:00 a.m. and we can put you to work! I want to thank the many of you who have already volunteered and are doing so much to make this VBS a success. Only eternity will be able to tell all of the good that we will do. You deserve a hearty pat on the back! I also want to thank you for your support of our Summer Series so far. **Ralph Gilmore** did an amazing job this past Wednesday night when he spoke to us on reflection and meditation. **Willie Franklin**, the campus minister at the Lewisville Church of Christ, will be with us this Wednesday night to speak on the topic of prayer. Also, I still have not received all of the applications for those riding the bus to **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run** on July 13-16. If you signed the list for someone and have not turned in your application, you need to do so as soon as possible. Finally, I want to again thank you for being such a wonderful church family and can't wait to see you this Saturday for Vacation Bible School and this Sunday for worship!

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Wed. p.m.	320	327	346
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J & Tresa Jones & Brady Johnson
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Moments With Mike

Listen To The Wise Man

Now that school is out for the summer most students don't want to hear about learning for a few months. That's natural. I remember those days as well.

However, as students of God's word we should always be in a frame of mind to receive instruction and to continue in our spiritual journey toward maturity. My prayer is that we may all continue to consider ourselves as students and be always looking to learn more from God.

My Sunday morning class will begin a study of the Book of Proverbs on June 14th. My family and I will be away in Tennessee this Sunday for a few short days, and Tony Adams will be teaching my class in my absence.

When I return we will begin to tap into the richness of the wisdom of Solomon in his many proverbs. Each week we will take a topical approach to learning from this rich book. If you are looking for a class to attend, we would love to have you in this class. Bring your Bible.

First Kings 3:7-14 describes how Solomon requested "an understanding heart" so as to be able to judge God's people. He knew that he lacked the skills necessary to take on this enormous task, so he asked God to provide him with the skills he needed. God not only gave him wisdom but also riches and honor, things that he had not requested.

The main Hebrew word for wisdom is *hokmah*, which is commonly used for the skill of craftsmen, sailors, singers, administrators and others. With this in mind, as we search the wisdom of Solomon we are in fact discovering the skills needed to live according to God's will.

We should listen attentively to this wise man for God said of Solomon that there was no one like him before him nor would there be any like him after him. Notice this reading.

"And God gave Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore. Thus Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men...and his fame was in all the surrounding nations. He spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were one thousand and five... And men of all nations, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom, came to hear the wisdom of Solomon." 1 Kings 4: 29-32, 34.

I look forward to our study of this great book. More importantly, I look forward to the things I have yet to learn from the wise man Solomon. How about you?

See you (next) Sunday! Mike

**2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
June: To Satisfaction**

Sermons for June 7, 2009
A.M.: "It's Not Enough, or Is It?" by Danny Snell
P.M.: "A Man Had Two Sons" by Don Crawford
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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the youth group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Join us as we welcome the new 6th graders into the youth group. Since church will start an hour later, the devo will be over at 9:00. Bring \$3 and tennis shoes.

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WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Lying Tongue
By Don Crawford

GOD has sealed the destiny of every liar to the burning lake of fire (Rev 21:8), therefore, everything we do and say must be based on truth.

Most lying comes in one of four forms: deceitfulness, half-truths, exaggerations, and flattery. Which category do most of your lies fall into? What is the motive behind most of your lies?

It's easier when we divide lies into only two groups: White and Black. They seem more palatable that way. So, when the wife asks if she looks fat in that skirt, you can give her the "white" version of the truth and it does not seem as condemning. The fact is, a lying tongue weakens and destroys.

My New Class for the Summer
Family Life Center
9:00am
June 7, 2009

Christianity is an Adventure!

It is an invitation to be part of something that is bigger than you and more important than you.

Please, join our discussions.

START FINISH
MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our **Summer Series** is already off to a great start. Thanks is extended to **Pam Lott** for doing such an awesome job coordinating the dessert fellowships this summer. I apologize for everyone having to listen to me this past Wednesday night, but look on the bright side: our Summer Series has nowhere to go but up! This next Wednesday night, June 10, we are in for a very, very special treat. **Ralph Gilmore**, a professor at Freed-Hardeman University, will be presenting a lesson on the spiritual discipline of meditation and reflection. Dr. Gilmore holds several degrees from Freed-Hardeman, David Lipscomb, Harding Graduate School, and the University of Tennessee. He currently teaches Bible and philosophy courses. I was richly blessed to have had five classes with him during my time at Freed-Hardeman and I know that you will be blessed by listening to him as well. I also want to throw in one last appeal concerning **Vacation Bible School**. We are still in need of volunteers. The success of this summer's VBS depends upon you. We could still use help with one of our learning stations but also we need several to help with the preparation of lunch that day. If you have any desire to help, especially with preparing lunch, please do not hesitate to contact me. May God bless you this week!

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Thank You

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and the visits during my recent hip surgery and rehab. You don't know how much it helps to know all the congregation is praying for you. Thanks again! In God We Trust,
Carlos Morgan

Missing Supplies

There is a large amount of exact-o knives and staplers missing from the Resource Room. These items need to be returned immediately. Also, please note that if you need to use supplies/equipment from the Resource Room, all items need to be checked out. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Part Time Job Opening

West Erwin is in need of a part time maintenance man. Please contact Ron Lott, Matt Haws or Phil Marts if interested.

With Sympathy

Services for **Ruby McGuire**, mother of Gail Bennett & Carmen Hilliard and sister of Opal Cooper & Fern Davis, were last Sunday in Corsicana. | Services for **Grace Riser**, mother of Carolyn Ciaschini, were Wed. in Louisiana. | Services for **Sarah DeShazo**, aunt of Bill Mullins, were last Friday.

Teachers' Workshop

There will be a teachers' workshop at the Cameron Rd Church of Christ in Austin July 18-19. If interested in attending, see Michael for more details.

New Baby Boy



Congratulations to Charlotte and Bud Cawyer on the birth of a new grandson, **Austin Davis Brooks**, son of Scarlet and Chris Brooks. Austin was born May 17 in Alabama.

It's a Baby Shower honoring
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4:00-5:30 p.m.



West Erwin Family Life Center
Selections at Babies R Us
It's a Boy!

Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation

Response for Prayers

Joe & Betty Willis came forward Sunday asking for prayers to be the Christians God would have them to be as they start their new life together. They also came to place membership. Let's welcome them to the West Erwin family and continue to keep them in our prayers. Their address is 1915 Suanne, Tyler TX 75701.

Job Well Done

Brianna Bradshaw was named salutatorian at Brownsboro Jr. High for 7th & 8th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. Way to go, Brianna!

Part Time Job Opportunity

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Time Change

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Opportunities at ETCA

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Young At Heart

The Young At Heart meeting for this month will be June 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. The theme will be "Weddings Past." Bring memories and memorabilia for display.

Wednesday Night Summer Series

June 10, 2009
Ralph Gilmore
"Meditation"
No Dessert this week.



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Moments With Mike

Imitate, Don't Impersonate

I received two phone calls late last week informing me that suspicious activity had been detected with my personal information. A total of three new credit accounts had been opened by someone who was impersonating me.

This isn't the first time that I've had my identity stolen. Six years ago I was also victimized by someone who opened up three credit cards in my name. Fortunately in both cases nothing was actually charged on these accounts. However, the reality is that someone was attempting to impersonate me for their own personal gain.

Perhaps you have also been a victim of identity theft. If so, how did you feel knowing that someone else was passing themselves off as you? Can you imagine how it would feel to know that someone was doing something wrong and that people thought it was you?

Solomon wrote of the value of a good reputation in Proverbs 22:1. "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, loving favor rather than silver and gold." That's wise advice. Keep your name clean.

Another piece of great advice comes from Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:1. "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ."

When you read the 11 verses that lead up to that verse you begin to gain a sense of what it meant to live for Christ as Paul did. Better yet, go back and read 1

Corinthians 9:16-27. Paul was facing the impossible task of becoming all things to all people and his motivation was the hope that he might be able to win some to Christ.

Paul had his share of detractors as well. Some challenged his apostleship. Others misrepresented Paul in the hopes of causing him additional affliction. But through all of this Paul was able to keep his focus on advancing the cause of Christ. He was selfless.

Likewise, Christ also was focused and selfless in His life. Those who opposed Him did so with great ambition, speaking evil and false things against Him and eventually taking Him to His death. Can you imagine how difficult it would be to show love toward those who were about to murder you? Yet Jesus died for those who hated Him. Paul sought to imitate Jesus.

Can you imagine how frustrating it must have been for Paul to have to defend himself from those who sought to misrepresent his motives and damage his reputation? Yet he rejoiced so long as the gospel was being advanced.

Impersonating someone today can be as easy as knowing a social security number, birth date and address. But the real challenge comes with trying to imitate a person's life. Are you ready to imitate Christ?

See you Sunday! Mike

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WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Rude Tongue

What has made us so rude? Can we blame the stress of daily living, overbooked schedules, or all the demands that are made on us? Or, are we just absorbed with our own agendas?

I've noticed two other things about rudeness: one, I've noticed how many people continue in their rudeness because they get away with it, and secondly, I've noticed how quickly they can incite me to respond to their rudeness with my own rudeness.

We are never justified for being rude. GOD's people are patient, considerate, and kind.

My New Class for the Summer

FLC Bible Class

9:00am

June 7, 2009

How Do You Want To Die?

Have you ever given much thought to how you want to die?

You are welcome to come join our discussion.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

This year's Summer Series is titled "Running with Horses" from Jeremiah 12:5: "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?" God desires great things for our lives and wants us to be his champions. Yet, for many of us, we languish in mediocrity. We become distracted by legitimate, yet worldly, pursuits during our daily walk. To become God's champion, we must enter into

training. In the rich history of Christian literature, much has been written on the spiritual disciplines—the process of becoming more like Jesus. This summer, on Wednesday nights, thirteen speakers will present lessons on the spiritual disciplines and how these disciplines can deepen our relationship with our heavenly Father, making us more useful in his kingdom. In lieu of these lessons, none of our adult classes will meet on Wednesday nights in June, July, and August. The schedule is: Michael Whitworth (June 3); Ralph Gilmore, Jackson, TN (June 10); Willie Franklin, Lewisville, TX (June 17); Barry Throneberry, Columbia, TN (June 24); Jeff Jenkins, Lewisville, TX (July 1); Don Crawford (July 8); George Jones III, Longview, TX (July 15); Keith Hodges, Marshall, TX (July 29); Mike Baker (August 5); Steve Bailey, Mesquite, TX (August 12); Danny Snell (August 19); Keith Parker, Hendersonville, TN (August 26). I want to encourage you to make every effort to be with us on Wednesday nights. You will be blessed!

Mark Your Calendars

We will be having an all church fellowship in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 31 after evening services. Please bring sandwiches, chips and dips and cookies.

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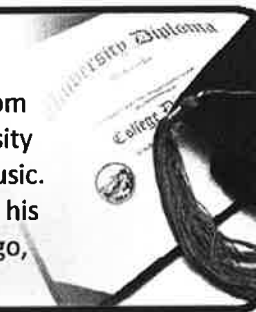
Gospel Meeting

You are invited to a Gospel Meeting at Pritchett Church of Christ, located on FM 1404, two blocks south of Highway 155 in Pritchett (between Gilmer & Big Sandy), June 14-17 at 7:00 p.m. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board for more information.

Congratulations to

Bryce Murry

who recently graduated from Oklahoma Christian University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music. We are so proud of him and his accomplishments. Way to go, Bryce!



Charity Golf Tournament

The Medina Children's Home Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 15 at Woodhollow Golf Course in Longview. For golfer/sponsor information, please contact Vance Slough at 903-452-0548 or visit www.medinachildrenshomes.com/events.htm. Pick up the flyer and registration form at the Visitor Center.

Sport Camps at ETCA

ETCA will be hosting the following sports camps at their Athletic Complex this summer: Baseball Camp: June 8-10 | Volleyball Camp: July 6-9 | Basketball Camp: July 20-22 | Soccer Camp: August 3-5. The facility is located half a mile east of Paluxy on Roy Road. Please call the school office at 903-561-8642 or email aballard@etca.org for more information.

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Welcome, New Member!

W. Dale Thomas

P.O. Box 2501, Lindale, TX 75771

979-229-9015, thomaswd@lind.sprnet.org

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

Singing School

The Singing School at Abilene Christian University will be held July 12-17. For more information, visit www.singingschool.org, or call 903-892-9634.

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With Sympathy

Services for Lois DeLay, sister-in-law of Nelda Browning, were held last week in California. | Gayla Groom, daughter of Ira & Sherrie Groom and Stan & Allene Smith, passed away Tuesday, May 26. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, May 31, at 2:00 p.m. at Eubank Funeral Home in Mabank, TX. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

Time Change

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Wednesday Night Summer Series

June 3, 2009

Michael Whitworth

"The Life You've
Always Wanted"



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Records	Sunday- May 17	Sunday- May 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	326	388	423
Worship a.m.	618	615	680
Worship p.m.	326	355	380
Wed. p.m.	314	328	305
Contribution	\$29,728.29	\$21,545.68	29,676.50
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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Prayer: Kyle Willoughby
Scripture: John Lacy
Dismiss: Ira Wilson

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Sonny & Sharon Hale & Drew Harris
Tom & Beverly Hale & Megan Harris
Scott Hackett & Ryan Haws
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Moments With Mike

Many years ago I was blessed with the opportunity to work for my grandfather at his gas station. During those early teen years I was exposed to his direct as well as indirect instruction on how to approach work, customers and life in general.

I made many mistakes, but my grandfather was there to help me see the path to correction and to ongoing improvement. That informal education served me well and proved to be a competitive edge as I entered my work years.

Not surprisingly, that education also mirrored what the Bible has to say about treating others fairly, going the extra mile and giving your best effort. It also demonstrated to me that as a Christian, my efforts on my job, with my family and within my community reflect on Christ Himself.

With those things in mind, I determined long ago to understand that while I may never be the best at what I do, I will always give my best in doing it.

Notice what Paul says in Colossians 3:22-24. "Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as menpleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for

you serve the Lord Christ."

A few years ago I came across an article that listed several reportedly true performance reviews from U.S. and British military officers. I don't think these guys were giving their best. What do you think?

"Not the sharpest knife in the drawer."

"If brains were taxed, he'd get a rebate."

"His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity."

"Since my last report, he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."

"She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."

Friends, let's resolve to give our absolute best in everything that we do, especially those things directly connected with the church. Let's be the model employee, the ideal boss, the loving spouse, the understanding parent and the faithful Christian. In all that we do, let's make up our minds to always give our best.

Are you giving your best to God?

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matt. 5:16.

See you Sunday! Mike

2009 Theme
Where To?
A destination for wherever you are.
May: To Self-Control

Sermons for May 24, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: God Uses The Young (Eccl. 11:9-12:1)
P.M.: God Uses The Broken (Eccl. 3:1-3)
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

END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Come and enjoy a day of fun and celebration at our home in Whitehouse on Monday, May 25. The festivities will start at 3:00 and finish at 9:00. We plan to play paintball(3:00-5:00), capture the flag, football, Frisbee, horseshoes, etc. If you plan to play paintball, bring \$10 to cover the cost. Dinner will be served about 6:30. Bring games, lawn chair and a friend. Families are invited. See me for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 25	End of School Celebration @ Snell's
May 31	All Church Fellowship
June 7	Promotion Day for 5th & 8th Grade
June 7	Combined Devotional
June 14-20	BackCountry Trek
July 2-11	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 14-17	Middle School Madness
July 24-29	Mission Trip

THE MEXICO MISSION TRIP

Since 1995, West Erwin has been involved in taking a mission team to Mexico and working with the church in Nueva Rosita. The safety of our teens and sponsors has always been of primary concern on every trip and activity that West Erwin is involved in. There has been enough substantial concern about the safety of the Mexico Mission Trip this year from both the violent "climate" of several Mexico cities & towns as well as health issues that we have decided to not take a group to Mexico this summer. We are working on a different kind of mission trip for the same dates.

Please remember to pray for the church in Nueva Rosita and our plans for this summer.

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, please make note of the upcoming summer trips. Sign up is underway! All of those in the 8th grade are eligible to sign up for the high school trips this summer. Remember, you will need to have your 25 service hours for participation in the Mission Trips.

WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Divisive Tongue

Divide and Conquer is not only the name of a Tyler estate sales group — it is Satan's strategy for hindering the work of GOD'S kingdom. Satan knows the power and synergy that comes from working in harmony. He learned it at the Tower of Babel (Gen. 11). Ever since, Satan has chosen people from within the kingdom of GOD to bring dissension. He has taken their "peacemaker" tongues and turned them into "peace-breaker" tongues.

Proverbs chapter six lists seven things that are detestable to GOD. The last one named is "stirring up dissension among brothers."

The next time you hear a brother or sister in Christ stirring up dissension be sure to tell them to

back away for they are not honoring the GOD of peace that we serve.

Honoring Our Parents

I want to thank the elders at West Erwin for allowing me the time I needed to honor my mother in her failing health. The time I was able to spend with her was so important to me. I also want to thank all the brothers and sisters in Christ who filled-in the gap for me while I was away. You will never know how grateful I am for each of you. There is no better place to be this side of heaven than surrounded by His saints.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

History is filled with the names of men and women who courageously altered the course of history. They were fearless on the battlefield of ideas. They were passionate about helping other people. Their citizenship was firmly entrenched in heaven. The author of Hebrews spoke in a revered tone when he mentioned that the world was not worthy of these world-changers (Heb. 11:38).

As teachers, you and I have the opportunity to influence another's life and change the world. Only eternity will be able to tell the lasting impact we will have. It is admittedly difficult to be a world-changer. Many stand ready to give us unsolicited criticism. But are not the rewards infinitely worth the pain? It is like the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat. A thermometer notices that the room is too cold and says, "It's too cold," but does nothing about it. A thermostat, however, will say, "This room is too cold," and warm the room up, or "This room is too hot," and cool the room down. A thermostat changes its environment. A thermometer simply complains. "Lord, give us more thermostats. The world is full of thermometers."

Mark Your Calendars

We will be having an all church fellowship in the Family Life Center on Sunday, May 31 after evening services. Please bring sandwiches, chips and dips and cookies.

Opportunities at ETCA

East Texas Christian Academy is searching for a **Vice President of Academic Affairs**. This position provides responsible management and oversight of East Texas Christian Academy's academic program, including academic curriculum alignment and fiscal management for grades Pre-K through 12th. Prerequisites include a Master's Degree and a minimum of three years of supervisory experience in an academic setting. ETCA is also searching for a **Chief Financial Officer/HR Director**. The CFO will provide responsible management and oversight of the business office, financial affairs and human resources functions. Prerequisites include an Associates Degree, preferably Bachelor's Degree and five years in a related field with similar duties/responsibilities. Please submit your resume for either position to Scott Fossey, ETCA, 1797 Shiloh Rd., Tyler, TX 75703.


Charity Golf Tournament

The Medina Children's Home Golf Tournament will be Monday, June 15 at Woodhollow Golf Course in Longview. For golfer/sponsor information, please contact Vance Slough at 903-452-0548 or visit www.medinachildrenshomes.com/events.htm. Pick up the flyer and registration form at the Visitor Center.

Cookie Dough

If you ordered cookie dough from the Playschool, please go by and pick it up at the Family Life Center. Also, some orders have still not been paid for. You can give your money to Frances at the office or to Kim DuPree.

It's a Baby Shower honoring
Lindsay Kelly
Sunday, June 7th
4:00-5:30 p.m.
West Erwin Family Life Center
Selections at Babies R Us
It's a Boy!
Ladies, please consider this your personal invitation





To our West Erwin family:

We are so grateful for all the love and encouragement you have given us over the past several months as Kalli has been in and out of the hospital. The cards, phone calls, visits and gifts to keep Kalli busy while she was in the hospital were very much appreciated. But most of all, your prayers have been our lifeline during these difficult months. We don't know what we would do without the family of believers at West Erwin. We love you all.

God Bless You,
Rachel, Kalli, and Krista Huff

Thank you so much for the thoughtfulness and the beautiful arrangement you sent for Mom's funeral. We are also appreciative of the wonderful luncheon you prepared for our family after the service. It gave us a chance to visit with each other and say our good byes.

The Tigert Family

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement. Your kindness is appreciated at our time of loss.

The Jim Pierce Family

Dear Friends,

What a blessing you have been to my family during the loss of my sister, Mary Tigert. Thank you for the cards, visits, calls and especially the lovely meal served by Donna Mullins and her loving group. It was a loving reminder of what a caring group of God's family you are. I feel most fortunate to be a part of this church.

In Him,

Barbara Smart

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Tillie Carpenter and Sylvia Carpenter on the loss of their sister and aunt, **Wanda Johnson**. We also extend our sympathy to Tillie on the loss of **Mary Tigert**, who was her sister-in-law. Tillie's address for cards is Tillie Carpenter, Pflugerville Care Center, 506 Heatherwilde Blvd., Pflugerville, TX 78660.

