

December 29, 2011 <i>From The Heart of Tyler</i> Vol. 42 – No. 50			
Records	Sun.-Dec.25	Sun.-Dec.18	Year Ago
Bible Class	NC	459	323
Worship a.m.	582	686	700
Worship p.m.	NC	364	279
Wed. p.m.	218	288	251
Contribution	\$20,917.36	\$28,965.45	\$29,752.62
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized:ETMC: Thelma Nolley | Thomas Smith, Room 2237, toe amputation | **Scott & White: James Adams**, brother of Marlene Latham | **VA Hospital: Thomas Park | Updates:Gene Chandler** is now home. | **Alan Fisher** had day surgery on his shoulder. | **Lisa Jones**, niece of Donna Maples, is now home. | **Sondra Ramsour** is now home after surgery. | **Belinda Starkey**, daughter of Charleen Clayton, is home after surgery. | **West Erwin Family:Roy Bench** | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Pat Lewis | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Paul Montandon | Wade Park | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Glynn Starnes | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan

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 Mike & Dorothy Watts & Chase Mink
 J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe & Justin Parrish
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 Visitor Center: James & Connie Sublette
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PICK UP CARDS 1/1-1/8: Caleb DuPree, Toby Marse,
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Memorial Stones

Like many of you, Tiersa and I did some travelling over the holidays. It's really one stop shopping for us since most all of our family lives in the Metroplex. We drove in on Thursday and had dinner with some close friends. We spent the day relaxing on Friday and then made the rounds on Saturday. Tiersa's parent's house on Saturday morning. My parent's on Saturday afternoon. Tiersa's grandmother and then my grandmother's on Saturday evening (I'm tired just thinking about it). Tiersa and I drove back to Tyler Saturday night while the kiddos stayed with my parents. But after worship on Sunday morning we made our way back to the Metroplex, for one more day of family togetherness. Monday evening we had coffee with friends and then made our trek home once again (but if you listen closely there are angels singing because – at the time of this writing – the kids are still with grandparents!).

The Christian life is a journey. We travel. We journey through life. And along the journey we bear witness to and testify to the God we serve.

As Israel crosses into the Promised Land (Joshua 4) God instructs for twelve stones to be taken from the Jordan riverbed and constructed into a monument. These memorial stones were to serve as a reminder. So that in generations to come when their children and children's children and children's children's children asked what the stones represented – they served as a reminder of the journey of God's people and the way in which God had blessed His people along the journey, staying true to His promises and true to His Word, as they crossed into the Land of Promise.

As we live life we each have our own memorial stones. Moments in time we can point to and share the goodness of the Lord and the ways in which our God has blessed us, challenged us, forgiven us, and shaped us. Moments along the journey where the promises and Word of God have rung true. Moments that provide opportunity to share the majesty and love of our Father.

I would advocate we also create memorial stones in the lives of one another.... Aren't there those who have strengthened you and encouraged you along your journey of faith? Certainly there are! And isn't that the way God has designed His church? That we would serve as reminders to one another of the wonder of the God we serve?

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

THOUGHTS FOR A NEW YEAR...

I've always looked at the "new year" as an opportune time to either start something new or maybe even to start something over... kind of a do-over. Probably most of us need a few do-overs! Thankfully, my God is a forgiving, patient & graceful God who allows do-overs and just wants us to move forward! Paul said in Phil. 3:13-14, "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead..." As we look ahead, consider the following quote from one of my favorite books.

"Go back?" he thought. "No good at all! Go sideways? Impossible! Go forward? Only thing to do! On we go!" So up he got, and trotted along with his little sword held in front of him and one hand feeling the wall, and his heart all of a patter and a pitter.

J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Hobbit*

As we prepare for this new year, lets look ahead at the adventure God has laid before us!

THANKS

Thanks to all the teens who participated in our service project this past Sunday to do Christmas for a family in need. Y'all did great!

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, Mike & Kristi Harris, Kenna Kempton, Garrett Smith, Danielle Rousseau & Lisa Snell for going to Holiday in the Park as sponsors. We had a great time.

COMBINED DEVO

All middle & High School teens are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished @ 8:30.

LTC

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WINTERFEST

High School students: Plan to go with us to Winterfest, Jan. 20-22. Cost is \$50. If you missed the sign up this past week, late registration is \$60 but we must have you on the list by Sunday, Jan. 1. This has been a wonderful weekend that our group has been a part of the last 2 years. Make plans to attend with us.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Jan. 1 | Combined Devo |
| Jan. 8 | High School Devo |
| Jan. 9 | Karing Kitchen |
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The Gospel According to Matt Dillon

It's no secret that Gunsmoke is one of my favorite shows. I remember (before we had TV) listening to Gunsmoke on the radio at my granddad's house on Saturday night. And today I will hurry home to watch it at 6:05pm. Nancy has even become a fan.

Remember the beginning of every show? Marshall Dillon walks out into the street of Dodge City to face off with some "bad guy." Every week it's the same showdown. Every week he puts his life on the line

as he honors and upholds the law. Every week Matt Dillon wins.

I think about the fact that every day we have a showdown with the devil. We step out into the streets of life to come face to face with the "bad guy." I made a covenant with GOD. I am under the law of Christ. Will I honor and respect that law? The law of Christ is to believe in the name of Jesus and to love one another (1 John 3:23).

This showdown takes place inside each of us.....every day. Every Day! Will I risk my own life by loving others more than myself? When the Spirit prompts me to trust the promises of Jesus, will I take my stand even when I seem to be all alone?

Escritos de Israel

METANOEO (Arrepentimiento) Lc. 13:3,5.

En artículos pasados, he venido tratando con asuntos que le ayudan al hombre para acercarse al creador, y en esta ocasión estaremos hablando de uno mas y quizás el mas difícil de practicar, ya que requiere de humildad para aceptarlo. Se trata del arrepentimiento. *Arrepentimiento significa: cambiar la mente y el propósito, en el NT. Involucra siempre un cambio a mejorar, o enmendar algo que se hizo incorrecto.* Las acciones malas del hombre en contra de Dios, son reprendidas para que el hombre cambie su mente y propósito (Hech. 8:18-23). Simón necesitaba hacer un cambio en su mente y corazón para que su comunión con Dios se restaurara, de lo contrario estaría distante.

También la actitud de los Judíos con respecto a Cristo, los llevó a poner barrera entre ellos y Dios y pedro les exhorta a que cambien de mente y que enmienden su error (Hech. 2:36-38). En el tiempo actual el mensaje de Dios es el mismo de exhortación para toda persona que ha errado el rumbo de la vida y que se encuentra en enemistad con Dios (Stg. 4:4). La solución apropiada para el mundo es el arrepentimiento, para que puedan gozar de la promesa eterna (Hech.3:19). La urgencia para que el hombre cambie su mente y propósito de la vida es, que muy pronto viene un día en el cual Dios juzgara al mundo entero pagándole conforme a sus obras, por ello la importancia del arrepentimiento del hombre para no sufrir el castigo del juicio (Hech.17:30-31), si tu has pecado, recuerda el remedio "Metanoeo".

Thank You

To the West Erwin Church, What a blessing you all have been during John's recent illness and hospitalization! Your visits, prayers, calls and cards have been so encouraging & appreciated.

John & Virginia Pike

Thank you for the cards, prayers and words of kindness for me and my family after my sister's death. The flowers that were sent were beautiful & appreciated. Sincerely,

Mary Lee

The children of Nadine Ingram (Nancy, Sue & Lee) are so appreciative of your floral remembrance. Mother loved flowers so much. You were very thoughtful.

Nancy Keiser

Prayer Requests

Con Sweet works with our Prison Ministry and requests prayers for inmates Donni Regis & Valentina Flakes. He also asks that you continue to remember the incarcerated in your prayers as they deal with many struggles & issues. Thanks to **Con & Gaylan Seagler** for serving in this ministry!



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Let's celebrate with a special day!
Please join us for a baby shower in honor of

Cayti Hart

Saturday, January 7
2:00-4:00 p.m.
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14079 W. Peninsula
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Registered at Babies R Us & Target

New Baby



Congratulations to Michael & Rebekah Carnathan on the birth of their new baby girl, **Mikah Ann Carnathan**. She was born 12-28-11 at 10:18 a.m. and was 8 lbs. 12 oz. & 21 inches long. The proud big brothers are Davis & Reed.

Welcome, New Members!

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

John B. Portwood

10483 FM Rd 344 E
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Julie & Steve Faraimo

Nick (19) & Alexa (17)

18234 FM 850

Arp, TX 75750

510-331-2469 | juliefaraimo@live.com

Adela Mendez

12182 Hwy 64 # 147

Tyler, TX 75704

Adela was baptized December 11!

Laney Hearon was baptized Sunday night, December 18. She is in the 5th grade and her address is 16671 FM 2964, Whitehouse, 75791.

New Hours

Beginning January 1, the Benevolent Center will be open the following times:
Clothing: Tuesday & Thursday 8:30-10:30a
Food: Wednesday 8:30-10:30a & 6:30p



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SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Chris Ables
Scripture	Bill White
Dismiss	Phil Marts
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Davy Carter

SERVING COMMUNION

Terry Tindel	Marcus Turner	Ray Vannoy
Buddy Townsend	Randy Turner	Mark Waggoner
Mike Watts		Greg Walker

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Bud Cawyer
Scripture	Tony Adams
Dismiss	Scott Baker

GREETERS

Walker & Rhonda Weathers & Austin Millican
 Leon & Carolyn Welborn & Joanna Moody
 Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Stephen Moore
 Visitor Center: Dale & Dot White
 Louise Seabery

PICK UP CARDS 12/18: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Clay Mitcham

SOUND BOOTH for 12/18: Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Nursery a.m.: Donella Jackson
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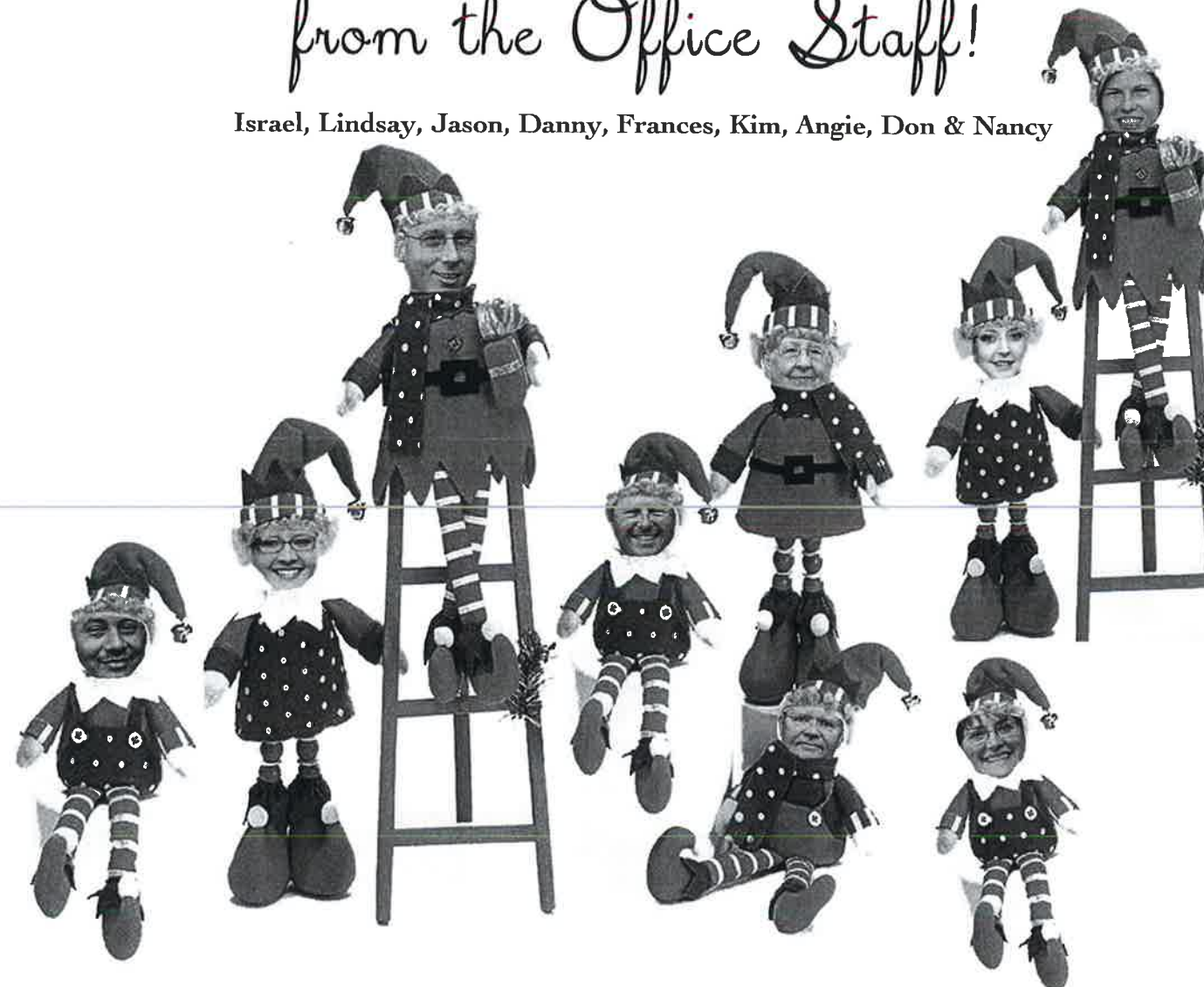
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Merry Christmas from the Office Staff!

Israel, Lindsay, Jason, Danny, Frances, Kim, Angie, Don & Nancy



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LTC SIGN-UP

We had a great turnout this past Sunday for our LTC Sign-Up. If you missed that meeting, there is still time to sign up. There are a few changes this year in regard to signing up. One change that you should be aware of is that each family is required to turn in the Pink Housing Request Form before any hotel reservations will be made. You may download forms from the church website: www.westerwin.com.

Please note these dates and deadlines. If you have questions, let me know.

- Dec. 18 Deadline for Student Registration
- Jan. 29 Deadline for Housing Request
- Feb. 1 \$100 Deposit due per family
- Mar. 2 Pre-Conventions Entries Due
- Mar. 25 Final Meeting
- Apr. 1 City Wide Worship & Choruses
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CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

Our youth group has taken on a family to help with Christmas gifts this year. Please bring your donation this Sunday morning. We are planning to go to lunch together after church and then go buy the gifts and wrap them.

SIX FLAGS HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We plan to leave at 10:00 that Monday morning and return around 11:30pm. We are planning to go to the Parks Mall in Arlington for lunch and a couple of hours of shopping time until Six Flags opens @ 4:00. We will leave Six Flags about 9:30. If you have any changes for the list, please make sure we have that by Sunday so we can make sure we have transportation covered.

WINTERFEST

High School students: Plan to go with us to Winterfest, Jan. 20-22. Cost is \$50. If you missed the sign up this past week, late registration is \$60 but we must have you on the list by Sunday, Jan. 1. This has been a wonderful weekend our group has been a part of the last 2 years. Make plans to attend with us.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 18 Deadline for LTC Sign-Up
- Dec. 19 Lunch & Shop-Christmas Project
- Dec. 19 Six Flags-Holiday In The Park
- Jan. 9 Karing Kitchen
- Jan. 20-22 Winterfest
- Jan. 29 LTC Housing Request Deadline
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West Erwin's Holiday Schedule

- Dec. 23 & 26 – **Office Closed - No Bulletin** for the week of the 23rd
- Dec. 25 – **SCHEDULE:** No Bible Classes / Worship at 10:00 am / No Evening Service
- Dec. 28- **All Bible Classes in Main Auditorium** except for infant & toddler nurseries
- Jan. 1 – **SCHEDULE:** No Bible Classes / Worship at 10:00am / Evening Service @ 5:00pm
- Jan. 2 – **Office Closed**

Contact the office at 903-592-0809 or office@westerwin.org for more info!

Escritos de Israel

NESECITAS CREER EN DIOS PARA QUE TE PUEDAS ACERCAR A EL. (RO. 10:17)

La palabra de Dios nos dice que es imposible que el hombre pueda agradar a Dios (Heb. 11:6), al menos que crea en El y sepa que Dios es el que da el galardón. La fe también nos instruye la palabra y nos dice que es certeza y convicción (Heb. 11:1). Pero para que cada uno de nosotros creamos de esta manera en Dios, necesitamos conocer mas de el. Y a Dios lo podemos conocer de dos maneras: **primero**. Dios se ha manifestado por medio de lo creado (Ro. 1:19-20), las cosas que Dios creo sean visibles o invisibles nos presentan a Dios como creador (Sal. 8:3). **La segunda forma** de conocer a Dios es a través de su palabra, la biblia nos dice que el era, es y será (Jn. 1:1; Heb. 13:8). Entonces nuestra fe tiene comienzo en este conocimiento acerca de Dios.

Por lo tanto esta fe en Dios debe mover al hombre a buscarle y obedecerle (a Dios), si nuestra fe no es tan fuerte como para movernos a hacer lo que Dios nos manda, entonces es una fe muerta (Stg. 2:17), este tipo de fe también la describe la biblia como la fe de los demonios (Stg. 2:19). La fe de la cual se agrada Dios es una fe que nos mueve a hacer lo que el nos manda hacer (Mr. 16:15-16). Por lo general todos creemos en Dios, pero no hacemos lo que Dios dice, no vivimos como hijos de Dios, sin embargo la fe verdadera es una fe que se confiesa (Hech. 8:36-38). ¿Qué tipo de fe tienes? La que se profesa con los labios o la que se manifiesta por la obediencia. Dios te bendiga... los veo el domingo.

Special Contribution

God is good! The Elders would like to thank you for your generosity in your giving this past Sunday. We have paid off our building note and are now debt free! Your outpouring of love for this congregation & for the Lord is a great blessing to all.

Mission News

The three schools operated by the Biblical Institute of Central America (BICA) recently had their 2011 graduation ceremonies. A total of 52 students graduated. There were 18 in Guatemala, 20 in Nicaragua and 14 in Honduras. All of these will be full time self supporting evangelists. Each has conducted over 700 individual Bible studies and participated in numerous campaigns and church planting efforts while in school for the last two years. They will continue to teach the Gospel to their own people. Of the 52, 8 were from El Salvador and 8 were Mayan Indians from the mountains of Guatemala. George Hall expressed his sincere gratitude to West Erwin for the support we provide to the schools as well as for the assistance with his personal support.

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December 18: **Rebekah Carnathan**

It's a Girl! Selections at Babies R Us
Please place your labeled gift on the table in the foyer to be picked up.

Directory Info

The final proofing has been completed and the directory has been sent to print! We will let you know once they are finished and where you can pick yours up.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Cody & Cayla Ables on the birth of their new baby girl, **Brynn Elyse Ables**. She was born 12-12-11 at 2:11 p.m. She was 6 lbs. 13 oz. and 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Gary & Julie Ables and the proud great grandparents are Arnold & Agnes Ables.

Thank You

Dear church family, Our hearts have been deeply touched by all the flowers, cards visits and especially the food that has been brought to us. We will be forever grateful. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving, caring family. With all our love to each one of you.

Kay & Tommy Parrish

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Johnny & I miss seeing you. He was able to go to church Sunday evening for the first time in several weeks. Thank you for praying for him/us. Thank you for the lovely poinsettia! To the dear people who prepare meals and deliver them each Tuesday: we are very grateful. Just any little lift when one is a long term caregiver makes our day brighter. Thanks also for the cards and calls we receive now and then. Johnny enjoys visits either late morning or afternoons. Just give a short call and we will get ready for you. Love & blessings!

Johnny & Jo Anders

New Address

Roger & Glenda Howell
12447 SH 64W | Tyler, TX 75704

With Sympathy

Services for **Bobby Snider**, father of Lori Blaylock & Julie Fisher were last week. | Services for **Nadine Ingram**, sister of Mary Lee, were Thursday in Jacksonville. Our love & prayers are with these families.

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Light in Darkness

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light 'day,' and the darkness He called 'night.' And there was evening, and there was morning – the first day" (Genesis 1:1-5).

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From the beginning of time. From Creation. From the word "go" (literally). Light is separated from darkness. They are opposed to one another. Where one is present the other is not.

The Apostle John proclaims, "God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5b). Christ boldly declares, "I AM the Light of the World" (John 8:12). And in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus calls us to be spiritual light in a spiritually dark world: "You are the light of the world!" (Matthew 5:14).

We are called to be light. Light in a world of darkness. Why is it that we so often toy with darkness? What is it that we too often concede and rationalize and justify any relationship with spiritual darkness? With that which is spiritually opposed to the God we serve?

The Apostle Paul writing of the spiritual tempo of our lives asks, "What fellowship does light have with darkness?" (2 Corinthians 6:14b). Light and darkness are enemies. The presence of one defies the presence of the other. How is that we can so easily walk out of spiritual light and into darkness? Is our faith so shallow?

In Ephesians 2:8 he asserts, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." He doesn't even say, "We were once in darkness, but rather we were darkness." Outside of God. Outside of His light. But in Christ Jesus, our reality has radically changed.

Colossians 1:13 declares, "He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of the Son He loves."

John affirms our calling in Christ and challenges that if we "claim to have fellowship with God and yet walk (live) in darkness we lie and do not live by (in) the truth" (1 John 1:6).

The call is just that. To accept and live into the calling that we have in this life in Christ Jesus to be light in a spiritually dark world. A city on a hill that cannot be hidden (Matthew 5:14). A lamp on a stand that gives light to all (Matthew 5:15).

Where there is light, darkness scatters. In our lives and in the lives of those we influence to the glory of the God we serve.

Glory to God!

Jason

"The Church With Heart"

YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

LTC SIGN-UP

We had a great turnout this past Sunday for our LTC Sign-Up. If you missed that meeting, there is still time to sign up. There are a few changes this year in regard to signing up. One change that you should be aware of is that each family is required to turn in the Pink Housing Request Form before any hotel reservations will be made. Please note these dates and deadlines. If you have questions, let me know.

- Dec. 18 Deadline for Registration
- Jan. 29 Deadline for Housing Request
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Special Contribution

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Thank You!

The office has received several thank you notes from the ladies of our congregation who received poinsettias and who were invited to the Ladies' Luncheon. They all express their gratitude for remembering them at this time of year!

Welcome, New Members!



Curtis & Leslie Martine

Tucker(3) & Carter(1)

116 Amanda Ct.,

Whitehouse, 7579

Curtis: curmart@yahoo.com

Leslie: moneyp8484@yahoo.com

Leslie's Cell: 903-258-3312

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Healing Hearts Meeting

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Holiday Banquet



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Lost & Found

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Alice Thompson who lost her nephew, **Ira Guy Brown**, on November 25. **Ray Steel**, brother-in-law of Rita Sitton & uncle to Carolyn Blackstone, passed away December 4. Services for **Linda Wilson**, sister-in-law of Ira Wilson, were this week. Our love & prayers are with these families.

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Bible Class	446	446	395
Worship a.m.	695	662	640
Worship p.m.	371	342	330
Wed. p.m.	NC	332	316
Contribution	\$22,796.56	\$35,306.41	\$30,888.35
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized:ETMC: Thelma Nolley, Room 3355 | Hospice in Shreveport: Linda Wilson, sister-in-law of Ira Wilson | Mother Frances Hospital: Kay Parrish | Health South: John Pike | Updates: Ruby Cliver is home with a fractured shoulder after a fall Sunday. Her arm will be in a sling for three weeks. | Leslie Coker, her third foot surgery on 12/8. | Basel Cox, brother of Virginia Pike, is taking radiation for tongue cancer. | Jim Cox, brother of Donna Mullins and son of Jim and Mary Ruth Cox, is in Mayo Hospital after having his leg amputated. | Sara Laminack, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan, had successful surgery to remove a tumor from her colon. They are waiting on the pathology report and the baby she is carrying is doing well. | Michael Murphy, husband of Becky Howard Murphy, will have surgery 12/2. | Ira Wilson will have shoulder surgery Dec. 8. | West Erwin Family: Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Cathy Hallman | Clay Kirby | Pat Lewis | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Glynn Starnes | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler, daughter of Wanda Cook | Daniel Duncan, brother of Betty Holt | Genaro Guerrero, friend of Carolyn McCune | Rickey Morris (cancer), cousin of Scott Albritton | Charles Smart, son of Barbara | Katie Wagner (bone cancer), of a friend of Jeanine Hughes' granddaughter

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Cathy Stowers

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Fostering Community

When Tiersa and I were in High School I'd walk her to class whenever I could. If only for a few steps we would walk together in the same direction and talk just for a few seconds. I seem to remember a time or two that I was sent to the principal's office for having been late too often because I lingered too long at the door of Tiersa's class and failed to make it through the door of my next class before the bell. OK, maybe it was more than a time or two....

There were also those times when there was no way to walk together. No time to talk. We were going in opposite directions. And so we'd pass notes. Any way to communicate and to stay connected during the day.

In many ways we are the most connected generation to date. Some would argue with that statement. But the means for communication are more abundant today than they have ever been in generations past. Nothing takes the place of face-to-face communication. But think of all the means by which we communicate. Telephones. Cell phones. Email. Snail mail. iPhones. iPads. iPods. iCecream (just wanted to see if you were paying attention). You can text, tweet, and blog, and if you're really good you can do all three, simultaneously. For the longest time I said that I wasn't going to get on Facebook until it was no longer in vogue. But eventually I started drinking the Kool-Aid. When it comes to means of communication, we are the most connected generation to date.

However in spite of mass communication and technological advancements in the ease of staying connected, many today still have no close friends. No one to whom they are near. Acquaintances? Sure. But no real friends. In a sea of humanity of nearly 7 billion many feel hopelessly adrift and alone.

Depression thrives in an environment of isolation. So does Satan.

God exists in community. Father, Son, and Spirit. We are created in the image of God. Spiritually. We are spiritual beings. As well, we are created to exist in community. With God. And with one another. A great part of why God has given us to one another as His church is that we commune with Him and with one another. We share life.

We are in need of recapturing the communal nature of faith (not Communion with a big "C" but rather communion – although too often we lose the communal nature of Communion as we come to the table).