Sport Camps at ETCA

ETCA will be hosting the following sports camps at their Athletic Complex this summer: Baseball Camp: June 8-10 | Volleyball Camp: July 6-9 | Basketball Camp: July 20-22 | Soccer Camp: August 3-5. The facility is located half a mile east of Paluxy on Roy Road. Please call the school office at 903-561-8642 or email aballard@etca.org for more information.

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Curt Jordan	Matt Kelly
Jared Jordan	Todd Kempton

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Spencer Shaw
Scripture	Jamon Kirby
Dismiss	Dannie Skipper

GREETERS

Alan & Patsy Fisher & Kaitlyn Gravois
Mark & Melissa Frick & Preston Haile
Lon & Riece Gibson & Dalton Harris
Visitor Center: James & Helen Gullion
Bob & Pat Hackett

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News And Notes

"No Debt, No Sweat" Seminar

Chandler Street Church of Christ will be hosting a life-changing seminar teaching God's way of handling money on Sunday, May 17 at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and on Monday, May 18 at 6:30 p.m. Topics include how to get out of debt, ABCs of Christian money management, creating a successful spending plan, do-it-yourself credit repair kit, how mutual funds work, and retiring with dignity. Call 903-984-2928 for more information.

Thank You

Thank you all for cards at the loss of my brother. You are such a loving church family and I appreciate your care and concern.

Ray Womack

Dear West Erwin Family, Our hearts ache in the loss of our sweet brother, Jim Pierce. But our hearts are filled with love for our church family! We thank you for your calls, comforting cards and most of all, your prayers and the beautiful floral arrangement you sent for his funeral. You have given us strength, hope and love during our heartaches in our family losses. You are always in our prayers. In Christian Love, **Archie & Faye Kennard, Joni, Erica & Bradly Smith and Amos Worten**

Welcome, New Members!

Frank & Dotti Setzler
1887 Raveneaux Ln., Tyler, TX 75703
903-525-9741
fsetzler@yahoo.com & dotti3491@hotmail.com.
We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Last Wednesday Night Meal before Summer Break:
May 20: Burgers & Fries


With Sympathy

Services for **Mary Tigert**, sister of Barbara Smart, were Monday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.

House Parents Needed

Boles Children's Home & Medina Children's home are looking for spiritual, mature Christian couples who are interested in being house parents. Call Boles at 903-883-2088 or Medina at 830-589-2871 for more information.

Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for our Education Minister, **Michael Whitworth** who was engaged to be married to **Sara Glazier** of Florida on May 1. They plan to marry in Florida on September 19, and then make their home in Flint. 

Schedule Update

On Sunday, May 17, all adult Bible classes will meet in the auditorium as Armondo Alaniz, one of our missionaries, will be speaking to us. He will also give the sermon during our morning worship and Michael Whitworth will be speaking Sunday evening as Mike Baker will be away in a meeting in Maud, TX.

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Kaitly Briscoe**, bride-elect of **Jordan Rousseau** on Sunday, May 24, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. in the parlor of the Family Life Center. Selections have been made at Target, Lowe's & Dillard's. 



Jonathan Baker is the son of Mike & Carla Baker and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. He was on the Honor Roll and completed high school in December. He has already begun attending Tyler Junior College and has already completed 19 hours of college credit. He has assisted teachers in VBS for younger children, was active in retreats and summer camps in Tennessee and participated in Lads to Leaders in Tennessee. He plans to continue college at TJC for one more year before transferring to Freed-Hardeman University.



Christina Denman is the daughter of Steve & Diane Denman and a graduate of Lindale High School. She has participated in band, lacrosse, and is glad to have made it through high school alive! She has also been backpacking with the West Erwin youth group and gone on mission trips to Nebraska and Mexico. She plans on going to Tyler Junior College for her core classes before transferring elsewhere to obtain a degree in dental hygiene. She says God has shaped her life by "making me the person I am today because he makes things happen for a reason, good or bad, to shape us into who he wants us to be."



Jared Jordan is the son of Curt & Kimberly Jordan and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He was in the marching band for four years, a member of the Criminal Justice Student Association and was on the Hubbard Swim Team for two years. He has served on mission trips to Nebraska and Mexico, was an LTC participant for 10 years and he also participated in the Lonestar High School Retreat for four years as well as being a sponsor for the Middle School Retreat for two years. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College and then transfer to The University of Texas at Tyler to major in Criminal Justice. God has shaped his life by "giving me a good Christian family and friends that always encourage me to be the best I can."

CLASS OF 2009



Ashley Laird is the daughter of Sue Ellen Laird and a graduate of John Tyler High School. She was a member of the National Honor Society and the Brigadette Drill Team where she served as Captain for two years. She has participated in LTC and the Nebraska Mission Trip. She plans to go to Tyler Junior College and be an Apache Belle while preparing to transfer to a university. She says, "Coming closer in my relationship with God over the past years has given me the foundation needed for the life that is before me."



Joseph Baker is the son of Mike & Carla Baker and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. He has assisted teachers in VBS for younger children, was active in retreats and summer camps in Tennessee, participated in Lads to Leaders and also worked with the Hispanic Ministry while in Tennessee. He plans to attend a technical college in Kentucky to work on a degree in electricity.



Colt Keeney is the son of Pat & Kelli Malone and a graduate of Lindale High School. He has participated in the One Act Play for three years, was a member of the Thespian Honor Society for two years and was named Best Actor for District 14-4A his Senior year. He played football for two years and was named First Team All-District Defensive Tackle his Senior year. He has served on mission trips to Nebraska for four years and Mexico for three years. He participated in LTC for five years and led a puppet team his Junior year. He plans on going to Tyler Junior College to figure out what he will do the year after. God has shaped his life by "teaching me patience and how to not fear the future, even when it looks bleak."



Paige Lemons is the daughter of Kim Lemons and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She was a member of the band for three years, the Foreign Language Club for two years and was on the yearbook staff for three years. She has participated in Leadership Training for Christ and has helped teach children at Vacation Bible School. She plans on attending Tyler Junior College to study Graphic Design.

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Tanner Philpot is the son of Marc & Ginger Philpot and Debra Mahler and a graduate of Lindale High School. He has participated in Leadership Training for Christ for nine years. He has served on the Nebraska Mission Trips for four years and the Mexico Mission Trips for two years. He plans on attending Tyler Junior College. God has shaped him by "giving me the ultimate security by just knowing He's always there."



Michael Ragsdale is the son of Doug & LaDawn Ragsdale and a graduate of Lindale High School. He was named Lindale Chamber of Commerce Student of the Year, First Team Academic All-State in Football and NASA High School Aerospace Scholar. He has served on mission trips to Nebraska for three years and Mexico for four years, has participated in LTC for nine years and was a featured Sunday morning speaker. He has also been a Tots for Christ teacher. He plans on attending the University of Michigan and majoring in Aeronautical Engineering. God has shaped him "through my relationships with friends and other families growing up at West Erwin Church of Christ."



Samantha Richardson is the daughter of Dan & Marsha Richardson and a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She has been in the marching and concert band playing the French horn for four years, and has made All-Region Band three times. She is a member of National Honor Society and was named a NASA High School Aerospace Scholar. She has served on the Nebraska Mission trip twice, has helped teach younger children at VBS and she helps teach children in Bible class. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and be in the Apache Band. She says, "God has shaped me into a caring, loving and smart young lady. He has given me the strength mentally, emotionally and spiritually to overcome the rough patches placed in my life."

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Jim Holleman James Hughes
Tim Holt, Sr. Keith Johnson

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Prayer Gaylan Seagler
Scripture Clay Kinser
Dismiss John Shaw

GREETERS

Howard & Linda Dickson & Kayla Gallegly
Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Meleah Garrett
Don & Norma Durham & Collene Garrett
Visitor Center: David & Wanda Frick
Edie Fowler

Pick up cards for 5/10 & 5/17: Matthew Kimball, Brayden Kempton, Evan Kingsbury, Colton Haile, Grant Perkins

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Moments With Mike

Don't you just hate it when someone makes a mistake? I mean if eye made a mistake of some kind I no that I wood want two make it write as soon as possible. How about ewe?

Friends, you and I both realize that mistakes are a natural part of our lives. We make some mistakes innocently, not realizing our error until someone else helps us to see it. Other mistakes we may make intentionally, knowing the direction in which we are going.

Regardless of our motivation, when we find that we have made a mistake we should want to correct it.

Over the years I've collected various mistakes or bloopers that were printed in church bulletins. These are popular on the internet as well. Here's a sample of some.

"For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs."

"Thursday night will be our potluck supper. Prayer and medication will follow."

"Ushers will eat latecomers."

"The outreach committee has asked for volunteers to call on people that are not afflicted with any church."

Not surprisingly we humans can make mistakes. But did you know that some mistakes were actually printed in some Bibles?

In 1763 a Bible was printed that included, "The fool hath said in his heart that there is a God." In 1632 a Bible was printed that omitted the word not, making the seventh commandment read, "Thou shalt commit adultery." Thankfully these errors were noticed and corrected.

But other mistakes in the Bible are still included. They

Mistakes

include the mistakes made by men, women and whole nations as they left the way of God and journeyed into sin. Those mistakes allow us to read about them and learn from them as well.

In last week's bulletin the end of my article was inadvertently cut off leaving the reader without a proper conclusion to the thought. The article was about where your name is listed and the importance of having your name listed in the Book of Life in heaven.

Although it was an error (mistake) to omit the end of the article, it would be a much greater mistake to not obey the gospel and have your name added to the Book of Life. Here is the original ending of that article from last week.

"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

Friend, is your name written there? If it isn't, it needs to be. If you are not sure, we would love to be able to study with you and show you how you can have a place in the Book of Life with your name on it.

Friends, we appreciate your feedback to us when we make an error in the bulletin. Really, we do! It helps us to do better. It is nearly impossible to always catch your own errors.

How much more then should we all be willing to speak a kind word of concern or correction to fellow Christians that may have encountered errors (mistakes) in their spiritual lives. Someone "proofreading" the life of another might well identify mistakes a person has not yet realized. Think about it.

See you Sunday! Mike

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A.M.: The Meanest Mom (Prov. 22:6)
P.M.: Honor Your Parents (Exod. 20:12)
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for "Our Living Hope."

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

CONNECT

Thanks to Paul & Shelia Lewis for hosting the Connect Bible Study this spring. Due to the crazy schedule for the rest of the school year & summer, we will not be meeting again until the fall.

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, please make note of the upcoming summer trips. Sign up is underway! All of those in the 8th grade are eligible to sign up for the high school trips this summer. Remember, you will need to have your 25 service hours for participation in the Mission Trips.

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END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Come and enjoy a day of fun and celebration at our home in Whitehouse on Monday, May 25. The festivities will start at 3:00 and finish at 9:00. We plan to play paintball, capture the flag, football, Frisbee, horseshoes, etc. Dinner will be served about 6:30. Bring a lawn chair and a friend. Families are invited. See me for more details.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 8	Celebration Station Lock-In
May 17	Baccalaureate Service
May 17	Senior Roast & Devotional
May 25	End of School Celebration @ Snell's

WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Hasty Tongue

Communication with a hasty tongue is only being a fool says Solomon (Prov. 29:20). Yet, how many times have I offended or hurt feelings because I spoke in haste (long before my brain was in gear)? How many prayers and promises have I quickly rattled out to GOD that I reneged on before the sun set?

Solomon reminded me earlier (Prov. 18:13) saying, "He who answers before listening — that is his folly and his shame." So, why do I do it? Why are church pews packed with the same problem? Is it our fear of being a failure that causes us to speak so quickly? Is it our need to establish our worth that compels us to answer so hastily?

Jephthah's hasty vow became his most

difficult moment (Judges 11:30-40). He vowed that if GOD gave him victory against the Ammonites he would sacrifice to the Lord the first thing that came out of his house when he returned. Did he think it might be his neighbor's barking dog that he would see first? When his only daughter was the one who stepped out, his hasty words became very bitter.

James reminds us (1:19) "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that GOD desires."

Join me this week as I take extra time to weigh my words carefully, before I release them. In many cases I would be better off if I learned to exercise silence rather than speaking without thinking.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Summer is just around the corner and that means I should take advantage of this opportunity to **remind you of some important details**. Several of our teachers have been serving since the Fall and are ready for a break. Others of you teach school and prefer to teach a Bible Class during the Summer. If you would like to teach a children's class this Summer, please don't hesitate to let me know! We could

really use you! Our **VBS** will be **Saturday, June 13th** and we are always in need of more volunteers. **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run** will be **July 13-16**. **If you signed a child up to attend and have not turned in the registration form, you need to do so by May 31st**. This is the deadline! Our **Summer Series** begins in just a few weeks on Wednesday Nights. In lieu of this, there will be no Wednesday Night adults classes (including college) during the Summer as we will all be together in the auditorium. Finally, I want to extend a warm and sincere thanks to the **Children's Worship Team** for all of their hard work over the past several months. They have all far exceeded my expectations and they are to be commended for their diligent service. If you see one of the team members, please give them a pat on the back and warm thank you for all they do.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to James Sublette on the loss of his aunt, **Sowilla Newland**, who passed away last Thursday in Winnsboro. There was not a service but a possible memorial in the future. | Services for **Lounette Foster**, the grandmother of Linda Marshall (who has been visiting here), were last Saturday at Tyler Memorial. | Services for **Dr. Jim Coyle**, father of Scott, were Tuesday in Hemphill, TX. | **Joe Scally**, grandfather of Leslie Coker, passed away on Monday. Private services were held Thursday. | Services for **Jim Pierce**, brother of Faye Kennard, were Thursday at Rusk Church of Christ. Our love and prayers are with these families.

Congratulations



Dr. Jim & Mary Ruth Cox will be celebrating their 64th wedding anniversary on May 10! Congratulations!

Thank You

Dear Church family,
We appreciate so very much your love and care during this time as we grieve the loss of our mother. Love,

Bob & Rosemary Cox & Family

West Erwin Church family,
Again, thank you for all the comfort and prayers during the death of our dad, Gus Krewall. The food, flowers, cards and calls were overwhelming. A special thanks to Phil & Linda Marts and their group for our lunch. Love,

Sharen & Jimmy Wester
Gail & Tommy Parham
Jackie & David Massey

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, calls, cards and kind words in the loss of our mother, Dorothy Moore. Please remember us in your prayers in the days ahead.

Larry & Geri Moore

Wednesday Night Meal for May 13:
Mexican Food

Welcome, New Members!

Annette Evans & Stephanie (18)
(mother & sister of Brittany, daughter & granddaughter of Fannie Jackson)
2002 Bellwood Rd. Apt. 1301, Tyler, TX 75701
903-941-9427, evansannette12@yahoo.com

Ben & Margaret Starr
12114 CR 497, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3950

Stacey Hardin Gregory
Nicholas (12), Amanda (10) & Preston (5)
7415 Big Tree Cove, Tyler, TX 75703
903-939-1745, staceygregory@suddenlink.net

Aureliano (Leo) Gonzalez
(Baptized April 19, 2009)
14 1/2 Locust St., Tyler, TX 75702

Gabriel Ortiz
(Baptized Sunday, May 3, 2009)
9077 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706
903-279-9653

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

YAH Costume Party

Young At Heart's next meeting on May 14 will be a costume party. Be thinking about who you will come dressed up as. If you don't have a costume or don't want to dress up, then come as yourself!

Tots For Christ

Tots For Christ will not meet May 24, due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The last meeting before the Summer break will be May 31.

Address Change

Priscilla Mayer
Villas of Pine Ridge
3110 Towne Park Dr. # 2502, Tyler, TX 75701
903-871-9414

*You are invited to a bridal shower honoring
Kaitly Briscoe, bride-elect of Jordan Rousseau
on Sunday, May 24, from 3:00-4:30
p.m. in the parlor of the Family Life
Center. Selections have been made at
Target, Lowe's & Dillard's.*



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Records	Sunday- April 19 <i>20</i>	Sunday- April 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	400	448	453
Worship a.m.	650	701	683
Worship p.m.	370	390	400
Wed. p.m.	398 <i>334</i>	306	317
Contribution	\$23,243.92	\$79,713.90	\$34,979.44
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Melvin Crow is awaiting results from a CT to find out about treatment for his aneurysm. | Lon Gibson is now home from the VA Hospital. | Kalli Huff will have surgery Mon., May 4, to have her medi-port implanted. This is for the long-term IV antibiotics she will have to complete. The surgery will be at Medical City Children's Hospital in Dallas. | Inez Kennedy, Rita Sitton's sister-in-law, is now home. | Amanda Oyler, friend of Amber Chauncey, received news that the baby she is expecting has cystic hygroma, and was also diagnosed with down syndrome. | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard, is now in ICU at Mother Frances Hospital. | Peggy Pinson, mother of Camille Mink, is at MFH, room 6641. | Kayle Saxton, 14-year-old friend of the Sublettes, is having some problems with a valve in her heart. | Amy and David Thomas, friends of Kenna Kempton, found out their unborn child has tested positive for cystic fibrosis. | Zena Wright is recovering from leg surgery. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Phyllis Holleman | Riece Gibson | Fannie Jackson's family | Merle Lane | Sandie Martin | Dub Mathews | Ruth Meazell | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrell | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | Ongoing concerns: Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Maxine Ray | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Kenneth Bentley, Sue Carty's brother | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Randall Davis, brother of Shirley Denman | Ongoing concerns: 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 | Michelle Tarbutton, friend of Judy Hamm | Jessica Wilson, granddaughter of Joann Davis

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Harold & Shirley Denman

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Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	James Sublette
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Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
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Moments With Mike

A Place With Your Name On It

Have you ever taken the time to realize just how many places your name is written? The government has your name in the Social Security office, the Internal Revenue Service, perhaps the military and any number of other places.

Take a look at your mail for a month. Several bills come all with your name on them. Advertisements, requests for donations and personal correspondence also arrive with your name attached.

You might be someone with your name on your desk, engraved on a trophy or painted on a sign over your own personal parking spot. As a gift you might receive a coffee mug or personalized stationery with your name prominently printed.

Future historians might take interest in your life and list your name and accomplishments for years after your death. But for most of us one of the last places our name will be written will be when they chisel it into our grave marker. Morbid? Perhaps a bit, but stay with me.

My name is affixed to many objects. I have a stamp for books that proclaims that they belong to me. My name is on legal papers that show ownership of various items also. But one day all of these things will be in someone else's hands. There is nothing in this world of which I can possess beyond my time here. But, of course, the Christian need not worry about such things since we look beyond this life to a life with God for

eternity.

Revelation 20:12 mentions the Book of Life being opened at the time of judgment. Other books will be opened then as well, and we will all be judged by what is contained in those books. But the Book of Life is special.

"And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:15.

Directory Information: Thanks to all who have had pictures made or have submitted photos. Your participation is appreciated! Please note the following.

- 1) Please contact the office if your personal information has changed since the last directory. Employer, email, cell phone numbers, schools attended, etc. We need this information by May 7 and need it to be as accurate as possible.
- 2) You can still submit a photo, or contact Delk Studios for a photo at their place, May 5-7. Additionally, we will have a person available on Sunday after services who will be able to make quick digital photos. Meet at the small auditorium.
- 3) We plan to have all information to Delk by May 7th, so please contact us quickly if you have changes. Thanks! Mike

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Sermons for May 3, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: So The Lord Relented (Exod. 32:11-14)
P.M.: Walk In Truth And Love (2 John 4-6)
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THANKS!

Thanks to Keaton Ainsworth, Andres Saucedo, Jared Jordan & Michael Ragsdale for helping with the worship service this past Sunday night.

Thanks to J & Tresa Jones, Mary Lockhart & John Shaw for helping with the devo this past week.

CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN

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CONNECT

High School: Our next **CONNECT** will be Thursday night, May. 7 at Elizabeth Lewis' home @ 7:30. Join us!

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, please make note of the upcoming summer trips. Sign up is underway!

IMPORTANT DATES

May 3 High School Devotional
May 7 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
May 7 Connect
May 8 Celebration Station Lock-In
May 17 Baccalaureate Service
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MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

For the past several years some West Erwin men have helped prepare and serve breakfast for the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 7. We need 12 men who can help. If you want to help, sign up at the Visitor's Center.

WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26) The Know It All Tongue

Solomon offers loads of wise sayings regarding the use of our tongues. To share another thought this week I take you to Proverbs 12:23 which says, "A prudent man keeps his knowledge to himself, but the heart of fools blurt out folly."

Filling the role of an arrogant know it all is repulsive to GOD and to others around you. Those of us who have an unusually high regard for our opinions and who cannot refrain from offering unsolicited input have a "know-it-all tongue" that needs to exercise more silence.

How do we begin to control such a

tongue? We could start by allowing someone to share information we already know. Don't tell them you already know....just enjoy their discovery of information.

Many of us who crave attention or affirmation we are not getting tend to use our knowledge as a smoke screen for our own insecurity. So, for this week let's practice limiting our input in conversations to one point and stopping. I bet we'll notice some major changes in the depth of our relationships. Mutually sharing ideas with respect will make great strides in learning to follow James' advice of "keeping a tight reign on our tongues."

Say it each morning, "I will not flaunt my knowledge today."
Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

What is the identifying mark of the church? Growing up, I heard many sermons on the "identifying marks" of the Lord's church. Such lessons always focused on distinctiveness: i.e., our commitment to the New Testament pattern, the essentiality of baptism, *a cappella* singing in our worship, etc. While I believe in these practices with all of my heart, **THE** identifying mark of Jesus' followers has always been love for one another (John 13:35). Unfortunately, it is this very standard that each one of us sometimes fails to uphold. I understand that I, as a human being, am very weak and prone to sin; so also are my brothers and sisters in Christ. **However, there is never an excuse for rudeness.** No not one. Whenever I demean, insult, or hurt someone else's feelings, I do so at the expense of the church. If we ever-so-slowly become a congregation of rude individuals, then we do so at the expense of the church. How tragic would it be if this congregation were no longer recognized by God as a "church of Christ," despite all of the good that has been done at West Erwin through the years. Let us all make a stronger commitment to treating each other with love, dignity, and respect, rather than anger and malice. Otherwise, in eternity, we might find ourselves on the outside looking in.

Thank You

Dear Christian Friends at West Erwin, Many of you have shared your concerns and prayers for us by cards and calls and emails regarding the treatment of my prostate cancer. I had my main procedure about a month ago and everything seemed to go well. We'll know in another two months of its success, but the probabilities of a complete cure are very high. I look forward to speaking to you again as a part of your summer series. And if you are ever in the Marshall area, we'd love to have you visit and/or worship with us. Much love and thanks,

Keith & Francie Hodges

Singing Schools

School of Church Music

The 42nd Annual Foundation School of Church Music for boys, girls, men and women will be June 28- July 3. The sessions include song leading, music theory, sight reading, voice training and group singing. The school will be held at Twin Oaks Ranch in Buda, Texas. For more information, or to register online, visit www.foundmusic.org.

Haskell Singing School

You are invited to the 44th Annual Singing School conducted by the Haskell Church of Christ, July 5-10. This is for children ages 10 and up and adults. The total cost for tuition, room & board and class materials is \$180.00. For more information, contact the Haskell Church of Christ office at 940-864-3101 or email haskellchurchofchrist@valornet.com.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Womack family on the loss of Ray's brother, **Lloyd Womack**. Services were Saturday in Brownwood, TX.

Congratulations to **Whitney Bobbitt** who will graduate from The University of Texas at Tyler on May 9 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. She minored in Spanish. Way to go, Whitney!

Wednesday Night Meal for May 6:
BBQ

YAH Costume Party

Young At Heart's next meeting on May 14 will be a costume party. Be thinking about who you will come dressed up as. If you don't have a costume or don't want to dress up, then come as yourself!

Volunteers Needed

Camp Deer Run is having a clean up day on Saturday, May 16, and are in need of volunteers to help. Lunch will be provided.

Medina Children's Home

The grocery truck will be in the area May 4-8. Medina Children's Home is in need of toilet paper & paper towels. Please drop these items off in the foyer of the West Erwin entrance by May 4.

Events of Interest

Revival Meeting

The North Tenneha Church family cordially invites you to their Annual Revival Meeting. The guest speaker will be Dr. W. F. Washington of Fort Lauderdale, FL. The date for the Revival is May 3-6. Please call 903-593-6868 for more information.

Central Texas Bible Teachers Workshop

Join us for The Central Texas Bible Teachers Workshop July 17-18 at Cameron Road Church of Christ in Austin. The keynote speaker is Kevin Withem. Also, our own Nancy Crawford & Dale Blackstone will be conducting a class on teaching children. For more info, visit www.crccaustin.org/ctbtw.html.

The Light of a Christian

by Suzanne Braly

I saw the Lord once
or did I just think I saw Him?
Through the warmth of a smile
Or the touch of a comforting hand;
Or maybe it was a compassionate word
During a moment of immense pain?
I could swear I saw Him
When I needed a friend,
And right there one was by my side,
Or the time I was lost,
But someone showed me the way-
I think I remember when I saw Him now...
When I saw Him shining through you.

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Bible Class	448	276	443
Worship a.m.	701	578	705
Worship p.m.	390	270	373
Wed. p.m.	306	360	340
Contribution	\$79,713.90	\$17,411.71	31,499.75
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Ruth Bell is now home. | **Kenneth Bentley**, Sue Carty's brother, is doing well after open heart surgery. They also found an aneurysm that had to be repaired. | **Ken Bigham**, a friend of the Sublette's, had open heart surgery Wed. in Austin. | **Melvin Crow** has an aneurysm on his knee. | **Fannie Jackson** requests prayers for her family. | **Inez Kennedy**, Rita Sitton's sister-in-law, had hernia surgery Mon. | **Carlos Morgan** is now home. | **Michelle Tarbutton**, friend of Judy Hamm, was diagnosed with melanoma cancer. | **Joe Willis**, fiancé of Betty Strait, suffered a mild heart attack and had a stent put in Tuesday. | **Jessica Wilson**, granddaughter of Joann Davis, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma and lung cancer. | **Patsy Young**, former member, has osteoporosis and has broken her leg twice in eight weeks and will have surgery. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Phyllis Holleman | Riece Gibson | Merle Lane | Sandie Martin | Dub Mathews | Ruth Meazell | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrell | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | Ongoing concerns: Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Maxine Ray | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith | Dorothy Woods **Family & Friends:** Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Randall Davis, brother of Shirley Denman | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | Ongoing concerns: 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

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Milburn & Jan Cook & Christina Denman
Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini & Jessica DuPree
Don & Nancy Crawford & Jamie Ellis
Visitor Center: Melvin & Nina Crow
Wanda Cook

Pick up cards for 4/26 & 5/3: Caleb DuPree, Austin Millican, Isaac Millican, Jake Skender, Zack Skender

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LTC Weekend 2009

For many of the West Erwin family, this weekend stands out as the highlight of our year. For almost a generation, Danny and Lisa have led our children and adults in this weekend of worship and celebration. We now have adults helping with this who once participated as students.

Gail and I have been amazed at the model behavior of not only our people, but all of the kids and adults there. The Anatole has many extremely valuable works of art and antiques, and yet they are always happy to have the LTC groups back. For many of these kids, this may be the only time they are in a facility like the Anatole.

We witnessed some LTC history this weekend. Andres Saucedo, of our Hispanic group, was selected as the closing speaker in the Sunday session. He spoke and extended the invitation to more than 2000 people assembled. This was a very special honor, since Andres was selected over young men from some of the largest churches in Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston and Oklahoma. Also, this was his first time to go to LTC. He has shown himself to be an emerging leader

not only in our Hispanic group, but also in the English group.

The participants in LTC will stand before you soon. Please take notice. They represent a very significant part of our near and long term future. LTC keeps kids connected to church; kids keep parents connected to church. Our older members believe because they have **heard**; my generation believes because they have **seen**; children now believe because they have **experienced**.

More and more of the kids in our society come from broken and challenged families. Even the most stable families face difficult obstacles raising children in our changing culture. The youth group has become their extended family, a safe place. LTC is a welcoming place for all (kind of like the Kingdom of Heaven).

Four to six months of preparation and service; one weekend of worship and celebration; a lifetime of memories.

Thank you for your continuing support of LTC and the families who are blessed by it.

Ray Vannoy

**2009 Theme
Where To?
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April: To Confession**

Sermons for Sunday, April 26, 2009
A.M.: How Would You Answer? (Matt. 16:13-16)
by Mike Baker
P.M. Service Led By LTC Participants
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 on Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m. for
"Our Living Hope"

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

LTC CELEBRATION

This Sunday night is our LTC Celebration. Some of our young men will lead the worship time followed by a presentation of the LTC group. Please wear your 2009 LTC Shirt. Join us!

CELEBRATION STATION LOCK-IN

Teens: Mark your calendar for the Celebration Station Lock-In on Friday, May 8. We leave West Erwin @ 9:00 P.M. on Friday and return @ 8:00 A.M. on Saturday morning. Cost will be \$25 for unlimited video games, go-carts, golf, bumper boats, & 20 tokens for ticket games. If you want to play paintball the cost will be an extra \$10. There will be unlimited Pizza & drinks from 1:00-3:00 for \$5. The deadline for signing up and paying is Sunday, May 3. If you decide after that Sunday (May 3), the cost will be \$30 and subject to availability.

KARING KITCHEN

Mark your calendar for April 27 as we celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Karing Kitchen. If you have ever helped with the Karing Kitchen, we want you to be our honored guest. Catfish is on the menu & dinner will served at 6:00.

CONNECT

High School: Our next **CONNECT** will be Thursday night, Apr. 28 at Elizabeth Lewis' home @ 7:30. Join us!

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens, please make note of the upcoming summer trips. Sign up is underway!

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WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Discouraging Tongue

Solomon wrote, "A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" (Prov. 25:11). The Message words it like this, "The right word at the right time is like a custom-made piece of jewelry."

Henry Ford once said, "The ability to encourage others is one of life's biggest assets." He knew that everyone needs a word of encouragement because our world is plagued with so much negativity. It's like Satan found "Simon," the guy who has the most discouraging tongue I've ever heard, brought him to the forefront of the universe and now the world is full of "Simons." He is cold and heartless and has

derailed the dreams of so many.

Have you ever had your hopes, your confidence, your zeal squelched by another's discouraging words? Have you ever been wounded by words that feel like they were shot from a Smith and Wesson? I refuse to believe such words are spoken deliberately. I'd rather think they are spoken without thinking or listening.

Our pact this week is to listen to our words before we speak them, to view them as if they were aimed at us, and to search for the right words that will be like "custom-made jewelry."

Our world can be a better place!

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

I had an amazing time on my trip to Nicaragua. It was a delight and honor to work with the preaching students as we knocked doors and campaigned for our Savior. I am very grateful that I was asked to go on this trip and hope to make many more trips in the coming years. But for now, I am also glad to be back in the States! I want to publicly thank all of those who attended our VBS planning session Sunday afternoon. I want to also thank **Dale and Carolyn Blackstone, Davy and Sandra Carter, and Clifton and Cristy Lindsey** for their willingness to coordinate our three learning stations. Thanks is also extended to **Velma Lemons** and her fine team of volunteers who will take care of the preschool program. If you would like to help in a specific area, see me or one of these individuals. We need as much help as we can get! Again, our theme this year is **Moses: Prince of Egypt or Man of God?** The date of VBS is Saturday, June 13th. It is for ages 5th Grade and below. We hope that you will add this event to your calendars, be prayerful for its success, encourage as many children as you can to attend, and also make the decision to step up and volunteer. The success of this year's VBS depends on you!

Response for Prayers

Priscilla Mayer came forward Sunday, April 19, requesting prayers to be a stronger Christian and a better example to others. Let's continue to keep Priscilla on our minds and in our prayers.

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YAH Costume Party

Young At Heart's next meeting on May 14 will be a costume party. Be thinking about who you will come dressed up as. If you don't have a costume or don't want to dress up, then come as yourself!

Thank You

I want to thank everyone for the cards, calls and encouragement given me during my test and afterward. I also want to thank Danny for the apron he gave me and everyone that signed it. It is great to have a loving and caring church family as West Erwin. Love to all,

Louise Culpepper

Dear West Erwin Family,
Thank all of you so much for everything you have done since we lost Jim. The food, flowers, cards and mostly the prayers have been such a blessing to us. I only thought I knew what a good church family you were, but I didn't know the beginning of it. Once again, you have more than proved to be the kind of church family God wants us to be. Please continue to pray for us as we struggle to deal with this loss. In Christian Love,

Priscilla Mayer

John, Kim, Kenny & Alex Mayer

Contact Info Changes

Don & Kaye Chaffin

903-595-0795

Fannie Jackson & Brittany Evans

Apt. # change to 1301, 903-714-7901

Samuel Mink

1437719


P.O. Box 128, Tennessee Colony, TX 75880



Wednesday Night Meal for April 29:

Italian— Bruno's

Cookie Dough Fundraiser

If you would like to support the West Erwin Playschool, the spring cookie dough fundraiser is underway! Orders may be placed until April 28. An order form will be available at the Visitor Center or contact  Kim DuPree for additional information. The playschool thanks you for your support!

With Sympathy

Services for **Norma Russell**, Linda Marts' aunt, were Sunday, April 19, in Pittsburgh. | Services for **Wes Jordan**, brother of Curt, were Tuesday, April 21, at Memorial Funeral Chapel in College Station. | Services for **Wayne Fears**, former member, were Monday, April 20. | **Danny Goodwin**, friend of Danny Riley, passed away last week. | **Gus Krewall** passed away Tuesday, April 20. Services were Friday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our sympathy and prayers are with these families.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Debenport family on the birth of Kai Matthew Debenport! He was born April 9, 2009 to Russell & Rebecca Debenport of Colorado Springs, CO. Kai was 6 lbs., 4 oz. The proud grandparents are **Frank & Gail Debenport**.



LTC Sunday Night

Our p.m. services this Sunday, April 26, will be led by the youth who participated in Leadership Training for Christ. Please make plans to be present.

Volunteers Needed

Camp Deer Run is having a clean up day on Saturday, May 16, and are in need of volunteers to help. Lunch will be provided.

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Join us for a Ladies Retreat featuring speakers Gee Gee Allen & Darlene Conner on May 1-2 at the Family Life Center. The cost is \$10 per person. **Make plans now to sign up in the main foyer. April 26 is the LAST day of registration!** The retreat will begin Friday, May 1, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, from 8:30 a.m.-noon. We will also have a sleepover for anyone wishing to spend the night, so bring your pillows, sleeping bags or air mattresses for a girls' night in!

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Records	Sunday- April 12	Sunday- April 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	276	407	444
Worship a.m.	578	694	725
Worship p.m.	270	N/A	433
Wed. p.m.	360	368	NC
Contribution	\$17,411.71	\$29,043.26	\$26,784.33
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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Moments With Mike

I want to thank everyone for your participation in our new directory project. We realize that our timeframe was very short once we announced this project, but you have responded well.

The photography started this week and is going smoothly. Pictures will also be taken next week, Monday through Saturday. When we began the week we had 185 families signed up for appointments. Since then we have had several to call the office for an appointment or to submit a photo they already have.

In the last directory we had 272 families pictured and I'm hopeful that we can match and surpass that number with this directory as well. Volunteers will be available again in the lobby this Sunday to assist in setting appointments so it is not yet too late to participate.

Additionally, we are making phone calls to as many of our members as possible, asking if they desire to be included in this project. We want to make sure that every member has the opportunity to participate.

Instead of a larger format directory, this year's version will be a pocket sized spiral bound full color directory. Each family will receive one directory as a part of the overall process. However, many of you will want to have additional copies for the car, office and other places.

Directory Update

The cost for the additional copies has not yet been finalized, but it will be reasonable. More information on this will come in the next couple of weeks.

As a reminder, if you are unable to come to have a portrait made, you can arrange to have one made at the Delk Photography Studio or you can submit a photograph to the church. If the submitted photo was done by a studio, please be sure to let us know where it was done so we can secure permission to reprint copyrighted images.

One last thought. If your contact information has changed in the last year (address, phone number, work number, etc.) please let the office know immediately. There are hundreds of changes in our directory each year and it would be nearly impossible to have every item accurate at any given time. But our goal is to have the most up to date information on everyone involved. Please help us by letting us know of your changes.

West Erwin is a great congregation filled with wonderful people. We have so many opportunities and blessings here such as LTC, Karing Kitchen, benevolence outreach, Bible classes, fellowship opportunities, worship opportunities and much more. We look forward to having this new directory that will help us know one another better.

See you Sunday! Mike

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LTC - LIGHT, LIGHT & WORD

This past weekend the 200+ folks from West Erwin were a part of the 21st Leadership Training for Christ Convention in Dallas. Overall, we had a great weekend. Thanks to all of our adults who helped make this LTC happen. Join us on Sunday night, Apr. 26 as our young people lead our worship time. Not only do we want you to see what they did, but we want you to see what they are doing and who they are... young people who are giving their lives to God and walking the walk.

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Thank You

West Erwin Church, Words can never reveal how much the concern, cards, visits, food and prayers meant during the loss of our Mother and wife, Cathy Krewall. The flowers and lunch were beautiful. Thank you for everything.

Sharen & Jimmy Wester

Gus Krewall

Jackie & David Massey

Gail & Tommy Parham

What a balm it is to share in Christian fellowship within The Church! So many have expressed their care in many ways: food, cards, honorariums, flowers, words of comfort, calls, smiles and kind expressions of Ponder. All have helped us through his illness and death. Your sharing of our burden comforts our family as we part with our beloved husband and father. Sincerely,

Mrs. Wanda Wright & Family

It is hard to express how much I appreciate all the acts of love you've shown during my long recovery. The beautiful flowers, cards, food and prayers have made my recovery easier. God bless my wonderful church family.

Winona Shankle

Dear West Erwin family, I want to thank all of you for your thoughts and prayers while I was in Iraq. Your support for our military is much appreciated. In Christ,

Suzanne Lane Linseisen

To my fellow Christians at West Erwin, I appreciate your prayers and cards over the last several months. God has answered those petitions with a good report from my recent PET scan. All the prayers and petitions on my behalf have given me comfort through the treatments. I will be closely monitored for years to come, and will always have side effects from the treatments, but am feeling great now. Melinda has been by my side through the entire ordeal and has been my rock and kept up my spirits. Please pray that cancer will never return, and that some day this dreaded disease will be eradicated. In Christian Love,

Earl O'Quinn

Send a Card

Sue Ealy attended West Erwin with her sister and brother-in-law, Jim & Carol Armstrong at one time. She is now on dialysis and in a nursing home. She would appreciate receiving cards in the mail. Her address is 5515 Glen Lakes Dr. # 296, Dallas, TX 75231.



Mark Your Calendars

VBS Meeting

Our Vacation Bible School Meeting for anyone who wants to participate will be April 19, at 4:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. See Michael Whitworth if you would like to help but are unable to attend.

Eastern European Mission Dinner

The Annual EEM Dinner will be Thursday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn Select, 5701 South Broadway, in Tyler. It will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Constellation Ballroom. Sign up now at the Visitor Center.

Gospel Meeting in Emory

The Highway 69 North Church of Christ in Emory will have a gospel meeting April 26-29. John Kinslow, preacher for the Blanco, Texas Church of Christ is the guest speaker. For more information, call 903-473-2658.

Ladies Bible Class Schedule

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible class will meet at the Family Life Center on April 22 and there will be a luncheon following class as it is the last time we will meet until we start up again in September.

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WORTHLESS RELIGION (James 1:26)

The Complaining Tongue

I wanted to start our "tongue fast" with the one that trips me up most...the complaining tongue. Nothing has been easier to develop. It has taken very little talent to develop such a vibrant complaining business. So, for the next week will you take the challenge with me in declaring a complaining fast? GOD tells us to get out of that business!

First, we must become aware of how often we complain. Some complaints I figure are legitimate. Others are about nonessential matters, such as rainy days, traffic jams, etc. A legitimate complaint can be resolved if directed

to the one who can change the situation. However, most of the time, I'm just out for a spin looking for fellow complainers to have an "ain't it awful" party. They have never been hard to find. Complaining is so contagious.

Secondly, our fast is to resist the futile complaints. One week! I believe it will make a difference in who we are and how we are remembered (Mk 14:9). When we feel a complaint coming on, let's replace it with a word of gratitude or just keep silent. So, join me this week. Let's close up our complaining business and try a new way. Let's be thankful we aren't getting what we deserve.

I wonder if those around us will notice the difference?
By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Greetings from Nicaragua! This past Sunday, many in Christendom celebrated Easter and the resurrection of our Lord. Hopefully, all of the easter eggs have been found (those that haven't have already been eaten by the lawn mower, most likely). However, perhaps you will indulge me as I offer up a belated Easter thought or two. Have you ever felt like you are stalked by bad luck? Does it ever seem as if there is something keeping you from breaking through to success? For the Christian, it doesn't have to be that way. In Romans 16:20, a rather odd and seemingly random statement is made by Paul: "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." Of the many things that Jesus accomplished with his death and resurrection, one of those was victory over the power of Satan. Since the Garden of Eden, the devil had reigned supreme. But with the resurrection came a coup d'état (or, should I say, a coup d'grace?). Paul wrote, "Just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 5:21). Isn't it wonderful to know that the empty tomb forever crushed Satan under our feet? God promised us just that in Genesis 3:15. Two thousand years ago, he delivered on his promise. Hallelujah, what a Savior!

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Worship a.m.	694	700	686
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Wed. p.m.	368	326	NC
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Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

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Moments With Mike

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

The sitcom, *Cheers*, ran for 11 seasons from 1982 to 1993. It finished dead last in its first season and was almost cancelled, but then rebounded to finish in the top ten for 8 of the remaining seasons. It was a very popular show and I enjoyed watching it.