As Christians I believe the answer is two fold:

- First, we seek out closeness with God and closeness with one another. We pursue closeness with God and His church. It must be our priority.
- And second, we seek out those who are struggling. Those who are disconnected from God and/or other believers. Those who are lonely. Those who are adrift. And we pursue avenues in which we might foster community (with God and His church) in their life.

Glory to God!

Jason

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Welcome, New Members!

Arlene Thomas

2713 S Broadway # 105, Tyler, TX 75701

Jonathan & Wynn Admire

George (18 months), **Tex** (1 month)

510 VZCR 4919, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754
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Charlotte Hopkins

To the West Erwin church,
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Clinton & Louise Culpepper

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REEVES' RHETORIC **Less Complication. More Jesus.**

I tend to make things more difficult than they need to be. I over-analyze. I over-think. I over-concern. I am too often more critical of myself than I ought to be. In some ways this way of thinking has served me well. In many, many ways, not so much.... Maybe you can relate?

To others the reverse perhaps is more the norm. Many are overly critical of others. The glass is always half-empty. Negativity reigns supreme. Aren't there some whom when you see them coming you cringe when you realize they're walking your direction? And now you're suddenly on a collision course with gloom and doom. You brace yourself because you immediately realize you're about to receive a beating that no one deserves. And not even necessarily because they're going to beat up on you, but because you know that whatever the conversation is, it's going to be negative. Aren't there some Christians you'd swear were baptized in lemon juice (and who watch way too much CNN)?

"Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt..." (Colossians 4:6).

Faith is not complicated. We make it much more complicated than it was ever intended to be. Too often we get in the way. The simplicity and beauty of the message we've received in Christ and its call to fidelity is central. The Gospel ought to bring calm. It ought to restore peace. It ought to grant clarity. It ought to. It's designed to. But does it? For you?

"Now, church, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.... ...this is what we preach, and this is what you believed" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 11b).

In faith we open our hearts to God. And we allow Him to be God. We trust Him. We share with Him. We live life near Him. And because of covenant and because He is God we breathe a sigh of relief. Because He is in control. And in Him we are a part of that which is so much greater than ourselves.

In faith we share with other believers. We are a part of one another in Jesus. We engage in, and share in, life. We ought to at least. Our relationships with believers in Christ should be our closest. And when we struggle in our relationships as His children, we work through them. We allow nothing to disrupt our connection to Him and to each other, because we belong to a magnificent Father and to one another in Jesus.

In faith we allow the message to be revealed through our priorities. Our thoughts. Our convictions. Our beliefs. Our conversations. Our relationships. It's the way it was designed to be. It's the way things ought to be. Less complication. More Jesus.

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

OUT TO EAT

All of those in the middle & high school group and their families are invited to join us on Sunday night, Nov. 27 at Ken's Pizza.

ZEW RETREAT

Mark your calendar for the ZEW Retreat, Nov. 18-20. Cost is \$35. Meet at 5:00 Friday at the church and we will return in time for church Sunday.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will be hosting the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. This is our annual Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey & dressing and all the fixins. We will have a large crowd that night and need your help! We serve at 6:00 and will start working by 4:00. Plan to come!

LTC SIGN-UP

Sunday, Dec. 4 is our LTC sign-up night. We will meet in the FLC right after church to go over details and begin the sign up process. All 3-12th graders and their families are invited to come that night and help us get it kicked off!

SIX FLAGS HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

Mark your calendar for our trip to Six Flags on Monday, Dec. 19. Tickets are \$22.50 if you sign up and pay by Dec. 4. After that date, tickets will be \$28. More details as we get closer.

WINTERFEST

High School students: Plan to go with us to Winterfest, Jan. 20-22. Cost is \$50. Sign up by Nov. 30. This has been a wonderful weekend our group has been a part of the last 2 years. Make plans to attend with us.

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Retracing Our Steps

In Jeremiah 31 GOD is telling Israel that He has loved them with an everlasting love and that He was going to build them up again. They have been in exile in Babylon for decades, but GOD told them that He would rebuild them and they would once again take up tambourines and dance with joy.

In verse 21 GOD tells them to "Set up road signs; put up guideposts. Take note of the highway, the road that you take"..... and return to your

towns. The idea is to mark the path as you leave where you are so that you will not return to that same place.

What a great thing to do. If you find yourself in a hole spiritually; if you feel as if you have been exiled from GOD; if you feel as though you and GOD are on completely different paths and you want it to be like it used to be, then return to where it was good. And mark the way; set up road signs; put up guideposts; take note of the highway.....the road that took you so far away. Mark them so you will not easily return to that place again. It's all about righting the wrongs in our lives. It's all about being at peace with the Creator.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Sunday A.M. Winter Adult Bible Classes

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

Discipleship & the Commands of Jesus

Young Professionals | The Annex | Eric

Mosley/Walker Waggonner

Holy Vocabulary

Couples for Christ | Room 114 | Ray Vannoy

Ordinary Stories

Adventurers | The Annex | Danny Snell

God's Steadfast Love for His Stubborn People

Searchers | Small Auditorium | Stan Mallory

In the Beginning...Lessons from Genesis

Inquirers | Room 403 | Don Crawford

Acts

Discoverers | Room 112 | TBD

Revelation

Conquerors | Heritage Room | Ralph

Henderson

Genesis: A New Testament Perspective

Explorers | Auditorium | Forest McFadden

David's Quest for Restoration of Life: A Study of Psalm 51

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Christian Home

Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class | Room 403

Fern Bench (10:00 a.m.)

Wednesday Night Winter Adult Bible Classes

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

A Chronological Open Bible Study

Ladies' Class | 403 | Shelly Sustaire

(Will run Jan.-Feb.)

Men's Class | 112 | Jim Boyd

How We Got the Bible

Singing Class | Heritage Room | Larry Murphey

Adult Class | Small Auditorium | Jason Reeves

Conversations in Prayer

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Gospel of John

Meals Needed

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Office Thanksgiving Schedule

The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will be closed all day November 24 & 25. We will not be publishing a bulletin Thanksgiving week.

Healing Hearts Meeting



West Erwin's Card ministry, Healing Hearts, will be meeting Thursday, December 1. Contact Melanie Murry if you would like more information regarding this ministry.

Bible Class Thanksgiving Schedule

On Wednesday, November 23, ALL children & adults will meet in the main auditorium. The baby & toddler nurseries will be available. Also, there will not be a Wednesday night meal that night.

New Books in the Adult Library

We have some new books in the Adult Library! Come check out Colt McCoy's autobiography *Growing up Colt*. Also available for those interested in parenting, *Plan A Mom in a Plan B World*. A new Bible Study is in titled *King Solomon: The Temptations of Money, Sex and Power*. Look for these books on the New Books shelf.

Sermons Online

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Lost & Found

Our lost & found cabinet in the main foyer is filling up! Please check it periodically to see if any items are yours.



Mark your calendars for December 11 for an all-church dinner after evening services at the Family Life Center! More info to come!

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen this Monday night, November 21. Be there by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help serve our community!

New Address

Sheri Gruver & Wyatt

1201 Pinkerton Dr., Tyler, TX 75701

Thank You

Thank you very much for your prayers, visits, cards & calls during my weeklong stay at Mother Frances Hospital. My CHF will require continuing rehab.

George F. Daugherty

Sympathy

Services for **Mary Gaiser** were Thursday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt. Our love, prayers and deepest sympathy are with the family.

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Bible Class	466	406	395
Worship a.m.	669	591	640
Worship p.m.	407	NC	330
Wed. p.m.	315	372	316
Contribution	\$25,976.64	\$23,877.33	\$30,888.35
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Children's Medical Center:
Kalli Huff | **ETMC: Mattie Hawkins**, mother of Kim Jordan |
Hospice in Shreveport: Linda Wilson, sister-in-law of Ira Wilson
| **Health South: Kay & Tommy Parrish**, room 137, scheduled to go home Friday. | **Updates: Sylvia Caskey**, Melissa Frick's aunt, has cancer and is in a lot of pain. Pray specifically for her pain relief. | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan and niece of Charles & Phyllis Rachui, has colon cancer and is also expecting a baby. | **Pat Lewis** had day surgery Wednesday. | **Brad Lewis**, son of Beau & Pat, is having foot surgery 11/15. | **Sarah Ferguson**, friend of the Sublettes in Houston, has a cancerous tumor. | **Katie Wagner**, of a friend of Jeanine Hughes' granddaughter, has & bone cancer & has started chemo. **West Erwin Family:** Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anifa Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Daniel Duncan**, brother of Betty Holt | **Scott Gray**, nephew of Fran Starnes | **Lynn Hulse**, nephew of Ruth Moore

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Justin Parrish Bob Paul Jimmie Philpot
Wendell Potter Tom Ramsour

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
Prayer Dennis Stansbury
Scripture Kevin Sustaire
Dismiss Con Sweet

GREETERS
Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot & Trey Jackson
Wendell Potter & Tailor Jackson
Charles & Phyllis Rachui
Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike
Joe & Connie Roach

PICK UP CARDS 11/13-20: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Keaton Conder

SOUND BOOTH for 11/13: Terry Frick & Mark Frick

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Choices

Joshua boldly declares to the people of God, "If serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).

Elijah goes before the people of Israel assembled at Mt. Carmel and asks, "How long will you waver between two opinions?" (1 Kings 18:21).

We make choices every day. We have the God-given ability to choose. We choose to either hit the snooze button or wake up. We choose to wear green or blue. We choose our route to work (or allow traffic to make the decision for us). We choose where we have lunch. To have a fifth cup of coffee. Paper or plastic. *To be or not to be* (ok, maybe I'm getting a little too philosophical)... but you get the idea. We choose. We make choices all the time.

Some daily choices are pretty minor. They don't impact the grand scheme of life greatly at all. Other decisions are earthshattering. Will I choose to love my spouse today? Will I be patient with my children? Am I going to be faithful to God? These are major daily decisions. To love others. To be kind to others. To be faithful to God. Major decisions that somehow, too often, get lost.

God chooses. He chooses to love. He chooses to forgive. He chooses to be near. His nature and being are such that "light" and "love" define Him (1 John 1:5, 4:8). He is constant. He is unwavering. And He chooses.

God grants us the ability to choose. To choose Him. To choose faith. To choose faithfulness. But He does not fail to empower us to choose the way He desires.

The design of the Gospel of Christ reveals the choices of God. He could have redeemed mankind any way He desired. He is God. He is sovereign. But He chooses the cross and resurrection of Jesus. The Gospel teaches us not only of a Savior who willfully came to earth and emptied Himself and gave His physical life for our spiritual lives, but also enables us to see the choices of a wonderful God who chooses. And who chooses us.

God gives us His Son and His Spirit and His Word and His church. Why? So that we may choose. And so that we may choose Him.

What if these were the three choices we intentionally made every day....

- 1) I am going to be faithful to God.
- 2) I am going to love others.
- 3) I am going to be a viable part of the Kingdom.

What if these were the choices you made every day?

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Area Wide Dodgeball night this past Sunday. We had over 150 folks from 8 East Texas churches together that night! It was a great evening!

HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITY

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Details in class Sunday morning.

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Community Help Needed

The American Cancer Society has contacted the church seeking transportation help for cancer patients to and from their medical treatments and appointments. If you are interested in helping or want more information call 903-597-1383. This could be a great way to minister to people in their time of need.

Doctrine That Sets Us Apart

"Blessed are the merciful for they will be

shown mercy" (Mt 5:7). Later in this same sermon Jesus says, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the same measure you use, it will be measured to you" (7:1-2). Again "Give and it will be given to you" (Lk 6:38).

When will we wake up to GOD'S way of life? What we dish out will be dished out to us. It's all founded in loving one another. Jesus also said it's love that sets us apart from the world. If you want to be loved, then love. If you want respect, then respect others. If you want help, then help others. It's not hard to live GOD'S way.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Ecclesiastes 6: Priority check

I read somewhere that the average American works 46 hours a week, with a significant number of people working over 50 hours a week. I probably don't have to convince anyone that life is getting more, and not less, complicated. We Americans even work hard at playing. School sports are demanding enough, but many children are involved in leagues beyond school. It's a rare thing for most families to just be "doing nothing." And what does this all get us? Frankly, I don't have the feeling that people are happier and more satisfied in their lives. To me, this lifestyle has a lot in common with running on a treadmill: lots of activity that isn't really taking us anywhere. Could it be that all of our busyness is an attempt to fill emptiness in our souls? There has to be more to life than work and weekends. There has to be a greater purpose than buying a bigger house or seeing that our kids get sports scholarships at good schools. Jesus said it this way: "What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36 This passage reminds us to check our priorities with this in mind.

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Healing Hearts Meetings

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New Address Info:

Melinda Robertson

2525 Shiloh Rd. # 406, Tyler, TX 75703

Thank You

We can never say "thank you" too many times so I wanted to take an opportunity to thank you again to the men and boys from your congregation for the work they did for our children's home! Your labor and donation of supplies and materials was such a kind gesture. Remember that you have brothers and sisters in Quinlan and you are welcome any time!

Kelvin Brown

Arms of Hope

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Reacting to Thunder

by Kevin Hahn, Lake Houston Church of Christ

Growing up, I knew a lot of kids who were scared of thunder. When I had kids of my own, I decided I was going to try something—whenever it thundered, I put a big smile on my face and said, "Wow! Did you hear that thunder? Wasn't that incredible?"

I found that the kids reacted to my response more than they reacted to the thunder itself, and it wasn't long before they would say with smiles of their own, "Dad! Did you hear that thunder?"

I think we underestimate how much people are affected, not by circumstances, but by our reaction to circumstances.

How do you react to bad news? "Do not be anxious about anything, 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 your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

How do you react to those who hurt you? "Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing." (1 Pet. 3:9)

How do you react to people in need? "Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4)

Lately, people have been smiling a lot more often when it thunders. It's not because the thunder has changed, but because we're more hopeful that the thunder will be accompanied by rain.

Do you know what? Bad news is usually accompanied by growing faith, hurt is usually accompanied by growing patience, and needs are usually accompanied by growing opportunities to show brotherly love. And who couldn't use more faith, patience, and love?

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Wed. p.m.	372	NC	326
Contribution	\$23,877.33	\$25,660.55	\$26,980.26
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: **Baylor:** Kay & Lynn Hulse, niece & nephew of Ruth Moore | **Genaro Guerro**, 33-year-old friend of Carolyn McCune, heart problems | **ETMC:** **Mattie Hawkins**, mother of Kim Jordan | **Wannell Piercey**, grandmother of Rebekah Camathan, had gallbladder surgery & heart surgery | **Mother Frances Hospital:** **George Daugherty**, congestive heart failure, rm. 5507 | **Gregg Fisher** room 5530 suffered five broken ribs and a punctured lung after a horse riding accident. | **Randall Wilson** had surgery after losing part of his thumb in an accident. | **Hospice in Shreveport:** **Linda Wilson**, sister-in-law of Ira Wilson | **Health South:** **Kay & Tommy Parrish**, room 137. | **Updates:** **Sean Denman** is now home. | **Cathy Hallman** had retina surgery. | **Glynn Starnes** had foot surgery Nov. 4 at Spine & Joint. | **Katie Wagner**, of a friend of Jeanine Hughes' granddaughter, has stage 4 lung & bone cancer & has started chemo. | **West Erwin Family:** Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Scott Gray**, nephew of Fran Starnes

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 Prayer Spencer Shaw
 Scripture Shaun Stamps
 Dismiss Dannie Skipper

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 Carlos & Emma Morgan & Krista Huff
 Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Kelsi Kilgore
 Visitor Center: Joe & Frances McBee
 Bob & Barbara Paul

PICK UP CARDS 11/6: Caleb DuPree, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

SOUND BOOTH for 11/6-11/13: Terry Frick & Mark Frick

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Voice of Wisdom

Wisdom. Wisdom is not on our radar often enough. We make choices based upon our feelings. Our emotions. Our own merit. Upon how we are affected. Upon our own understanding. Certainly these are a part of the decision-making process. But what about discernment? What about wisdom?

And what about when we make poor choices? Tragic choices? Intentional choices? When we sin? When we doubt? When we lash out in anger? When we respond selfishly? Self-servingly? Worldly? Where is wisdom then?

In the book of Proverbs wisdom is often personified. And wisdom is a woman. Read into this whatever you like.... But it's extremely interesting that the voice of wisdom speaks, she constantly calls for humility. She appeals to discernment. She pleads for fidelity.

"Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech..." (Proverbs 1:20).

She goes to where the people are. There is never any doubt as to her message. There is no question as to the need for wisdom. The need for discernment. Only the question of whether or not we will listen.

Do we seek wisdom from God? From His Word? From His Spirit? From His Son? God never contradicts Himself. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8). His character, His nature, His being, His purposes, are never changing. He is constant. He is true. He is just.

Wisdom pursues His will for our lives. Wisdom requests His will. Wisdom seeks His will. Wisdom accepts His will. Wisdom is discerning of His will and does not confuse His will with our own. Wisdom acknowledges His infiniteness. And our finiteness.

The Apostle Paul when writing in regard to the ways in which God has acted upon behalf of humankind, speaks of the wisdom of God and His graciousness revealed to us in and through the Gospel of Jesus. "It is because of Him (God) that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God - that is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption" (1 Corinthians 1:30). You see as believers true wisdom is found only in Christ. Only in life lived in Christ. Only in discerning God's will for our lives and having the courage and faithfulness to pursue His will.

As Christians the voice of wisdom calls to us. She calls us to right thinking. To objectivity. To faithful living. To pursue the will of God. To where true wisdom lies. In God. And in Christ.

But the question remains: Will we listen?

Glory to God!

Jason

"The Church With Heart"

YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Fall Festival this past Sunday. We had one of the largest turnouts ever! Thanks to all the teens & others who decorated and worked the booths. A special "Thanks" to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone for taking care of feeding everybody.

AREA WIDE JR. HIGH DODGEBALL

All of those in the Middle School group are invited to the Area Wide Dodgeball night this coming Sunday at West Erwin. We will start after church Sunday night and be finished at 8:15. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes! We are expecting about 8 churches and 150 kids. Join us!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 6	Area Wide JR. High Dodgeball
Nov. 18-20	Middle School ZEW Retreat
Nov. 21	Karing Kitchen
Nov. 27	Out to Eat
Dec. 4	Combined Devo
Dec. 9	Middle School Holiday Party
Dec. 10	High School Holiday Party
Dec. 19	Six Flags-Holiday In The Park
Jan. 9	Karing Kitchen
Jan. 20-22	Winterfest
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Annual Blood Drive

Sunday, Nov 6

It's not too late! Go to the Family Life Center after morning worship

Fruit Drive for Children's Home

Thanks all who participated!

You donated 431 cans!

Adventurers Class - 118 cans

Small Auditorium - 75 cans

Foyer - 71 cans

Heritage Class - 55 cans

Seekers Class - 46 cans

Children's Classes - 35 cans

Discoverers Class - 31 cans

Without A Trace

For those of you who like a good mystery, the weekly show Without A Trace is a good one. Someone always suddenly vanishes at the beginning of the show. Detectives then begin a search to find the answers. Can a person just disappear without a trace?

Then I ran into the term "blot out" in the Scriptures. I never really understood the term "blotting out" until I spent time researching it. The Bible says that the result of repentance and turning to Christ is the blotting out of our sin. The Psalmist wrote, "Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity" (Ps 51:9).

Ink did not soak into papyrus. So they would "blot out" to remove unwanted lettering. Blotting out would erase it completely leaving no trace. We might say, "Please GOD, don't look at my sins; delete all of them!" To which HE does through repentance and turning to HIM.

Escritos de Israel (Israel's Writings)

NESECITAS CREER EN DIOS PARA QUE TE PUEDAS ACERCAR A EL. (RO. 10:17)

La palabra de Dios nos dice que es imposible que el hombre pueda agradar a Dios (Heb. 11:6), al menos que crea en El y sepa que Dios es el que da el galardón. La fe también nos instruye la palabra y nos dice que es certeza y convicción (Heb. 11:1). Pero para que cada uno de nosotros creamos de esta manera en Dios, necesitamos conocer mas de el. Y a Dios lo podemos conocer de dos maneras: primero. Dios se ha manifestado por medio de lo creado (Ro. 1:19-20), las cosas que Dios creo sean visibles o invisibles nos presentan a Dios como creador (Sal. 8:3). La segunda forma de conocer a Dios es a través de su palabra, la biblia nos dice que el era, es y será (Jn. 1:1; Heb. 13:8). Entonces nuestra fe tiene comienzo en este conocimiento acerca de Dios.

Por lo tanto esta fe en Dios debe mover al hombre a buscarle y obedecerle (a Dios), si nuestra fe no es tan fuerte como para movernos a hacer lo que Dios nos manda, entonces es una fe muerta (Stg. 2:17), este tipo de fe también la describe la biblia como la fe de los demonios (Stg. 2:19). La fe de la cual se agrada Dios es una fe que nos mueve a hacer lo que el nos manda hacer (Mr. 16:15-16). Por lo general todos creemos en Dios, pero no hacemos lo que Dios dice, no vivimos como hijos de Dios, sin embargo la fe verdadera es una fe que se confiesa (Hech. 8:36-38). ¿Qué tipo de fe tienes? La que se profesa con los labios o la que se manifiesta por la obediencia. Dios te bendiga... los veo el domingo.



Thank You

Thank you for blessing us with your presence, cards, flowers and prayers during the loss of our mother. You are special in our hearts.

Mike McClenny & Dick McClenny

Thank you so much for the flowers, all the prayers, cards & words of sympathy during my sister's illness. It meant so much to our family.

Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson

Ladies Day in Winnsboro

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Thanks to our Youth Group!

Thank you to all the kids in the youth group and their parents who participated in the Fall Festival! It was a fun evening for everyone and it is because of those of you who helped! Great job!

West Erwin Blood Drive

Our annual Blood Drive will be Sunday, November 6 at the Family Life Center. Even if you did not sign up, you may still participate! Just head over to the FLC after services to set up a time to give.

Sermons Online

If you have Internet access and would like to hear the a.m. & p.m. sermons from each Sunday, visit our website at www.westerwin.com and click on 'Resources & Sermons.'

Lost & Found

Our lost & found cabinet in the main foyer is filling up! Please check it periodically to see if any items are yours.

Thank You from WEPS!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the West Erwin Playschool Cookie Dough Fundraiser. It was a huge success! Your cookies will be delivered to the Playschool Tuesday, November 8th. You may pick them up during school hours or call for arrangements to pick them up at a different time or place. Contact Angie at 903-312-7020.



Directory Update

We are currently proofing the final information in the new directories. As soon as we have finalized the proof reading, we will send the files to be printed. Thank you all for helping us proof read your information!

October 27, 2011	From The Heart of Tyler Vol. 42 – No. 43		
Records	Sun.-Oct. 23	Sun.- Oct. 16	Year Ago
Bible Class	422	468	364
Worship a.m.	640	701	626
Worship p.m.	333	400	384
Wed. p.m.	NC	367	323
Contribution	\$25,660.55	\$34,948.93	\$40,472.03
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Baylor: Kay & Lynn Hulse, Hulse, niece & nephew of Ruth Moore | **Genaro Guerro,** 33-year-old friend of Carolyn McCune, heart problems | **ETMC: Mattie Hawkins,** mother of Kim Jordan | **Mother Frances Hospital: Sean Denman** is in Mother Frances with salmonella in the blood. | **Tommy Parrish,** heart surgery | **Randall Wilson** had an accident on Monday & had surgery after losing part of his thumb. | **Clairmont: Dolores Anding,** mother of Greg, has moved to Clairmont from Louisiana | **Updates: Douglas Calvin,** grandson of Cathy Stowers, is having eating problems. | **Daniel Duncan,** brother of Betty Holt, has been diagnosed with throat cancer. | **Greg Groom** is now home. | **Cathy Hallman** had retina surgery. | **Charlotte Hopkins** is now home. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Clay Kirby** is now home. | **Kay Parrish** is now home. | **West Erwin Family:** Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler,** daughter of Wanda Cook | **Scott Gray,** nephew of Fran Starnes | **Lynn Hulse,** nephew of Ruth Moore

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 Scripture Tom Ramsour
 Dismiss Bill Mullins
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Frank Setzler

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 Jim McDonald Jerry Mitchell
 Tommy McJunkins Paul Montandon
 Stuart Means Roy Morgan

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Marc Philpot
 Scripture Jimmie Philpot
 Dismiss Gaylan Seagler

GREETERS

Stan & Ernestine Mallory & Ryan Haws
 Phil & Linda Marts & Emilee Hearon
 Lee & Camille Mink & Taylor Holly
 Visitor Center: Donna & Melvin Maples
 Joey & Mindy Marse

PICK UP CARDS 10/30 & 11/6: Caleb DuPree, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

SOUND BOOTH for 10/30: Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Nursery a.m.: Trish Stancill | Nursery p.m.: Kathie Thompson | Toddlers a.m.: Lynda Terrell | Toddlers p.m.: Marisa Suggs | Children's Worship: Morgans

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Kingdom of God

"Are You Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom Brother" was a song that we sang in church often when I was growing up. Like most kids (and not a few adults) my brothers and I were at times bored with church. So we had to create ways to entertain ourselves. The only problem was that our mother and Granny Cranshaw sat in between us to separate us and keep us from getting into trouble. Therefore we had to be subtle. And so when Bill Mercer would lead "Are You Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom Brother" my brothers and I would smile as we sang. And no one knew why but us. Because what we actually sang was, "Are You Sowing the Seed of the King Dumb-Brother?" I can't sing that song today or even type about it now without smiling....

We sing about the Kingdom. We speak of the Kingdom of Heaven. We use Kingdom language. We hear of the Kingdom of God, "Father your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). "My question is: What do we mean? What is the Kingdom of God?"

My belief and my assertion here is that our view of the Kingdom of God (and what we mean by "Kingdom") has a significant, direct impact upon our view of the Christian faith, and upon the way in which we see God at work within humanity and within us.

A man comes to Jesus and says, "Tell me, greatest command... what is it?" Jesus says, "Are you ready? Here it is, plain and simple: Love God." "And I know you only asked me for the greatest, but the second is so similar I'll go ahead and let you in on it too: Love others." And what's crazy is as this religious leader (who's top ten list of greatest commands of God, Jesus had just blown to bits) acknowledges the validity and profundity of what Christ has shared with him (love God and love others), he replies with, "You are correct in saying 'love God and love others.'" And I'm like, "Well duh, of course He's right, He's Jesus!" But as Jesus peers into the man's heart, and internalizes the sincerity and profound reality that all of the sudden this guy really gets it! – Jesus affirms with a smile (I picture Him with a smile), "Oh dear friend, you are not far from the Kingdom of God" (Mark 12:28-34).

The New Testament Greek word for Kingdom is βασιλεια (bas-il-ay-ee-a). Βασιλεια is the reign of God. It is the rule of God. The Kingdom, rightly understood, is the reign and rule of God. His spiritual reign and rule. Just as we understand the concept of a physical kingdom in a Richard the Lionheart sort of way (that which is under the reign or rule of one physically), the Kingdom of God is the spiritual reign of God. Where? How? It is the reign, the rule of God, in the hearts and lives of those who have submitted their whole selves to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and who belong to (are subjects of) the Almighty God who is enthroned above.

Kingdom of God: the spiritual reign and rule of God in the hearts and lives of those who live under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Offentimes we leave the concept of Kingdom at salvation. And yet what Scripture calls us to is much more....

Glory to God!
 Jason

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Bible School 9:00 A.M.	Ladies Bible Class 10:00 A.M.
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Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.
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YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all the guys who went with us to Boles Home Sunday afternoon for a day of serving. We had a great time serving with David & Tammy Asbill and the crew of Boles Home. Thanks to the following guys who went: Jim Boyd, Mark & Cody Frick, Matthew Kimball, Adan Martinez, Jonathan Stone, Jaime Aragon, Jacob Reeves, Tom Cook, Brayden Kempton & Alfonso Ortiz. (James 1:26-27)

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We will host again on Nov. 21. This will be our annual Thanksgiving Dinner. We always have a large turnout and we need lots of help that night. Plan to come!

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Children's Fall Festival will be Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6:15-8:00 in the FLC. Our youth group sponsors this event for the younger kids. If you missed the booth sign up, we still have plenty of spots for you to help. We will set up on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9:30-11:30. All booth workers need to be here @

4:00 on Sunday to make sure your booth is ready and to make final preparations.

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Sunday, Nov 6

Sign up this week!

Fruit Drive for Children's Home
ends Sunday, Oct 30

RELIABLE

"Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one." (Mt 5:37)

These words from Jesus tell us to live in truth at all times for it is impossible to live in truth and also live in lies. Our total honesty is a reflection of how much we believe and trust Jesus. Therefore, if you profess to be a follower of Christ and yet caught in lies frequently your faith in Jesus is seen as for what it really is.....a lie. Reliability is a must. See 2 Tim 2:2.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Searching for answers to the big questions of life

1 The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem: 2 "Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." 3 What do people gain from all their labors at which they toil under the sun? Ecclesiastes 1:1-3

The Greek word "Ecclesiastes" is generally translated "the Preacher" or "the Teacher." The name of this book of the Bible is taken from the opening words in which the writer, Solomon, gives himself that title. The book is about Solomon's quest for meaning, how he tries many of the things people still try today, and how he concludes that none of them live up to their promise. In The Message, Peterson picks up on the "quest" of Solomon and calls him, "the Quester" rather than "the Preacher." In other words, the emphasis is on the search for meaning, happiness, and satisfaction rather than on the proclamation of the result of that search. Solomon wants more than power, wealth, fame, peace, and success. Having tried them all, he's convinced that they're not all they're cracked up to be. Actually, Ecclesiastes doesn't try very hard to give us "the answer" but it does a good job of asking "the question" concerning the search for answers to the big questions of life. Solomon is now an older man trying to make sense of the life he has lived. He may not have the answers to life's questions. but he knows who to ask. In our "quest" for answers we must continually turn to the source of all wisdom, the God who created us.

Ask, Seek, Knock

⁷ "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. Matthew 7:7-8

Thank You

Thank you so much for the flowers, cards & prayers on behalf of our loved one. All of your kind gestures were not unnoticed. We appreciate the love & support we received.

The Charlie Weeks family

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the beautiful flowers in honor of my mother, Ruby Lane. Your kind thoughts are greatly appreciated. Warm regards,

Carol Lacey & family

Thank you all for the prayers for Sylvia's knee surgery.

J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe

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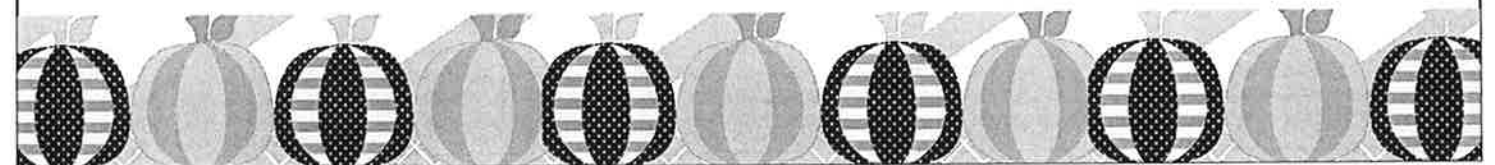
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With Sympathy

Services for **Jack McKay** were held Friday at Holly Lake Church of Christ. | Services are pending for **Ray Lawson**, brother-in-law of Nina Crow. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

Fall Festival

Make plans to join us Sunday evening, October 30th at the FLC from 6:00-8:15 p.m. for our annual Fall Festival! All children, 6yr-5th grade are invited for food, games & a costume parade! Please bring a bag of wrapped candy. We still need cookies and workers for the booths! Sign up at the Visitor Center if you can, bring cookies for that evening.



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Records	Sun.-Oct. 16	Sun.- Oct. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	468	436	515
Worship a.m.	701	604	892
Worship p.m.	400	369	NC
Wed. p.m.	367	349	NC
Contribution	\$34,948.93	\$20,922.50	\$23,254.13
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Jeff Parrish
Scripture	Stan Mallory
Dismiss	Phil Marts
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Joe Roach
SERVING COMMUNION 10/23-10/30	
Mike McClenny	Lee Mink
Jim McDonald	Jerry Mitchell
Tommy McJunkins	Paul Montandon
Stuart Means	Roy Morgan

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Justin Parrish
Scripture	Joey Marse
Dismiss	Tommy Parrish

GREETERS

Todd & Kenna Kempton & Sydney Hammond
 Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Megan Harris
 Pete & Alisa Leung & Molly Harris
 Visitor Center: Ron & Pam Lott
 Carroll & Cherrie Magee

PICK UP CARDS 10/23: Clay Mitcham, Luke Metcalf, Keaton Conder, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone
 SOUND BOOTH for 10/23-10/30: Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 10/23: Nursery a.m.: Jordan Snell | Nursery p.m.: Lisa Snell | Toddlers a.m.: Joanna Stamps | Toddlers p.m.: Jill Smith | Children's Worship: Hill

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In With Both Feet

Imagine as Christ's church our having to meet in secret because of persecution. We tend to trivialize the notion in our Western worldview but the reality is that much of the church of both the past and present was/is forced to gather together in secrecy for the valid fear of oppression (either by government or society and culture). The first century church and Christians today in Muslim and Communist countries have much in common.

Beneath the city of Rome lies six hundred miles of "catacombs." The catacombs are underground burial places where Christians often met for worship and fellowship. For the almost three hundred years after Christ, Christians sought asylum in this underground maze of tunnels beneath Rome seeking to worship God in community with one another and as they were in constant fear of Roman violence.

In these underground tunnels a common inscription has been repeatedly found. Many recognize the symbol as the Jesus or Christian fish (the Greek word *ichthus* means "fish") but it served as an early acrostic, which stood for: "Jesus Christ, Son of God, our Savior." (I avoid acrostics at all costs in preaching – but this one I have to let slide....) What we have as magnets on the back of our luxury SUV's originally served as a ray of hope in caverns of darkness (physically and spiritually) for the early church.

I wonder about our investment of the Christian life. If in our ease of worship and ease of faith we aren't crippled in our commitment. Not that I'm praying for persecution. But in times of oppression in the church's history valiant faith has abounded. Why? Because it forced our hand whether we were in with both feet or not.

Here's my question: Are we? Are we all in? Are we completely, totally, whole-heartedly invested (heart, soul, and self) into the Christian life?

Luke records these words of our Savior: "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to" (Luke 13:24).

We're tempted to think that Jesus is talking about "them." I think it's about us....

Steadfastness. Dedication. Investment. An investment of self. An investment of life. We are too often too easily derailed.

We tend to take lightly the things we have not wholly invested in. The things we're not completely committed to. The same is especially true of faith. For this reason Christ calls us to *make every effort*.

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YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

GUYS SERVICE DAY

Jr. & High School boys and Men from the Men's Class are asked to help us this coming Sunday with a Service Project for Boles Home. We will be leaving immediately after church Sunday morning. We will stop in Lindale for a fast food lunch and work the afternoon at Boles Home and return around 6:00. (after we finish the project!) Please bring clothes to change into and money for lunch. Join us as we stand together and serve!

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He said, "Follow Me"

An Antarctic explorer advertisement from 1913: "Men wanted for hazardous journey. Small wages. Bitter cold. Long months of complete darkness. Constant danger. Safe return doubtful. Honour and recognition in case of success" and more than 5,000 men applied for the 26 job openings.

Jesus came to earth. Called men to follow him. He promised them arrest, floggings,

betrayal, persecution, and death (Mt 10). Then, He told them he was sending them out as sheep among wolves. He never begged them to follow him. He simply and clearly said, "Follow me" and kept going.

Maybe we should go back to this method. We could call it the Jesus Approach. Instead of pleading and waiting for a man to make their decision to be saved.....we just make it plain and simple, "Do you have what it takes to follow Jesus?" "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head" (Lk 9:58). Jesus challenged men to be followers to the end.

Sure makes "join a church" sound weak!

Escritos de Israel (Israel's Writings)

¿DONDE ESTAN TUS OIDOS? (1 Sam. 3:1-10).

Cada noche que me acuesto a dormir mi cuerpo descansa pero mi oído esta atento a lo que pueda acontecer, lo común es que voy a oír el llanto de Aarón por que en la tranquilidad de la noche se escucha hasta el mas mínimo ruido... Como cristianos debemos hacer lo mismo, hacer nuestras actividades diarias pero mantener nuestro oído atento a la voz de Dios... Mientras Samuel dormía, su oído estaba abierto, así fue como escucho la voz de Dios que lo llamaba y al saber que Dios le hablaba dijo "Habla por que tu siervo oye".

El Señor Jesucristo en los evangelios como en las cartas a las siete iglesias de Asia nos dice lo siguiente: (Mt. 11:15) "El que tiene oídos para oír, oiga". Por lo tanto en cada paso, en cada problema, en cada crisis, en cada bendición que recibimos pongamos atención, oiga lo que el espíritu le dice y déjese guiar por el Espíritu, por que los que son guiados por el espíritu estos son hijos de Dios (Ro. 8:14). Están tus oídos en el discernimiento del bien o en el discernimiento del mal. Dios nos ayude en nuestro esfuerzo de agradecerle cada día estando nuestros oídos atentos a su voluntad. Dios los bendiga y nos vemos el domingo.

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Thank You

Thanks to our family at West Erwin for the many prayers, cards, calls and visits during the last several months. Hopefully I am on the road to recovery.

Elmer Miles

Welcome, New Member!

Santos Asencio

9077 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706
903-245-7032

Santos comes to us from the Swan Iglesia de Cristo & is the father of Blanca Ortiz. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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Ladies Inspiration Night

Ladies are invited to our Ladies Inspiration Night on Monday, October 24 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. It will be a fun night of games, door prizes, food & fellowship! You will also get a chance to update your involvement information. Sign up at the Visitor Center.

PROOF YOUR INFO! Take a look at the new church directory online! Go to www.westerwin.com and click on the image that says 'Proof Your Info'. It will then ask you to enter a password. The password is now the same for everyone. If you do not know it, call or email the office (903.592.0809/lkelly@westerwin.org). Please proof your information and let us know if any changes need to be made. Thank you for your help!

Fall Festival

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Ladies Day in Winnsboro

The Winnsboro Church of Christ invites ladies to their Annual Ladies Day & Luncheon Wednesday, November 9, with their guest speaker, Beth Boone from Andrews, Texas. Registration is from 9:00-9:30 a.m. (light refreshments served) and the program will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30a.m with a salad luncheon to follow. Childcare will be provided. RSVP to 903-342-5715 or secretary@winnsborochurchofchrist.org.

Address Update

Henry McRuiz

Atria Willow Park
3500 S. Vine #368
Tyler, TX 75701

New Baby

Hayden Jay Hawk was born Oct. 18, 2011 to Jacob & Natalie Hawk in Kerrville. Hayden was 8 lb. 8oz and 19.25 long. Randy and Trish Stancill are the proud grandparents.



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Bible Class	436	464	358
Worship a.m.	604	640	626
Worship p.m.	369	394	353
Wed. p.m.	349	380	321
Contribution	\$20,922.50	\$46,608.90	\$29,090.56
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Baylor in Dallas: Kay Hulse, niece of Ruth Moore | Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | ETMC: Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kim Jordan | ETMC: Clay Kirby, rm. 2277 | Garland: Newman Bench, brother of Roy, was scheduled to go home Wed. | Hospice at Azalea Place: Jack McKay | Mother Frances Hospital: Charlotte Hopkins, pneumonia, rm. 395 | Kay Parrish, room 474 | Updates: Nell Beard had her second spinal injection 10/10. Darrell Beard is having physical therapy twice a week with Home Health. | Daniel Duncan, brother of Betty Holt, has been diagnosed with throat cancer. | Charles & Betty Sue Harris are now home. | Ruby Cliver is now home. | Bobby May is now home. | Winona Shankle is recovering from a fall. | Charles Starr is now home. | West Erwin Family: Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Betty Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Delle Bullard | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Zoey Kate Caskey, 3-month-old neighbor of Jim & Carol Armstrong | Nancy Chandler, daughter of Wanda Cook | Scott Gray, nephew of Fran Starnes | Genie McCury, sister of Fred Wilkinson | Carson Thorne (cancer), 2-year-old relative of Bettie Thorne

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J & Tresa Jones & Parker Hall
George & Crystal Hill & Kenzi Hall
Visitor Center: Robert & Mary Lee
Paul & Shelia Lewis

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REEVES' RHETORIC

More Like Our Father

There have been plenty of times in my life when my mother has said to me, "Jason, you are just like your father." Depending upon what I was doing at the time and the tone of her voice it's been pretty easy to discern whether this was a good thing or not. After sharing a kind word or observing my meticulous way of doing things (which can sometimes be a curse rather than a blessing) she'll smile and say: "You are just like your father." Other times, perhaps after a bit of sarcasm or bout of stubbornness: "You are just like your father!"

The writer of Hebrews affirms Jesus as "the exact representation" of God's being (Hebrews 1:3).

The Apostle Paul writes, Christ "is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

Jesus Himself asserts, "If you've seen me, you've seen the Father" (John 14:9).

Christ represents God in every way. His being. His nature. His heart. So much so that to see Him is to see the Father. We too often think of Jesus as an idea, rather than as a person. But it proves difficult to follow an idea. "I am the Way. I am the Truth. I am the Life" (John 14:6). The way to God. The truth of God. The life that only God can give. All found not in the idea of Jesus, but rather, in the person of Jesus. He comes that we might have life. That we might have true, full life (John 10:10). And that we might follow Him.

Aren't we created in the image of God? Sure we are (Genesis 1:26-27). But in order to reveal Him. To reflect Him. To represent Him, in our lives, we must be shaped more and more into His image. And more and more into the image of His Son. The One whom we follow.

Jeremiah speaks on behalf of God and describes the Potter as He shapes the clay (Jeremiah 18). Of course Jeremiah is referring to God and Israel, but don't we fit into the illustration as well?

As we live life, God the Potter shapes us. He molds us. More and more into the people He desires for us to be. The Potter shapes the clay by applying pressure to the areas that need to be changed as the Potter's wheel turns. Our role in all of this? To be moldable. Pliable. To not resist the changes the Potter is making within us. Too often we refuse. We are made uncomfortable by the pressure applied. By the changes made. And yet what God is doing is shaping us. Shaping our lives. Shaping our hearts.

As He does and as we willingly allow Him to work within, I picture Him with a smile as He says: "You are more like your Father every day!"

Glory to God!

Jason

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THANKS!

Thanks to Vance Metcalf for teaching my class Sunday morning.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL...

Teens: Join us on Wednesday nights for Bible Class! Girls Bible Study taught by Tiersa Reeves & Lindsay Kelly.

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Canned Fruit Drive
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Annual Blood Drive
November 6, 2011
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October 30

"R" Word: Reveals

Amos 4:13 tells us that GOD reveals His thoughts to man. Paul takes the opportunity to help us understand how GOD does that in 1 Cor. 2. As human beings we are not able to grasp GOD'S thoughts because we are flesh and HE is Spirit. Once we receive His Spirit, then His Spirit speaks to His Spirit in us. Read it for yourself ---- Paul says, our human spirits cannot discern spiritual matters. WOW!
Ponder all that that means for a while.

Israel's Escritos (Israel's Writings)

¡Heme aquí enviame a mi! (Isaías 6:1-8)

Quizás cada uno de nosotros nos identificamos con esta escritura en la vida, en el trabajo, en la escuela, en el hogar etc. Somos personas espontaneas que nos gusta emprender, tomar la iniciativa, nos gustan los retos por mas difíciles que parezcan, en la escuela somos los que les gusta ser líder y hacer lo que sea sin temor o vergüenza, cuando miramos un beneficio tomamos el reto y nos esforzamos y esto es algo que nos beneficia personalmente.

Cuando Dios nos llamo a su reino cada uno de nosotros dijimos "heme aquí" a su llamado al igual que lo hizo Isaías, pero su llamado no termino allí, se le dio un mensaje para que este llevara al pueblo de Israel (Isa. 6:9). La responsabilidad de Isaías era mas que simplemente decir "heme aquí", el debería ser fiel a llevar el mensaje al pueblo, por que si no lo hace Dios lo acusaría de desobediencia, gracias a Dios Isaías si hizo lo que se le ordeno hacer.

Cada uno de nosotros como Cristianos también le hemos dicho a Dios "heme aquí" cuando obedecemos el evangelio y fuimos bautizados (Hech.2:41). Pero nuestro llamado no termina allí, se nos ha dado un mensaje muy importante para que llevemos al mundo entero (Mt. 28:18-30), tenemos un mensaje y una tarea, "Hacer discípulos y enseñarles". Cada uno de nosotros tenemos esta maravillosa tarea, y debemos reconsiderar que estamos haciendo con este llamado que Dios nos ha hecho. *¿Es esto algo que ocupa mi mente siempre?* Dios quiera que nos mantengamos enfocados en este mensaje que nos dio, por que si es así Dios nos mira de una manera muy especial (Ro. 10:15), *¡"Cuan hermosos son los pies de los que anuncian la paz, de los que anuncian las buenas nuevas"!* Dios te bendiga por tu esfuerzo y dedicación en compartir el mensaje de Dios.

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West Erwin Marriage Retreat

The Couples for Christ Class is planning a marriage retreat February 10-11, 2012 in Dallas. The speakers are Bill and Suzie Grant from Sulphur Springs. Please contact Ray or Gail Vannoy if you are interested in participating so they may book a section of rooms. Call the Vannoys at 903-574-5550.

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Thank You

Dear Church Family, I thank you for your cards, well-wishes and mostly your prayers since the untimely death of my husband, Alan. I am so grateful to have not only a physical family to wrap me in love while life seems overwhelming but two spiritual families also. I feel very connected to Glenwood and West Erwin, loved by both. So for awhile expect to see me in both gatherings. In His Grace,

Candace Womack Montgomery

Updated Address Info

Bill & Barbara White

Bill: 903-245-5335 | Barbara: 903-521-3230

(They are no longer using a land line.)

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Welcome Back!

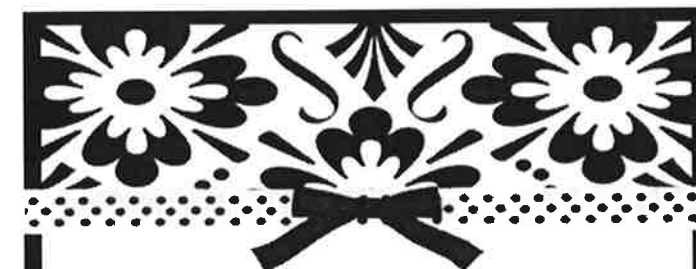
Wade & Sandra Park have moved back to East Texas & are back at home at West Erwin!

Their contact info is:

1113 E. Park Dr., Lindale, TX 75771

903-881-5811

Wade: 903-521-3493 | Sandra: 903-521-0566



Please join us for a baby girl shower honoring

Cayla Ables

Saturday, October 15
2:00-4:00 p.m.

At the home of Rhonda Haws
1550 Frostwood, Tyler

Selections at Storkland &
Babies R Us

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Wed. p.m.	380	393	335
Contribution	\$46,608.90	\$24,544.35	\$20,156.99
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Briarcliff: Charles Harris & Betty Sue Harris | ETMC: Mattie Hawkins, mother of Kim Jordan | Good Shepherd- Longview: Carl Weeks, father of Charlie | Garland: Newman Bench, brother of Roy | Health South: Bobbye May | Hospice at Azalea Place: Jack McKay, a shut in member | Mother Frances Hospital: Charlotte Hopkins, pneumonia | Updates: Ruby Cliver had day surgery Wednesday. | Kay and Lynn Hulse, niece and nephew of Ruth Moore, were seriously injured in a motorcycle accident. Kay had collarbone surgery Wed. | Genie McCury, sister of Fred Wilkinson, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. | West Erwin Family: Roy Bench | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Sharen Wester | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Sharon Campbell | Zoey Kate Caskey, 3-month-old neighbor of Jim & Carol Armstrong | Nancy Chandler, daughter of Wanda Cook | Scott Gray, nephew of Fran Starnes | Phil Mayben, brother of Kathie Thompson | Carson Thorne (cancer), 2-year-old relative of Bettie Thorne

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Scripture	Odie Kennedy
Dismiss	Jay Bynum
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Jerry Mitchell

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Janis & Gary Heath & Cody Frick
 Roger & Glenda Howell & Kayla Gallegly
 James & Sue Hughes & Kaitlyn Gravois
 Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
 Greg & Debbie Jones

PICK UP CARDS 10/2-10/9: Caleb Heath, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

SOUND BOOTH for 10/9-10/16: Daniel DuPree & Todd Kempton

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Peace Like a River

Horatio Spafford and his wife Anna had moved from England to the United States to build a life together. They had 5 children: four daughters and a son. The family settled in Chicago where Spafford began a successful law practice.

Within a matter of a few years the couple's life began to fall apart. Their infant son passed away without warning in 1871. Later that same year Spafford's law office burned to the ground in the Great Chicago Fire, ruining him financially. Two years later, 1873, as they were seeking to rebuild, Anna and the girls set sail to visit family in England. Horatio, delayed by business, made plans to follow in the coming weeks.

On its way to England, the SS *Ville De Havre*, the ship Anna and the girls were aboard, collided with another ship and sank. As Anna reached the shores of Europe she telegraphed her husband two crippling words, "Saved alone." All four of their daughters had drowned. Only she had survived.

While trying to make sense of all of the tragedy that had occurred and was occurring in his life, as he crossed the Atlantic Ocean, Horatio Spafford penned these words on a borrowed piece of hotel stationery....

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."

When peace like a river attendeth my way.... What I hear Spafford describing is a beautiful portrait of a gentle river that runs along side the pathway he is travelling. It is a river that accompanies him on his journey. And it is a river of peace.

The Apostle Paul writes of a peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). A peace that transcends reason. A peace that even in the midst of tragedy accompanies us on our journey. A peace that is found in Christ.

I wonder if we truly know that sort of peace? I wonder if we experience it often? A peace that stills anxiety. A peace that quiets stress. A peace that heals tragedy. Does that sort of peace accompany you every step of the way in your journey of life?

True peace is found only in Christ. Only in closeness with Him. So often we find ourselves searching for calm. Searching for serenity. Searching for inner stillness. What we are seeking is a peace that is only found in Jesus. Wonderful, soothing, healing peace.

And when peace begins to overwhelm and characterize our lives - especially in those moments when we cannot explain how - we can indeed explain why.

Glory to God!

Jason

"The Church With Heart"

YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny THANKS!

Thanks to all the men who took part in our Men of Courage Day this past weekend. We had a great turnout of guys who simply want to be the men God called them to be. We challenged each other to be better dads and husbands. Thanks to Jason, Mike, Don & Israel for leading us that day.

As we join forces together as men who are committed to God and our families, lets help each other step up to lead our families. Wherever you are in your journey, you are not alone. Let us Resolve...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL...

Teens: Join us on Wednesday nights for Bible Class! Girls Bible Study taught by Tiersa Reeves & Lindsay Kelly.

The guys will join the Men's class for Oct. 12 & 19 for a special study together. We are also planning to have a service day on Sunday, Oct. 23. Details coming!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Oct. 24. Make plans to join us in serving the community!

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Children's Fall Festival will be Sunday, Oct. 30 from 6:15-8:00 in the FLC. Our youth group sponsors this event for the younger kids. We will have a sign-up list for the booths in class this Sunday. We will set up on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 9:30-11:30.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 16	Small Groups Meet
Oct. 23	Guys Service Day
Oct. 24	Karing Kitchen
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Annual Blood Drive

November 6, 2011

Sign-up will begin Sunday,
October 30

Arms of Hope

Most of you know that Medina Children's Home and Boles Children's Home merged and are now called Arms of Hope. Periodically a Medina truck came to West Erwin to pick up certain items they had asked us to help supply. The drop off was at the

North door. That has all been changed and we want to do the collection through the Bible Classes. We recently received a request for canned fruit. A reminder will be in each adult class room beginning Sunday asking you to help with this by bringing your donation to your class room.