The setting for *Cheers* was in a neighborhood bar, hardly the place you'd expect a preacher to like watching. However, this program demonstrated how everyone really needs a level of social interaction with others. The characters of that show came from very diverse backgrounds, yet they found a commonality and respite in their time together.

The theme song for *Cheers* included the phrase, "where everybody knows your name." The other parts of the song tell of how we long to get away from our troubles and go to a place where others welcome us and share in our troubles.

Not surprisingly, I think there are far better places than a bar in which we can gather with others and find relief from our troubled lives. Naturally, I would suggest that we first look to God and His people for such a place.

Jesus invites each of us to find that place in Him. In Matthew 11:28, He says, "Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Peter

writes of God's concern for us in 1 Peter 5:7, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you."

Norm, Cliff, Frazier and the other cast members of *Cheers* felt comfortable in sharing their troubles and offering their solutions and support to one another. This was due in no small part to the fact that they spent time with one another and knew one another.

How much more then should we as Christians want to share our time with one another and exchange our support, encouragement and concerns?

Friends, I want to encourage us all to find ways to spend more time with one another. Yes, our time in worship together is a great start. But how well do you know a person by simply sitting next to him in worship?

Please take advantage of our Bible class times, the small group fellowships and other times that we have together. Find someone this week that you don't know that well and have them over for dinner or go out for a bite to eat. Be creative and look forward to knowing more people.

You can also help us by signing up for a portrait time for the new pictorial directories. Call the office this week if you can. Let's help make this a place where everybody knows your name.

See you Sunday! Mike

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Sermons for April 12, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Hope Through The Resurrection Of Jesus (1 Pet 1:3-4)
P.M.: Searching For Jesus (Matt. 27:62-66)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
for **"Our Living Hope."**

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LTC - LIGHT, LIGHT & WORD

As most of you read this, about 200 folks from West Erwin will be attending the LTC Convention in Dallas along with 101 other churches and about 6000 students and sponsors. Across the country there will be over 10,000 young people gathered together for Leadership Training For Christ. Keep us in your prayers as we travel and as we strive to give God all the glory!

CONNECT

High School: Our next CONNECT will be Thursday night, Apr. 23 at Elizabeth Lewis' home @ 7:30. Join us!

Mark your calendar for April 27 as we celebrate the 11th Anniversary of the Karing Kitchen. If you have ever helped with the Karing Kitchen, we want you to be our honored guests. More details to follow.

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Apr. 23	Connect
Apr. 26	Middle School Devotional
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May 3	High School Devotional
May 17	Baccalaureate Service

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June 14-20	BackCountry Trek
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WORTHLESS RELIGION

You've read it before: "If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight reign on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless." James 1:26

James later writes: "But no man can tame the tongue" (3:8). Therefore, the only hope for this "restless evil, full of deadly poison" is the Spirit of GOD. The question is, how does this take place?

I would say, first, you and I must become sensitive to our negative uses of the tongue. Secondly, you and I must declare a "verbal fast" by abstaining from such usage.

Words are nothing more than the vehicle by

which we communicate our thoughts to one another. The tongue is the driver of the vehicle. Once you and I unlearn the negatives, we can begin to learn the right words to use at the right times, for the right reasons.

"The sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary" (Isaiah 50:4)

GOD wants you and I to use our tongues to encourage tired people. For the next few weeks we will consider specific things to **unlearn** and specific things to **learn** in our new journey to becoming a wellspring of life to everyone around us. I pray you will look forward to this verbal fast each week.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

A few weeks ago, Jay Bynum approached me about my willingness to go with a few others from West Erwin down to Nicaragua on a mission trip. "Boy, would I!" was my response. Or something like that. As he announced this past Sunday morning, four of us from West Erwin congregation—Jay Bynum, Rick Fedell, Walker Weathers, and myself—will be traveling to Nicaragua on Saturday, April 11th, and will return to Tyler the following Saturday, April 18th. Foreign mission work has always been a meaningful part of my life. When I was ten years old, my parents took me to Jamaica for two weeks to knock doors in the mountains of Gayle, Jamaica. That experience at such a young age left a very deep impression on me. Eleven years later, in July 2005, I returned to Jamaica with a group from Murfreesboro, Tennessee to conduct Vacation Bible School in Oracabessa, Jamaica. My father did a lot of mission work in Russia, Bangladesh, India, and most of the Caribbean islands. I hope to take many more trips overseas before my life is over to further the spread of the gospel. But for now, I ask that you pray for us as we journey south to visit our brothers and sisters. I leave you with these words from a fellow missionary: "To the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen" (Romans 16:27).

Thank You

A BIG thank you to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone for hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt at their home. It was so well planned and organized and everyone had a great time! The Blackstones are so hospitable and generous with opening their home and should be an example to all of us! Many thanks from the kiddos, parents and grandparents at West Erwin.

Thank you for the lovely basket of flowers you sent to honor "Mama" (Thelma Bennett). She loved working at the Benevolent Center and all the people at West Erwin.

Ed & Margie Hunt

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers during my recent medical problems. I appreciate you caring.

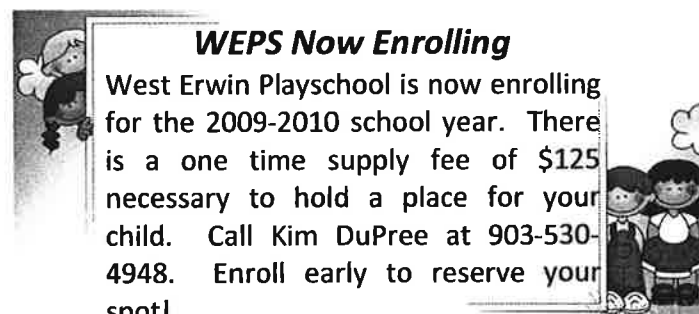
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Golf Tourney Benefitting ETCA

Support East Texas Christian Academy's athletic programs by participating in the 2009 Jim Pattillo Memorial Golf Tournament. Sponsor a hole and bring a team to Hollytree Country Club on Monday, May 4. It will be a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., followed by lunch and door prizes. For more info, contact ETCA at 903-561-8642 or email aballard@etca.org. We greatly appreciate you support of our student athletes.

Ladies Bible Class Schedule

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible class will meet at the Family Life Center on April 15 & April 22, due to the photographers using the usual classroom for the church directory pictures. There will be a luncheon following class on the 22, as it is the last class until we start up again in September.



WEPS Now Enrolling

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the 2009-2010 school year. There is a one time supply fee of \$125 necessary to hold a place for your child. Call Kim DuPree at 903-530-4948. Enroll early to reserve your spot!

Wednesday Night Meal for April 15:
Mexican Food

With Sympathy

Services for Dorothy Moore, mother of Larry Moore, were held March 26, at Tyler Memorial. Our love, sympathy and prayers are with the family. We also extend our sympathy to the family of Cathy Krewall, who passed away Wednesday. Services were Saturday at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Funeral services for Rebecca Center were Friday at Chandler Memorial Garden. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Mark Your Calendars

VBS Meeting

Our Vacation Bible School Meeting for anyone who wants to participate will be April 19, at 4:15 p.m. in the Family Life Center. See Michael Whitworth if you would like to help but are unable to attend.

Lectureship in Chandler

The Westlake Shores Church of Christ (in Chandler) Lectureship will be April 19-22. Start times are 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on Sunday and 7:00 p.m. Mon.-Wed. The theme is "God's Eternal Plan for Mankind."

Eastern European Mission Dinner

The Annual EEM Dinner will be Thursday, April 23, at the Holiday Inn Select, 5701 South Broadway, in Tyler. It will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Constellation Ballroom. Sign up now at the Visitor Center.

Hymn Fest in Daingerfield

Hymn Fest 2009 will be at the Daingerfield Church of May 2, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It will feature the Gospelaires and congregational singing.

You're Not Superwoman, But You Are A



Join us for a Ladies Retreat featuring speakers Gee Allen & Darlene Conner on May 1-2. The cost is \$10 per person which covers dinner on Friday night and brunch on Saturday morning. Registration will begin April 19 and end April 26. More details to come!

Letter from Germany

Rudolf Rischer, missionary in Germany, sent us a letter updating us on his work in Germany. He writes about the renovation to the church building there that he has worked with for 35 years and his family, who are in need of prayers. It is posted on the news and notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

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Bible Class	447	429	420
Worship a.m.	700	720	686
Worship p.m.	439	441	602
Wed. p.m.	326	346	344
Contribution	\$24,759.24	\$24,309.04	\$26,662.23
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Sharon Ainsworth will have surgery on 4/13. | Phyllis Holleman has been having medical problems for some time and has been to Corpus Christi for treatment. | Kalli Huff had a bronchoscopy Monday. She will also have a PICC line inserted to be used for 2-3 weeks until she is stable enough respiratory wise to undergo surgery to have a mediport for the 9 month treatment. | Cathy Krewall, is in MFH with pneumonia, 495 A, and not doing well. | Sandie Martin had a grapefruit sized tumor removed from her hip about six weeks ago but is recuperating. | Welda Mitchell, friend of George Daugherty, is recovering at Health South after knee replacement surgery. | Paul Montandon had an outpatient shoulder procedure Monday but is now home. | Carlos Morgan will have hip replacement surgery on 4/9 at ETMC. | Captain Jason Parker, grandson of Noel and Jean, son of Jerry and Suzan, is being deployed to the Iraq area for several months on special duty. | Bettye Price is now at Health South. | Navoleine Roddy, mother of Patsy Fisher, has been moved to Clairmont Express Recovery. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Riece Gibson | Gaynelle Gray | Cris Holly | Merle Lane | Dub Mathews | Ruth Meazell | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrell | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Randall Davis, brother of Shirley Denman | Trudy Klaffke, Con Sweet's sister | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | **Ongoing concerns:** 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

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Jeanie Ates & Carla Baker & Brianna Bradshaw
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Pictorial Directory Schedule

It was announced Sunday that it is time once again for a new pictorial directory. Schedule sheets will be in the lobby starting this Sunday and volunteers will be there to assist each family with choosing a time for their portrait. You may also contact the office to set an appointment.

We want to encourage each family unit to be included in this directory. The portrait schedule will run from Monday, April 13th through Saturday, April 25th. This will include Saturdays, but not Sundays.

This year we will be using Delk Photography. If you know already that you will not be available to have your photos taken during our schedule here, you can contact Delk directly at 903-561-7104 and they will schedule a time for you to have your portrait taken at their studio at 103 Baylor Drive here in Tyler.

For those who are unable to have a portrait taken we are requesting that you submit a photo that will be included in the directory. If you wish, the office can arrange for someone here to come and take a photograph of you if you are unable to come to us.

A pictorial directory can be a very useful tool for the congregation. This is especially true for larger churches as it becomes virtually impossible to know everyone without some assistance.

Your participation in this project will help all of us at West Erwin to get to know one another better and grow closer together. I'm looking forward to seeing all of your wonderful smiles!

See you Sunday! Mike



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LTC - LIGHT, LIGHT & WORD

THE FINAL WEEK!!! Please remember what it is really all about. It's not about your grade or medal. It is about doing your best and Glorifying God in all you do.

If you missed the meeting this past Sunday, you need to get with me ASAP!

Puppets will meet Wednesday nights at 7:00.

Drama will meet Sunday @ 2:30 unless your team has scheduled otherwise. Please check with you coach for more information.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 3:30-4:30. You need to be at Glenwood by 4:45 for the Area-Wide Meeting.

Join us Sunday at the Glenwood church for the Annual Area-Wide Worship Service @ 6:00. The LTC Chorus's from the area will sing from 5:00-6:00.

Bible Reading: If you need help or need to do your Reading Challenge, contact Barry Scarborough to schedule.

Please pick up last minute information on Wednesday night, Apr. 8.

CONNECT

High School: Our next **CONNECT** will be Sunday night, Apr. 5 at Elizabeth Lewis' home immediately after the Area-Wide Worship at Glenwood. As the final part of our study we will watch the "Passion of Christ." We plan to be finished at 9:30.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. Mark your calendar for a Dinner honoring the 10th Anniversary of the Karing Kitchen. If you have ever helped with the Karing Kitchen, we want you to be our honored guests. More details to follow.

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REPENTANCE

There is no other teaching in the New Testament that is so pivotal as the word repent.

Yet, I've decided most of us don't want to repent. We want to keep doing church stuff. To be able to do that may mean we have accepted a "different gospel" as Paul termed it in Gal. 1:6.

I maintain (in print) that there can be no repentance until there is an awareness of sin. Nor can there be any salvation without repentance. Anything else is merely synthetic. A synthetic message can only produce a synthetic faith and a synthetic faith turns baptism into a synthetic experience.

We have mostly been taught that turning from sin is the definition of repentance. With that defi-

nition in place we set out with the best of intentions to change our ways. We run out of steam in a short time and become disillusioned altogether.

Repentance is not a change from moral imperfection to moral perfection — you and I are incapable of that. This is why John calls for people to produce fruit in keeping with repentance (Mt 3:8). The fruit of repentance is the result of it, not the repentance itself. Repentance, then, is not about the new and improved me, but about the new trust I have in Christ who laid down His life to set me free. He is now the center of my existence. Repentance is about turning my trust to GOD and away from myself. It's repent and believe, not repent and do better.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

This is a week in which I need to say thanks to a lot of people. First, our recent sendoff for those headed to Whitehouse leaves me with a lot of hope for the future of God's kingdom. But we are also losing valuable servants here at West Erwin. Aaron Duvall was one of our education elders and I will miss greatly his wisdom and encouragement. David Asbill, Brody Clark, Tim Grounds, and Todd Hancock were some of our best teachers. Joy Rousseau just completed an amazing series on biblical prophecy and she will be greatly missed by our ladies. There are others who have served in other areas that I may be overlooking. But I want to thank the Whitehouse families for their service to West Erwin's education ministry and wish them Godspeed on this new mission. I also want to thank those who are stepping up to take their place. I am excited about our future! Don't forget some important events. First, there is a new ladies' class offered on Wednesday nights titled **From Vultures to Hummingbirds**. Also, our VBS planning meeting will be Sunday, April 19th. We have our Summer Series to look forward to beginning in June, VBS on Saturday, June 13, and Camp Deer Run the week of July 13-16. If you have been looking for a chance to serve, there has never been a better time to step up to the plate. May God bless you!

Special Thanks

The Elders would like to thank the entire Whitehouse team for their involvement here at West Erwin in teaching Bible classes, taking part in LTC, various youth activities, and other works being done. We know that they will do an outstanding job evangelizing the community of Whitehouse. A special thanks to **Aaron DuVall** for his years of service as an elder and **Brody Clark** for his service as a deacon.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

All Toddlers through 6th graders are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, 2339 CR 1128, Tyler, TX 75704, Saturday April 4, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring your own baskets and wear tennis shoes and clothes fit for hunting eggs in pastures and woods! Maps are available at the Visitor Center. If the weather is bad that day, call the Blackstones at home at 903-595-0130.



Response for Prayers

Chris & Lara Reynolds came forward Sunday saying "...today we come coveting the prayers of our church family because Chris was let go from his job. We ask for you to pray that the Lord shows Chris the path to take and that it may glorify Him." Please continue to keep the Reynolds in your prayers.

Power for Today

If you have old copies you are not using of *Power for Today*, J.R. Tharpe could use them! He takes them to Rosewood and the people there enjoy reading them.



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Wednesday Night Meal for April 8:
BBQ

VBS Meeting

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Upcoming Events of Interest

Teachers Workshop

The Metroplex Bible Teachers Workshop will be Saturday, April 11 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

Gospel Singing

The 29th Annual Gospel Singing at Franklin Church of Christ will be Friday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. It will feature The Sounds of Glory, Revival and Gospelaire. Refreshments, CDs and tapes will be available. For more information, contact the Franklin church office at 979-828-4205, or visit their website at www.thefranklinchurch.com.

Mabank Lectureship

The 23rd Annual Mabank Lectures will be April 24-26 at the Mabank Church of Christ, 306 W. Mt. Vernon, Mabank, TX 75147. The theme is "Awake to Righteousness" and there will be many different speakers covering different topics of interest. There is also a Youth Night on April 24th.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Ponder Wright, Sr.**, who died Sunday in Houston. Services were Thursday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love and prayers are with the family.

April 5 Area Wide

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to worshipping all together on Sunday evening, April 5, for our area-wide worship service. Chrouses involved in LTC will sing beginning at 5:00 that afternoon. We will then gather for worship at 6:00 p.m. We look forward to being together as we lift our hearts and minds with one united voice.

Sincerely,
Jeff Christian
Minister, Glenwood Church of Christ

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Worship a.m.	720	715	686
Worship p.m.	441	431	425
Wed. p.m.	346	248	375
Contribution	\$24,309.04	\$24,951.42	\$33,128.02
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Judy Bench, Roy & Fern's sister-in-law, is now home and doing well. | **Thelma Bennett** is at ETMC, rm. 1108 A, after open heart surgery. | **Randall Davis**, brother of Shirley Denman, has melanoma in his eye. | **Peggy Garner** is now home. | **Gaynelle Gray** has a broken foot and ankle. | **Kalli Huff** is hospitalized at UTHCT room 542. | **Ruth Mezell** is now home. | **Welda Mitchell**, member at Glenwood, friend of George Daugherty, had knee replacement surgery on 3/23, at Mother Frances Hospital. | **Bettye Price** had knee replacement at Mother Frances on 3/23. | **Ponder Wright, Sr.** is in Houston and not doing well. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Riece Gibson | Cris Holly | Merle Lane | Dub Mathews | Ruth Mezell | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrell | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Joy Nell Carnathan, Michael's & Lindsay Kelly's grandmother | Phillip Carroll, Danielle Rousseau's cousin | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Trudy Klaffke, Con Sweet's sister | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | Janet Whitworth, Michael Whitworth's grandmother | Jodi Rooney, cousin of Danielle Rousseau | Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad *Ongoing concerns:* 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

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Don & Nerene Ingram
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Moments With Mike

Transitions

This Sunday, March 29th, West Erwin will experience a transition as nine families will be given our blessing and prayers as they leave us and join with the members of the church at Whitehouse.

These families include the following:

- ◆ David, Tammy, Bradley, Brittany and Betsy Asbill.
- ◆ Brody, Kimberly, Connor and Jack Clark.
- ◆ Aaron, Jean, Tyler, Grant and Samantha DuVall.
- ◆ Tim, Patti, Nathan, Hannah, Sara, Caleb and Elizabeth Grounds.
- ◆ Todd, Jana, Mallory, Carson and Olivia Hancock.
- ◆ Rob and Carmen Hilliard.
- ◆ Vance, Ginger, Hannah, Haley, Luke and Logan Metcalf.
- ◆ Gary and Judy Mitcham.
- ◆ Joy Rousseau.

This transition creates a very exciting time for those involved. These families have already spent some time in worship at Whitehouse and are busy building relationships there. It is great to hear of some of the doors already being opened for that work and of the enthusiasm that is being generated by this transition. If you haven't already done so, please add these families and the Whitehouse congregation to your prayers.

Of course, this transition is not for Whitehouse

only. It also involves West Erwin. The church here at West Erwin has been in existence for 124 years and has been well blessed by God throughout that time. We have had, and continue to have, great blessings in leadership, ministry and membership.

This new transition provides us with an opportunity to become more active in the local work, share the gospel with more friends and build one another up more and more.

I like what Paul had to say to the church at Philippi. I think this is fitting, not only for our members going to Whitehouse, but to everyone here.

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you with all joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." "And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." Philippians 1:3-6, 9-11.

See you Sunday! Mike

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P.M.: Husbands And Wives (Rom. 16:3-4)
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CONNECT

High School: Our next **CONNECT** will be Sunday night, Apr. 5 at Elizabeth Lewis' home immediately after the Area-Wide Worship at Glenwood. As the final part of our study we will watch the "Passion of Christ." We plan to be finished at 9:30.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday. If you would be interested in helping, be there by 5:00.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congratulations to our Bible Quiz Teams who have completed their study of the Gospel of John! Way to go gang! Thanks to Davy & Sonja Carter for helping this year.

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I really appreciate all of you who made the extra effort to be at our meeting this past Sunday afternoon. If you were unable to be there, just see me at your earliest possible convenience. I also want to remind you of our VBS planning meeting that has been rescheduled for April 19th at 4:15 in the small auditorium. The theme for our VBS this summer will be **Moses: Prince of Egypt or Man of God?** and it will be on June 13th from 9 am to 1 pm. Our VBS this year will

be for 5th grade and below and lunch will be provided. I need as many people to help as are willing. I need people to help coordinate one of our three learning stations, as well as a crafts station. I need people to help these coordinators, people to help prepare lunch, and others to help with crowd control, etc. I also want to go ahead and remind you of our upcoming Summer Series. The theme this year is **Running with Horses** based upon Jeremiah 12:5: "If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses?" We have excellent speakers scheduled for our thirteen sessions, some of whom have never spoken at West Erwin before. I want to encourage you to make plans to be with us every Wednesday night this summer.

Thank You

Thank all of you at West Erwin who offered words of sympathy and prayers, who called and sent many cards during our loss.