In the past West Erwin has not done very well with these requests and we are hoping this will be a better way. We have about six weeks to turn this around and let these children's homes know that we are behind them all the way.

If you are not currently attending a Bible class and want to help please leave your cans at the Visitor Center. Thank you for all that you do.

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Thank You

Thank you all for your part in our 50th anniversary celebration. In Christian Love,

Howard & Linda Dickson

We want to thank your congregation for your prayers & help with the construction of our new home. We cannot find enough words to express how much joy & happiness we have due to you all & our Heavenly Father. Thank you & God bless you & keep you all!

Henry & Deedra

Updated Address Info

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Atria Willow Park

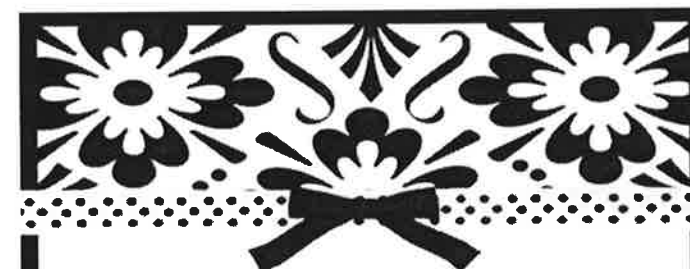
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Happy Birthday!

You are invited to share in the celebration of the 90th birthday of our Mother, **Mozelle Brown**, Saturday, October 8, 2011, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Given by Ronnie & Susan Brown, Gloria & David Daughtry & Bettie & Jack Thompson. Your presence will be a valued gift!

Events of Interest

The Franklin Church of Christ invites you to a series on "End Times: Fact & Fiction" October 9-12. Sunday services are held at 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Mon-Wed at 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Stafford North, preacher of the Good News & distinguished Bible professor at Oklahoma Christian University. The song service will be led by Dale Underwood, lead singer for *The Sounds of Glory*. | **Lectureship in Kilgore:** The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore invites you to "Give Me the Bible" Lectureship October 23-26. Call 903-984-2928 for more info. | **Encountering Jesus Series at Fairfield:** The Fairfield Church of Christ invites you to their "Encountering Jesus" Series October 16-19.



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Support West Erwin Playschool!

The West Erwin Playschool is once again selling cookie dough! There is a wide variety to choose from including chocolate chip, coconut pecan, cinnamon sugar, lemon & more. Each 3 lb box includes approximately 48 cookies & costs \$15 per box. Checks may be made payable to WEPS. Please help support our precious little Playschool! An order form is available on the desk in the foyer or you can order by calling Angie Coleman at 903-312-7020.

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Worship a.m.	707	648	646
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Scripture Lee Kellenberger
Dismiss James Sublette
Presiding At The Lord's Table Robert Lee

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Odie Kennedy Garland Latham
Dennis Kingsbury Robert Lee
Clay Kinser Pete Leung
Joel Knox Paul Lewis

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Pete Leung
Scripture George Hill
Dismiss Paul Lewis

GREETERS

Scott Hackett & Riece Gibson & Kenzie Fedell
Tom & Beverly Hale & McKenzie Fennell
Sonny & Sharon Hale & Rafael Flores
Visitor Center: Bob & Pat Hackett
Mike & Kristi Harris

PICK UP CARDS 10/2-10/9: Caleb Heath, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

SOUND BOOTH for 10/2: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Gratitude We Embrace

Corrie ten Boom in her book, *The Hiding Place*, relates an incident she endured as she and her sister, Betsie, were housed at the Nazi concentration camp, Ravensbruck. Upon entering the barracks, they found them deplorable, extremely overcrowded, and flea-infested. The Scripture reading that morning came from 1 Thessalonians. From a smuggled Bible quietly verses 16-18 of chapter 5 were whispered to the group. "Be joyful always. Pray continually. Be thankful to God in all circumstances...." Betsie encouraged Corrie that they should stop and thank the Lord for every detail of their new living quarters. Every detail. Even the fleas! Corrie at first flat refused, but Betsie persisted. Finally, reluctantly, "Father, thank you for the fleas." During the next several months at Ravensbruck, they were surprised to find how openly they could hold Bible studies and meet together. They prayed and quietly worshipped with minimal Nazi interference. Finally they came to learn how they had been so blessed as to have lived with such little intrusion... the guards had refused to enter the barracks because of all of the fleas!

"Be joyful always. Pray continually. Be thankful to God in all circumstances...."

Matthew Henry in the late 1600's was attacked and robbed. Later he wrote, "Father, I thank Thee first, because I was never robbed before; second, because although they took my purse they did not take my life; third, because although they took my all, it was not much; and fourth, because it was I who was robbed, and not I who robbed."

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Helen Keller, blind and deaf from birth, once wrote: "I thank God for my handicaps. For through them, I have found myself, my life's work, and my God."

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The thankfulness we exemplify in life reflects the relationship we share with our Lord, the objectivity and perspective we have of life, and the gratitude we embrace in His love for us.

Glory to God!

Jason

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MEN...

Men: Looking forward to spending Saturday, Oct. 1 with you as we sharpen each other to be Men of Courage. We will begin at 10:00 and end at 3:30. Lunch will be provided. Don't miss it!

"I don't feel like I started well. I want to finish well." Lets help each other end well. Join us on Oct. 1!

THANKS!

Thanks to all the teens who went with us to Henderson this past Sunday night for the Area wide youth Gathering. We had a great time worshipping together and enjoying a meal. Thanks to John Shaw for going with us as a sponsor!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High school students, join us Sunday night for a great time of fellowship and a meal together. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper.

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"R" Words: Reaffirm

(2 Cor. 2:5-11) is about someone who had caused pain and grief to the whole church at Corinth. The church had reprimanded the offender. Now, Paul says forgive and comfort that person so they are not overwhelmed with sorrow. "I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him" (:8). This is the only time in the New Testament this word shows up. The readers expected Paul to confirm their action

against him. Instead, he urges them to now reaffirm him so he is not destroyed. It's obvious that Paul's first concern is the well-being of the church and the offender rather than establishing a victory over the offending individual.

As each one of us read this and consider circumstances in our own lives we are all touched by the Spirit that is working through Paul. That same Spirit is also alive in us. That same Spirit also calls us to show more concern for the well-being of people rather than gloating over the victory. So.....what will you do with these words today?

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With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of **Alan Montgomery**. Services were held at West Erwin Church of Christ. | We express our sympathy to Sharon Gordon on the loss of her father, **Bill Woestman**. Our love & prayers are with these families.

Thank You

Thanks to my West Erwin family for being with me and Don during my recent health issues. It could have been a lonely time, but your visits, prayers, calls, cards and food have kept our spirits high. I now realize how important these things are to those that are sick in the hospital or confined to their home. These contacts remind them that they are not forgotten. I love you and hope to be back to church soon.

Norma Durham

To the people of the West Erwin Church of Christ, I wish to express my thanks for helping me clean my house at 2510 S. Oicker on that hot Tuesday. Your workers did a good job of getting it pushed into a pile at the curb & alley. I am enclosing a donation to help defray your expenses on coming to Joplin after our bad tornado we incurred. Thanks again & praise God!

Martin & Jean Davey

Thank you to our West Erwin family for the many acts of love & sympathy since my dad's passing (Bill Woestman). For the beautiful plant, the many cards & to those that attended his service, we are truly grateful.

Sharon & Ernie Gordon

During my ordeal of three surgeries in thirty days, I realized two things. I'm not as strong as Job, and the prayers of the righteous do availeth much. Your prayers uplifted me, sustained me and gave me strength during my surgeries and the death of my brother. Ann and I are both grateful for the calls, cards and prayers. With love & gratitude,

James Hardin

Children's Library Additions

Attention teachers & parents of elementary school children! The Children's Library has added 14 new Arch books and 5 DVDs. They are ready to be checked out now.

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New Baby

Congratulations to Jim & Carol Armstong on the birth of a new great granddaughter, **Kinlyn Lane Vandevender!** She was born in Lubbock to Kristen & Wade Vandevender and was 6 lbs. 11 oz.

New Contact Info

Riece Gibson: 903-216-1764

Gospel Meeting in Mineola

The Mineola Church of Christ is pleased to announce its **Fall Gospel Meeting** with Carl McCann of the Fruitvale Church of Christ. It will be held Oct. 2-5 at 1621 N. Pacific in Mineola. Sunday's services are at 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. and Mon-Wed will begin at 7:00 p.m.



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 Clay Kinser Pete Leung
 Joel Knox Paul Lewis

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 Scripture Wyatt Gruver
 Dismiss Clay Kinser

GREETERS
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 Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Jessica DuPree
 Mark & Melissa Frick & Kyler Elerson
 Visitor Center: David & Wanda Frick
 Jim & Helen Gullion

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REEVES' RHETORIC

A Radical Change of Mind

"You've heard it said.... But I say...." we hear our Lord proclaim over and over in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus reinterprets. He reforms. He reprioritizes. "I know that you've heard it this way...." "I know that human nature says to respond like this...." "I know that you bring your own presuppositions to the table...." "I know this is the way that you once thought of things... *but now, things are different.*"

Jesus steps into our world and transforms our thinking, our ideologies, our worldviews, our way of life.

Here's a tough one He tackles: "Love your enemies." "You've heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44).

Love your enemies!? I have a hard enough time getting along with my friends! Pray (bless) those who persecute you!? Are you serious?

And it's an active love for our enemies. And it's a very tall order! More than just a passive bearing of persecution or hatred. Loving them. Blessing them. Doing good to them. For them. Regardless of who they are or what they've done.

In this and in countless other ways Jesus calls for a radical paradigm shift. A radical change of mind. A change of perspective. A change of heart.

We see Jesus exemplify His own teaching as He prays for God to forgive those who are responsible for His death (Luke 23:34). But what about we who are ultimately those who are responsible because of our sin?

The Apostle Paul connects the dots for us: "But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by His blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him! For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to Him through the death of His Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through His life! Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation" (Romans 5:8-11).

You see while we were still enemies of God, Christ died on our behalf.

"Love your enemies." It's one of those areas of the Gospel and one of those areas of our life and faith that we would just as soon ignore. It's about a radical change of mind. From a mindset that is worldly to one that is of the Kingdom. It's about seeing the potential for the magnificent impact of the Gospel of Jesus in the most unlikely of places. Just like God saw it in you, and in me.

Glory to God!

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"R" Words: Rather

When we were kids we played this game: Would you rather do this or this. And both choices were detestable. For instance, would you rather eat a jar of fish eyeballs or swim through a pool of sharks? You remember such games don't you?

Well, the word "rather" is used often in Scripture. In (1 Cor 5) Paul confronts the church with the fact that there was a sexual immorality among them and they were acting as if they were proud of it. Paul says, shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your

fellowship the guilty party?

In the previous chapter he confronted them with lawsuits among them and says, "Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers." (6:7-8)

Life is filled with choices. "Rather" is the fork we all come to numerous times during a day. Would I rather respond to rudeness with rudeness or respond to it with kindness? Would I rather worship and serve created things or the Creator Himself? Would I rather tell a lie or speak the truth?

Notice the "rathers" you are challenged with each day and be a true, loyal follower of Christ.

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Sunday A.M. Fall Adult Bible Classes

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Prayer & Discipleship

Young Professionals | The Annex | Eric Mosley

Holy Vocabulary

Couples for Christ | Room 114

Road Trip - Ray Vannoy

Adventurers | The Annex | Mike Gravois

D6-Fusion: Uncommon Wisdom (Job/Song of Solomon/Ecclesiastes)

Searchers | Small Auditorium | Stan Clark

Arise & Walk: Selected Miracles of the Bible

Inquirers | Room 403 | Don Crawford

Acts

Discoverers | Room 112 | Paul Montandon

Revelation

Conquerors | Heritage Room | Jim Boyd

Holy Spirit

Explorers | Auditorium | Forest McFadden

David's Quest for Restoration of Life: A Study of Psalm 51

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Christian Home

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A Chronological Open Bible Study

Ladies' Class | 403 | Joy Rousseau

Disciple: The All or Nothing Relationship with Christ

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The Courageous Living Bible Study

Singing Class | Heritage Room | Larry Murphey

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Gospel of John

Join us in Bible Class!

THERE IS STILL TIME



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Thank You

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Charleen Clayton

Our dear West Erwin family, Wade & I wish to thank all of you for the cards and best wishes we received upon moving to our new home at 900 Baxter Ave. We are adjusting well. Wade spends a lot of time in physical therapy. Thank you all. In Christian love,

Penny & Wade McDonald

Dear West Erwin church, Thank you for the beautiful flowers sent to the service but mostly for the many prayers. Blessings,

Chris & Debby & family of Raymond Hardin Men of Courage

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Congratulations!

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New Baby Boy

Congratulations to Gabriel & Blanca Ortiz on the birth of Gabriel Jr.! He was born September 19 and was 7 lbs, 11 oz. & 19 inches long. The proud big brothers are Alfonso, Manuel & Isaac.

Wedding Invitation

Together with their families, Laura Lea Warburton & Daniel Claiborne Abrams invite you to share in their wedding ceremony & celebration on Saturday, the first of October, two thousand and eleven at three o'clock in the afternoon at Shiloh Rd. Church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Rd., Tyler, TX. The pleasure of your company is requested at the reception immediately following the ceremony.

Happy Birthday!

You are invited to share in the celebration of the 90th birthday of our Mother, Mozelle Brown, Saturday, October 8, 2011, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. Given by Ronnie & Susan Brown, Gloria & David Daughtry & Bettie & Jack Thompson. Your presence will be a valued gift!

New Contact Info

Kyle Stowers

4940 Paluxy Dr. # 269

Tyler, TX 75703 | 903-520-8074

Martha Sandoval

New cell phone number: 903-343-2105

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Wed. p.m.	377	285	362
Contribution	\$23,169.36	\$26,207.86	\$24,613.15
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Jean Rutherford & Roy Fraley

PICK UP CARDS 9/18-9/25: Luke Metcalf, Keaton Conder, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPre

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Greater Story

One of the connections that God has made possible in our life as His people is the connection to the greater story. We connect to the epic story of God. Because we belong to Him through Christ, His story is ours, and our story becomes His. The Apostle Paul writes, "You are sons and daughters of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.... If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, and heirs according to the promise" (Galatians 4:26-29). We can trace our spiritual lineage to the promise and action of God at work within humanity because in Christ we are a part of the greater story.

Hebrews 11 is a chapter that we love dearly. Great heroes of faith are placed before us systematically one right after the other. By faith Noah.... By faith Abraham.... By faith Isaac.... By faith Jacob.... By faith Moses.... Immediately when their names are mentioned we know their stories. We know their history. We know the magnificent ways in which God worked through the lives they lived. And yet somehow the writer of Hebrews declares that "only together with us are they made complete" (Hebrews 11:40). Because the story lives on in us in radically revealed ways, as those who live this side of the cross of Jesus.

We love a story. Think about the books we read or movies we watch or stories we tell. We love a great story. The Gospel is the greatest story ever told. And we are a part of its legacy.

I am a firm believer that there is within the core of every individual the longing to be a part of that which transcends. The call of that which is greater. A call of purpose. Challenge. Adventure. Courage. I am convinced it is the call of Christ. And only those who are so bold as to answer will ever fully grasp its depths.

In two weeks we have set aside a day that the men of our congregation can do just that. *Men of Courage* will take place Saturday, October 1st, from 10a-3:30p. We'll begin in the Family Life Center with fellowship, good food, and some serious discussion about being men of God and men of courage. We'll then go a nearby movie theater where we've reserved seating for *Courageous*, a movie which, in a very powerful way, depicts who God has called us to be as His men in this life. After the movie we'll then come back to the Family Life Center to process the day and to accept the challenge before us. Our prayer is that every man would be so bold as to come and to be a part of our time together.

Glory to God!

Jason

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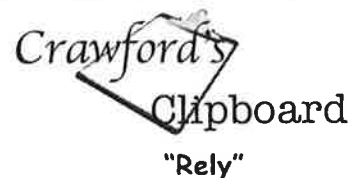
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Our "R" word this week is rely. To rely on is to place full confidence in.

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did the spirit of self-reliance come from?

Somehow we have convinced ourselves that we are capable of controlling ourselves and everything around us. The Jews had learned to rely on their own ability to keep the Law of Moses. Paul came along and said the suffering and hardships they experienced was so that they might NOT rely on themselves, but on GOD (2 Cor 1:8-10).

John tells us what to rely on in (1 John 4:16). He says, "rely on the love GOD has for us." The cross of Christ is GOD'S greatest love for us. The empty tomb is what we must learn to rely on.....for salvation is impossible without both.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Job 2: Mrs. Job, Curse God and be done with it!

I'm not sure how far one can go in thinking about Mrs. Job. Obviously this story isn't about her. It's Job's faithfulness to God even when he's getting nothing out of it that drives this story. Still, I feel sorry for Job's wife. She's suffered all the same losses he has. She's lost everything, including her family. Now her husband sits before her, quivering in agony. Her life is ruined. When she advises Job to give up on God it's because she already has. Her response is what Satan predicted Job's would be: if the blessings of God are withdrawn human beings will no longer serve him. Job's reply is that this is a foolish approach. God grants us life and we enjoy the good days that come. When things turn sour we go on trusting and serving him. That doesn't mean we're happy about things or that we don't change them if we can. It does mean that we've chosen to trust God with both the good and bad that life brings. Job is angry with God, as we shall see, but he refuses to turn away from Him, even when serving God has resulted in so much pain.

Church DIRECTORY



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Welcome, New Members!

Allyson Wright

4411 Kinsey Drive Apt. 1234
512-924-6215

allysonswright@gmail.com

Allyson comes to us from the A&M Church of Christ and is a teacher at Moore Middle School. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Allyson!



Baptism

We rejoice as **Stephanie Estes** was baptized this past week. Their contact info is: Richard & Stephanie Estes, 5813 Hollytree Dr. Tyler, TX 75703. They have 4 children. Welcome to the West Erwin family!



Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for your prayers, visits, cards, calls & concern during my recent surgery & recovery. You have blessed Fern and me with your kindness & love. Words cannot express how thankful we are for our loving church family. God bless each of you.

Roy Bench

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 Milburn & Jan Cook & Tabitha Conder
 Melvin & Nina Crow & Chandler Cook
 Visitor Center: Don & Mary Jo Crowder
 Ruby Cliver

Pick up cards for 9/11: Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse,
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Sound booth for 9/11 & 9/18 Terry Frick & Mark Frick

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Straining at the Oars

At times we are tempted to think that we do this all on our own. I was once talking with a friend who was struggling. He was going through a difficult time in his life and there was no easy solution. It was going to take time and it was going to take God.

In a moment of frustration he said to me, "I feel like I'm a just a speck in the ocean that's being tossed all around and nobody knows but me."

Maybe you've been there. Maybe you're there now. I had a college professor who said, "Speak to those who are weary and hurting. Speak to them often. We are so very fragile." And so if that's you today, I want to share with you an encouraging thought from God's Word.

I was reading recently in Mark's Gospel the account of Jesus walking on the water. Generally the miracle itself is our focus. The event comes right after the feeding of the thousands on the shore of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus and His disciples had actually travelled across the sea to spend some needed time away from the masses, but are immediately inundated as they arrive. After the crowds are filled and leave, Jesus sends the disciples on their way, now across to the other side, as He goes on a mountainside to pray and spend intentional time with God (we should learn from Jesus).

"When evening came, the boat was in the middle of the lake, and He was alone on the land. He saw the disciples straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night (3-6am) He went out to them, walking on the lake" (Mark 6:47-48a).

If you go on reading you see where Jesus steps into their boat and immediately, powerfully, divinely calms the wind and the waves and the storm. Looking to Matthew's account we see where Peter has the faith to step out of the boat and actually walks on the water toward Jesus! But when he takes his eyes off of Christ and becomes fearful of the chaos around him, he quickly sinks (something we should take to heart).

Here's what I've been getting at.... Mark says that the disciples were rowing in the boat in the "middle of the lake." John affirms they were "three and a half miles out to sea" (John 6:19). Jesus, as He is on a mountainside praying, sees the disciples "straining at the oars." They're three and a half miles out to sea! At 3am! Half way across the Sea of Galilee at 3am and yet Jesus divinely sees those He is closest to struggling. He sees those that He loves "straining at the oars." He sees them pounded by the wind and the waves, tossed back and forth in a sea of uncertainty, and it's immediately upon seeing His disciples struggling that He is filled with compassion and begins to walk toward them across the water.

The love of Christ is revealed in our Savior's actions as He comes to us in our time of need.

This is what I want you to hear: You are not alone. You have a church family that loves you dearly. And you have a Savior who is filled with compassion as He sees you "straining at the oars."

Glory to God!

Jason

Youth With Heart... by Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Middle School teens are invited to the Devo this coming Sunday night after church. We will be finished at 8:30. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes.

AREA WIDE GATHERING

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Righteousness

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says, "...unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees....you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 5:20). Then he helps us to understand that we'll never be righteous enough, therefore, (6:33) we are to "seek first His kingdom and His righteousness." In other words, the only righteousness you or I will take into the kingdom of heaven is His ---- the righteousness HE gives us. We must renounce all of the

righteousness we think we have due to our keeping of the rules....we will get no praise for our achievements. The only righteousness is HIS.

Now, included in His righteousness is the forgiveness of sins. That's what we long for but can never earn. The Psalmist knew it so well and that understanding caused him to write: Have mercy on me, O GOD, because of Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin. For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned; I have done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O GOD and renew within me a loyal spirit. (Psalm 51)

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Job 1: So do you think Job does all that out of the sheer goodness of his heart?

While the audience Satan has with the Almighty is challenging from a theological viewpoint, I think it, and this question in particular, is the absolute key to the whole book. We tend to think that the book of Job focuses in undeserved suffering and how Job responds to it, but even more basic is the issue here. The Lord points out Job's righteousness to Satan, says that Job is his friend, and is an outstanding servant. Satan, that old accuser, replies that the only reason Job lives right and loves God is for what he gets out of it. Certainly, God has blessed Job, delighting in bringing good things into his life. Is Job a righteous man simply because it's good business, the smart thing to do, or is he righteous because he loves the Lord and chooses to serve him? What if Job wasn't getting anything out of his service of God? What if, instead of blessings, curses are brought to his life? Will Job then turn his back on God and curse him? While the issue of undeserved suffering is a basic one, I think this issue is even more basic. Why do I serve the Lord? Is it to escape hell and go to heaven? Is it so I won't be plagued with guilt over my sin? What if all the "perks" are removed? Again, this is about as basic a question as there is.

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Wini & Dan Cullinan

Thank you for all the cards & letters sent to me after my surgery. Your love and concern was such a comfort and it means so much to me. Love,

Carmen Hilliard

West Erwin Marriage Retreat

The Couples for Christ Class is planning a marriage retreat February 10-11, 2012 in Dallas. The speakers are Bill and Suzie Grant from Sulphur Springs. Please contact Ray or Gail Vannoy if you are interested in participating so they may book a section of rooms. Call the Vannoys at 903-574-5550.

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Baptism

Karla Montes

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Worship a.m.	667	673	644
Worship p.m.	NC	NC	434
Wed. p.m.	310	317	342
Contribution	\$24,401.70	\$28,157.98	\$25,256.00
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Good Shepherd- Longview: Carl Weeks, father of Charlie | **Mayo Clinic: Charles Smart**, son of Barbara | **Mother Frances Hospital: James Hardin**, had additional surgery Tuesday, no visitors at this time. | **Carolyn Stiff** is doing well after surgery. | **Updates: Norma Durham** is now home for rehab. | **Jeff Fennell** is now home. | **Sharen Wester** had knee replacement surgery & is home. | **West Erwin Family: Roy Bench** | Linda Boudreau | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Bill Hawkins | Fannie Jackson & family | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Sharen Wester | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Matthew Farokhrouz**, grandson of Mary Daugherty | **Harold Nichols**, uncle of Judy Hamm

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Jimmy & Sue Carty & Bryson Bellar
 Gene & Gwen Chandler & Casey Bellar
 Bud & Charlotte Cawyer & Brianna Bradshaw
 Visitor Center: Chad & Amber Chauncey
 Jeri Church

Pick up cards for 9/4 & 9/11: Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse,
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REEVES' RHETORIC

A Matter of Trust

I wonder how much we trust God. Do we trust Him? We engage God in worship. Our worship of Him is not relegated solely to what we are about, but rather encompasses the whole of one's life (Romans 12:1). We commune with God in life. We dwell within His presence. We pour ourselves out to Him in prayer. We seek to honor Him and strive for fidelity to Him. But I wonder if we trust Him....

When our children are small it's a momentous time when they take those first steps. I can remember our kids and how they would go from crawling, to standing, to finally taking those first steps. It was so neat to hold their little hands and help them to walk, but each step had to be taken on their own. At times they'd crawl over to the couch in the living room, and pull themselves up. And so there they are standing up on their own, but holding onto the couch for dear life. I'd be just a few steps away from them, down on their level, arms wide open. But the fear of taking those first steps was very real. "Come on," I'd say. "Take just one step. Daddy will catch you." And eventually, they'd muster up the courage to take that first step. To let go of the couch. And to trust that Daddy would catch them.

Really it came down to a matter of trust.

And so back to my original question: "Do we trust God?"

I love David's words in Psalm 18:1-2, "I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Do you see how personal King David is in his language? (I reserve the right to preach this at a later date!) ~~My strength. My rock. My fortress. My deliverer. My rock in whom I take refuge. My shield. The horn of my salvation. My stronghold.~~

Over and over David affirms all hope, all confidence, all trust is completely placed in God.

When he affirms: God you are "my fortress," the Hebrew word for "fortress" is "masada." There is a mountain in Israel, on the eastern edge of the Judean desert, overlooking the Dead Sea called "Masada" (Fortress). It is a powerful, beautiful, rugged piece of earth that rises over 1300 feet in the sky. David took refuge on top of Masada when he was being pursued by Saul. It was there upon Masada that he was protected and kept safe by God during a tumultuous time in his life.

And so what David conveys to us when he writes, God you are "my fortress" is this: "God when I am with you nothing can get to me." "When I am with you I am completely protected." "God when I am with you I am safe."

Is that who God is to us? Can we let go of the couch and take those steps toward Him, knowing that we are indeed safe and secure when we are with Him?

Glory to God!

Jason

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all who took part in leading our "All Church" worship this past Sunday. It was a blessing to be a part of all that! Thanks to our elders for having the vision to begin the Hispanic ministry at West Erwin.

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Reminder: Sunday, Sept 11

Our nation is calling us to display an American flag on this tenth anniversary of the terrorists attempt to destroy our country. We want every home, every apartment, and every business to fly our flag as a reminder. I hope you can be part of that.

Since we have been looking at "R"

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Sunday A.M. Fall Adult Bible Classes

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Prayer & Discipleship

Young Professionals | The Annex | Eric Mosley

Holy Vocabulary

Couples for Christ | Room 114

Road Trip - Ray Vannoy

Adventurers | The Annex | Mike Gravois

D6-Fusion: Uncommon Wisdom (Job/Song of Solomon \ Ecclesiastes)

Searchers | Small Auditorium | Stan Clark

Arise & Walk: Selected Miracles of the Bible

Inquirers | Room 403 | Don Crawford

Acts

Discoverers | Room 112 | Paul Montandon

Revelation

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words in the Bible, REMINDING is one of those important words. You will find it throughout the Scriptures. Jude says it this way: "Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe."

Remember that it was GOD who delivered this nation from this attack. HE who fights for us is far greater than those who fight against us. Praise be to GOD! He still delivers His people from their enemies.

Explorers | Auditorium | Forest McFadden

David's Quest for Restoration of Life: A Study of Psalm 51

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Christian Home

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A Chronological Open Bible Study

Ladies' Class | 403 | Joy Rousseau

Disciple: The All or Nothing Relationship with Christ

Men's Class | 112 | Danny Snell

The Courageous Living Bible Study

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Gospel of John

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Tres & Mandi Lowrance

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We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin Elders & Church family,

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Marriage Matters Seminar

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Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & Jerrod Wilson
Jim & Helen Boyd & Jaycie Wilson
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John and The Word

John the Apostle's words and writings are some of the most precious to me. Of course it's kind of like asking a mother who her favorite child is.... I love, love, love the Prologue of the Gospel of John (Jn 1:1-18).

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning" (Jn 1:1-2).

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

"In Him was life, and that life was the light of mankind" (Jn 1:4).

And so here's John's wonderful thesis: The Word (Christ) was. He was! He was with God. He was with God at the beginning of time. During the creative process as the world is formless and empty and the Spirit of God hovers above the waters – John affirms, Christ is there! And then, the Word became. He became! He became one of us. He lived among us. The living Word stepped into humanity and changed us forever.

You see the Word was, and the Word became. And because the Word became, we have life! Spiritual life. Eternal life. Life that is truly life.

And as I read John's literature and come to understand the Word who was and who became and who gives life, I begin to see why John focused so much upon Christ's love. John's the one who records Jesus' beautiful words: "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). John is the one who pens: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God" (1 Jn 3:1). John is the one who affirms to us: "...God is love. This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His One and Only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 Jn 4:8b-10).

John can never even bring his pen to call himself by name. What does he always refer to himself as? The disciple that Jesus loved. Why do you think that is? My guess is he could never get past how much God the Father and God the Son loved Him. And so he always saw himself through the love of God, revealed in the Word who was, and the Word who became, and the Word who gives us life....

Glory to God!

Jason

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Youth With Heart... by Danny
"ALL CHURCH..."

That is such an interesting phrase! It implies that the whole church (congregation in this case) is doing something together. This Sunday, our worship assembly will be an "all church" assembly. Several years ago, West Erwin began a Hispanic ministry. While our children and teens are actively involved together in classes and activities, we have not had many opportunities for our worship assemblies to be together... as one. That will be different this Sunday. I love it when our whole family is together... I think God does too! Join us!

"You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Galatians 3:26-29

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"R" Words Used in the Bible

Refreshed is our "R" word this week. And who among us does not need refreshing from time to time? The key to being refreshed is found in Proverbs 11:25 ---"he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." We find this played out in numerous places 2 Cor. 7:13 for one. Paul writes, "in addition to our own encouragement, we were especially delighted to see how happy Titus was, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you."

However, for others, friends cannot even

refresh us. It is for this reason Acts 3:19 speaks: "Repent, then, and turn to GOD, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord..." Refreshment comes from GOD after seeking HIS forgiveness through repentance.

A life of church-going and service can become dull and lifeless. When that happens we seem to lose our connection with GOD.....we need refreshment. Perhaps it's the later part of this discussion that is needed. How long has it been since you humbly confessed your sins and sought HIS forgiveness? I assure you the refreshment will come even before the amen. Our GOD is so Great!

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Sunday A.M. Fall Adult Bible Classes

- College** | Room 306 | Jon Murry
Lord, Teach Us to Pray: Prayer & Discipleship
- Young Professionals** | The Annex | Eric Mosley
Holy Vocabulary
- Couples for Christ** | Room 114
Road Trip - Ray Vannoy
- Adventurers** | The Annex | Mike Gravois
D6-Fusion: Uncommon Wisdom (Job/Song of Solomon \ Ecclesiastes)
- Searchers** | Small Auditorium | Stan Clark
Arise & Walk: Selected Miracles of the Bible
- Inquirers** | Room 403 | Don Crawford
Acts
- Discoverers** | Room 112 | Paul Montandon
Revelation
- Conquerors** | Heritage Room | Jim Boyd
Holy Spirit

Explorers | Auditorium | Forest McFadden

David's Quest for Restoration of Life: A Study of Psalm 51

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Christian Home

Wednesday Night Fall Adult Bible Classes

- College** | Room 306 | Jon Murry
A Chronological Open Bible Study
- Ladies' Class** | 403 | Joy Rousseau
Disciple: The All or Nothing Relationship with Christ
- Men's Class** | 112 | Danny Snell
The Courageous Living Bible Study
- Singing Class** | Heritage Room | Larry Murphey
- Adult Class** | Auditorium | Jason Reeves
Conversations in Prayer
- Spanish Class** | The Annex | Israel Sandoval
Gospel of John

Church DIRECTORY Info



It is time again for a new church directory! You can submit a recent photo to Kim DuPree at calemjess@gmail.com (please be sure to include your names in the email) or you can set up an appointment to have a photo taken. Sign up in the Main Foyer or call the office! Lindsay Kelly will be taking pictures September 7-21. There is no cost to have your picture made so don't miss out! There is a form available online or you can pick one up when you sign up. Please fill the forms out so we can be sure your current contact info is correct. Bring the form with you when you have your picture made. If you are submitting a picture, go www.westerwin.com, click on Members then click Directory & scroll down until you see 'Submit form online' and click on that link to fill out the form, or pick up a hard copy from the Visitor Center. Contact the office (903.592.0809/office@westerwin.org) for any questions. Thank you for helping us!

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Event for Charity

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Pre-K Spots Available at ETCA

ETCA has opened an additional Pre-K class and is now accepting applications for Pre-K 3 & 4. Contact 903-561-8642.

Response for Prayer

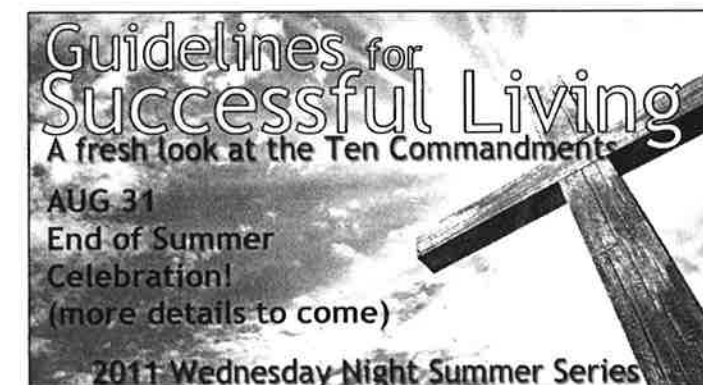
Cassandra Estes came forward Sunday asking that the church pray for their family. Please pray specifically for Laurie & Myla and also for Danny & Cassandra. | **Jonathan & Alecia Wilson** who have been visiting West Erwin asks the church to pray that they both may find employment in the near future.

Memo for Deacons & Helpers

All deacons & anyone else who can help, please meet at the FLC this Saturday, August 27 to set up for the all church luncheon. Please also plan on staying afterward on Sunday to help clean up.

With Sympathy

Services for **Raymond Hardin**, brother of James, will be Friday at 2:00 p.m. at Highland Oaks Church of Christ in Dallas. Our prayers are with the family.



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Computers Recycled

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Ladies' Bible Class

The Ladies' Wednesday Morning Bible Class will begin September 14! The class meets at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 of the Office Complex. The teacher will be Fern Bench & the study will be from Philippians. Contact Fern if you need more info at fbench@suddenlink.net.

All Church Worship Service

Plan to be present THIS Sunday, August 28 as we will worship with our Hispanic brothers & sisters. We will then have a catered luncheon in the Family Life Center & no services that evening.

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Bible Class	428	418	423
Worship a.m.	683	671	662
Worship p.m.	391	400	417
Wed. p.m.	325	319	313
Contribution	\$25,251.19	\$30,846.93	\$25,894.09
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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Scripture Barry Ciaschini
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Arnold & Agnes Ables & Will Weathers
Tony & Mary Adams & Kyler-Whatley
Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Reagan Whatley
Visitor Center: Ernest & Gail Bennett
Carolyn Womack & Burney Wilson

Pick up cards for 8/21 & 28: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone & Caleb DuPree

Sound booth for 8/21: Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Humility and Discipleship

One quality that really impresses God (and it's not a really long list) is humility. Humility is one of those things that just when you think that you've got it, you don't. And it's one of those qualities of Jesus that is most evidenced in the lives of those who are genuinely seeking to imitate Him.

Jesus is fully God. He steps into the world as Immanuel "God with us" (Mt 1:23). In Colossians the Apostle Paul is writing to address issues that have arisen in the church in which some are questioning the deity of Christ. He affirms, "God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him (Christ), and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things" (Col 1:19-20a).

And yet he "emptied Himself" and became "obedient to death, even death on a cross!" (Phil 2:7-8). And for this reason we are called to have the very same attitude and mindset as that of Christ Jesus (v5).

Jesus always goes about being "God with us" from a position of humility. It's never a power play with Jesus. The only One who actually has the right to demand everything from a position of power because of who He is, comes to serve and comes to show us what true love and humility look like.

Too often we're not enough like Jesus. We manipulate. We force. We coerce. That's not Jesus....

Jesus' call upon our lives is if we want to be His disciples we must first deny ourselves. And I believe humility plays a key role here.

Jesus never forces Himself on anyone. "You want to be my disciple? Take up your cross and follow me," He says. "You want to come and learn and share and be a part of the bigger picture and the things that I am about in the Kingdom? Good. Follow me." Discipleship is a choice. Following Jesus is a choice. And humility is a choice.

When you are full of yourself, God cannot fill you. Only when we empty ourselves can our God fill us. Only when we empty ourselves of all pride and all arrogance and all selfishness... only when we "humble ourselves before the Lord" can He then lift us up (James 4:10).

Jesus begins the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are the poor in Spirit... (Mt 5:3)."

Maybe that's a good place for us to start.

Glory to God!

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Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick for helping with the devo this past Sunday night.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday,

Aug. 22. Help us serve the community. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and are prepping at 5:00. Join us!

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The word "Regular" is used 12 times in Numbers chapter nine. It says, "Include one male goat as a sin offering, in addition to the regular burnt offering..." Regular means the customary. Luke 4:16 tells us that going to the synagogue was customary for Jesus. That was his regular path. Acts 17:2 tells us Paul went into the synagogue "as was his custom." It was automatic. His regular way.

Rather than being negative about our

routines, why not be positive? Why not program Christ's likeness into our lives? Right choices may be difficult at first, but can become our automatic, customary, regular way of life; like practicing the holding of our tongue when we would rather let it fly; or squelching our temper when we want to explode; or walking away when faced with immoral or unethical temptations; or like doing our best in everything we do every time? Let Christ be your example until all your right turns become second nature. Who knows what GOD has in store for you down the road when following Christ becomes your "regular" way of life?

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois
A Shepherd's Joy

"And when the shepherd comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost!'"
 - Jesus to the Pharisees (Luke 15:6)

In response to the Pharisees' judgmental and cheerless spirit, Jesus emphasized the importance of joy in His parable of the Lost Sheep. Not only does the shepherd rejoice upon finding the sheep, but he also calls for a celebration when he arrives back in the village.

In the Jewish culture of Jesus' day, the townspeople often shared shepherding responsibilities for their flocks, which meant that the loss of one sheep was a loss for the community and not just one owner. Consequently, when the shepherd would arrive safely back in the village, there would follow a time of jubilation and thanksgiving for his safe return. The joy of finding the lost sheep quickly spread beyond the shepherd to the community at large.

Jesus' parable strikes at the heart of the Pharisees' hypocrisy, for they were more concerned with their own righteous deeds than the people around them. Jesus' mealtime manners created more of a stir for them than the "weightier matters of the law" that they themselves had neglected. Rather than celebrate over the repentance of those around them, the Pharisees were envious of the popularity that Jesus had with the people.

Today, Christ invites us to join with Him in celebration over those who have been saved. There is no room for envy, pride, or competition in the church of Jesus Christ. When the flesh reigns supreme in our lives and churches, joy is stifled and the "homecoming" celebration for the once-lost is met with passive indifference.

Jesus wants us to rejoice not only when someone is found by Him, but also as that someone grows spiritually mature through discipleship. The church is the place of joy where we, as Christians, share shepherding responsibilities in taking care of new believers.

Jubilation and thanksgiving should flow from the hearts of church members as they see lost people around them being found by the Good Shepherd, and then being disciplined by His followers through the Holy Spirit.

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Thank You

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Faye Kennard

Thank you very much for your prayers, visits, cards and calls during my recent hospital stay. I am making excellent progress toward a full recovery.

Charles Rachui

Congratulations!

A big congratulations to **Cade Suggs** and the rest of the Rose Capital East All-Star baseball team as they are the Southwest Region Senior League Champions. As of this publication, they are playing in the World Series in Bangor, Maine. Way to go, guys!

Guidelines for Successful Living
 A fresh look at the Ten Commandments
AUG 17: "Don't Covet"
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Minibus driver for Sunday: Greg Jones, ph. 903.565.4337. Please call if you need transportation. The bus will not run Wed. 8/10.

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Effective Ministry

"Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade mankind.... For Christ's love compels us.... So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view...." (2 Corinthians 5:11,14,16).

I've been working considerably lately with the first five and a half chapters of 2 Corinthians. Beginning Sunday September 4th we are going to be diving head-first into the Apostle Paul's philosophy of ministry. What we will see is that ministry is a way of life. Ministry is what our Father calls us to through the Gospel. And if we understand our calling correctly, ministry is not optional.

In order for ministry to be influential.... In order for ministry to be effective.... In order for ministry to be significant... it must be an extension of who we are. It has to be authentic. It has to be genuine. It has to be valid... if it is to have the impact God intends (and demands) the Gospel to have. Because people can spot a fake a mile away!

And so "since, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade mankind."

And it is "Christ's love that compels us" (His divine love for us evidenced upon the cross and through the resurrection).

And because of God's relentless pursuit of us through the Good News of Jesus, and because we recognize our fallen state without Him, "from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view."

We see ourselves often in pursuit of God. And certainly we are. Certainly we do. But I believe if we are objective and if we are honest with ourselves, what we soon discover is that it is not we who pursue God, but He who pursues us. He pursues us relentlessly. The lengths He has gone through in the overarching story of God intersecting humanity throughout the ages, the culmination of the redemptive work of God in Christ through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, the way in which He magnificently works in our hearts and lives today, all reveal one thing to us: It is God who pursues. It is He who pursues us. And it is this profound reality that must compel us to pursue Him and His will and His purposes with all that we are.

Glory to God!

Jason

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

BACK TO SCHOOL

Teens, most of you will be starting back to school in the next 10 days! Some of you will be in familiar territory and some of you will be in a new place. Either way, you will have the opportunity to "Let your light shine..." This will be an amazing opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION

Join us Sunday night, Aug 14 for our end of summer Youth Presentation. Several of our teens will be leading the worship service. This will be an opportunity for you to hear about and see what our teens have been up to this past summer.

Teens: Please wear one of the mission trip t-shirts Sunday night!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Aug. 22. Help us serve the community. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and are prepping at 5:00. Join us!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High School: Join us Sunday night for the devo after the evening worship service. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 9:00. This will be the last devo for the Graduating Seniors... So... Don't miss it!

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 14	End of Summer Presentation
Aug. 14	High School Devotional
Aug. 21	Small Groups Meet
Aug. 22	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Aug. 28	All Church Luncheon
Sept. 25	Area Wide Youth Gathering
Oct. 1	"Courageous" Men's Day
Oct. 30	Fall Festival
Nov. 6	Area Wide JR. High Dodgeball
Nov. 18-20	Middle School ZEW Retreat



"R" Words Used in the Bible

Our first "R" word for consideration is the word "rid." In Numbers 17, GOD has had His fill of the constant grumbling against Moses. HE has the leader of each tribe leave their staff with their names on it and HE would surely signify who HIS leader is. The next morning it was very clear. The staff of Aaron had budded, blossomed, and produced almonds. GOD had say, **I will rid myself of this constant grumbling.**

To "rid" means to be free from. Get rid

of....set yourself free from all bitterness, rage, anger, and filthy language. Get rid of all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. (Eph 4:31; 1 Pet 2:1)

How serious is GOD about this? HE said, "If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away, or if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell" (Mt 5:29-30).

Make a list of the things you need to be free from and do it. GOD will help because HE wants you to get rid of it too.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

Keep the Lamps Burning

"Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning!" – Jesus, to the disciples (Luke 12:35)

At nightfall, over Goshen fell a stillness that only increased the Israelites' anticipation of God's promised deliverance. With the smell of fresh lamb's blood still in the streets, all Israel's families shut themselves in their homes and remembered Moses' instruction to be prepared at any moment. The people were to be dressed and ready for the Exodus. And Moses added: **"Keep your lamps burning."**

Thousands of years later, Jesus told his disciples to stay dressed for action and to keep their lamps burning. The Great Exodus was about to take place.

But this time, God was not going to take down an Egyptian Pharaoh and set his people free from physical slavery. He was going to deliver them from slavery to sin and conquer a greater enemy: Satan – the accuser himself. The disciples were instructed to stay alert and ready for the moment when God's great Exodus

would take place.

Two thousand years more and we find ourselves in the final chapters of the history book written by God himself. Once again, Jesus' words apply to us. We must be ready for the final Exodus – when Jesus will return to earth, raise the dead, judge the wicked and vindicate his people.

This time, Christ will not be coming to inaugurate his kingdom, but to consummate it. Paul tells us all creation is groaning in anticipation of that Day – the day when God will right all that's wrong and renew and restore his creation – the day when the new heaven and the new earth will become a reality.

Until that day comes, we must be faithful followers, dressed for action, with our lamps burning, awaiting Christ's return.

When Jesus returns, will he find us at our posts, fulfilling his commands? The Final Exodus has been promised. When the curtain comes down, will we be ready?



Bible Lectureship in Longview

You are invited to the 19th Annual Bible Lectureship at Longview Church of Christ August 26-28. Call 903-236-0988 for more information.

Welcome, New Members

Brandon & Chanse Lott

8338 Garrett Dr., Tyler, TX 75703

Chanse: 903-283-8464 chancelott@aol.com

Brandon: 903-316-6654

Rejoice! Baptisms

Lidia Gutierrez

204 S. Englewood, Tyler, TX 75702

903-245-9365

Miriam Guzman(17) & Carla Guzman(10)

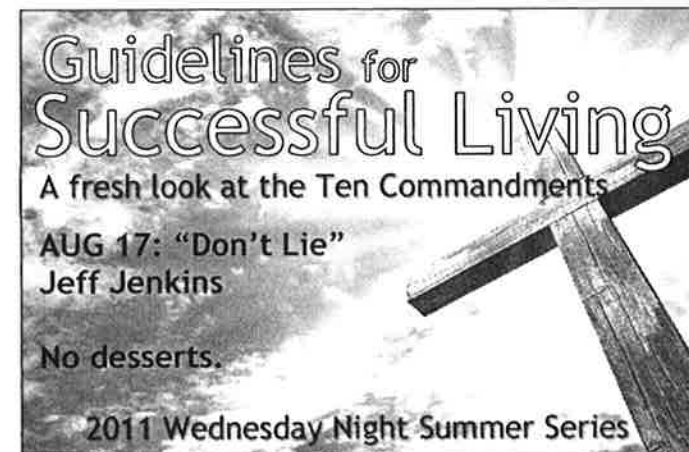
daughters of Carlos & Erica

(16916 CR 3147, Tyler, TX 75706)

Welcome to the West Erwin family!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Glen & Bobbye May** as they will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 17! What an example they are to us!



Guidelines for Successful Living

A fresh look at the Ten Commandments

AUG 17: "Don't Lie"

Jeff Jenkins

No desserts.

2011 Wednesday Night Summer Series

West Erwin Playschool Enrolling

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Ladies Day at North Tenneha

Ladies are invited to a Ladies Day at North Tenneha Church of Christ on Saturday, August 27 from 8:30 a.m. to noon with guest speaker Kimberly Triplett of Nashville, TN. Call 903-593-6868 for more information.

Address Updates

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Records	Sun.-July 31	Sun.- July 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	425	407	409
Worship a.m.	693	600	638
Worship p.m.	376	353	390
Wed. p.m.	300	351	325
Contribution	\$23,507.96	\$26,143.74	\$32,189.43
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: **Hospitalized:** Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | **Mother Frances Hospital:** James Hardin, no visitors at this time. **Updates:** Roy Bench will have right carotid endarterectomy Aug. 4. | Linda Boudreau is now home. | Caitlin Cook had her tonsils removed Tuesday. | Faye Kennard had thyroid surgery Aug. 1. | Kay Parrish is now home. | Kelsi Wicks had hand surgery Aug. 1.

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Scott Hackett	Tom Hale

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Bud Cawyer
Scripture	Dale Blackstone
Dismiss	Gene Chandler

GREETERS

Walker & Rhonda Weathers & Fabian Vega
 J.R. & Sylvia Tharpe & Angel Vega
 Charles & Linda Westerfeld & Brice Sustaie
 Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
 Bill & Barbara White

Pick up cards for 8/7 & 8/14: Colton Haile, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

Sound booth for 8/7: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

Minibus driver for Sunday: Greg Jones, ph. 903.565.4337. Please call if you need transportation. The bus will not run Wed. 8/10.

Children's Ministry for 8/7: Nursery a.m.: Mary Jo Crowder | Toddlers a.m.: Cathy Culpepper | Toddlers p.m.: Wendy Culpepper | Children's Worship: Heath

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Bold Prayers

I believe that there are safe prayers and there are bold prayers. "Father, please bless my life." "Take care of my family." "Grant us a good day." Good prayers... but safe prayers.

Bold prayers dig deeper. They lay our lives before the Sovereign Lord in such a way so as to hold nothing back and give ourselves fully over to Him.... "God make me into your instrument." "Create within me the heart of Jesus." "Father do with me and my life what you will." "Grant me courage and strength and faith so that in every way you may be glorified through me." Bold prayers!

How intentional are we when we pray? Are we conscious of what we are saying? Are our words spoken out of desire for divine deliverance? Words spoken out of total reliance upon God? Do the words we share with God convey our desire that we might unequivocally accomplish His will and purpose in and through the lives He's blessed us to live - no matter what?

Here's what I see with Jesus: every word, every action, every thought, every facet of His life was lived with intentionality and with resolve. There was no doubt! His reason, His being, His purpose - all encompassed within His single-mindedness of who we was and what He was about.

As believers I wonder if that's what is seen in us. Or rather, I wonder if our intentionality and resolve is evident in everything that we are about? I believe a crucial, central component of this is revealed in our prayer life. We can tell a lot about ourselves, our mindset, and our hearts through our prayers.

How often do you pray? (Be honest with yourself). Just you and God? Do you pray with your children? Do you pray with your spouse? Men, do you take the lead? Do you pray specifically on behalf of others? (And do they know that you pray for them?). Do they come to you because they know that you are a man or woman of prayer? Do you pour out your heart to God when you pray?

And when you pray, do you pray *bold prayers*?

I had a very good friend, Ron Bozell, who passed away from Leukemia last December. Ron was a faithful man of God and a man of prayer. When he prayed it was the outpouring of his heart. His prayer life was an extension of who he was (and who he is to those who knew him). Over and over and over again, Ron would say: "Prayer moves the hands that move the world!" And not only did he say it, he meant it....

Glory to God!

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Youth With Heart . . . by Danny
NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

Last week a group of 16 of us were in New Orleans helping the Carrollton Ave. church. We had an amazing week... in spite of the rain! Our group built a 50' handicap ramp, took siding off of a house, tore down old chimney, replaced windows and general cleanup. We have an amazing relationship with our brothers and sisters in New Orleans! Thanks to Ken Culpepper, Joy Rousseau, Wendy Culpepper, Danny & Cassandra Estes, Richard Estes & Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION

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flash drive or a CD.

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GOOFY GAME DAY

Middle Schoolers: Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 9 for Goofy Game Day. Meet at the church at 11:30 and we will go eat together (bring \$6) and return to the building to spend the day together having a ball! Wear tennis shoes & invite a friend!

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 6 Vacation Bible School
 Aug. 9 Middle School Goofy Game Day
 Aug. 14 End of Summer Presentation
 Aug. 14 High School Devotional
 Aug. 22 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
 Aug. 28 All Church Luncheon



Stripped and Strengthened

A house church leader in Asia was telling how persecution in his country had stripped his church of its resources. "But to my surprise," he said, "it turned out to be a good thing. We found that rather than being weakened by the removal of all external props, we were actually much stronger because our faith in GOD was purer. We had no plans, nor programs to keep running, so we

just sought the face of Jesus."
 That sounded so familiar. Of course.....the book of Acts, chapter 8. Persecution caused the Christians in Jerusalem to scatter throughout Judea and Samaria. When they left they took only their faith in Jesus with them. All their external props were left behind. GOD used the persecution to purify their faith and to give them reason to lean on Jesus more than ever.