We appreciate you all,
Don & Sherry Peek

Dear West Erwin Church Family,
Thank you for your prayers, cards and good food you have blessed me with since my accident and hospital stay. Please continue to pray for me as I recover from the injuries I had from the accident. I am blessed to be a part of the West Erwin church family.

Cris Holly

Thank you for the memorial to the church library for my husband, Dale Willhoit. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sue Willhoit and Family

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt 4/4 1-3p

All Toddlers through 6th graders are invited to an Easter Egg Hunt at the home of Dale & Carolyn Blackstone, 2339 CR 1128, Tyler, TX 75704. Bring your own baskets and wear tennis shoes and clothes fit for hunting eggs in pastures and woods! Maps are available at the Visitor Center. If the weather is bad that day, call the Blackstones at home at 903-595-0130.



Mabank Lectureship

The 23rd Annual Mabank Lectures will be April 24-26 at the Mabank Church of Christ, 306 W. Mt. Vernon, Mabank, TX 75147. The theme is "Awake to Righteousness" and there will be many different speakers covering different topics of interest. There is also a Youth Night on April 24th.

WEPS Now Enrolling

West Erwin Playschool is now enrolling for the 2009-2010. There is a one time enrollment fee of \$125 necessary to hold a place for your child. Call Kim DuPree at 903-530-4948. Enroll early to reserve your spot!



Welcome, New Member!

Reyna Guillermo

9077 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706

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Gospel Singing

The 29th Annual Gospel Singing at Franklin Church of Christ will be Friday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. It will feature The Sounds of Glory, Revival and Gospelsaires. Refreshments, CDs and tapes will be available. For more information, contact the Franklin church office at 979-828-4205, or visit their website at www.thefranklinchurch.com.

Teachers Workshop

The Metroplex Bible Teachers Workshop will be Saturday, April 11 from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Greenville Avenue Church of Christ. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board by the small auditorium.

New Address

Lowrane Canada

4801 Irving Blvd. NW # 3101

Albuquerque, NM 87114

Wednesday Night Meal for April 1:

Italian— Bruno's

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Records	Sunday— Mar. 8	Sunday— Mar.8	Year Ago
Bible Class	456	352	468
Worship a.m.	715	551	717
Worship p.m.	431	352	483
Wed. p.m.	248	363	386
Contribution	\$24,951.42	\$23,466.38	\$30,487.15
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: **Judy Bench** (Roy & Fern's sister-in-law) has pneumonia and is in the hospital in Sulphur Springs. | **Dr. Eugene Guthrie**, a member in Texarkana, is back at ETMC. | **Paige Westerfeld**, 15 month old granddaughter of Charles and Linda, had tubes put in her ears Monday, 3/16 and it went well and she is now home. | **Kevin & Shelly Sustaie** are asking the church to pray specifically for Darren, a little boy with muscular dystrophy they are trying to adopt. | **Ponder Wright, Sr.** is in Houston and not doing well. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Riece Gibson | Cris Holly | Merle Lane | Dub Mathews | Ruth Meazell | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrill | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Joy Nell Carnathan, Michael's & Lindsay Kelly's grandmother | Phillip Carroll, Danielle Rousseau's cousin | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Trudy Klaffke, Con Sweet's sister | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | Janet Whitworth, Michael Whitworth's grandmother | Jodi Rooney, cousin of Danielle Rousseau | Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad *Ongoing concerns:* 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

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Presiding At The Lord's Table Jerry Mitchell

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Randy Farrar Lon Gibson
David Frick Cooper Goodson
Mark Frick Ernie Gordon
Cody Frick Richard Gregory

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer Melvin Maples
Scripture Jasper Huff
Dismiss Forest McFadden

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Moments With Mike

Action and Excellence

I really appreciate the feedback and comments from the radio lessons as well as the sermons recently. Your comments have been very edifying and I want you to know that feedback is always welcomed.

I recently came across two quotes that I'd like to share with you. The first concerns arousing enthusiasm and the second deals with excellence.

"Apathy can be overcome by enthusiasm, and enthusiasm can be aroused by two things: first, an idea which takes the imagination by storm; and second, a definite, intelligible plan for carrying that idea into action." Arnold Toynbee (1889-1975).

Apathy can creep into any group, including churches. Over time some Christians may feel "detached" and may simply drift into a state of nominal apathy. Others may simply not be used by the church, and thus, may not feel "plugged in" to what the church seeks to accomplish.

What can be done to overcome this? Stir up the mind and focus our thoughts on the work that needs to be done. Anyone can react in a crisis to put out a fire or help a fallen person. But to really stir a people up for good works includes a common vision of what is to be accomplished and a solid game plan for reaching that goal.

I have a goal in my mind of having every able

bodied member here involved in the work in some way. Don't you think that would be a wonderful goal?

Aristotle said, "Excellence is an art won by training and habituation. We do not act rightly because we have virtue or excellence, but rather we have those because we have acted rightly. We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit."

Paul said in Ephesians 2:10 that, "we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." I believe that what we do for the Lord should be done in an excellent fashion. It should be our habit to do our best in all that we do. Let's give our best when serving our Lord!

This coming Sunday through Wednesday I'll be in a meeting at New Concord, KY, near Murray, KY. I've known these good brethren for several years and I'm really looking forward to being with them and seeing many friends from the western KY area. I'll also be able to stay with my mother during that time, so that's a real bonus for me.

During my absence on Sunday, Michael Whitworth will be preaching on Sunday morning and Don Crawford will be preaching Sunday night. I know that both will do a fine job. Please pray for me while I'm traveling. I look forward to being back with you very soon!

See you (next) Sunday! Mike

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BIBLE QUIZ

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CONNECT

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening at 7:30 at Elizabeth Lewis' home for CONNECT Bible Study.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

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Thanks for all the cards, calls and words of encouragement. We appreciate all of you at West Erwin.

Carolyn & Barry Ciaschini

Thank you for all the prayers, visits and phone calls during my hospitalization. It is so good to be a part of a loving church family.

Billy Terrell & Lynda

Thank you for your prayers and cards for my daughter, Amanda Parker, and her family during her recent extended hospital stay.

Scott Coyle

Dear West Erwin brethren,

I thoroughly enjoyed the day with you on March 1st! Thank you for your hospitality and fellowship. You will always have a special place in my heart. Your "Lifestyle Evangelism" is evident. May you continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus! Your kindness is deeply appreciated!

In Christ,

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1622 W 1st Street, Tyler, TX 75702, 903-593-5256

Rita was baptized on Wednesday, March 11.

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

With Sympathy

Services for **Dr. Anita Peek**, former West Erwin member, were Wednesday, March 18, at Lloyd James Funeral Home. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Medina Children's Home

The Medina Children's Home truck will be here **May 4-8**, to pick up any donated items. They are in need of toilet paper and paper towels. Drop your items off in the bin located in the foyer of the Erwin Street entrance.

Upcoming Education Meetings

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Wedding Anniversary

Congratulations to **Noel & Jean Parker**, who will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Friday, March 27! They are a great example to everyone at West Erwin!



Career Opportunity

East Texas Christian Academy is seeking qualified applicants for teaching positions in fourth and fifth grades. You may download an application at www.etca.org or obtain one at the school campus. For more information, contact Mindy Marse, Elementary Principal, at 903-561-8642.

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MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

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This meeting is mandatory. If you cannot attend, I need to know. Please get in touch with me A.S.A.P. so that I can

discuss an important matter with you. Also, if anyone is willing to help me coordinate or help with VBS, we will have our first planning session on March 29th at 4:15 in the Family Life Center. This year's VBS promises to be the best ever, but I am going to need all hands on deck to pull it off! We have other great events around the corner. Our Summer Series on Wednesday Night will begin June 3rd and will run through the final week of August. We have great speakers scheduled this year and I want to really encourage you to make every effort to come and hear what they have to say. The theme this year is "Running with Horses," based upon Jeremiah 12:5, and I am confident that the series will bless every one who attends. I hope God blesses you this week! Smile!

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Worship p.m.	352	325	397
Wed. p.m.	363	357	385
Contribution	\$23,466.38	\$36,026.96	\$24,010.31
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Tommy Churchman requests prayers to be a better example to others. | Dr. Eugene Guthrie, a member in Texarkana, is in Room # 3533 at ETMC. | Carla & Frank Haddock, daughter and son-in-law of Bettie Thorne are in need of prayer. | Crissy, Crystal Hill's brother's fiancée, is undergoing tests to determine if she has cervical cancer. | Jon Sorrells had a pacemaker implanted at the VA Hospital in Dallas Wed., 3/11. | Mary Tigert, Barbara Smart's sister, is in hospice care at Christian Care Center in Mesquite. | R.D. Thorne, son of Bettie Thorne, broke four bones in his foot. | Sharon Washburn, a friend of the Lacy's, has a very aggressive type of cancer in some lymph nodes and in her blood stream. She will be starting chemo shortly. | Paige Westerfeld, 15-month-old granddaughter of Charles and Linda, is having tubes put in her ears Monday, 3/16. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Nell Beard | Louise Culpepper | Riece Gibson | Cris Holly | Merle Lane | Dub Mathews | Ruth Meazell | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Billy Terrell | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Joy Nell Carnathan, Michael's & Lindsay Kelly's grandmother | Phillip Carroll, Danielle Rousseau's cousin | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Trudy Klaffke, Con Sweet's sister | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Keninard | Janet Whitworth, Michael Whitworth's grandmother | Jodi Rooney, cousin of Danielle Rousseau | Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad **Ongoing concerns:** 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

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Moments With Mike

I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord

Opportunities to work for our Lord are, and have always been, all around us. With the recent announcement of the 9 families going to Whitehouse, our thoughts here at West Erwin have been focused more sharply on what it means to be a worker for the Lord. I pray that we can utilize this focus to help us all become more involved in the work of the Lord.

I was disappointed to find that the song, *I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord*, was not in our song book. Many good songs no longer are. Among others, that song helped shape a goal in my life of serving God and Jesus.

Do you remember the lyrics? *"I want to be a worker for the Lord; I want to love and trust His holy word; I want to sing and pray, and be busy every day, In the vineyard of the Lord."* This Sunday night I'll be preaching on that subject of working for the Lord. I hope that you will be here.

Sunday morning we will have Russel Bell speaking during the worship hour. I'm looking forward to hearing his report on his mission work abroad. Jay Bynum provided the following information on Brother Bell.

See you Sunday! Mike

Russel Bell is a native of Missouri and a graduate

of Bear Valley Bible Institute. For the past 17 years he has and continues to be involved in world evangelism.

During his 42 years of ministry, Russel has traveled overseas 88 times. That includes trips to over a dozen countries. He has made 46 trips to India, which is the work that West Erwin is helping to support.

The church at LaPoynor, TX, is the overseeing congregation for his India work. When not preaching in other countries, Brother Bell speaks at soul-winning workshops and conducts training sessions in local congregations in one-on-one evangelism using the Open Bible Study method. He also conducts gospel meetings and is the author of two books, *Rightly Dividing the Word of God* and *God, Man, Money*. All proceeds from these books go to the work in India.

Russel Bell's approach to foreign mission work is unique and effective. We all will be encouraged and uplifted by his sermon Sunday morning. Be sure to be present to hear how his mission concepts can be applied by each of us.

Brother Bell says, "I feel that ninety percent of the baptisms in our local work are from one-on-one evangelism. The sinners are in their homes, not our church buildings, so we must go to them with the gospel."

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Sermons for March 15, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Russel Bell to speak
P.M.: I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord (Matt. 9:35-38)
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

WHO WAS THAT?

Most of us can name the "Major" Bible characters. In fact, the list is quite long. Yet, we cannot even begin to list the un-named people that God used and uses to change the world. Take Saul or Tarsus for example. There are numerous accounts of folks who helped further the Kingdom that are simply listed as "followers" and "brothers." (Acts 9:25, 30) God uses us today in the same way. We just need to... Let God use us!

LTC

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We will have our Final Meeting to settle the bill and finish details on Sunday, Mar. 29. We will meet after church that night and supper will be furnished. Please bring \$3 for supper. All participants and families that will be going to the convention need to be present at the meeting.

BIBLE QUIZ

Study Session this Sunday. Lunch until 2:45.

CONNECT

High School Students: Join us each Thursday evening at 7:30 at Elizabeth Lewis' home for CONNECT Bible Study.

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Stress

Here's an old saying worth holding on to:

**"You will break the bow
 If you always keep it strung."**

Has there ever been a more stressful time than ours today? Every day seems to be filled with more of the same: financial tension, health issues, fear of cancer, deaths and relationship strains. Stress has become our way of life. It seems to be the rule rather than the exception. I wonder where those relaxing days of drinking your morning coffee and reading on the patio have gone? Will we ever see them again?

The bold print above are wise words, but how do we loosen the strings? Let's allow David to

show us the way.

In 1 Samuel 30, the Amalekites had raided Ziklag. They burned the city. They took all the people in the city captive. When David and his men reached the town they saw that their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive. David's wives were missing too. So distressed, his men began blaming David. The Bible says, "David was greatly distressed." The next sentence is the answer: "But David found strength in the Lord his GOD." He shifted the burdens from his own shoulders to Jehovah's and GOD began to push away the obstacles.

GOD still works this way to relieve the stress we have in this life. Don't be afraid. Go to Him.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
 WHITWORTH

Our society has become desensitized to the shame of illegitimate pregnancy. But considering the morally-rigid atmosphere of a small, first-century, Jewish village, you can imagine the gossip that haunted Mary and Joseph as she carried God in her womb. Why is it that God chose such a taboo way in which to enter the world? The birth of Jesus was announced by an angelic choir, but only to a rag-tag group of crass shepherds—roughly the same motley crew that flip burgers at McDonald's at 2 a.m. In contrast, the birth of John the Baptist had been accompanied by much celebration in his village. So why is it that God chose to be born with more animal witnesses than human? The answer to these questions is that God prefers exaltation through humiliation. The rabbi who taught that the last would be first (Matt. 19:30) abandoned all glory to be humiliated as a man. In what would become the greatest irony in history, it was Jesus' greatest humiliation that ultimately led to his greatest exaltation. And to his followers, he left behind a legacy of humility. "When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide," Paul would later write. "Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves" (Phil. 2:3).



You are invited to a Bridal Shower
 honoring
Cayti Bynum
 Sunday, March 15
 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 At the West Erwin
 Family Life Center
 Selections at
 Bed Bath & Beyond,
 Target and Dillard's

events

Upcoming Events of Interest

Oklahoma Christian University Jazz Ensemble will be having a concert Saturday night, **March 14**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Benevolent Center. Everyone is invited!

You're invited to a Gospel Meeting at the Central Church of Christ in Athens **March 22-25**. There will be different speakers each night.

Metroplex Bible Teachers Workshop on Saturday, **April 11**, 2009, from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Greenville Avenue Church of Christ. For more information, contact the Greenville Avenue church office at 972-644-2335.

The Annual Eastern European Mission Dinner will be **April 23**, at the Holiday Inn Select on South Broadway from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Constellation Ballroom. Contact Dale Mitchell for more information at 903-388-8456 or mdalemitchell@sbcglobal.net.

A gospel singing at the Franklin Church of Christ will be Friday, **April 24**, at 7:00 p.m. It will be congregational singing and will feature The Sounds of Glory, Revival and Gospelaires. For more information, contact the Franklin church office at 979-828-4205.

The Medina Children's Home truck will be here **May 4-8**, to pick up any donated items. They are in need of toilet paper and paper towels. Drop your items off in the bin located in the foyer of the Erwin Street entrance.



Dear West Erwin Church Family,
 What a blessing it is to be a part of the West Erwin family! Thank you for your calls, your visits, your sweet cards of encouragement and especially your prayers during my surgery and recovery. May God's blessings be with you all!
Archie Kennard and his family
Faye & Joni, Erica and Bradley Smith

To the West Erwin Church of Christ,
 Thank you all for your help and all the gifts that we received for our wedding. We greatly appreciate everything that was done for us.

Sincerely,

Levi & Linda Benitez

Dear West Erwin church,
 The family of Linda Morales would like to express our appreciation for all the prayers, cards and flowers at this time of sorrow. We are blessed to have a church family that cares so much.

Kathy & John Portwood

Jill & Dan Amundson

Kay & Bill McCool

Dear West Erwin Family,
 Thank you so much for the visits, food and prayers during my recent illness. Please continue to pray for me!

Love,

Louise Harris & Family

Thank for all your cards and prayers at the death of my sister. We really appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Clifford Nolley



East Texas Christian Academy is seeking qualified applicants for teaching positions in fourth and fifth grades. Interested individuals may download an application at www.etca.org or obtain one at the school campus. For more information, contact Mindy Marse, Elementary Principal, at 903-561-8642.

Wednesday Night Meal for March 18:
 Mexican Food

Records	Sunday— Mar. 1	Sunday— Feb. 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	465	489	463
Worship a.m.	733	744	701
Worship p.m.	325	462	414
Wed. p.m.	357	350	387
Contribution	\$36,026.96	\$25,018.38	25,112.27
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Nell Beard had glaucoma eye surgery on 3/2. | Phillip Carroll, Danielle Rousseau's cousin, is in need of prayers. | Les Carruth had day surgery for a hernia Friday and is recuperating at his sister's house. | Riece Gibson went into the hospital on Monday for a heart procedure and was scheduled to go home Wednesday. | Dr. Eugene Guthrie, a member in Texarkana, is in ICU Room # 3360 at ETMC after a car accident. | Archie Kennard is now home. | Trudy Klaffke, Con Sweet's sister, is in need of prayer. | Shirley McClenny has a blood clot, but they are unable to do surgery at this time because of her overall condition. | Jodi Rooney, cousin of Danielle Rousseau, has been suffering from severe seizures and doctors have not been able to diagnose the cause. | Jon Sorrells will have a pacemaker implanted at the VA Hospital in Dallas on March 11. | Cayce Stripling, newborn baby of a relative of Jodie Albritton, was born with very low blood sugar and placed in NICU. He has undergone a procedure on his pancreas. | Janet Whitworth, grandmother of Michael Whitworth, is having health problems and not doing well.

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

Call to worship: Mike Baker
Prayer: Jim Holleman
Scripture: David Frick
Dismiss: James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table: Jamon Kirby

SERVING COMMUNION

David Demic: Daniel DuPree
Harold Denman: Aaron DuVall
Howard Dickson: Tyler DuVall
Bobby Dingler: Grant DuVall

5:00 PM ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Clay Kinser
Scripture: Drew Harris
Dismiss: John Lacy

GREETERS

Don & Norma Durham & Ross Weathers
Alan & Patsy Fisher & Wendy Weathers
Lon & Riece Gibson & Will Weathers
Visitor Center: Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
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Moments With Mike

I hope that you were able to be with us this past Sunday as John Dale delivered his messages on evangelism. We appreciate John so much for his love for the Lord and for his dedication to encouraging everyone to experience the assurance of salvation. Thank you, John, for a great job.

Some of our upcoming sermons in the next few weeks will continue our thoughts on evangelism. In my library are quite a number of books on this topic. Each one brings the truth of God's word and each one brings a glimpse into the successes or failures of past efforts to share the gospel.

There is much that can be learned from the experiences of others. Solomon wrote in Proverbs 11:30, "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise."

But simply reading books or acquiring knowledge will not win souls. Knowledge is important, but so is action. James 1:22 says, "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only."

I want to encourage each of you to begin a list of people you know who are not yet Christians. Pray over that list daily and share it with others so they can pray as well. But don't stop at prayer. I want you to spend some time thinking about how a person might be able to lead that person to Christ.

Paul compares the church to a physical body in 1 Corinthians 12. No one can be every part of the body. Some

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are hands while others are eyes or ears. No one in the church can do all that needs to be done. Instead we all work together to move toward the goals God sets before us.

Some of you will be eyes, finding those who are in need of the salvation of Jesus Christ. Others will be hands, leading them into the warmth of fellowship. Still others will be mouths, teaching the precious gospel. We call can be arms, embracing our new brother or sister and continuing to shower them with encouragement.

Of methods, concepts, ideas and plans there is no end when it comes to winning souls. God has left the methods up to us to choose. But He expects that we will be able and willing to be a light to the world (Matt. 5:14-16), and have a ready answer for those who wish to know about our beliefs (1 Pet. 3:15-17).

My prayer is that we will each be open to learning more about evangelism and that each one will also have a renewed commitment to becoming doers of what we hear.

See you Sunday! Mike

This Sunday my class will begin a study of Christian evidences with the book, *Reasons to Believe*. We meet in room 403 in the Office Complex and welcome anyone who would like to attend.

Sermons for March 8, 2009 by Mike Baker
A.M.: Why Is Repentance So Important? (Luke 13:1-5)
P.M.: What If People Will Not Transform? (Rom. 12:1-2)
Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m. for "Our Living Hope."

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MEXICO MISSION TRIP

According to the State Department, the passport requirement will go into effect on June 1, 2009. What this means for our mission trip to Mexico this summer is that you will be required to have a passport. It takes time to get that done, so plan early! I have applications available. The easiest way to get it all done is to go to the main post office and apply. Don't procrastinate!