Knowing how desperately GOD wants us to lean on Him makes it difficult not to consider our current times and a repeat event.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois
Light of the World

"You are the light of the world." - Matthew 5:14

How is it that Jesus says we are the light of the world?
 Doesn't he claim to be the Light of the World himself?
 Is this a contradiction? How can it be that Jesus sees himself as the light, but then he sees his followers as the light too?
 These questions are all the more powerful when we realize that there is no light in ourselves. We are prone to love the darkness.
 Yet Jesus' words remain true. We are the light of the world. God has chosen to shine the light of Jesus through us.
 Think about the moon. The moon doesn't actually

shine. It gives off no light – it only reflects the light that comes from the sun. At night, when the sun has disappeared, we are still enjoying the sun's light, coming via the reflection of the moon.
 Likewise, even though Jesus as the Light of the world is no longer on earth physically, his light remains. We, his followers, reflect his light. We absorb his glory and majesty – the truth of his gospel, and we reflect those glorious truths for all the world to see. So yes, we are the light of the world... whenever we reflect Jesus!

Prayer: *Light of the world, thank you for bringing me to salvation and for making me a reflection of your light. Help me to be a good reflection of your glory and your gospel. Amen.*

VBS is August 6!

If you are not involved in our VBS, drop by our Family Life Center this Saturday to see what God is doing in the hearts of our children! Watch them learn & grow as they follow Jesus to Capernaum!

Healing Hearts Card Ministry

The West Erwin Card Ministry group, Healing Hearts, invites you to join us for an evening of card making and fellowship as we reach out to those in need with hand stamped cards. This ministry focuses on sending cards to those struggling with sickness, loss, or death of someone close. We meet at 6:00 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the Benevolence Center. For more information, contact Melanie Murry at 903-216-8587.

With Sympathy

Services for **Annie Miller**, grandmother of Chanse Lott, were Monday in Canton. Our love, prayers & sympathy is with the family.

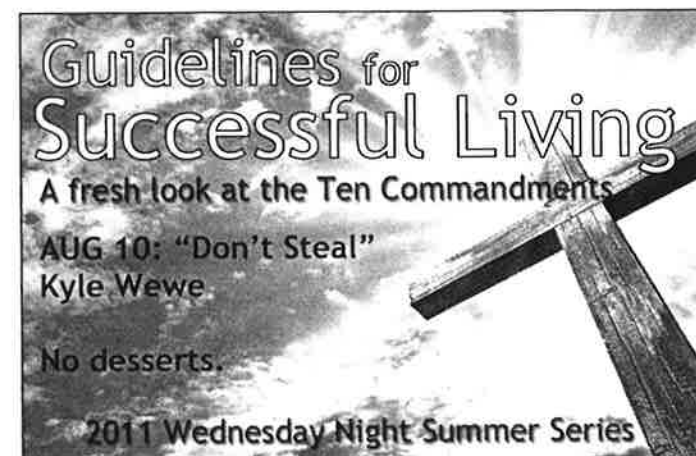
Thank You

Dear West Erwin family,
 Thank you for taking such good care of my mom & dad. It was good to come home even under these circumstances. I will miss Dad as I am sure you will too. I love you all.

Kevin Womack

Once again I want to say "thank you" for all the blessings you have once again given me. You are such a sweet, supportive family and such an inspiration to me. Thanks for making an eternal difference. May God bless you as you have blessed me! With all my love,

Kay Parrish



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Wed. p.m.	351	272	200
Contribution	\$26,143.74	\$27,555.00	\$22,104.97
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Dallas: Lori Boaze, sister of Miranda Conder | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Kay Parrish, room 448 Continued Care | **Health South:** Winona Shankle | **ETMC Olympic Center:** Linda Boudreau, room 402B

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Dismiss	Jim Boyd

GREETERS

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 Visitor Center: Mike & Dorothy Watts
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Pick up cards for 7/31: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan & Logan Stone & Caleb DuPree

Sound booth for 7/31-8/7: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

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The Cause of Redemption

"God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Love is a quality that we develop. We learn how to love. We learn love from our parents and grandparents. We learn love from those who love us along the way. As we fall in love and marry we learn to love our spouse and learn love from our spouse. Tiersa and I have in many ways "grown up" together because we came to know one another at such a young age. As we look into our newborn children's eyes for the first time we experience a love that gives us such insight into the love of God (although we're certainly content to let grandma and grandpa give us a rest as often as they like!). Through life, through experience, through trial and error at times, we learn how to better love - and what it means to love.

And yet we often wonder, "How could God love us?" Or perhaps even closer to home, "How could God love me?" But I think as honest as these questions are, they don't quite have a full grasp of God's love. Or, the reality that the Apostle John unveils to us: "God is love" (1 John 4:8,16). Love is not a quality that God has learned. Love is who God is. God reveals love because He is love.

God does not love us because we are easy or difficult to love (although through relationship we oftentimes find ourselves either closer to God or distanced from Him – but this is our doing, not His!). God loves us because He is God. He is love. Love is who He is. Love is His character. His nature. The reality that God is love is as unchanging as He is. God's love is not drawn out of Him by us, rather, it flows from Him constantly. Steadily. Why? Because God is love.

"God so loved..." (John 3:16) not because we were loveable, but because He is love. Christ did not die for the world so that God might then love us. Christ died because God loves us. He died as the ultimate revelation and realization of God's love for us. Love is not the result of redemption, it is the cause of it....

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THANKS!

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MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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Men's Wearhouse National Suit Drive

Once again the West Erwin Benevolence Center will be working with the Men's Wearhouse Annual Suit Drive. You are invited to participate. When you donate your gently used professional attire at your nearest Men's Wearhouse during the month of August you are giving more than clothing ----- you are giving a second chance for someone else to have a better interview and possibly get a better job.

Men's Wearhouse will accept your

donations August 1-31. As a thank you for your support, you will receive 50% off the regular price of all items (excluding shoes) on your next purchase. Also, for every suit Men's Wearhouse receives, they will donate a new tie to the cause.

In the past West Erwin has worked with Texas Work Force to help those who need the professional clothing. Thank you for your participation.

Thought For This Week

Surrendered hearts show up best in relationships. They don't edge others out. They don't demand their rights. They aren't self-serving.

His servant. We, His people, will be the ones who glorify God now and who will glorify God forever.

How do we glorify God? By doing everything that He commands us to do. On the night before He died, Jesus said that He had glorified the Father by doing the work that God had laid out for Him.

What is the work that God has prepared for you? The Bible teaches that God prepares good works for us to do - all to His glory. How will you glorify God? How will you serve Him? How will you honor Him? At home? At work? At school? At church?

Prayer: *Lord, my heart overflows with thanksgiving that you have called us to be your church - the people who bring you glory. Help me to glorify you in my daily life, to serve you selflessly, to love you fully, and to worship you through my actions and thoughts. Amen.*

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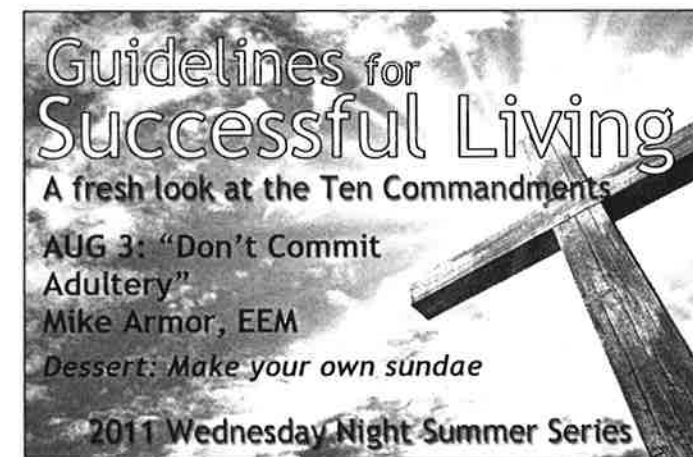
Dear family,
The planter is beautiful and the children & I thank you. Each and every card and hug and prayer is cherished. Love,

Carolyn Womack

New Address

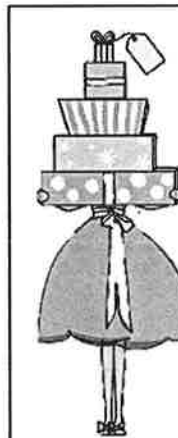
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Baptisms

Carlos & Erika Guzman and their children Miriam, Carla, Carlos & Christopher were all baptized last week. Their address is 16916 CR 3147, Tyler, TX 75706. Welcome to the West Erwin family!

Church Directory

Be looking for details this Fall as we will begin the process for making a new church directory. Visit our website to submit a recent photo for the online version. Be aware that the online directory is still under construction.

Vacation Bible School is

Follow Jesus to Capernaum!

August 6!

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Bible Class	428	411	376
Worship a.m.	657	688	601
Worship p.m.	403	368	319
Wed. p.m.	272	NC	300
Contribution	\$27,555.00	\$23,152.55	\$23,760.98
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Presiding At The Lord's Table Tony Adams

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Terry Frick Ira Groom

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Scott Baker
Scripture Chris Ables
Dismiss Ernest Bennett

GREETERS

Dannie & Sue Skipper & Jake Skender
Dennis & Karen Stansbury & Zack Skender
Glynn & Fran Starnes & Jackson Smith
Visitor Center: Danny & Lisa Snell
Shaun & Joanna Stamps

Pick up cards for 7/24 & 7/31: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan & Logan Stone & Caleb DuPree

Sound booth for 7/24: Terry Frick & Mark Frick

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

Children's Ministry for 7/24: Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Blackstone | Toddlers a.m.: Sonja Carter | Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables | Children's Worship: Albritton

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Practicing the Presence of God

Our journey of life is such that when we open our spiritual eyes we begin to see God at work all around us. David asks, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there. If I make my bed in the depths you are there" (Psalm 139:7-8). God is all around us. He is at work in and through us and everything in life if we will simply have eyes that see. I believe this is a crucial part of faith. And maybe where mature faith comes in? Because faith that is mature has the ability to see God at work in life. Faith that is mature has the ability to see the potential for God in every facet of life. A mature faith practices living in the very presence of God.

Our faith must be real to us, if it is to be real to the world. In order for our Father to be a present reality to others through the lives we live, He must first and foremost be a present reality to us. There is within every person an innate need for Christ and Christian community. A wholeness that only comes from relationship with God in Jesus. And yet do we reveal Christ and fidelity to Him in such a way as to compel others to acknowledge and pursue our Lord and pursue faith in Him?

Think about the things that so many are searching for... a sense of belonging, validation, approval, meaning and purpose in life, a greater understanding of self, acceptance, love, to be challenged, living beyond themselves, a banner under which to claim allegiance... *all of which are only fully found and fulfilled in a relationship with God through Christ and within the community of faith.*

But... is that what we offer them? *And* (maybe a better and more personal question)... do we wholly find our belonging, meaning, purpose, etc. in Him?

What if we daily practiced the presence of God? By that I mean, what if every moment of life we were intrinsically cognizant that we were in the presence of God? What if everything, every moment, of life was lived with the acute awareness that we were in our Father's presence. (Because we are! Right?) What if we daily practiced *fully* living in His presence? How might that change things?

Paul says, "To live is Christ..." (Philippians 1:21). Think about those four words.... *To live is Christ.* Can we (you) really say that and mean it?

Glory to God!

Jason

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Youth With Heart... by Danny NEBRASKA...

Thanks to all who went on the Nebraska Mission Trip. It was an amazing adventure. We had the opportunity to teach 99 kids at the VBS as well as roof the church building and rebuild a fence. Our young people did an amazing job and the Lord shined down on them! Thank you for all your prayers! A special "Thanks" to those who went as sponsors: Daniel & Kim DuPrec, Ken Culpepper, Danny Estes, Gary Broome, Danny & Maggie Craddock, Lisa Snell & James Dykmann.

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Jesus and Little Children

The gospels provide several views of Jesus' attitude toward children. Once, while Jesus was in the temple, the small children began shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" The teachers of the law and the chief priests were indignant. They wanted Jesus to silence them. He asked them, "Have you never read, 'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'" (Mt 21:15-16). Jesus was honored by their songs. He understood their praise to be pleasing to GOD.

Take a moment to think about this. Occasionally someone says disparaging remarks about what we call

"Children's Worship" as if such a thing is a contradiction of terms. Yet Jesus felt that children's worship was simply that - worship to GOD. Their praise was as precious to GOD as the grown-ups praise.

On another occasion, the disciples prohibited parents from bringing their children to Jesus. "When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of GOD belongs to such as these'" (Mark 10:14).

Little children are NOT the church of tomorrow, but the church of today! Their presence and worship is as important to GOD as anyone else's. And in most cases they will teach us what it means to be fit for the kingdom of GOD.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

It's a Big Thing to Know You're Small

The Bible is God's revelation to humanity, and in it, He discloses Himself. Scripture reminds us of what we *can't* know about God.

- The Apostle Paul tells us that God dwells in unapproachable light (1 Timothy 6:16).
- The Psalmists praise his glory and greatness, saying that no one can fathom just how awesome he is (Ps. 145:3).
- His thoughts are so high and lofty that we cannot think them after him (Psalm 139:6).
- His ways are beyond finding out (Romans 11:33).

Verses like these clue us in on the fact that God is *not like us*. We were made in his image, yet we seek constantly to make him into ours. Coming to grips with the magnificence of God reminds us that we cannot fully comprehend him.

Seeking to understand God always leads us to a place of mystery. Mysteries intrigue us. Many novels, short stories, television shows, and movies utilize the compelling genre of mystery, in which more and more truth is revealed as the story progresses. In the Scriptures, the truth of God's nature is also revealed progressively, culminating in the person and work of Jesus Christ. The more we know about the infinite God, the

more we see the finiteness of humanity.

But this is a good place to be. It's a big thing to know you're small. Being aware of our smallness both frightens and comforts us. Our fear of the infinite, holy God drives us to our knees - just as it did Isaiah. Yet in this posture of worship, we sense comfort. Deep down in our bones, we know we were made to worship. We were created to stand as finite creatures before an infinite God. Once our sin is exposed, we are driven to our knees in repentance before a mighty God whose perfect attributes have no end. C.S. Lewis said our talk about God is like staring at the sun.

We cannot fully take in the sun's brilliance, but its radiance enables us to see everything else.

God's essence remains, in part, a mystery. If we are to embrace God, we must embrace this mystery. We must bow before the infinite with the firm realization that his ways are past finding out. We must put our hand over our mouth and recognize the unchanging holiness of the Holiest One. And to think that the Infinite God put on humanity and dwelt among us . . . well, now my small heart pounds with gratitude for the great love of a big God.

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Area Vacation Bible Schools

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Address Change

Darrell & Winnell Beard

2055 Grande Blvd. # 103, Tyler, TX 75703

Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini

1799 Oak Ridge St., Hideaway, TX 75771
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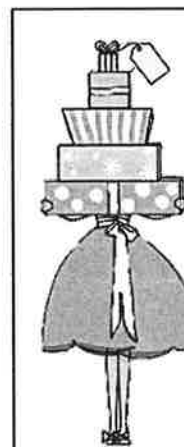
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Tim Holt

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Guidelines for Successful Living
 A fresh look at the Ten Commandments
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Nearness with God

When you get right down to it the Christian faith is about nearness with God. Certainly we are in need of salvation. We are in need of forgiveness. We are in need of the strength that only God can provide. But when we look objectively at faith (and life) we begin to see the innate need each of us have for nearness to our Father.

And I believe this is a struggle for many. Because God seems so very distant.

As God descends upon Mt Sinai He does so in power. He had delivered Israel with power out of their slavery in Egypt. There was no doubt to any of them that He alone was God. As He leads them to Mt Sinai to engage in covenant with them He establishes a boundary around the mountain. No one was to come near. They were all to be kept at a distance. The glory of God encompasses the mountain in thunder and lightning and fire and trumpet blast. The mountain shook violently. Smoke billowed from the mountain "like a furnace" (Ex 19:18). "To the Israelites the glory of the Lord looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain" (Ex 24:18). "When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear" (Ex 20:18). And they stayed at a distance....

However in Christ we have a different reality. If we've learned anything from the Gospel of Jesus, anything from what God has accomplished through our Savior, anything from the cross and resurrection of our Lord, it is that our Father desires closeness with us. He wants us near. He has come near to us in Christ and so desires for us to engage Him in a close, intimate relationship in this life.

Read these powerful, comforting words from the Hebrew writer of our present reality in Christ: "You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned.' The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, 'I am trembling with fear.' But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant..." (Heb 12:18-24).

Our reality in Jesus is of a God who brings us near.

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Youth With Heart . . . by Danny

THANKS!

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NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, we have completed our first day of VBS with 80 kids! We've completed our service projects of replacing a wooden fence and roofing the church building. I am constantly amazed how God continues to work in our lives and through our lives. This morning 30 minutes before VBS started, a young lady drove up to the Fairgrounds and asked what time it started. She wanted to make sure her 5 kids made it in time. She wanted them to be here all week. She grew up going to our VBS and had just recently moved back. We plant seeds... God grows

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July 17
July 17
July 18
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IMPORTANT DATES

Nebraska Mission Trip
New Orleans Trip Meeting
Small Groups Meet
West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
New Orleans Mission Trip



Top Priority

The leadership at West Erwin is convinced education is a top priority. They understand the challenge of living in a world where the web, emailing, texting, facebook, electronic games and TV consumes hours and hours every day. They understand a 25 minute sermon on Sunday hardly offsets the molding of the world. They understand that if we are going to make a difference in the lives of people today, we must begin with the children. Therefore, each class has been staffed with a teacher whom GOD has equipped with a special heart to minister to the children of West Erwin. Our children's Bible class teachers are focused on

teaching for life-change. They have banished boredom from the classroom. They use every tool available to motivate the children. They ignite and direct learning. They work to develop meaningful activities for solid, hands-on learning. Tell them how much you appreciate them!

The children's ministry at West Erwin is a team who put the lives of your young children at the top of their priorities. They pray over them. They encourage them. They teach them who GOD is and what HE has done for them. Our teachers are faithful and they have made themselves available to the call of teaching children.

If you are not including our children's ministry in your prayers please ink them in. Pray for our teachers that GOD will work through each one of them. Pray that the lack of knowledge will not be a weakness at West Erwin.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Give Thanks... Always?

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:16-18

Really, Paul? Give thanks in everything? No matter the circumstance?

Already, you've rocked my world. You've told me to *be joyful always* – not just when life is going well. That means that even though I'm tempted to rejoice only in the good times, you want me to rejoice in the bad times too.

You've told me to *pray continually* – not just when life is going badly. Here, you've dealt with the opposite temptation. Even though I'm tempted to pray only in the bad times (when I sense I need something), you want me to *pray continually* – in the good times too.

Paul, you're calling me to a way of life that doesn't depend upon my circumstances. And what bugs me about this call is that you aren't some idealistic pastor asking me to do the impossible. You are doing this yourself. You're writing from a prison cell. Your happiest, sunniest letter (Philippians) is written when your circumstances are terrible.

And now, you're telling us to *give thanks in all*

circumstances. But how? I want to be thankful, but come on... even for bad things? Even for trials?

That's when I notice you've provided the key to thankfulness in all circumstances. You talk about the will of God in Christ Jesus. Everything that comes at us in life comes through the filter of God's love to us through his Son. Once we see the victory achieved in the worst of places (the cross), our view of our circumstances is turned upside down.

Paul, your gospel upsets all my expectations. I can no longer define good and bad circumstances the way the world does. The cross messes with me. There, the worst of circumstances brings the best of blessing.

Romans 8:28 says that *all things work together for good for those who love God*. That picture puts God in the center, so somehow I know that even the bad things are working out for his glory and my ultimate joy in him.

The choice is now clear. I can look at my situation and see bad things that are against me or I can see them as things working for my good. Decision: Despair or Thankfulness. Thanks, Paul. You're right. The gospel takes my despair and transforms it into thanksgiving.

VBS is August 6!

If you need any assistance or have questions/concerns, make your way to **VBS CENTRAL** in the upstairs hallway of the Education Wing. Some items we still need: cotton rugs, shade canopies, small containers with lids, beads, old jewelry that doesn't need to be returned, toaster oven, baskets of any size, artificial fruit or vegetables & baby food jars.

Thank You!

We would like to thank **Curt Jordan** for his many years of service as a deacon for the West Erwin Church. Curt recently resigned as deacon and we appreciate him and his willingness to serve.



Area Vacation Bible Schools

University Church of Christ invites you to their 'Mystery' VBS July 18-21 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Enjoy four informative & faith building lessons on the mystery of Christ! There will be classes for all ages including adults.

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Ray Womack**. Services were Sunday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love & prayers are with Carolyn & the family.

Address Update

Chris & Miranda Conder
1277 Luann Lane, Tyler 75703

Guidelines for Successful Living
A fresh look at the Ten Commandments
July 20: "Honor Your Parents"
Jason Reeves
Bring Your Favorite Chocolate Dessert
2011 Wednesday Night Summer Series

West Erwin Playschool Enrolling

West Erwin Playschool is gearing up for another great year! We want your pre-schooler to be a part of our special program. There is still space available in all classes Nursery through Pre K. Call Angie Coleman for enrollment information: 903.312.7020.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin church family, Thank you for honoring Roger with such a lovely basket of plants and providing the delicious luncheon for our family. We found great comfort in the handling of his service, the many hospital visits and countless prayers. During times like these, we truly realize how precious our friends and church family here at West Erwin are. In Christian love,

Jan Knight

We appreciate your prayers, calls, visits, and cards during my recent illness. Being a part of this church family is truly a blessing to us. Love,

Phil and Linda Marts

Dear Family,
How can words express what a blessing you have been to Ray and me these last few months? Your attention, your prayers, calls, food and wonderful cards. Yes, the cards brought tears to his eyes, but he loved and enjoyed each one. In fact, he was overwhelmed by them. You will never know the joy and comfort you gave him. He saved them all and wanted each of you to know what his church family meant to him. Thank you also for the beautiful flowers, lovely lunch and all the hugs and words of comfort. The Ray Womack family is so blessed, Thank you! In his name-

Carolyn Womack

Welcome, New Members!

Shirley Stevens and her son, **Robert Dennis**, placed membership last Sunday. They come to us from the Bandera Church of Christ in Bandera, Texas. Their contact info is: 3307 S. Keaton, Tyler, Tx. 75701, 903-597-9199. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Items Needed

The Benevolence Center group would like a small microwave or toaster oven if someone has one they are not using. Contact the office if you have one at 903-592-0809.

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Records	Sunday-July 3	Sunday- June 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	430	391	350
Worship a.m.	720	627	594
Worship p.m.	NC	343	273
Wed. p.m.	305	298	292
Contribution	\$46,283.00	\$22,254.84	\$76,652.62
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: Hospitalized: Dallas: Lori Boaze, sister of Miranda Conder | **Phil Myben**, brother of Kathie Thompson, ICU | **Park Place Rehabilitation: James Phillips**, Room 112 | **Clairmont Rehabilitation: Wade McDonald**, room 110 | **Health South: Winona Shankle** | **Updates: Linda Boudreau's** knee surgery will be July 14 at Spine & Joint. | **Frances Broome** received a good report from her thyroid biopsy. | **Leslie Coker** will have ankle surgery July 12 at Spine & Joint. | **W.A. Fielding, Jr.**, brother-in-law of Phil Marts, received a good report last week. | **Chase Fisher** has a broken foot and will be incapacitated for about three months. | **Kaitlyn Gravois** is home after oral surgery. | **Tim Holt** is now home. | **Faye Kennard** had a thyroid biopsy last Thursday. | **West Erwin Family:** Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Linda Marts | Anita Potter | Bettye Price | Sylvia Tharpe | Mike Watts | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Mildred Barnwell**, mother of Linda Marts | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Loralea Epperson**, co-worker of Connie Sublette | **Raymond Hardin**, brother of James | **Stephen Pickle**, son of Sallyann | **Bertie Steel**, mother of Carolyn Blackstone | **Carey Woods**, stepson of Dorothy

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Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Prayer Dannie Skipper
 Scripture Con Sweet
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Billy Terrell

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Bobby Dangler Randy Farrar
 Daniel DuPree Rick Fedell
 Don Durham Roy Fraley
 Danny Estes Dan Gillam

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dennis Stansbury
 Scripture Walker Weathers
 Dismiss Buddy Townsend

GREETERS

Aubrey & Jean Morman & Lesly Sandoval
 Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Luis Saucedo
 Bob & Barbara Paul & Erick Saucedo
 Visitor Center: Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot
 John & Virginia Pike

Pick up cards for 7/10 & 7/17: Colton Haile, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

Sound booth for 7/10: Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

Children's Ministry for 7/10: Nursery a.m.: Kris Walker | Toddlers a.m.: Linda Westerfeld | Toddlers p.m.: Carolyn Welborn | Children's Worship: Wallace

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Christian Cannibalism

Contemporaries of the early church rumbled of cannibalism among the believers. The followers of Christ spoke of "eating the flesh" and "drinking the blood" of their Savior. Sounds pretty cannibalistic to me....

In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that unless one eats His flesh and drinks His blood the believer has no life (spiritual life). There is certainly a divine connection with Jesus' statements in John 6 ("eat my flesh, drink my blood") with the instruction in the Upper Room and with the Christian Communion, but I wonder if what Jesus is saying doesn't run a bit deeper?

Jesus' claims come right after His declaration as the "Bread of Life." What if Jesus were saying that His disciples must feed on Him? (He is!) What if Jesus were saying that to truly be His we must be sustained by Him? (That's what He's calling us to!) "Look to me for your life," He calls. "Come to me to be filled," He demands, for everything else in this life fails to fill us.

Discipleship at a very basic level is Christian cannibalism.

And I love the end of the story. After Jesus gives the audience something to chew on (pun intended), many begin to leave. They can't handle it. It's too much! So much so that many begin to walk away. And not just leave the crowd. They begin to leave Jesus. Many refuse to follow Him, to be His disciples, any longer. But then John (who was there mind you) records for us what takes place in the quietness of the moment between Jesus and the Twelve. "From this time on many turned back and no longer followed Him. 'You don't want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asks" (John 6:66-67).