LTC

The theme for this year is from the book of John, "Light, Life & Word." Reminder: We need your \$100 per family deposit! Puppets will meet Wednesday nights at 7:00. All day on Mar. 22. Drama will meet Sunday @ 3:00. All day on Mar. 29. Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

SERVE...

Help some folks in need. We are having a "SERVE" day on Friday, Mar. 13. We will meet at the church at 9:00 and return at 4:00. Please bring money for a fast-food lunch, work gloves, jeans and old shoes.

High School Students: We will not meet on March 12 due to Spring Break.

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Being There When It Counts Most

Have you ever recognized a situation where someone was hurting? You wanted to help but just did not feel confident that you knew what to say or do? Perhaps you said nothing, or you just offered a quick awkward phrase of encouragement. Perhaps the situation was a life threatening illness, a broken relationship, or another of life's hardships that come upon each of us from time to time. You wanted to help and they wanted help, but you just did not have the tools to do the job. That does not have to stay the case.

If you desire to improve your skills in helping others, there is a workshop that is designed to equip you with the skills to do so. It's called

"Creating A Healing Community" Workshop. It is brought to you through Lifeline Chaplaincy. The workshop is an intense schedule for three days beginning March 27-29. It will be held at the Glenwood Church of Christ building. The cost is \$30. You will need to call the Glenwood church office to register (903-509-9494). If you want more information, schedule, etc., contact Don Crawford.

I don't deny the problems that arise in my life. I just believe GOD'S Word, which is greater than any symptoms, circumstances, or problems. I am fully persuaded that what GOD has promised, HE is able to do. (Rom. 4:21)

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Last Sunday, Bill Mullins announced on behalf of the elders those families planning to relocate to the Whitehouse congregation as part of West Erwin's mission to strengthen our brothers and sisters there. I am proud of the vision our elders have had to accomplish this great work. I applaud them for their humility and determination. Some of our greatest servants here at West Erwin will be leaving to take part in this endeavor and they leave behind big shoes to fill.

I will miss particularly their willingness to teach in the Bible Classes here and I am pleading with you, brother to brother, that you be the one to step up and take their place. This mission work, while very important, and I believe God-ordained, will nonetheless strain our resources as far as teachers. If we allow this work to cripple our education program because more teachers do not step forward, it will be no one's fault but our own. Let it not be said of us that God placed before us a challenge and we were too lazy or too inconvenienced to step up to the plate. Perhaps God is saying to you, "Step forward and serve!" Thank you for being such a wonderful church family and remember that our best days are still ahead of us! May God smile on you this week!



Mark Your Calendars

Greenville Avenue Church of Christ invites you to the 2009 Metroplex Bible Teachers Workshop on Saturday, April 11, 2009, from 7:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided and childcare is available for children ages three through eight. This seminar is free and sponsored by the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex churches of Christ. For more information, contact the Greenville Avenue church office at 972-644-2335.

Young At Heart

Young At Heart will be meeting March 12th at the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish!

Thank You

To West Erwin Church, What a blessing it is to have a Christian family as West Erwin. Warren and I thank each and every one of you for the calls, home and hospital visits, cards, food, flowers, prayers and concern you have given us during our ongoing illness and loss of family members. Also, we appreciate the weekly CD sermons we receive in the mail. We look forward to being back for worship and fellowship soon. May God richly bless this wonderful congregation.

We love you,
Warren & Gaynelle Gray

OC Jazz Ensemble

Make plans to join us Saturday night, March 14, as West Erwin will be hosting the Oklahoma Christian University Jazz Ensemble! They will have a concert at 7:00 in the Benevolent Center. Everyone is invited.

There will not be a Wednesday Night Meal on March 11.

Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to sleep Saturday night!



New Items in Adult Library

CDs:

Ray Walker- "Tribute to Tillit S. Teddlie"
The McCoy Family Singers- "I Will Give Thanks"
Books:

Then Sings My Soul Book 2 by Robert Morgan
Is 9/11 a Call to Heal America? by Dr. Ralph Rowe

John Dale CDs

If you would like a copy of the three lessons given by John Dale on Sunday, March 1, sign up at the Visitor Center on the Sermon CD Request Form.

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Dorothy Kennedy and Karen Fedell on the loss of their niece and cousin, **Janice Davis**, who died Monday night in Amarillo. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Services for **Annabell Funderburgh**, aunt of Carolyn Blackstone, were Wed. at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

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Bible Class	489	443	524
Worship a.m.	744	671	754
Worship p.m.	462	419	430
Wed. p.m.	350	326	340
Contribution	\$25,018.38	\$23,353.81	\$29,779.66
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Carolyn Ciaschini had three surgeries on her hand on Feb. 23. | **Lacy & Russell Coker**, friends of Amber Chauncey, lost their premature baby Wednesday. | **Louise Culpepper** is being referred to a specialist for tests and has asked to be remembered in prayer. | **Archie Kennard** is at Reunion Plaza for rehabilitation. | **Tyler Lott** had successful surgery to remove kidney stones and is now home. | **Dub Mathews** is hospitalized at ETMC. | **Amanda Parker**, Scott Coyle's daughter, had a series of strokes over the weekend. She is in Houston. | **Garrett Smith** is now home. | **Jon Sorrells** will have a pacemaker implanted at the VA Hospital in Dallas on March 11. | **Billy Terrell's** surgery went well. He may be able to go home Friday. | **Glenda Watson**, mother of a co-worker of Gary Broome, has leukemia and has serious complications. | **Janet Whitworth**, grandmother of Michael Whitworth, is having health problems and not doing well. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Sue Carty | Charlotte Cawyer | Cris Holly | Merle Lane | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Kalli Huff | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Ethan Craft, member at Shiloh | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Mandi Fisher, friend of Matt Kelly | Benji Gulnn, Chris Able's fiance's mother | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad **Ongoing concerns:** 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 | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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 Dismiss Bill Mullins
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 Tom Cook Don Crowder
 Chandler Cook Clinton Culpepper
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 Dismiss Greg Jones

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Meeting With

John Dale



Sunday, March 1, 2009

West Erwin Church of Christ

Messages on Evangelism

Session 1: 9:00 a.m.

"Passion For Evangelism"

Session 2: 10:00 a.m. Worship

"Friendship Evangelism"

Lunch

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"God Opens Doors"

Make plans now to join us!

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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Monday was my birthday. There was great celebration! We killed the fattened calf! Tuesday people brought me four wheelchairs, three walkers, a shower chair and a bedside chair. I'm still hoping all those were intended to be used in the Benevolence Center! Many thanks to all of you who continue to support the Center through donations of clothing, furniture, bedding, and health aides for us seniors. You are the BEST!

STORIES

Stories transport us into another world. Stories hold our attention. Stories are remarkable vehicles for communication because they are not easily forgotten. Stories, real and imagined, told with simplicity and color fill the

Bible. Stories were the method GOD chose to communicate most often. Jesus was a master at telling stories. In fact, the Bible is the story of GOD. When the disciples preached, they told the story of GOD. I wonder what it would be like if we re-read the Bible to simply listen to the story of GOD instead of looking for proof texts and arrows to fling at others whom we have condemned? I wonder what we might find that GOD wants us to find? Perhaps it's all much more simple than we've thought. GOD may have given us the Bible so that we might see the love HE has for us and that HIS great desire is for us to love one another. It's all in THE STORY of GOD.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The apostle John strikes me as one who, with advanced years, attained great clarity of thought. "Things are not as complicated as we think," he might have said in a sermon once. While theologians write thick volumes on the nature of the Divine, John put it in three words. "God is light," he wrote in 1 John 1:5, and the implications of that truth are monumental. As a God of light and truth, he hates it when his children walk in darkness and lies. That is why dishonesty is so horrible: in our deceit, we fail to accurately reflect who God is. Someone dear to my heart lied some time ago to a mutual friend. I knew he knew better. In the aftermath, I thought about my own past struggles with telling the truth and was reminded, upon reflection and study, of Jesus' rather strong words on the subject. "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies" (John 8:44). Let us remember that honesty is the only policy, not just the best policy. Otherwise, we tread in the footsteps of the Evil One who leads all liars to a damned destination (Revelation 21:8).

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RECEPTION FOLLOWING

Save the Date!

Annual Eastern European Mission Dinner will be Thursday, April 23, 2009, at the Holiday Inn Select, 5701 South Broadway in Tyler in the Constellation Ballroom. The dinner will be from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. For questions, contact Dale Mitchell with EEM at 903-388-8453 or mdalemitchell@sbcglobal.net

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Thank You

David and I appreciate the many expressions of condolence regarding the death of my brother, Dale Willhoit.

Sincerely,
Virginia Demic

A big thank you to Cathy Hallman for embroidering backpacks for those of us that participate in Bible Hour that were given to us at Bible Hour Homecoming. We really appreciate you, Cathy!

Love,

The West Erwin Bible Hour Kids

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Wayne & Bitsy Berryman on the loss of Wayne's aunt, Bertha McDaniel. Services were last Saturday in Jasper, Texas. Mrs. McDaniel died at the age of 101. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Class Change

All those in third through fifth grade who are not involved with LTC will now be meeting in room 204 on Wednesday nights. This room is up the stairs that are located near the entry doors on Erwin Street in the Education Wing. See Michael Whitworth if you have any questions.

Attention High School Students!

Calling all tracksters...York College is proud to announce its brand new Track and Field and Cross Country programs for the Fall of 2009! Scholarships are available.

Direct any and all interest to the Head Coach, Derek Kite, at dkite@york.edu. For more info on York College, please go to www.york.edu. For more info on the Head Coach, please browse www.eti-kite.com.



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Bible Class	443	469	436
Worship a.m.	671	723	701
Worship p.m.	419	486	330
Wed. p.m.	326	326	396
Contribution	\$23,353.81	\$28,677.39	\$30,916.00
Weekly Budget	\$27,500.00		

Updates: Charlotte Cawyer had surgery on her hand on Feb. 9. | Warren Gray is now home. | Cris Holly is now home and is still in a lot of pain. | Archie Kennard is at Reunion Plaza for rehabilitation. | Tyler Lott had surgery Monday for kidney stones. They were not able to remove the stones so they installed a stent. If he doesn't pass the stones by next Monday, they will go back in to remove them. He went home Tuesday. | Garrett Smith is hospitalized after surgery and has pneumonia. | Gordon Smith, Connie Sublette's dad, is in the VA Hospital in Temple, TX, with pneumonia. | Jon Sorrells will have a pacemaker implanted at the VA Hospital in Dallas on March 11. | Ally Wylie, niece of Todd Kempton, is now home after being hospitalized for a staph infection. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Sue Carty | Merle Lane | Bettye Price | Winona Shankle | Nella Ware | Esther Wilson | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Gayle Payne | Grace Riser | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith **Family & Friends:** Ethan Craft, member at Shiloh | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Mandi Fisher, friend of Matt Kelly | Benji Guinn, Chris Able's fiancé's mother | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | **Ongoing concerns:** 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 | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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Scripture Dalton Harris
Dismiss Ralph Henderson

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Melvin & Nina Crow & Calley Waggoner
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Visitor Center: Don & Norma Durham
Joe & Frances McBee

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Moments With Mike

John Dale And Evangelism, March 1

As I mentioned last week, John Dale will be here on March 1st and will be speaking three times that day. I'm really looking forward to being with John and hearing him present these special messages on evangelism.

I want you to make your plans to be with us for all three sessions. All of our adult classes will meet in the main auditorium for the Bible class. John's topic at that hour will be "Passion For Evangelism."

During the worship hour the sermon will be on the very important concept of "Friendship Evangelism." There are multiple methods of reaching those who need the gospel, but the best of these methods all involve true friendship and lasting relationships.

After our worship hour, we will have a catered meal at the Family Life Center. Some meals may also be set up at the Benevolence Center, but more will be said about this on March 1st. We want to encourage all of our members and visitors to stay for this time of food and fellowship.

Immediately following the meal we will again assemble for an afternoon session with John. His closing talk will be "God Opens Doors."

John Dale has been here at West Erwin before and I know that many are looking forward to seeing him again. He is currently in his 36th year as the preacher for the

Glendale Road Church of Christ in Murray, KY, and has been on the radio since 1970. I'm going to feature two of his lessons on our radio program for the next two Sundays. Tune in to Our Living Hope on Sunday mornings at 7:30 on KTBB, AM 600 to hear these messages.

We are very fortunate to have John Dale as our speaker for this special day. Please arrange your schedules so you can be here for all three sessions.

Now, just a short word about this week's sermons. As we prepare our minds for the sessions on evangelism, I want us to focus Sunday morning on what it means to be transformed. In our culture, do we look more to be transformed by God, or are we more interested in transforming God?

Sunday night's lesson is one that I hope all West Erwin members will be in attendance to hear. When we consider our individual efforts for the church, are we playing not to lose or are we playing to win? There is a difference.

See you Sunday! Mike



John Dale

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A.M.: Transforming God Or Being Transformed By Him? (Rom. 12:1-2)
P.M.: Playing Not To Lose Or Playing To Win? (2 Tim. 4:6-8)
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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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It's A Jungle Out There!

You've all heard this. Tarzan was not himself. Jane was worried. She confronted him about her concerns. She said, "Something is wrong. You are not right. This is not you." He wasn't out swinging on the vines or swimming the river. Tarzan said, "Jane, you are right. The problem is this: It's a jungle out there!"

GOD refers to His people as sheep dozens of times. He could have called us eagles, or otters, or golden retrievers, but He chose to call us sheep.

Sheep don't belong in the jungle. Lions do. Tigers do. Elephants do. Gorillas do. Sheep do not. Sheep become lambchops in a short time in the jungle.

That makes Psalm 23 a very significant passage for us because through David, GOD addresses the pressures of our culture.....the jungle.

Psalm 23 is critical for sheep because it ultimately tells us how to survive in the jungle. We are in the jungle, but not of the jungle!

If you have never memorized Psalm 23 make it your goal this week to do so. Others may need to refresh your memory. Psalm 23 is what will keep you from becoming a lambchop.

Don Crawford

Singles Round Up

March 6-8, 2009

In historic Granbury, Tx

For more info contact Pam McGee

At onetexasmoon@yahoo.com

Or, call Don at the church office.

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The year known as 2009 is off to a fast start and I want to remind you of a few things before the year gets any older. West Erwin's 2009 **Vacation Bible School** will be Saturday, June 13th. I will be needing a lot of help from all of you to make this the best VBS in West Erwin's history. Many of the details are still in the works, and if you would like to have input, feel free to contact me.

Also, a bus will be provided to take kids to **Day Camp at Camp Deer Run** during the week of July 13-16. A sign-up sheet is now available at the Visitor Center, so be sure and sign your child up to ride the bus. Registration Forms are also available and should be turned in to the church office. Finally, our new **Spring Quarter** will be starting very soon. I want to extend a huge thanks to all those who have been teaching this year. If you have not taught in a while, would you consider doing so? This wonderful congregation is in constant need of people who are willing to step up to the plate and serve as teachers. God needs servants. Will you selflessly answer the call?

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,
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In Christian Love,

Rachel, Krista, and Kalli Huff

Dear Brethren,

You have been a great blessing to us for over 24 years. Your love and support during Esther's stroke has been very comforting. We solicit your continuing prayers as she continues through this recovery period, complicated by kidney disease.

We love you very much,

Ira & Esther Wilson

With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Kathy Portwood & Jeri Prestidge on the loss of their sister and aunt, **Linda Morales**, who passed away last week. Services were Sunday in Nacogdoches. | We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of **Jim Mayer**, who passed away Friday. A graveside service was Tuesday at Memorial Park Cemetery. Our love and prayers are with Priscilla and the family. | Our love and prayers are also extended to **Alejandro Echeverria** on the loss of his father, **Santiago Echeverria**, who died last week in Mexico. | Services for **Dale Willhoit**, brother of Virginia Demic, were last Sunday in Tahoka, Texas. We extend our sympathy to Virginia and the family.

ETCA Needs Your Support!

East Texas Christian Academy's Annual Dinner and Auction titled, "All Star Bids for All Star Kids," will be held Saturday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m., at the Glenwood Church of Christ Family Life Center. We are asking for donated items or services for our silent and live auction. Call 903-561-8642 for tickets and donations.

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c/o TYC- Gainesville State School
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New Address

Keith Hodges

104 Piney Loop, Marshall, TX 75672

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Italian- Bruno's

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Worship p.m.	486	388	472
Wed. p.m.	NC	324	390
Contribution	\$28,677.39	\$33,856.52	\$23,791.84
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Moments With Mike

We have had a tremendous start to 2009! We give thanks to God for all of our blessings and we also thank each of you for the marvelous work you are doing for the church.

Our numbers this past Sunday were among the best so far this year. We had the highest numbers for both worship services and the second highest for the Bible class hour. It was especially great to see 486 in attendance Sunday night. We are encouraged so much by our time together in worship, class and fellowship.

Comparing to the same timeframe in 2008, we are holding pretty close to last year's numbers for our morning worship, averaging 715 so far to last year's 718. And our Sunday evening numbers show a 31 person increase so far, averaging 439 up from 408 last year.

However, we need to encourage others to be involved more in our class times. Both Sunday and Wednesday class numbers are lagging behind this time last year. So let's see if we can encourage one another to have a more stable habit of attending all class times. Our teachers are well prepared to teach and we can all benefit from more opportunities to learn more from God's word.

Back in December the office sent each member a membership involvement form. A couple of weeks ago we

Sharing A Few Thoughts

again requested that our members hand in these forms so we can better distribute the work that needs to be done. At present, only about 350 out of 900 forms have been returned. Friends, we need to do better than this. Extra copies are at the building and can also be downloaded from our web page. Within the next couple of weeks some volunteers from the church will be making calls to remind you to complete your forms for us.

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See you Sunday! Mike



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Drama will meet beginning on Feb. 15 @ 3:00.

Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00.

Puppets will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:00.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz Practice will be this Sunday. We will go eat together and study until 2:45. Please bring money for lunch at Wendy's.

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 15	Bible Quiz Practice
Feb. 15	Small Groups Meet
Feb. 19	Connect
Feb. 22	Middle School Devotional
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Mar. 13	Serve...
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Singles Round Up

March 6-8, 2009

In historic Granbury, TX

For more info contact Pam McGee

At onetexasmoon@yahoo.com

Or call Don at the church office.

Blind Faith

We were discussing "Blind Faith" in class last week. Is there such thing as blind faith? Heb. 11:1 says, "faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Therefore, all faith is blind! There is no such thing as "sight faith." And as Christians we are to

live by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

The only thing that ever astonished Jesus was great faith. Every incident of great faith was not among the Jews who had a long history with GOD, but with Gentiles. And every time Jesus responded to great faith with great love and mercy.....every time.

GOD wants us to believe and trust HIM. HE wants us to step out with certainty based on the promises HE has given us. And HE is hurt when we do not.

Fear wants to lock us into the present and preserve the status quo. Yet, faith is seeing our unseen GOD at work and trusting HIM.

If GOD is not at work today, then we do not need faith.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

My dad often told the story of a man who entered a hospital with a strange illness. The doctors ran extensive tests, but in spite of all their efforts, the young man died. A second man was soon admitted with the same disease and died. Other reports from neighboring cities and countries poured in about the deaths related to this same disease. Soon, the plague was considered worldwide epidemic. Finally, the doctors decided to call in one respected physician to find a cure. He was flown in, ran some tests, and produced a cure within a few days. As he left, he urged them to get the medicine out to as many people as possible as quickly as they could, or else the whole world would soon perish from the plague. However, the doctors spent weeks deciding the form of the medicine: pill or liquid? Color of packaging? Over-the-counter or by prescription? Finally, they agreed on the details and left the hospital conference room, only to find the entire hospital and city filled with lifeless bodies, all victims of the plague. They alone were alive and as they walked the streets, one question echoed in their minds: "Why did we wait so long?" Church, the world needs to hear the gospel cure for sin that our Savior left for us. If we are not careful, we can spend so much time discussing the details of evangelism that we neglect our duty to evangelize. When we realize that we waited too late, that same question might very well haunt our memory one day: "Why did we wait so long?"

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Responses

Jeff Fennell responded Feb. 1, asking for prayers from the congregation for work-related issues. We are proud of the courage Jeff has shown and will continue to pray for him.

Danny Estes came forward Sunday asking for prayers and forgiveness for the choices he's made in his life, and to live a fuller life for God. We appreciate the example Danny is to us. Let's continue to keep praying for Danny and his family.

Will Soon Be Moving...

Les & Carolyn Carruth will soon be moving to Missouri to be closer to their son and family. They will truly be missed by the West Erwin congregation! Their new address will be:

1033 Durham Garden Drive, O'Fallon, MO 63368

They will be using their cell phones until they have a

home phone line installed.

Les: 903-521-4269 Carolyn: 903-316-9082

Lowrane Canada has moved to New Mexico to be closer to her daughter. She will be missed and we wish her the best!

Save the Date!

Be marking our calendars for a ladies' retreat May 1-2 at the West Erwin Family Life Center. More details to come!

Opportunity at ETCA

ETCA is seeking a certified high school science teacher for the 2009-2010 school year. Please call us at 903-561-8642 or email kbellar@etca.org.

Wednesday Night Meal for Feb. 18:
Burgers, Fries & Desserts

Wedding Table Shower

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Benitez (formerly Linda Sandoval). Linda is Israel & Martha Sandoval's daughter.

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Welcome, New Member!

Clay Kinser

2024 Shiloh Estates Rd.

Chandler, TX 75758

Clay placed membership Sunday and also asked for prayers from the congregation.

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Roy & Ruth Anne Morgan on the birth of their daughter, Molly Anne, who was born on Wednesday, February 4th at 4:58 pm.

She weighed 9 lbs and was 21 1/2 inches long. The proud big sister is Nolie.



Congratulations to Bill & Judy Wilmeth on the birth of their grandbaby Charli Ann, who was born February 6, 2009, to Walter & Kari Wilmeth. Also, congrats to aunt & uncle Anna & Will Tanksley and cousins William & Wyatt Tanksley.

Congratulations to David & Lori Blaylock on the birth of their granddaughter, Eden Nicole, who was born to Nick & Emily Blaylock.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Spencer Shaw and his 7th grade basketball team in Whitehouse on winning the district 14-4A championship last Saturday. They played Jacksonville in the championship game and won by a score of 37-36. They went undefeated for the season with a record of 16-0. Congratulations on a great season!



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Bible Class	462	472	448
Worship a.m.	721	711	690
Worship p.m.	388	452	404
Wed. p.m.	324	314	353
Contribution	\$33,856.52	\$26,802.16	\$29,790.18
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Sue Carly had neck surgery on January 29. | Charlotte Cawyer will have surgery on her hand on Feb. 9. | Ethan Craft, teen age son of Bryan and Charisse Craft (members at Shiloh) has improved quicker than the doctors expected after a severe issues with staph infection. He is still in the hospital and receiving treatment. | Richard Dickson, Howard's brother, has been released from the hospital and is at a nursing home. | Kalli Huff is now home. | Merle Lane is at Park Place for rehabilitation. | Archie Kennard will have shoulder replacement surgery on February 12 at Mother Frances Hospital. | Linda Morales, sister of Kathy Portwood, is suffering from Multiple Myeloma. Kathy has asked that everyone pray for some relief and comfort for Linda. | Esther Wilson is now home. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | Jimmie Philpot | Bettye Price | The Richardson Family | Winona Shankle **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Lowrane Canada | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Louise Harris | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith | **Family & Friends:** Bradie Cook, baby of a co-worker of Jennifer Heath | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother | Michael Marse, Joey Marse's dad | Doug Mullings, Rita Sittton's nephew | Clara Musselman, Sharon Ainsworth's mother | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | Rita York, Don Durham's neighbor **Ongoing concerns:** Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | 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 Cawyer | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Samantha Richardson
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Spencer Shaw
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
Bill & Donna Mullins

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Moments With Mike

I Can Relate To That

When you open your paper in the morning, what parts do you read first? Some will go right for the sports page. Others will read the paper in order from the front page right through to the last page. Sometimes I find myself just turning to the comics. I guess that says something about me!

I'm sure that there is humor in most of those comic strips, but I've discovered that I don't read them all each day. I only read the ones that seem to relate to me in some way.

Years ago while working in the telecommunications industry, I became a big fan of Dilbert. Scott Adams, the author of that comic strip, used to work in that same industry and his depictions of the work environment were "dead on" in many cases. We used to hang some strips around our offices. It was as if those short messages were speaking straight to us.

Another strip that lately has been "dead on" is the Zits comic. That is about a teen son, Jeremy, who has an interesting life trying to relate to and interact with his parents. Carla and I have been watching that strip for some time and often laughing out loud when we read it. Some days the storyline of the teen/parent interaction is so accurate it is scary. This past week one of our sons began reading a collection of these comics that I recently purchased. Even he laughs out loud at times.

His favorite so far was when Jeremy put a sign on his dad's bathroom mirror as a birthday message. The sign read, "Objects in the mirror are older than they appear." He gets a kick out of thinking that I am so old.

But not everyone gets the same feeling from reading

these two strips. Our experiences, age and current situations have a real impact on the messages to which we are drawn. If you've never worked in an office, Dilbert doesn't mean as much to you. If you've never had a teenager in your house, Zits may just seem out of place.

To me, the Bible has a similar appeal to us over the years. As we grow, have more experiences, and interact with more people, the parts of the Bible to which we are strongly drawn may change. I don't mean that the message changes. Rather, our application of the message to our lives changes.

Isn't it wonderful that God's word contains both the milk and the meat, both the simple and the profound? It provides us with spiritual nourishment no matter our age, experience, needs or condition.

After a funeral service one day, a relative of the deceased approached me and said, "I can really relate to that passage you used today. I didn't recall it was in the Bible." But it has been there all the time, waiting to be applied as God's answer to that man's need. Friends, your needs may change from day to day. But don't distress. God's word has a message just for your situation. You've probably read it before, but the next time you read it you'll be saying, "I can relate to that."

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

See you Sunday! Mike

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for "Our Living Hope."

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

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Thanks to all the teens who attended the Servant Retreat this past weekend. It was good to be together and it was good to be blessed. Remember... 49:6.

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REFLECTION...

God created us in His image. He is the Creator. He is also the "re-creator." David asked God to create in him a pure heart, renewed steadfast spirit and to restore the joy of His salvation. Psalm 51. Thank God for being our re-creator!

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With Sympathy

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ETCA Needs Your Support!

East Texas Christian Academy's Annual Dinner and Auction titled, "All Star Bids for All Star Kids," will be held Saturday, February 28, at 5:30 p.m., at the Glenwood Church of Christ Family Life Center. A portion of the proceeds will go toward our new athletic facility. ETCA needs your for help! We are asking for donated items or services for our silent and live auction. Get your tickets today and join the fun in celebration that "we are all in this together" for Christian education. With your help, this will be a groundbreaking event! Call 903-561-8642 for tickets and donations.

Welcome, New Member!

Lance Yarema

5105 Old Bullard Rd., Apt. 525, Tyler, TX 75703

903-262-0544

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!



Thank you for the comfort of calls, cards and prayers for the loss of my father. The West Erwin church is a group of loving and caring people.

Sharon & Sonny Hale

West Erwin Friends,

We want to thank you for the table shower you gave Wesley and Andrea. We are so appreciative of the love and gifts you gave to them. The wedding was beautiful and they look forward to beginning a life together in St. Louis.

Thank you,

Robert and Kathy Hilliard

New Address

Wesley and Andrea Hilliard

6210 Crescent Ave. Floor 1

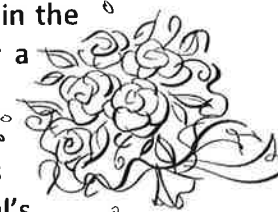
St. Louis, MO. 63139

New Phone Number

Chad Chauncey: 903-920-2447 (cell)

Wedding Table Shower

There will be a table set up in the main foyer Feb. 8 & 15 for a wedding shower for **Levi & Linda Benitez** (formerly Linda Sandoval). Linda is Israel & Martha Sandoval's daughter. Levi & Linda were married Friday, January 30. Their selections are at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



Fiddler on the Roof

Young At Heart is sponsoring a bus trip on Saturday, May 23, for a matinee at the Dallas Summer Musical. The price is \$40.00 per person. If interested, please sign the sign up sheet on the Young At Heart bulletin board in the main foyer. The bus will leave the church around 10:00 a.m. and return about 8:30 p.m. Lunch can be purchased at the DSM and we will stop for supper (dinner not included in the \$40.00).

Willing To Serve

As you know, we have recently updated our database at the church office and you were given membership involvement forms to fill out and return. Please note that the men to serve during worship times will now be selected based on information given by you on your forms. If you have not filled out a form, we do not know if you are willing to serve, or in what areas you are willing to serve, so you will not be selected. This system also applies to the other ministries that are listed on the forms. If you have not filled out a membership involvement form, you may pick one up at the Visitor Center. This effort will allow everyone who is willing to serve in some capacity an opportunity to do so, without being overlooked. We appreciate your help!

Calendars

February birthday calendars are available for you to pick up at the tables near the main entrances and at the Visitor Center. If your birthday is not on the calendar, let the church office know so we don't overlook your special day! Call us at 903-592-0809 or email office@westerwin.org.

Wednesday Night Meal for Feb. 11:
Mexican Food

"GOD, have mercy on me, a sinner."

Jesus says in this story of (Luke 18:9-14) that our attitude toward sin is reflected in our public prayers for all to see. The first man in the story was filled with self righteousness. How do we know that? Because of the way he prayed. He was more concerned about the sins of society than he was his own sins.

Today, we are incensed when a church ordains a practicing homosexual as a bishop, or a TV evangelist who has been caught in a sexually immoral situation, yet we fail to mourn over our own selfishness, our own critical spirit, our own impatience, our own anger and fits of rage. We easily let ourselves off the hook by

categorizing and comparing our little seemingly insignificant sins against the "biggies" — so we can feel better about ourselves.

The problem is this: I can't seem to find Biblical authority that establishes such categories.

NEW BOOK OUT

A new book is out! It is entitled *Is 9/11 A Call To Heal America*. It's a book about worship written by West Erwin's own Dr. Ralph W. Rowe. A copy may be ordered online at Wipf and Stock Publishers. Type in the title on search to bring it up.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

A few weeks ago, I attended the annual conference of the Christian Education Association in Colorado Springs. One of the speakers quoted a statistic that 3 of 4 of our young people will leave the church and/or lose their faith in their adult years. That statistic startled me; it may be true of other religious groups, but surely the churches of Christ did not suffer such a high dropout rate. Imagine my dismay when I learned that the statistic for the churches of Christ was not much better. While 3 of 4 evangelical children will leave their church, the ratio is 3 of 5 among churches of Christ. Think of five of our precious young people here at West Erwin—which two of those five would you like to remain faithful? Such a body count is unacceptable to me. Beginning **February 11th**, we will offer a new Men's Class in Room 112 called "**Call of Duty: Spiritual Warfare**." It's your duty to teach righteousness to your children—the call of God to all parents. In this class, we will discuss how fathers can effectively impress our convictions upon the hearts of their children. I hope that you will make the decision to be a part of it. Your child's spiritual future could depend on it.

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Updates: Johnny Anders is at Reunion Plaza Nursing and Rehabilitation, room 308. | Whit Bierschwale, 6-mo.-old son of Wacey and Courtney, who are friends of Casey and Kara Culpepper, was diagnosed with spina bifida and had surgery Monday. | Sue Carty will have neck surgery on January 29. | Charlotte Cawyer will have surgery on her hand on Feb. 9. | Bradie Cook, baby of a co-worker of Jennifer Heath, will have intestinal surgery today. | Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother, is still hospitalized. | Richard Dickson, Howard's brother, is hospitalized at Mother Frances Hospital. | Kalli Huff is at UTHC with pneumonia. | Merle Lane is at Park Place for rehabilitation. | Michael Marse, Joey Marse's dad, had to have a pacemaker implanted and will be undergoing tests. | Doug Mullings, Rita Sittion's nephew, is having tests run on his heart. | Esther Wilson is now at Health South. She still needs no visitors because of her difficulty speaking. | Irene Whaley has had problems and has been put on a ventilator at Mother Frances Hospital. | Rita York, Don Durham's neighbor, is in ICU at Mother Frances after heart surgery. **West Erwin Family:** Jimmie Philpot | Bettye Price | The Richardson Family | Winona Shankle **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell Beard | Delle Bullard | Lowrane Canada | Gwen Chandler | Milburn Cook | Warren & Gaynelle Gray | Louise Harris | Archie Kennard | Dub & Opal Mathews | Bob May | Shirley McClenny | Penny & Wade McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Liz Rogers | Judy Smith | Scott Smith, Michelle's husband | Stan Smith | **Family & Friends:** Clara Musselman, Sharon Ainsworth's mother | Jim Pierce, brother of Faye Kennard | **Ongoing concerns:** Rheba Burgess, Norma Durham's mother | 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 Cawyer | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

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Dismiss	Don Durham
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Howard Dickson

SERVING COMMUNION

Arnold Ables	Scott Albritton
Tony Adams	Greg Anding
Kalon Ainsworth	Jim Armstrong
Keaton Ainsworth	David Asbill

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Tom Cook
Scripture	Melvin Crow
Dismiss	Don Crowder

GREETERS

Ray & Carolyn Womack & Michael Ragsdale

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Moments With Mike

Every Part Does Its Share

One of the passages I read on Sunday was from Ephesians 4:11-16. In that last verse Paul uses a phrase to describe one of the conditions upon which the body (church) can and will grow. He said, "according to the effective working by which every part does its share."

Have you ever stopped to consider what "your share" of something may be? Perhaps you go in with a few others to purchase a gift for an upcoming wedding. One person makes the purchase and then divides the cost with the others. "What's my share of the price?" I think everyone wants to be sure that they provide what is expected of them.

In describing the church in 1 Corinthians 12, Paul depicts the body in human terms. Some parts are hands and eyes. Others are ears and feet. Some parts are more visible and some are less. But each part is important.

By having all parts working together effectively, and as Paul says, "doing its share," we find that real growth can occur. Growth in this sense is not necessarily numerical growth, but growing in numbers will be a natural part of the spiritual growth that we all need to have.

This past Sunday morning, Jay Bynum spoke for the elders and informed the congregation of the initial plans to move forward with plans for the church in Whitehouse. He asked for our prayers and for our support in this process. I hope that you are already including the Whitehouse plans and all who are involved with it in your prayers. You may not be in the number to

go and to work in that effort, but your share in helping may well be in your prayers and encouragement offered on its behalf.

West Erwin is and has been blessed in so many ways. But there is a tremendous amount of work that remains to be done. In order for us to effectively organize and encourage one another to accomplish so much, we need your help.

In December we began collecting membership involvement forms for a new computer system here. The office spent time and money to personally mail each member/family the forms that they needed to complete. However, only about 300 of the 900 forms mailed have been completed.

Friends, this is an important tool that we need in order to effectively plan and manage the work of the church. Our older system had become full of information that was not reliable, so the decision was made to start fresh and work only with the input you provided.

So now is an opportunity for each of our members to spend just a few minutes this week, complete and return a form and help our office and ministry team with the information we need. Extra copies will be in the foyer and in the adult classrooms this Sunday and can also be found online at the church web page. Please take just a few minutes and let's get this simple task behind us.

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LTC

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"If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

You probably already recognized the above statement was made by Jesus himself in John 8 as he addressed the mob of religious elites who had brought an adulterous woman to him. Jesus saw their gritted teeth. He saw them pointing fingers at her. He saw how blind they were to their own sins. He saw how acceptable many of their own sins had become. He saw how they were so preoccupied with tracking down some of the "major" sinners of society that they had lost sight of the need to deal with their own sins which they had refined in their own hearts.

Much of the preaching today is about a gospel for unbelievers. Yet, the gospel is good news to all of us, not only for our salvation, but also good news for the ongoing activity of sin in our lives as Christians. We still need the gospel every day. When unkind words can roll off our tongues without any awareness of wrongdoing, we have become too comfortable in our sins. When we harbor ill feelings over wrongs long past without any effort to forgive as GOD has forgiven us, we have become too accepting of our unChrist like behavior. When we can look down our noses at "sinners" in society without any sense of our own sins they have become too respectable. Can this be tolerated in the kingdom?
Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The first month of the New Year is about to pass into history! I want to take this moment to remind you of a few things as we enter the month of February. 1.) We will have a VBS planning meeting on February 8th at 4:15 pm in the Small Auditorium. If you would like to have a say in our VBS planning or would like to help coordinate it, please plan to attend. Let's work diligently together to

make this the best VBS in the history of West Erwin! 2.) The next few months will bring changes to our Children's Worship format on Sunday Morning. Our children's safety is very important and new security measures will soon be in place; we prayerfully seek your support and patience as we do this. 3.) The new Spring Quarter will begin March 1st and if you are interested in teaching during that quarter, please let me know. We are always in need of new volunteers! 4.) We are looking for a volunteer to run a PowerPoint presentation on Thursday, February 12th for Young at Heart in the Family Life Center. If you would be interested in helping in this regard, please contact me at the church office.

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

We rejoice with
Veronica Gonzalez
and **Alondra Vargas**,
who were both
baptized Sunday.

Veronica's address is
403 E. Rosedale, Tyler, TX 75702. Alondra's address
is 508 E. Granville St, Tyler, TX 75702 and home
phone is 903-539-1334.

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Willing To Serve

As you know, we have recently updated our database at the church office and you were given membership involvement forms to fill out and return. Please note that the men to serve during worship times will now be selected based on information given by you on your forms. If you have not filled out a form, we do not know if you are willing to serve, or in what areas you are willing to serve, so you will not be selected. This system also applies to the other ministries that are listed on the forms. If you have not filled out a membership involvement form, you may pick one up at the Visitor Center. This effort will allow everyone who is willing to serve in some capacity an opportunity to do so, without being overlooked. We appreciate your help!

Pure Gold Area Wide

Glenwood Church of Christ's Pure Gold invites our Young At Heart group to their Area Wide Patriotic Tater Night. It will be held at the Glenwood Family Life Center on February 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. There will be a patriotic program and entertainment will feature the Clearly Vocal singing group. It's a baked tater night with all the trimmings and Old Glory dessert. Please RSVP by Monday, February 9 at 903-509-9494. **Please note that Pure Gold's Area Wide was scheduled on the same night as our usual Young At Heart meeting. We will still be having our covered dish supper at the West Erwin Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. on this date.*



New Phone Numbers

Israel Sandoval: 903-525-9229 (hm)
903-343-3586 (cell)

Thank You

A nice man delivered a beautiful flower arrangement to our home today. It was from a loving church congregation in Tyler- West Erwin Church of Christ. We are so appreciative of this lovely plant and we want to thank you for your love and concern for us at the death of Louis McRuiz.

Henry & Becky McRuiz

Dear Church family,

You have been so kind and loving since my precious 20-year-old grandson, Sean Patrick McCune, was killed in Iraq on 1-11-09. The cards and the calls have been a great comfort. Please continue to pray for his dad, Larry, and his sister, Amber. We want to thank you all, as well as Mike and the elders.

In Christian Love,
Carolyn McCune



Chloe Ainsworth
PO Box 11465
(915 E. Market Ave.)
Searcy, AR 72149

Fiddler on the Roof

Young At Heart is sponsoring a bus trip on Saturday, May 23, for a matinee at the Dallas Summer Musical. The price is \$40.00 per person. If interested, please sign the sign up sheet on the Young At Heart bulletin board in the main foyer. The bus will leave the church around 10:00 a.m. and return about 8:30 p.m. Lunch can be purchased at the DSM and we will stop for supper (dinner not included in the \$40.00).

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Bar-B-Que

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Bible Class	410	455	494
Worship a.m.	692	722	754
Worship p.m.	423	452	390
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 Tony Adams Greg Anding
 Kalon Ainsworth Jim Armstrong
 Keaton Ainsworth David Asbill
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Chad Chauncey
 Scripture Will Christian
 Dismiss Brody Clark

GREETERS
 David & Ginny Wicks & Tanner Philpot
 Bill & Barbara White & Mallori Philpot
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Moments With Mike

Why People Leave Churches

A study in 2006 (LifeWay Research) showed why many people no longer are involved with a church. Some respondents gave multiple reasons. Here are the top reasons given:

- ◆ 19% Simply got too busy to attend
 - ◆ 17% Family/home responsibilities prevented church attendance
 - ◆ 17% Moved too far away
 - ◆ 17% Church members seemed hypocritical
 - ◆ 17% Church members were judgmental of others
 - ◆ 15% Cited work situation
 - ◆ 14% Church was not helping me to develop spiritually
 - ◆ 14% Stopped believing in organized religion
 - ◆ 12% Got divorced/separated
 - ◆ 12% The church was run by a clique that discouraged involvement.
- Of those who left church:
- ◆ 16% Said that no one contacted them after they left
 - ◆ 16% Said no one seemed to care that they left
 - ◆ 14% Said the church was not helping them to develop spiritually.

That survey also stated that 80% of those who left church did not have a strong belief in God. This suggests that more should be done to teach those who come into the church. The Great Commission says to 1) make disciples, 2) baptize them, and 3) continue to teach them all that Jesus commanded.

I found the following point particularly interesting. Only 6% of those who stop attending will return to their former church. Others will consider the same kind of church, but a different location. Once a member becomes discouraged, detached and disenchanted, the task of bringing them back becomes even greater. Time is of the essence.

God Allows U-Turns
2 Pet. 3:9

Purpose: To see how it is not too late to turn back to God.