And I love Peter's reply in v68! His reply must be ours.... "Lord, to whom will we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Glory to God!
 Jason

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Youth With Heart... by Danny
NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

Our Nebraska Mission Team will leave Thursday, July 7 and return Saturday, July 16. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel, teach & serve. We have 33 of us from West Erwin and will be joined by Danny & Maggie Craddock. We will have the opportunity to: Teach 100-130 children from West Point, Encourage our brothers & sisters, Roof the church building, serve the community & Grow in Christ!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

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July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 10	Middle School Devotional
July 17	New Orleans Trip Meeting
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July 18	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
July 23-29	New Orleans Mission Trip



“Hear the word of the Lord.....my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge.”

Hosea 4

Notice that GOD does not destroy the people, we destroy ourselves. “For although they knew GOD, they neither glorified Him as GOD nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Rom. 1:21)

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

What Does It Mean to “Pray Continually?” “Praying continually” means at least three things.

First, it means that **there is a spirit of dependence that should permeate all we do.** This is the very spirit and essence of prayer. So, even when we are not speaking consciously to God, there is a deep, abiding dependence on him that is woven into the heart of faith. In that sense, we “pray” or have the spirit of prayer continuously.

Second – and I think this is what Paul has in mind most immediately – praying continually means **praying repeatedly and often.** I base this on the use of the word “constantly” in *Romans 1:9*, where Paul says, “*God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I mention you . . .*” Now we can be sure that Paul did not mention the Romans every minute of his waking life, or even every minute of his prayers. He prayed about many other things. But he mentioned them over and over, and often. So “constantly” doesn’t mean that, verbally or mentally, we have to be speaking prayers every minute of the day in the fight for joy. It means we should pray over and over, and often. Our default mental state should be: “O God, help...”

Third, praying without ceasing means **not giving up on prayer.** Don’t ever come to a point in your life where you cease to pray at all. Don’t abandon the God of hope and say, “There’s no use praying.” Jesus is very jealous for us to learn this lesson. One of his parables is introduced by the words, “*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up*” *Luke 18:1*. He knew our experience in prayer would tempt us to quit altogether. So he, along with the apostle Paul, says, Never lose heart. Go on praying. Don’t cease.

The results.....”GOD gave them over to the sinful desires of their hearts. he let them exchange the truth of GOD for lies. He allowed them to worship and serve created things rather than the Creator.

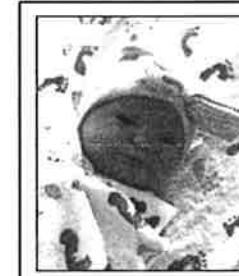
Teaching the Word of GOD is not an option. Teaching the truth of GOD is first and foremost among His people and an ever present and pressing imperative at West Erwin.

Events of Interest

Congratulations to **Tony Adams** & his drafting students at Chapel Hill High School as they were named 3A State Champions at TSA for their 9th year and they were also named National Champions at TSA in Structural Engineering! Tony has taught for 45 years total and 40 years at CHISD. We are thankful for Tony and his example to his students and his love for the children he teaches. Way to go, Tony!

VBS is August 6!

If you need any assistance or have questions/concerns, make your way to **VBS CENTRAL** in the upstairs hallway of the Education Wing.



Welcome, New Baby!

Congratulations to Dennis & Karen Stansbury on the birth of a new granddaughter, **Evelyn Presley Wysocki**. She was born June 29 in Denver to Jeremy & Margaret Wysocki and was 6 lb. 12 oz. and 19 inches long.

TJC Bible Chair Reunion

Attention all TJC Bible Chair Alumni: If you attended the Bible Chair during the “James Fife Years” (1958-1962), we’re having a reunion! Meet with us Saturday afternoon from 2:00-5:00 at 2737 Donnybrook Avenue for a time of remembrances & fun. For more info, call 903-526-4135 or 903-839-4832-**Lee Tindale, Gene Ann Jones, Mike Warner & James Fife**

Young at Heart

Attention all Seniors 55+! Join us Thursday, July 14 for our Young At Heart Meeting at the Family Life Center. We will begin with a potluck meal at 6:00 p.m. and then have our traditional ‘Christmas in July.’ Members are asked to bring a white elephant gift.

Baptisms

Guadalupe Saucedo (11) & **Luis Saucedo** (15), 403 W Summerkamp, Tyler, TX 75702, daughter & son of Alma Flores

Danilo Martinez (14), 16095 CR 2208, Tyler, TX 75705, son of Edith Martinez

Welcome to the West Erwin family!

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Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, visits, phone calls, and words of encouragement during Kaitlyn’s surgery and continuing recovery. You are a great blessing to our family.

Mike, Nora, and Kaitlyn Gravois

Thank you for the cards, prayers, phone calls and visits during my hospitalization and recovery. It is great to be a part of this caring church family.

Mike Watts

Dear Christian friends, Johnny was delighted when Jeanine Hughes surprised him with so many nice cards, a cup cake and nice visit for his 90th birthday. He enjoyed remembering Hillard with Jeanine, as he was very special to Johnny. Also, many of you wrote nice notes, which let him know he is not forgotten. We appreciate those who have brought things or visited at other times. Also, we take this opportunity to thank the wonderful cooks for all the delicious Tuesday lunches and those who deliver them. Our sincere thanks to all who pray for us and our door is open, so we are always happy to have visitors. Thank you for your prayers. Much love,

Johnny & Jo Anders

Dear church family, Thank you for taking care of my family before and after the birth of our baby. We have had a hard time and you offered such love & kindness to us. Thank you!

Ginger & Daniel Pippin

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Daniel DuPree Rick Fedell
Don Durham Roy Fraley
Danny Estes Dan Gillam

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Spencer Shaw
Scripture Glynn Starnes
Dismiss Kevin Sustaire

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May & Grant Perkins
Lee & Camille Mink & Jaci Prestidge
Joey & Mindy Marse & Mackenzie Robertson
Visitor Center: Paul & Carolyn Montandon
Carlos & Emma Morgan

Pick up cards for 7/3: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Pursuing God

Look closely within the Gospel of Mark and see something that too often we fail to recognize at just a cursory glance....

The men who bring their paralytic friend to Jesus to be healed in Mark 2....
The man who comes to Jesus and pleads for the life of his daughter in Mark 5....
The woman who touches His cloak, also in Mark 5....
The Syrophoenician woman whose daughter was demon possessed in Mark 7....
The man who is deaf and mute, also in Mark 7....
The blind man in Bethsaida in Mark 8....
The man who brings his son to Jesus in Mark 9....
Even the children who are brought in Mark 10....
Blind Bartimaeus who pleads for mercy, also in Mark 10....

Over, and over, and over again – we see it. We see it in their stories. We see it in the lives of those of faith. It's so clear. So evident, that too often we miss it.

What is it? They seek Jesus. These people seek Jesus and they are blessed beyond comprehension. They seek Him and He brings joy to their life. They seek Him and He brings healing. They seek Him and He brings about restoration. They seek Him and He makes everything right. They seek and He blesses.

And this is precisely the place we fit in to the picture.... What are we to do as believers today? We seek Christ. We seek Him. We pursue Jesus. And when we do – He blesses. He brings joy. He heals. He restores. He makes our lives right. He calls us beyond ourselves.

The Prophet Jeremiah reminds us of God's promise – "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Jesus puts it in perspective – "Seek and you will find" (Matthew 7:7b).

But here's where I believe the Gospel of Jesus speaks most clearly....

For all of its immenseness (yes it's a word – all I had to do was hit "ignore" on spell-check!) the Bible, although a lifetime of study only scratches the surface, entails an extremely simple story: *God creates humanity. Humanity rejects God. God relentlessly pursues humanity.*

The overarching story of Scripture is the redemptive work of a God who would not let us go.

Whatever the expanse between us and God, He will traverse the gap.

We see ourselves so often in pursuit of God. And certainly we do pursue Him. But if we will look objectively at who He is and what He extends to us and how He works – we will see clearly that it is not we who pursue Him, but rather it is He who pursues us....

Our God is a pursuing God. He pursues us with His grace, with His mercy, with His love. The Gospel message itself is of a God who relentlessly pursues us through Jesus.

This week, may we pursue the One who pursues us.

Glory to God!

Jason

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JOPLIN MISSION TRIP

Words and pictures cannot begin to express the experience we had this past week in Joplin. It was a powerful week. Over 6500 homes & 1500 business were destroyed. It is overwhelming to look across that portion of the city destroyed and wonder what difference our small group of 22 made for those 5 days. We do know that for those 8 families of the homes we touched, we made a difference for them. While we went to serve, we too were served! It is amazing how God worked in orchestrating all of the details of our trip... further showing His Glory in this world. For the teens and adults who went, we will be forever changed. Thanks to all of you who gave to our cause both in supplies, funding and especially prayers.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All of those going to Nebraska need to be working on their classes. We will meet this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 to work on classes. We will meet @ 5:15 in the High School Classroom with all team members and sponsors to go over details for the trip. Parents should be present as well. Please bring your \$50 fee and service hours sheet.

Please make sure you are getting your service hours ready to be turned in!

COMBINED DEVO

All of those in the middle & high school group are reminded of our devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 9:00. This will be our special evening to pray for our Nebraska Mission Team. All Nebraska Team members are encouraged to come.

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Back By Popular Demand:

Recently, a person who does not attend West Erwin came to me and commented on what a beautiful website they found at www.westerwin.com. Take some time clicking into all the areas and peruse the content. It is not only very attractive and easy to use, but also full of valuable information.

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announcements, reminders & photos. Search for West Erwin Church of Christ and "like" our page.

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A Letter From Jesus

I just had to write to tell you how much I love you and care for you. Yesterday, I saw you walking and laughing with your friends; I hoped that soon you'd want Me to walk along with you, too.

So, I painted you a sunset to close your day and whispered a cool breeze to refresh you. I waited and you never called. I just kept on loving you.

As I watched you fall asleep last night, I wanted so much to touch you. I spilled moonlight onto your face- trickling down your cheeks as so many tears have. You didn't even think of me; I wanted so much to comfort you.

The next day I exploded a brilliant sunrise into a glorious morning for you. But you woke up late and rushed off to work- you didn't even notice. My sky became cloudy and My tears were the rain.

I love you. Oh, if you'd only listen. I really love you. I try to say it in the quiet of the green meadow and in the blue sky. The wind whispers My love throughout the treetops and spills it into the vibrant colors of the flowers. I shout it to you in the thunder of the great waterfalls and compose love songs for bards to sing for you.

I warm you with the clothing of My sunshine and perfume the air with nature's sweet scent. My love for you is deeper than the ocean and greater than any need in your heart. If you'd only realize how I care. I died just for you.

My Dad sends His love. I want you to meet Him. He cares, too. Fathers are just that way. So please call Me soon. No matter how long it takes, I'll wait because I love you.

Your Friend,

Jesus

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Baptism

Thomas Smith was baptized Wednesday by Jerry Mitchell. His address is 2002 Bellwood Rd. # 103, Tyler, TX 75701. His phone number is 903-526-2013. Welcome to the family, Thomas!

TJC Bible Chair Reunion

Attention all TJC Bible Chair Alumni: If you attended the Bible Chair during the "James Fife Years" (1958-1962), we're having a reunion! Meet with us Saturday afternoon from 2:00-5:00 at 2737 Donnybrook Avenue for a time of remembrances & fun. For more info, call 903-526-4135 or 903-839-4832

-Lee Tindale, Gene Ann Jones,
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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Gravois family on the loss of Mike's brother-in-law, **Barry Baker**. Our love & prayers are with the family.

New Addresses

Evelyn Messer
 461 Towne Oaks Dr.
 Tyler, TX 75701
Doris Kennedy
 5317 New Copeland Rd. # 119
 Tyler, TX 75703
Daniel & Ginger Pippin
 19888 CR 172
 Flint, TX 75762

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Bible Class	377	431	433
Worship a.m.	632	679	634
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Wed. p.m.	NC	240	317
Contribution	\$22,526.95	\$22,522.25	\$24,025.15
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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Elmer & Nila Miles & Sydney Parrish
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Joe & Frances McBee

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REEVES' RHETORIC

As We Minister Together

Not only to see but to experience the work of God in a very real way is a magnificent part of being a Christian. To trust and to know that God is at work and to place complete confidence in Him simply seeking to be His instrument in this life is such an amazing aspect of faith.

The very Gospel message itself floors me! What our Father grants to us in Christ, and not only the salvation but the relationship that He extends to us through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, is such an awe-inspiring portrait of the wonderful God we serve. And then, just as amazing is that He works through us! Often in spite of us. The redemptive work of God made manifest in Christ continues to be revealed in the hearts and lives of those who belong to Him.

Words can only begin to express the anticipation Tiersa and I have in beginning this new, exciting, potential-filled chapter with you July 3. So many of you have already blessed us and encouraged us in countless ways. (I am however a little concerned that Tiersa is getting tons more friend requests on Facebook than I am - ha!). Your warmth and love and kindness and insight into the Kingdom have been evident at every turn in what we have experienced with you. Our

family is so extremely excited about partnering with you and in what God is doing in Tyler and in the world through the West Erwin Church of Christ!

As I type this I am sitting in a sea of boxes. Who knew we had so much stuff to pack up? Know that we are elated to come and to be a part of what God is doing, and what He has in store, at West Erwin.

Paul writes these words to a church he anticipates coming to and ministering to, "I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith" (Romans 1:11-12). Our hope and our prayer are as we become a part of the family of God at West Erwin, that we may be mutually encouraged by one another's faith, that God would be honored, and that others would come to know the overwhelming reality of knowing Jesus Christ as Lord through who we are and what we are about as we minister together.

Glory to God!

Jason

Youth With Heart... by Danny
JOPLIN MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, a group of 22 of us from West Erwin are working in Joplin, MO, helping the tornado victims. We have been changed forever. God is powerful both in his creation and in His grace and mercy. The spirit of our teens and sponsors has been truly a blessing... both to each other and to this community. Many of you along side of us... whether it was in the donations & supplies you provided or the prayers you are giving. It is amazing this week to see the incredible devastation right along side of the amazing blessing our group has provided.

Please pray for our continued safety and that God will use us in a mighty way.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the Middle School group are reminded of our devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 9:00.

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James would have continued to work in his father's business. With his brother John, he would have spent his nights straining at the nets and his days mending them. Patching the sails, caulking the boat, hauling fish to market - that would have been James' lot. For the rest of his life, he would have smelled of fish that he brought up from the depths to place on the tables of Capernaum.

We don't know what occupation was practiced by Philip or Bartholomew, Thomas or Thaddaeus, Simon the Zealot of Judas. Whatever the occupation, each would have fulfilled the career for which he was trained, work that had probably been his father's and grandfather's. They would have lived out their lives and died anonymous men.

Except that each of these men met Jesus. One day, He had come by their table or boat or bench or store and called each of these men to a higher calling. Jesus invited them to adopt a higher purpose for their lives.

Jesus gives men and women significance. He makes them important. He involves them in the greatest work of all. He enlists them as partners in the progress of the kingdom. He fills their days with the substantial and the extraordinary and saves them from lives wasted on the trivial and the trifling.

Events of Interest

- The League Street Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs invites you to their Leadership Seminar **June 25-26**. Please register by phone at 903.885.1531 or email lsoc@hotmail.com.
- Glenwood Church of Christ presents Won By One, a six member a cappella group from Pepperdine University on **July 1** at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center. For more info, contact John Hodges at 903.509.9494 or johnhodges@glenwoodchurch.com.
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Anniversary Party

Our parents found in each other the precious gift of love, friendship and raising a family. Because you have played such an important part in their lives, please join us, the children of Carroll & Betty Davis, for a 50th Wedding Anniversary in honor of our parents. Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Shiloh Road Church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler, TX. No gifts, please. (Carroll & Betty have many friends here at West Erwin. We are thankful for their example to us!)

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June 29: An Evening of Praise & Prayer
 David Slater
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Alan Fisher

Reminder

Sunday, June 26, George Hall will be teaching a combined Adult Bible class in the Auditorium. He will also be preaching. Please make plans to be present!

Baptisms

We are rejoicing together as we had SIX baptisms last week!

Yeralidne Gonzalez (8) & **Brian Gonzalez** (9), daughter & son of Jose & Estela (16111 CR 2208, Tyler, TX 75705)

Neida Martinez (10) & **Adan Martinez** (12), daughter & son of Edith Martinez (16095 CR 2208, Tyler, TX 75705)

Manuel Ortiz (11) and **Alfonso Ortiz** (13), sons of Gabriel & Blanca Ortiz (9077 CR 427, Tyler, TX 75706)

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

Prayers

Please keep **Daniel & Carol Morgan** in your prayers as they are on a mission trip in Brazil. They plan to return to Tyler June 5.

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Wed. p.m.	240	306	305
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Prayer	Justin Parrish
Scripture	Marc Philpot
Dismiss	Jimmie Philpot

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Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Kinsey Lockhart
 Robert & Mary Lee & Courtney Lockhart
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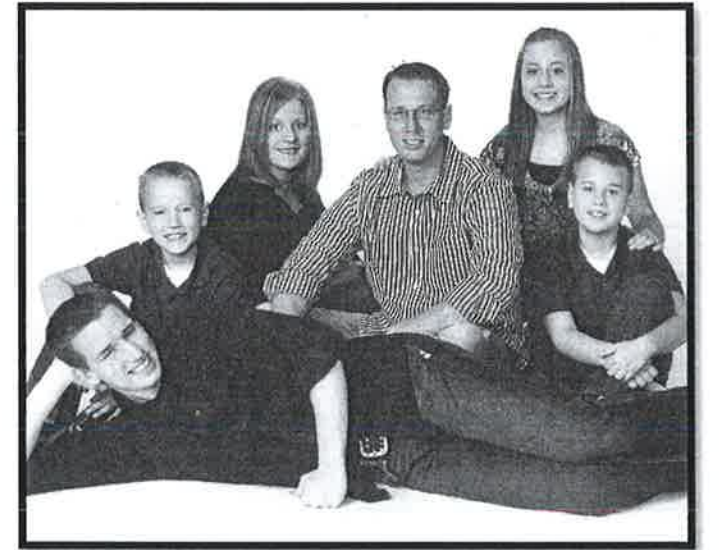
Welcome, Reeves Family!

Proverbs 16:3 says, "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." We as a body at West Erwin did just that when we began our search with 40 days of prayer and fasting, seeking God's guidance to fill our pulpit. We prayed believing in what is written in Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." We asked God for the right man and his family to join with us as we grow from the heart of Tyler spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God has answered our prayers by leading us to ask Jason Reeves and his family to join us in this mission. He, his wife Tiersa, and their 4 children; Mason (18), Kacey (13), Jacob (11), and Bowen (10) have accepted the offer and will be here to begin their work with us on July 3rd.

the Mesquite Church of Christ as a deacon of Family Life and then an Associate minister, and most recently the Graceton Church of Christ as the pulpit minister. His wife Tiersa is a tremendous asset with the work she does in children's and women's ministry.

We are excited to begin this new chapter in the history of West Erwin. We ask that you join with us in another 40 days of prayer and fasting for our future. Hebrews 10:23-24 "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

The West Erwin Elders



Jason & Tiersa
 Mason, Kacey, Jacob & Bowen

"The Church

Youth With Heart... by Danny

EXCITING TIMES!

As you all know, we announced this past Sunday that Jason Reeves and his family will begin working with us as the new preaching minister. He will begin in July. We are very excited to have Jason as a part of our team. He is a great guy with a real heart for God. Thanks to our Elders for their vision and leadership and allowing God to direct us in our search. Remember our challenge for 40 days of Prayer & Fasting.

THANKS!

Middle School Mystery was a blast! We had a great time together... learning, working, worshipping & just having fun! Thanks to Kristi Harris, Mary Lockhart, Laurie Kimball, Danielle Rousseau, Christina Denman, Caylee Stamps & James Dykmann for going as sponsors.

JOPLIN MISSION TRIP

This next week, a group of 22 of us will be in Joplin, MO to help with the Disaster Relief. We will be staying in a church building just south of town and working in Joplin. Please pray for our safety, good health and success in our mission.

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Be sure to sign up

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Thank You

Many thanks to Danny, James, and all the young people who worked in the heat to clean up around the Benevolence Center. It looks great! We are proud of it and proud

of all of you who helped.

Active? or Mature?

Is there a difference between an active and a mature church? Normally, we gauge an active church by the number of programs they are involved in and how well the people support the various church ventures. The Scriptures are clear regarding the criteria for measuring the maturity level of a church. Paul says it's all about Faith, Hope, and Love.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

"When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8

Faith means simply believing. Evangelistic faith means believing God to the saving of the soul or for healing of our bodies. Faith is the dynamo of all religious life and the mainspring of a substantial progress. Faith was the dominant keynote of the old dispensation; the highest tribute given to Abraham was that he 'believed God.' Spiritual forces often elude us because we demand evidence or proof, and in our day, even a sign from heaven, before we accept them. They must pass through the laboratory of theology, and be sifted. Faith takes hold on forces that are infinite and enduring; it stands high above dogma, has no elements of uncertainty, is well grounded, and bespeaks spiritual sanity.

Faith is not a spasmodic force, but an assurance of contact between the soul and its God. It should grow stronger, brighter, and undiminished with the passing years. Faith, sad to say, has become identified with creeds...

What is needed in the world today - we might say the paramount need - is not more expensive churches, more artistic music, greater eloquence in the pulpit, finer literary or social attainments, but more of the mighty moving power of God; more faith in God's Word, and more trusting in Christ's atoning blood. We need more of the old-time religion and mighty manifestation of God's supernatural power in definite religious experiences....

(Taken from *Divine Healing* by J. Grant Anderson)

VBS is August 6!

We need some items for VBS! Please contact Nancy Crawford if you have any of the following: shade canopies (tents), small containers with lids, beads, old jewelry that doesn't need to be returned, toaster oven, baskets (any size), artificial fruit or vegetables for decoration & baby food jars.

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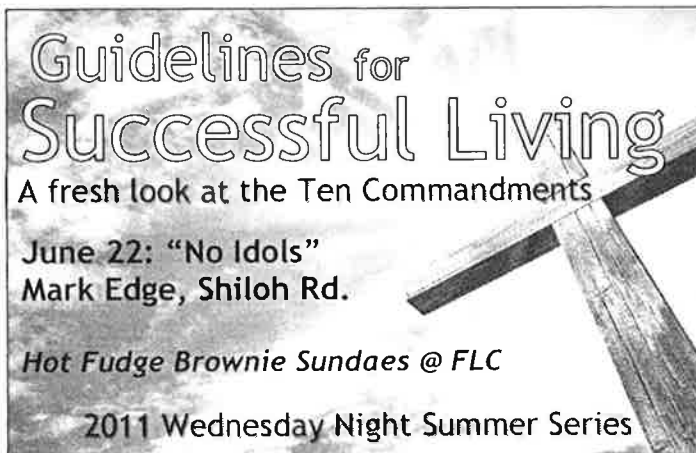
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West Erwin Blood Drive

Mark your calendars for June 26! Our annual Blood Drive will be taking place at the Family Life Center. Look for the sign up table in the foyer on June 19.

Anniversary Party

Our parents found in each other the precious gift of love, friendship and raising a family. Because you have played such an important part in their lives, please join us, the children of Carroll & Betty David, for a 50th Wedding Anniversary in honor of our parents. Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Shiloh Road Church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Road, Tyler, TX. No gifts, please. (*Carroll & Betty have many friends here at West Erwin. We are thankful for their example to us!*)



Guidelines for Successful Living
A fresh look at the Ten Commandments

June 22: "No Idols"
Mark Edge, Shiloh Rd.

Hot Fudge Brownie Sundaes @ FLC

2011 Wednesday Night Summer Series



With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Knight family on the loss of **Roger Knight**. Services were Monday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love & prayers are with Jan and the family.

Lost & Found

Please check the lost & found cabinet in the Main Foyer in case you have any items there. There are several dishes that have not been claimed. Items not claimed by the end of June will be donated to the Benevolent Center.

Thank You

Sweet friends, Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, pretty cards, flowers, Lunch Bunch and all the concern for my health these last few weeks. I am much improved and well on my way to a full recovery. Love to all,

Ruth Bell

Dear West Erwin, Thank you for the prayers, cards and visits during my recovery. Your support has tremendously helped me during these difficult times. In Christ,

Frank Aven

A big THANK YOU to **Donny Ingram** for driving the children who were day campers to Camp Deer Run last week. We appreciate all you do, Donny!

Baptism

Congratulations to **Brayden Kempton** who was baptized Sunday night, June 12, by his dad, Todd. Brayden just completed 5th grade and is the son of Todd & Kenna Kempton. His address is 18078 Briarcrest Drive, Flint, TX 75762. Welcome to the family, Brayden!

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Bible Class	411	310	385
Worship a.m.	630	610	640
Worship p.m.	NC	388	366
Wed. p.m.	306	291	314
Contribution	\$34,388.60	\$20,618.65	\$23,508.47
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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Scripture Glen May
Dismiss Larry Murphey

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Roger & Glenda Howell & Anne Kimball
J & Tresa Jones & Elizabeth Lewis
Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Hannah Metcalf
Visitor Center: Greg & Debbie Jones
Louis & Jane Jones

Pick up cards for 6/12-6/19: Colton Haile, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart

Sound booth for 6/12: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

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SpiritFire- More Than Near

We were bone tired and filthy. We were finally back in our South American hotel after having ridden 90 minutes back from an orphanage. We had not had time to shower before going to dinner. It was now late evening, and we wanted to check in with our daughter in the States and touch base with some folks I'm studying with in Asia. So we fired up Skype and talked to Megan face-to-face, used Skype to call a friend in Thailand, and then use QQ software to chat with friends in China. Even away from my mobile phone, I expected to be able to have instant access to people all over the world. We live in an amazing time!