See you Sunday! Mike

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BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be on Monday, Jan. 26 @ 7:00 in the West Erwin Family Life Center. We will be finished at 7:45. Please arrive by 6:45. The text is John 6-9. Study sheets are ready if you missed Sunday.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us Sunday night for the high school devotional in the Family Life Center. We will be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend to join us! Bring \$3 for supper.

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Favorite Verses

I have a new favorite Bible verse! It's interesting how this changes for me from time to time. I'm also thinking this happens to every follower of Christ as they study and meditate on the Scriptures. But from time to time I have a "favorite" Bible verse...perhaps because it speaks to me so clearly at that particular time in my life.

My new favorite comes from Paul's writing in 1 Corinthians 1, beginning in verse 27. He says, "GOD chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised

things and the things that are not to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him."

These words explain so much of what we read throughout the Bible. I now understand why GOD chose Gideon and his 300, David and his sling, Mary and a barn in Bethlehem, Simon Peter and other fishermen, Mary Martha and Lazarus, and a cross to reconcile the world. I now believe GOD can use me as well - all I have to do is make myself available.

Have a great week and let me know what your new favorite verse is.

Don Crawford

START FINISH

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WHITWORTH

I remember the first "big boy" book I ever read. When I was seven, my mom purchased a copy of Howard Pyle's *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*. I think I read the book in a matter of hours. Since then I have been an avid reader of all types of books, though now my time is mostly spent with religious books. Reading is an important part of Christian growth. The Bible should be our first resource,

but there is a wealth of Christian literature available to us that can expand our horizons, challenge our thinking, and mature our trust in God. Most churches have a library where they make available to its members books on a variety of biblical and spiritual topics. West Erwin is blessed to have an excellent volunteer in our library. David Demic has done a remarkable job for many years and I want to thank him for his work. I also want to encourage you to visit our library, check out a book that interests you, and immerse yourself in it. Whether it discusses the cultural background of the Old Testament, provides commentary on Romans, or gives practical advice for marriage and family issues, it is sure to be a blessing. May God's face shine upon you and give you peace!

Welcome, New Members

Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Nayati (age 2)
3117 Faith Lane, Tyler, TX 75701
903-530-3495

Scott Cayle
2626 Caldwell, Tyler, TX 75702
903-593-1292

Anthony Wingate & Zachery (age 14) &
Shelbie (age 3)
709 Oak Street, Bullard, TX 75757
903-521-0350

We welcome you to the West Erwin Family!

Commentaries Available

Exodus Commentaries are available at the Visitor Center. They are \$28.00.

New Phone Numbers

Chris Reynolds: 903-574-0634. **Lara Reynolds:** 903-574-0635. The Reynolds' home phone number is no longer being used.

Moved Away

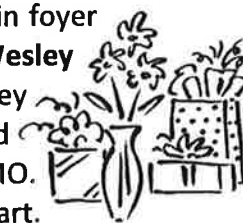
Bob & Rebecca Center have moved to San Saba with their daughter, Rosemary Cox. Their new address is: 360 CR 205, San Saba, TX 76877. Rebecca has a fractured pelvis and is currently in Eventide Nursing home at 1405 W. Storey room 4A in San Saba for therapy. They will both be missed!

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Judy Yates on the death of her father, Johnny Mount. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Wedding Shower

There is a table set up in the main foyer for a wedding table shower for **Wesley Hilliard & Andrea King**. Wesley and Andrea plan to be married January 28, 2009, in St. Louis, MO. Selections are at Target & Wal-Mart.



Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 28:
Italian - Bruno's

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, hospital visits and those that came during our son's, (Shane) surgery to pray with us. Shane appreciated and was so impressed by the love and support that was shown by the West Erwin congregation to him and his family during that time.

Don & Norma Durham

Thanks for all your prayers. I have a hole in the back of my left eye; how far it will go, I do not know, but the lenses are helping. It is working well with the right eye. God is great and He will guide me.

Nell Beard

Thank you for the calls, cards, food and prayers during Cliff's recent surgery. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Thelma Nolley

Dear Church Family,

I wanted you to know that my surgery went well and I am doing fine. I expect the follow up treatment to go well too. But mainly I wanted to thank you for your warm outpouring of love and support during my time of anxiety. The prayers, cards, hugs and words of encouragement made me feel so safe.

With Love,

Gwen Chandler

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We Will Make It Right

In the business world customer service can make or break a company. A business with friendly and helpful employees will create repeat business and loyal customers. No matter how great the quality of the product or service offered, if the support is not there, many customers will not return.

A couple of years ago I purchased two identical storage cabinets to place in a bathroom. Both boxes had been previously opened and re-taped indicating that they were perhaps returned from a previous purchase. When I finally made the time to assemble them, I discovered that several parts were missing.

As I searched through the instructions I found a response card from the company. At the top of one page it read, "If anything's wrong, WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT!"

Once I read this line, I had assurance that this company would make good on their promise. I wrote down a list of the missing parts and later phoned their toll free number.

My call was answered promptly by a very pleasant customer service representative who took my information, apologized for the shortage and assured me that the items would be shipped out promptly. She did not attempt to pass the blame to the retailer nor to me as a customer. All she was focused on doing was making right what was wrong.

I have an idea that all of the necessary parts were in those boxes when they left that factory. They likely were lost

when the product was first sold and then returned. It wasn't the company's fault that the product wasn't all there. But that didn't matter. "If anything's wrong, WE'LL MAKE IT RIGHT!"

Spiritually speaking, there may be many things that are wrong from time to time. But with God we can make it right!

God made us in His image, but we soon learn to sin and find ourselves dead in our sin. But God can make it right by making us alive again through His Son! (Col. 2:13)

We sometimes fail in our Christian walk and fall short. But God can make it right by forgiving those sins of which we repent and confess. (1 John 1:9)

The company that showed good customer service on their product wasn't concerned with who was to blame. They wanted to focus on making things right.

In a similar fashion we need to understand that we are a product of God, made in His image. He didn't make us sin or do wrong, but we reflect poorly on Him when we sin. He is always concerned with making us right again.

God is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9)

Friends, in the best way imaginable, God is saying, if anything is wrong, He will make it right! Trust and obey God now.

See you Sunday! Mike

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The theme for this year is from the book of John, "Light, Life & Word." Chorus will meet this Sunday at 4:15 in the Small Auditorium.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be on Monday, Jan. 26 @ 7:00. We will have a practice session on Sunday Jan. 18. We will meet for lunch and study until 2:30. Please bring money for lunch. The text is John 6-9. Study sheets will be ready for pick up Sunday.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 18	Bible Quiz Practice
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

SUMMER DATES

June 14-20	BackCountry Trek
July 2-11	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 24-29	Mexico Mission Trip

response

Response for Prayers

David Asbill responded Sunday morning asking for prayers from the congregation for strength and forgiveness. What an example David is to us. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank You

Tuesday Lunch Bunch,
Thank you very much for including us in your Tuesday lunch deliveries. The food is always wonderful and we have enjoyed all the meals.

Dr. & Mary Ruth Cox

Dear Elders & Deacons,

Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia delivered by Wayne. I have enjoyed its bright red and green all through the holidays. It reminds me again of the love and thoughtfulness of the West Erwin congregation.

In Him,

Jeanine Hughes

My dearest brothers and sisters at West Erwin,
Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers during my recent surgery and recuperation time. Your love and concern for me is appreciated more than tongue can tell. God bless you all.

In His service,

Caddie Niles

Wedding Shower

We will be having a wedding table shower for Wesley Hilliard & Andrea King on January 18, 2009. Wesley is the son of Robert and Kathy Hilliard and he is the grandson of Rob and Carmen Hilliard and Winnie Bell.



The table will be set up in the foyer on January 18. Wesley and Andrea plan to be married January 28, 2009, in St. Louis, MO. Selections are at Target & Wal-Mart.

Planning of Ladies' Retreat

Anyone wishing to help plan a ladies' retreat, please meet at the front of the small auditorium at 4:15 p.m. on Sunday, January 25. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to help, please call Gail Vannoy at 903-574-5550 or email gailvannoy@hotmail.com.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Carolyn McCune on the loss of her grandson, Sean Patrick McCune, who was in the army and killed Sunday in Iraq. Services are pending. Our love and prayers are with the McCune family. | Services for A.V. Gray, the father of Sharon Hale, were Wednesday in Greenville. | Chad Chauncey has asked for prayers for the family of Benny Dimsdle, who passed away last Thursday. | Services for E.J. Ray, brother of Ed Moore, were Monday at Caudle-Rutledge in Lindale. Our love and prayers are extended to these families.

Bible Class Teacher Workshop

Ladies are invited to a workshop for Bible class teachers on Saturday, February 7, from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at Emory Church of Christ. You will learn how to prepare yourself to teach, teach like Jesus taught, choose songs and illustrations that really work and conduct your class effectively. Please RSVP by January 30 at 903-473-2530. Lunch will be provided and the workshop is for ladies only.

2009 Texas State Lectureship

The 2009 Texas State Lectureship will be January 25-29, at North Teneha Church of Christ. Workshops include building a strong outreach ministry, building a spiritual church, spiritual and physical health, Christian counseling in crisis, building the home, and building relationships: elders, ministers & members. You will hear powerful preaching and singing and enjoy great fellowship. Please visit the website at www.texasstatelectureship.com.

Your attitude should be the same as that of
Christ Jesus:
Who, being in very nature
GOD...
made himself nothing...
and became obedient to
death-
even death on a cross!
Philippians 2:5

BIG THANK YOU

A great big thank you to all who donated blood in our last blood drive. West Erwin gave a total of 20 units of product. The Carter Blood Care representative was very pleased and said our blood drive really did make a difference.

For those who participated you can view your donation history, find your blood type, or monitor changes in your cholesterol by going to their website: www.carterbloodcare.org. Again, thank you all for making it a success.

Blood

Leviticus 17:14 says, "the life of every creature is its blood." Therefore, the Law required blood to be treated in a holy manor. Hebrews 9 describes the Old Testament worship and the role the blood of sacrifices carried. Hebrews 9 also (:13) reminds us that the blood of bulls and goats was very limited. It is the blood of Christ that cleanses our conscience from the acts that lead to death. For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant. And once again — the life of every Christian is the blood — Christ's blood. His blood is a holy thing. Be sure to thank Him for such a gift.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

Our Children's Ministry Workshop with Eric Brunson last weekend was a huge success! If you were unable to attend for whatever reason, you missed a fantastic opportunity to learn about and be motivated to work with kids. A special word of thanks is extended to all those who prepared food for Friday night, stuck around to clean up afterward, or anything else to contribute to the effort.

A few housekeeping details: The Wednesday Night Men's and Women's classes swapped rooms at the last minute a week ago. I apologize for any confusion or inconvenience, but the new locations will best suit both classes. In case you haven't gotten the word yet, Joy Rousseau is teaching a great Women's Class on Prophecy in Room 403 (next-door to the office complex) and the Men's Class is now meeting in Room 112 at the rear of the small auditorium. We are winding down our study in the Men's Class and will begin a new study on February 11th. The study will discuss how fathers can best instill our New Testament convictions in the hearts of their children. Finally, I want to say another big thanks to all of you who serve at West Erwin. You make a difference! Smile!

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 21:
Burgers, Fries & Desserts

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Records	Sunday- Jan. 4	Sunday- Dec. 28	Year Ago
Bible Class	465	423	389
Worship a.m.	720	711	651
Worship p.m.	430	364	345
Wed. p.m.	NC	NC	NC
Contribution	\$32,109.82	\$66,488.45	\$24,451.38
Weekly Budget	\$26,060.00		

Updates: Cecil Crawford, Don Crawford's mother, has been hospitalized with renal failure and is in very serious condition. | Zack Fore, friend of Keaton Ainsworth, Haylee Wilson & Caitlin Cook, is showing signs of improvement but is still in a coma at ETMC after a car accident. | Charlotte Hopkins had surgery on her wrist. | Frances McBee had day surgery Thursday at Mother Frances. | Ruth Meazell is now home. | Tatum Roberts, grandson of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer, is doing much better and appears to be past the critical part of his illness. | Stan Smith is now homebound. | Irene Whaley is out the hospital in California and will be making her way home on Jan. 9. | Hollis Wright, father of Glenda Mills, is in Mother Frances, room 428. **West Erwin Family:** Johnny Anders | 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:** J.R. Barker, friend of Johnny & Jo Anders | Bob Garris, friend of Stefan Andrews | 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 | 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 | | Jim Smith, Michelle Smith's father-in-law

MINISTERS			
Don Crawford - Involvement	Danny Snell - Youth	Mike Baker - Full-time Minister	
Michael Whitworth, Education Minister	Israel Sandoval, Hispanic Minister		
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	John Baker	Armondo Alaniz	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Don Durham	Dr. Aaron DuVall	
Ron Lott	Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.	(Sept through May)
Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Christian Service Center 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809

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SERVING SUNDAY
10:00 A.M. ASSEMBLY
 Call to worship Don Crawford
 Prayer Dennis Stansbury
 Scripture Shaun Stamps
 Dismiss Leon Welborn
 Presiding At The Lord's Table John Thompson

SERVING COMMUNION
 Charles Westerfeld Jeremy Wilson
 Bill White Randall Wilson
 Dale White Fred Wingate
 David Wicks Ponder Wright, Jr.

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer J.R. Tharpe
 Scripture Jonathan Stone
 Dismiss Bill Smith

GREETERS
 Jack & Johnnie Stringer & Mollie Mink
 James & Connie Sublette & Chase Mink
 Billy & Lynda Terrell
 Visitor Center: Chad & Amber Chauncey
 Don & Mary Jo Crowder

Pick up cards for January 4: Caleb DuPree, Jack Clark, Connor Clark, Jake Skender, Zack Skender

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

Children's Worship: Nursery a.m.: Connie Sublette | Nursery p.m.: Linda Westerfeld | Toddlers a.m.: Camille & Mollie Mink | Toddlers p.m.: Julie & Cameron Ables | 2's a.m.: Roy & Ruth Anne Morgan | 3's & 4's a.m.: Tim & Patti Grounds

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Moments With Mike

2009 Theme: Where To? A Destination For Wherever You Are

I hope that 2009 has started well for everyone. It seems to be off to a great start at West Erwin. Last Sunday we began the year with very healthy numbers on attendance and contribution. More importantly, I'm prayerful that everyone is drawing closer to God and to one another this year.

As a part of Sunday's sermon, I introduced the theme for 2009. **Where To? A Destination For Wherever You Are.** This theme was selected by our staff and I think this will be a very good theme for us this year.

Each month we will have a sub-theme that will help us to focus our thoughts on more specific aspects of our theme. In addition to these sub-themes, we will also be having a devotional guide for each month. This guide will be inserted in the Sunday program on the first Sunday of each month. These will contain 4 devotionals, one for each week of the month. It is our hope that you will use these as individual or family devotionals throughout the year.

Here are the sub-themes for 2009.

Where To?

- January: To Submission
- February: To Reflection
- March: To Repentance

- April: To Confession
- May: To Self-Control
- June: To Satisfaction
- July: To Commitment
- August: To Integrity
- September: To Perspective
- October: To Peace
- November: To Compassion
- December: To Celebration

One of the great things about a new year is that we get a fresh start. Many people make resolutions, or promises, of what they will start doing or what they will stop doing during this year. Unfortunately many people will be unable to hold to these yearlong promises.

Thankfully, with God we need not wait until a new year arrives in order to gain a fresh start. So, friends, please take advantage of this great blessing and resolve to be right with God every day. And if you should find yourself apart from God tomorrow, seek Him out once again and know that He will forgive and help you back on the right track.

Remember your ultimate destination of heaven!
 See you Sunday! Mike

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

Sermons for January 11, 2009 by Mike Baker
 A.M.: This Is The Day The Lord Has Made (Psalm 118:24)
 P.M.: Walking In The Light (1 John 1:5-10)
 Tune in to KTBB AM 600 Sundays from 7:30-8:00 a.m.
 for "Our Living Hope."

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. A special thanks to Matt Hamm for taking my place on the grill! Many of you have taken the Karing Kitchen on as your ministry. You are making a difference in many lives in a way that we sometimes take for granted. May God Bless you for your service.

HIGH SCHOOL SERVANT RETREAT

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the middle school are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night in the Family Life Center. Bring \$3 for supper and invite a friend to join us. We will be finished at 8:30.

BIBLE QUIZ

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A Special Request

Jim and Val Allender have been close friends of mine for a number of years. GOD has been working mightily through them in their jail ministry in Paducah, Kentucky. The special request comes from them.

One of their newest converts named Aimee is having a very difficult time. She was baptized into Christ in the last group the jail would allow to be baptized. Satan has been working overtime in destroying what has been taking place there. Aimee has no history of any kind of family life. She was homeless when she was arrested. Most likely she will be in the county jail until sometime in February. Needless to say, jail is

not the most encouraging place for a new Christian. Jim and Val say she responded so well to the study of Scriptures and that her desire to change and live her new life has been nothing short of miraculous. However, at the present time she is in her deepest struggle and needs our prayers. Not only our prayers, but a note from you telling her you are praying for her and encouraging her to hold fast to her new life.

Here's the request: 1. Pray for her. 2. Send her an email via Jim and Val at their address and they will see to it that she gets it. The address is: hammer0122@comcast.net.

I told Jim you are a praying church. Thank you for all that you do to help this young lady in her time of need.

By Don Crawford

START FINISH

MICHAEL
WHITWORTH

The weary road warrior has returned home! Thanks to all of you who followed my trail as I went out West over the holidays! I had a fantastic time amongst God's creation and returned with a multitude of memories. I always look forward to these trips, not just for the vacation they provide, but because they give me one more opportunity to get out and observe the witness to His eternal power and divine nature.

I want to make a last-minute plea to encourage all of you that can to attend our **Children's Ministry Workshop** this weekend. **Eric Brunson** will be with us and will do a dynamic, fabulous job motivating us in our work with kids. Friday night we will meet in the Family Life Center at 6:30 pm for a potluck supper. If you plan to come, please bring a covered dish, and be prepared to be motivated! On Saturday, we will begin at 9 am. In the two morning sessions, Eric will talk about learning styles in kids and teaching techniques that are effective. Lunch from Jason's Deli will be provided. This workshop is for anyone who works with kids here at West Erwin, whether as a teacher, assistant, children's worship coordinator, etc. Even if you aspire in the future to one of these roles, this workshop is for you. We are in perpetual need of more volunteers to carry on God's work here at West Erwin. Hope to see you Friday night!

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Thank You

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Johnny and I sincerely thank you for the interest and help shown during the loss of our sister, Celia Parker, and his accident. It was wonderful to see Jerry and Pat at the ER when we arrived and so many who came by before and after the surgery and later those who stayed with Johnny during our absence on Sunday during the funeral. Also, our many thanks to the lunch bunch who have sent us delicious food each Tuesday all of this year. The lovely Christmas cards and other personal notes, food, visits and phone calls have warmed our hearts during Johnny's lengthy illness. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

Christian love,

Johnny and Jo Anders

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food and phone calls. My hip surgery was not successful, so I will know in five weeks what to do. It's so great to have a church family that is so loving and caring. Keep me in your prayers.

My Love & Thanks to all of you,

Bobbie May

West Erwin Church,

Thank you for all the cards, calls and visits for the loss of Gaylan's mother. It is such a comfort to have a church family. We are so blessed.

In Him,

The Seagler Family

To the West Erwin Church,

Thank you so much for the prayers you sent up on my behalf, and for your visits to me in the hospital. I appreciate the love you have shown to me and my family.

Love in Christ,

Linda Foreman

(Shelly Mullins' mother & Les Carruth's sister)

Dear West Erwin Family,

Thank you for everything you have done for us since my knee surgery and Jim's recent tests. The prayers, cards, visits, food, etc. have all been greatly appreciated. Jim has had what we hope to be his last test and we are looking forward to those results soon. Being a part of such a loving church family is a real blessing. Thank you so much.

In Christian Love,

Jim & Priscilla Mayer

You are invited to a baby shower honoring

Ruth Anne Morgan

January 11

3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Family Life Center

Selections are at Target & Babies R Us.

It's a girl!

Can You Help?

J.R. Tharpe needs a song leader for Sunday afternoon services at Rosewood Nursing Home. Please contact him at 903-849-2626.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Wade McDonald on the loss of his uncle, **Clarence Jezek**, who passed away on Christmas Eve in Temple, Texas. Our love and prayers are with the McDonald family.

Change of Address

Mike & Carla Baker's new address is: 5704 Bostick Dr. Tyler, TX 75707.

New Phone Numbers

Ray Vannoy: 903-574-1313

Gail Vannoy: 903-574-5550

Please note that the Vannoy's home phone number is no longer a working number.

William Parr: 903-372-7157

There's Still Time!

Don't forget about the Children's Ministry Workshop this weekend, Jan. 9-10, with Eric Brunson. Friday night will start at 6:30 p.m. Bring a covered dish for a pot luck supper. Lunch on Saturday will be catered by Jason's Deli. You can still RSVP at mwhitworth@westerwin.org or by calling the office at 903-592-0809.

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 14:

Mexican Food