I remember when I read the Dick Tracy comics as a boy, marveling at the communicator on his wrist. G-daddy, my grandfather, would laugh his Scooby Doo laugh and say, "That will never be possible." He was obviously wrong. Most of us don't wear it on our wrist, but we can put it in our pocket and do things with our mobile phones that Dick Tracy never imagined! With our mobile phones and electronic devices, we expect to have instant access to almost anyone, at any time, anywhere in the world.

So when we read a story like Queen Esther needing permission from the King to enter his presence or she could lose her life, our first reaction is befuddlement (Esther 4:9-11). How could this be?

Most of us live with a sense of naïve idealism about our freedom to talk to anyone at any time. If we are honest with ourselves, however, we realize that none of us could simply board a plane, fly into Reagan airport, take a taxi to the Whitehouse, get out, walk in and expect to see the President. Even knowing the President doesn't get us out of security checkpoints, background checks, and a couple of Secret Service agents hanging around when we talk. (Those guys in dark uniforms on the roof are not there for decoration!)

We also have other limitations on our

communication with people important to us. If you are like me, you have family members who have died that you would love to call and have a chat. Not possible. Many of us have folks we want to love, but who keep us at an emotional distance, so that a real visit with them is not possible — they choose to remain emotionally unavailable. And some of us have rifts in our relationships so deep that there is not a way to get meaningful conversation started between us. Real communication is all but impossible.

This is where these following promises about the Holy Spirit are unbelievable blessings ... and yet real for us in Christ!

Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us (Ephesians 2:18 NLT). In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words ... (Romans 8:26 NASB).

While we have many blessings because of the Spirit's presence in our lives, let's focus on three revealed in those passages: (1) We always have instant access to God! While no earthly ruler, President or King, is comparable with God, our Father in heaven welcomes each of us as his beloved child when we approach Him in prayer! (2) We are heard clearly by God! God hears our words, but more than our words, our Father hears the longings and groanings and emotions that words cannot express. (3) We are never alone; God is not just with us, the Father lives within us! More than God being near us when we talk with him, God is in us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. He will not abandon us or forget us. He is as real and constant as the beat of our hearts and the breaths we take.

Phil Ware
www.heartlight.org

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Follow our Mystery on Facebook!

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If you are interested in helping, check www.westerwin.com for information on what you can do to help.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVO

Join us Sunday night for the High School Devo. Bring \$3 for supper. Wear tennis shoes. Bring a friend. We will be done at 9:00.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, June 13. Help us serve the community. We serve from 6:00-7:00 and are prepping at 5:00. Join us!

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The Church on Offense

I read this statement this week: "Churchgoers are more likely to have passive personalities than the population in general." It seems that thousands of personality tests were given over the past 20 years. 62% of Americans have passive personalities, but 85% of the Christians tested fell into the passive category. Questions came to my mind. Was Jesus passive? Did He choose passive men to become disciples? What kind of implications does this imbalance in the church have? Does it cause the church to become passive?

I thought of Jesus at his home town, Nazareth. He had been teaching in other synagogues throughout Galilee, so they asked him to speak on the Sabbath in Nazareth. He stood and read from Isaiah 61: "The Spirit

of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Then he sat down and said, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." Hardly passive words!

I also read that passive churches tend to value tradition and stability over innovation and growth. The more passive we become the less we accept change. Even the slightest change at church can make people very upset.

Passive churches are very busy, but no one stops to consider whether all this busyness is achieving anything. Passive churches are not moving toward a compelling vision and GOD is not pleased with His people who are always on defense and never get on offense. I write this to say, "Get ready, for GOD has great plans for us." He wants us to be like Jesus.

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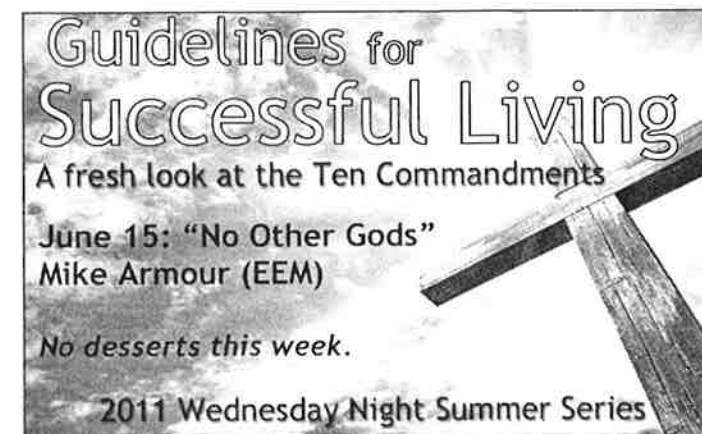
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Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring

Melanie Goodson

Bride-elect of Johnny Martinez

Sunday, June 12

West Erwin Family Life Center

4:00-5:30 p.m.

Selections at Target, Bed Bath & Beyond & Dillard's

Sunday Evening Time Change

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Welcome, New Members!



Derek & Stacey Harris & their sons **Ross (8)** & **Jack (22 months)** placed membership Sunday, June 5. Derek & Ross were baptized June 4. Their address is 202 Jeffries St., Lindale, TX 75771. Stacey's cell:

903.539.6015 & Derek's: 903.590.6572. Welcome to the West Erwin family!

Thank You

A big **THANK YOU** to Danny, James and the young people who came and did some clean up work at our house. All of you are a blessing to West Erwin.

Louise Seaberry

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Gary & Janis Heath & Kelsi Kilgore
Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Matthew Kimball
Visitor Center: James & Sue Hughes
George & Crystal Hill

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Traditions

Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. (II Thessalonians 2:15)

In II Thessalonians chapter 2, Paul warns the church there that the "lawless one" was going to come and pervert the teachings of Jesus in the church. So he warns them to watch and "stand fast" and "hold on" to the traditions they have been taught. The question of tradition often arises in the church today. We often see brethren attempting to change things in the church. When asked why they are changing things, why they are fixing what is not broken, brethren often reply, "These are only traditions and not law. We must stop teaching traditions as law." The Bible defines a tradition as:

to deliver in teaching. A tradition, doctrine or injunction delivered or communicated from on to another, whether divine (1 Cor. 11:2; Thess. 2:15; 3:6) or human (Matt. 15:2, 3,6; Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8) (Zodhiates, 2000, Electronic ed.)

We must remember not to lump all tradition into one category. There are traditions that are divine, (come from God) and there are traditions that have come from men. The Bible commands us to "hold to the traditions ye have been taught." That is, we are to hold onto the traditions that God has given. II Thessalonians 2:15 is a present imperative in the Greek grammar. That means it is a command. Those things that God has deemed good traditions are not to be changed. They are not optional. However, there are also traditions of men. Traditions given by men are optional. They do not have to be kept and can be changed. We see Jesus violating the tradition of the elders in Mark 7:3, 5. There was a tradition of washing hands before you eat. Jesus did not keep that tradition in this instance. But the Bible says it was a tradition of the elders, and not a tradition of God. Man's traditions can be changed.

The question still remains which traditions are mans' and what are God's? Any tradition that is not commanded by God is manmade. In other words, if we have no command, divine example or if it is not implied by God, then it is something man has instituted. For example, assembling on the first day of the week is a command of the Lord (Hebrews 10:25). But the time of the assembly is not given by God. We traditionally (manmade tradition) meet at 10:00 a.m. We can change that tradition any time we want.

Sing praises unto the Lord is a command of the Lord. In the Holy and Sacred worship of God, the command is only to sing (Eph. 5:19, Col. 3:16). The command is specific and direct. This is not a matter of manmade tradition; it is a matter of God's command. We do not have the right to change the command of God "to sing" in the name of tradition. We must sing, only sing, in the way God has commanded.

"Brothers and sisters I have sinned; I repent of my sin and ask the church to forgive me." In the churches of Christ, this is the very traditional incantation used by people who come before the church to repent of their sins. However, there is no command of God that these words must be uttered before the church. This is clearly a manmade tradition.

There are many traditions that are not of God. We must study carefully to learn which traditions came from God and which came from man. If a tradition is from man, then we can change it if we want. But those traditions that have come from God cannot be changed. They must be left unmovable.

In His love,
Kennon D. Olson, Sr.

Ministering Evangelist, North Tenneha Church of Christ

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who came out to our house this past Monday for an afternoon of paintball and fun! We had a great time!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This coming Sunday is our Youth Group Promotion day. We will be bringing in the new 6th graders and bringing up the new freshman. Please be here early for class this Sunday!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

All of those signed up for Middle School Mystery need to be at the building Tuesday morning at 9:00. We will return about 4:00 on Friday. Check the website for more details.

A CHANGE...

Over the past few weeks, many parts of our country have been devastated by storms and tornados. As we have watched the news and seen the families who have been painfully affected, we have found it hard to sit back and not do something. So... we decided to do something more than just send money. Our teens and adults who have been preparing for months to go on our BackCountry Trek, have decided to forgo our mountain trek and go to Joplin, Missouri and help the folks that have been affected by these tornados. We will be

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Crawford's Clipboard

Drifting

The writer of the book of Hebrews has several warnings for us. The first is about drifting. He says, "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away" (Heb 2:1).

Drifting through life has become the easiest course to follow. It's easier to overlook a little neglect than to press for improvement. It's easier to accept a little immorality in our friends than to rebuke them. It's easier to keep our mouths shut than to stand up and defend the truth. It's easier to make

excuses than to do what GOD says do. The cares of this world, the lack of knowledge, and the failure to comply push us to this easier course.

The most interesting thing about drifting is this: we drift away from righteousness, but no one ever drifts into righteousness. Righteousness is intentional. If you seek a religion that makes you comfortable, Christianity is not it. There is no such thing as a passive Christian. A Christian's life is not on "golden pond." We are not called to tranquility. We are called to peace, but it is peace in the midst of struggle.

Drifting leads to unbelief and then a complete falling away. This is why the writer says, pay more attention to the Word so that you do not start drifting.

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Rusk Meeting

Rusk Church of Christ invites you to "The God We Want and the God Who Is" on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00 p.m. It will be an evening of singing & devotional followed by chili dogs & snacks. See the flyer on the news & notes bulletin board.

Mission Information

On Saturday, June 11, 2011, **Leon Welborn** and **Dannie Skipper** will leave for Nicaragua to participate in a week long evangelistic campaign to be conducted by the Biblical Institute of Central America in Diriamba, Nicaragua. Please pray for the success of the campaign as well as for the health and safety of all involved.

June 8-July 1, a group of 12 Americans, including our **Jean Handley**, will conduct a door knocking and Bible study campaign in South Africa. Russell Bell, who we support as a missionary, will lead this group. Please pray for the group's safety as they travel and their success in reaching many souls for the cause of Christ.

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Sunday, June 12

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4:00-5:30 p.m.

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin church,
We are grateful for all your prayers, calls, cards and expressions of love and concern when I lost my brother, John, recently. Thank you, also, for the beautiful potted plant. Dot and I are so appreciative of the West Erwin family.

Dale White

Promotion Sunday

All children's classes from birth through 12th grade will be promoted to the next class level on Sunday, June 5. Parents, please drop your children off at their new class.

All Church Luncheon

Sunday, June 5, we will be having a catered all-church luncheon in the Family Life Center after morning worship service. We will not have a p.m. service that evening. Please make plans to join us!

Sunday Evening Time Change

Don't forget! Starting June 12, our Sunday evening service will begin at 6:00 p.m.

Baptism

Congratulations to **Nicolas Means** who was baptized May 22 by Danny Snell. Nicolas is the son of Stuart & Kathy Means and just completed 5th grade at Oak Hill Montessori School. His address is 21011 Ash Circle, Whitehouse, TX 75791. Welcome to the family, Nicolas!



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Bible Class	348	364	416
Worship a.m.	632	634	664
Worship p.m.	367	364	327
Wed. p.m.	284	270	303
Contribution	\$24,698.65	\$23,990.30	\$28,652.02
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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Our Need to Remember

*Your pride and joy ... lies dead on the hills!
 How the mighty heroes have fallen! ...
 How the mighty heroes have fallen!
 Stripped of their weapons, they lie dead.*
 (2 Samuel 1:19-27 NLT,
 King David at the death of Saul & Jonathan)

Roy died at a ripe old age with many memories. His life was full of both good and bad memories, but he chose to remember mostly the good. The bad memories, that stirred his heart and that he shared with friends, involved the big war — World War II. So many things about his war experience he remembered in great and horrifying detail. The emotions he felt so long ago in the mid 1940's were as vivid for him in the late 1990's as they were the day he returned home from the "European Theater."

Roy survived the assault on Normandy — he was part of the second wave that landed. He carried with him the memories of water stained crimson with the blood of fallen soldiers. He experienced fear, sweat, vomit, blood, machine gun fire, grenade concussions, artillery fire, and salt water just to get to the base of the cliffs on the beach. In terror-filled moments that would forever change his life and the history of our world, his life was stripped of innocence as the realities of war engulfed him.

Not too many months later, he found himself cold, hungry, and down to three rounds of ammunition. Close to being completely surrounded and cut off from air supplies because of the weather, Roy and his buddies hung on to what little hope they could muster, enduring what has been mostly called the Battle of the Bulge. Then Christmas morning dawned, the weather cleared long enough for supplies to be dropped and word to spread that Patton and the armored division would soon be there.

Many of the young men who began the assault on Normandy with Roy did not make it home alive. They gave their lives to liberate France and the world of the Nazi evil that held a death grip on Europe. Those who did survive would never be the same. Many of them are the most patriotic folks you would ever meet, but the vast majority of them hated war. They had experienced it. They knew its ultimate realities — things get blown up while people are killed, brutalized, and robbed of the people they love.

In a day when a handful of folks fight for the title "Ultimate Survivor" in what TV deems harsh conditions, we need to remember the cold realities of the cost of freedom. First, many didn't survive the war and left behind families and friends whose lives were never the same. Second, those who did survive have carried with them through life, memories both great and awful and mercies both tender and severe. Third, forty days of hardship can't compare to the horrors of those who endure war.

It is Memorial Day in the United States. We all pray for an end for the world's need for young men and young women to be placed in harm's way. We also need to remember those who paid the huge costs of our world's conflicts — costs not calculated in dollars, but in lost lives, broken psyches, forgotten innocence, grief-engulfed families, and haunted memories. And as we remember to honor those who paid this awful price, we also remember in hopes to see an end to war itself.

Please, in their honor, don't forget their sacrifices. Please, for our world's sake, don't forget to pursue and pray for peace.

Phil Ware
 www.heartlight.org

Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to all of those who helped with the Sr. Devo this past Sunday night. It was a great evening sharing so many memories with the graduating class. I am thankful to have had the opportunity to work with them all these years.

YOUTH GROUP 101

Youth Group 101 is a class for all incoming 6th Grade students and their parents. It is an introduction to the youth group. We will meet on Wednesday night May 25 & June 1. Make plans now to attend!

END OF SUMMER BASH

All of those in the middle & high school group & families are invited to our house on Monday for an end of school celebration. We will have paintball from 3:00-5:00. Dinner @ 6:30. Please bring finger foods: chips & dips, desserts, Hotdogs & drinks will be provided. Bring your favorite outdoor game, sunscreen & lawn chair. We will finish at 8:00. Join us!

SUMMER DATES

It is time to sign up for our Summer Trips! Information and sign up lists are in class.

Middle School Mystery (June 7-10) is for all of those who are currently in grades 5-7. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 1. The cost will be \$75.

BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & New Orleans Mission Trip is for all of those currently in grades 8-12. For the mission trips, you will need to have 20 community service hours. For Nebraska, you will also need to have 10 preparation hours. Please sign up by Sunday, May 29.

If you have any questions, let me know.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 30	End of School Bash @the Snell's
June 7-10	Middle School Mystery
June 13	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
June 18-24	BackCountry Trek
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-29	New Orleans Mission Trip



Backwards

It was pretty sandy where I grew up. When we were young we discovered those smooth, little, cone-shaped indentions in the sand. A little insect called a Doodle Bug inhabited each hole. We would take a straw and stir the hole to try to coax it out. When we got it out we found the oddest thing --- the

Doodle Bug moved backwards.

Jesus had it backwards too. He would say, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last" (Mk 9:35); or "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Mk 10:43). Jesus was telling this to his eager, ambitious followers....."it's not your leadership abilities but your servant spirit that is the true measure of greatness in GOD'S new order of things." Christians are odd like Doodle Bugs --- we have it backward. Our highest vision of GOD'S purpose in Christianity is a backward order. We serve rather than rule.

GROWING IN GRACE

by Mike Gravois

Discipleship 101

1. If you want to disciple, your whole life must be an example. In *1 Corinthians 4:15-17* Paul says, "Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. Therefore I urge you to imitate me. For this reason I am sending to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church." As Paul consider himself a father in the faith, he urges them to imitate him. Later in *1 Corinthians 11:1* he exhorts them, "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ." The point is that as Paul models his life after Christ they can model their life after him.

2. You Cannot Teach Others What You Do Not Know Yourself. As disciplers, we will find that God will strategically allow us to walk through certain things in life, so that we are prepared to share and help others later on as they go through similar things. We can only take others as far as we ourselves have gone. They say that a teacher is primarily a learner. A learner is one who goes through things, learns, gleans, and then hopefully is able to help others along the way. More is caught than taught. We disciple others by living in

such a way that lessons are being developed with every breath we take.

3. The Most Effective Discipleship Takes Place Living Life Together. Jesus didn't have little one-hour meetings scheduled with his disciples. He lived life with them! He ate with them, drank with them, ministered to others with them, and performed miracles in front of them. They spent every waking hour together, except for the times when Jesus needed to be alone with the Father. His life was given to these men. This was his method. Real discipleship takes place in the nitty gritty details of life. This is where most things are learned. This cool thing about this is that you can disciple someone this way *without them even knowing it!* By simply living life as an example, you are discipling all who come in contact with you.

4. Life Discipleship Requires Vulnerability and Humility. When we open up our lives to our disciples, we are opening up ourselves to the possibility of pain, criticism, and betrayal. Jesus knew this better than anyone, and chose to be vulnerable anyway. Just before Judas betrays Christ, we see the *John 13* example of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. And what does he say, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed

your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.* Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (*vv. 14-17*). Jesus chooses the path of vulnerability and humility even though it would cost Him his life. Even though He was God (*Phil. 2: 5-8*). He humbled himself for the men who he loved, and made himself open and vulnerable to them. There will be times when in your attempt at living life together, in your attempt at vulnerability, that a disciple will hurt you. This is guaranteed. They will criticize you or perhaps talk about you behind your back. Give grace. Forgive. Disciple them even by your response to their hurtful act. In fact, your response to the hurtful situation will preach louder than any sermon you could share.

5. Sanctified Favoritism is Ok; Jesus did it. Jesus models a different sort of system. He did play favorites, in a sanctified sense. He had the multitudes, He had the seventy (*Luke 10:1*), then he had the twelve disciples (*Luke 6:13*), He had the three whom He singled to be with Him on special occasions: Peter, James, and John (*Mark 9:2*), and He apparently had the one: John (*John 13:23*).

Wednesday Night Meals

Our Wednesday Night Meal teams will be taking a break over the Summer. The meals will resume in September.

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 30, for Memorial Day.

Sunday's Schedule

All adult Bible classes will meet in the Auditorium for class on Sunday, May 29. Steve Minor with Focus Press will be teaching class and preaching Sunday morning & evening. Please make plans to be present!

Mark Your Calendars

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 5, as we will have an all-church luncheon in the Family Life Center after morning worship service. We will not have an evening service that day.

TIME CHANGE { Starting June 12, our Sunday evening service will begin at 6:00 p.m. }

Singing School

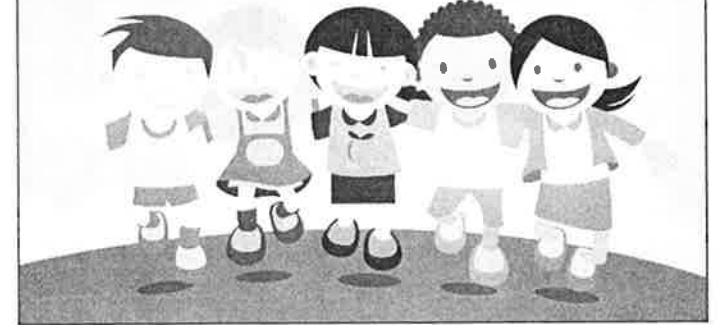
The 65th Annual Singing School at Abilene Christian University will be July 10-15. This is a training in a capella church music. See the brochure on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

Thank You

To our church family, Lon so loved our West Erwin family. The prayers, calls and cards were so encouraging during his illness and passing away. God has humbled and blessed me in so many ways I could never count them. Thank all of you for loving us and the beautiful plant you sent. Love,
Riece, Kay, Todd & Mike

Vacation Bible School

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New Baby

Elise Saveria Haws was born to Casey & Sarafina in Sicily on Monday, May 23. She was 5 lb. 13 oz. and 19.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Matt & Rhonda Haws. Ryan is the proud uncle. Congratulations to the family!

Congratulations

A 'hats off' to **Chelsea Garrett Rogers**, daughter of Carl & Sherri Garrett, for graduating summa cum laude from The University of Texas at Tyler on May 14. Chelsea is also the granddaughter of Jess & Charlotte Hopkins. Way to go, Chelsea!



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Worship a.m.	634	655	690
Worship p.m.	364	307	NC
Wed. p.m.	270	276	308
Contribution	\$23,990.30	\$25,295.74	\$27,082.75
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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Baccalaureate Service
5:00 P.M.
GREETERS
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 Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Kalli Huff
 David & Wanda Frick & Krista Huff
 Visitor Center: Bob & Pat Hackett
 James & Helen Gullion

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News & Notes

Senior Bulletin

This issue of our weekly bulletin will highlight our high school graduating seniors. We are very proud of their accomplishments and how they have impacted our church family. Please keep them all in your prayers as they start a new chapter in their lives.

VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 3:30p.m. in room 205. Please mark your calendars and see Nancy Crawford for more information.

Wednesday Night Meal

May 25: Bruno's (Italian)

Upcoming Events of Interest

- Lake Cisco Christian Camp Golf Tourney,** May 14
 - East Cotton Church of Christ Homecoming & Gospel Meeting,** May 15-19
 - West Erwin Ladies Retreat,** May 20-21
 - Arms of Hope Charity Golf Tournament,** May 23
 - All Church Luncheon-** June 5, devo to follow, no p.m. service
 - West Erwin VBS,** August 6
- See all the flyers for these events on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

Mission Report

The month of May, 2011 is the last month that we will be supporting Rafael Falcon in Nueva Rosita, Mexico. The mission committee decided about three years ago to phase out that work because of its lack of effectiveness. At that time, Rafael was informed of the decision so he could seek other support and prepare for the time when he would no longer receive our financial assistance. West Erwin has been involved with that work for a number of years and our ties have been strong. The decision to stop our support was very difficult to make but it was necessary. We continue to provide \$350.00 per month to the Casa Hogar Orphan's Home in Nueva Rosita. Anyone desiring more information is requested to contact Dannie Skipper or any other member of the mission committee.

Office Closed

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, We cannot thank you all enough for your enormous gestures of kindness with the passing of my dear mom. Your generosity is exceeded only by your loving support. My best always,

Dennis Stansbury

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Leaving an Imprint of a Mother's Faith

"Children are like wet cement."
 Moms know this often used description is true. You can do some shaping and molding, but it's never easy and kids grow up quickly and become "hardened" in such a hurry! A mom hopes to leave a significant imprint in that wet cement, and by the grace of God, that imprint can be a blessing and reminder of grace all her child's life.

The Bible hints to us that God specifically chose Mary to be the mom of Jesus to help imprint the wet cement of the Savior. There was something about both Mary and Joseph that led God to choose them to love, raise, form, and shape the Messiah!

Some are a little uncomfortable having anyone talk about a human imprint being made — a mere mortal making an impression — on the Lord, our Savior, the Son of God. Yet if we listen carefully, the Holy Spirit quietly whispers this truth to us.

After Jesus, at age 12, had declared that he had to be focused on his Father's work, the spiritual work of the temple, the Bible says:

Then he [Jesus] went down to Nazareth with them [Mary and Joseph] and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man (Luke 2:51-52 NIV11).

Even after realizing at some level his responsibility to honor God and even after amazing everyone in the Temple courts with his understanding and answers to religious questions as he visited with the great teachers of Israel (Luke 2:45-47), Jesus went home and was obedient to his parents and continued to grow up under their influence into the young man God was wanting him to become!

Jesus was still wet cement, and Mary and Joseph

were responsible for molding, shaping, and imprinting that cement! They weren't alone in this; God was at work shaping Jesus' life (Luke 2:40), much like he is partnered with any godly parents in forming children of faith (Psalm 139:13-16; Ephesians 6:1-40).

Mary and Joseph's influence on Jesus was no accident! They were chosen by God (Luke 1:28-32). God chose them for some reasons we will probably never know, but Scripture does give us clues about some of the reasons he chose Mary and her betrothed, Joseph, to raise the Messiah. They were people of righteous character (Luke 1:34; Luke 2:39-40), gracious compassion (Matthew 1:19), and had godly family connections (Luke 1:5-17; Luke 1:39-45) with a group of very devout people who longed for God to intervene and bring redemption (Luke 2:21-38).

The role of a human mother and father shaping the development of the Messiah doesn't diminish the divinity of Jesus; it was part of God's plan. In Jesus, God chose to become human flesh and live among us as one of us (John 1:14). Jesus was God among us and one of us in every way (Hebrews 2:14-18; Hebrews 4:14-16).

Mary and Joseph remind us of the divine partnership that each of us has in forming God's child "on loan" to us for awhile. Our role is to shape, influence, mold, and imprint that child in ways that glorify the Father. We see parenthood redefined as something much more than contributing DNA to make a baby. We see the vital role of moms and dads as nurturing a child to discover his or her calling, the calling God designed into that child when the Father created that child uniquely, with purpose and for relationship with him (Psalm 139:13-16).

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

SUMMER INTERN

James Dykmann our summer intern will be here on May 15. Make him feel welcome this weekend! Please keep him in your prayers as he serves with us this summer.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. We will serve from 6:00-7:00. If you can come and help, be here at 5:00.

YOUTH GROUP 101

Youth Group 101 is a class for all incoming 6th Grade students and their parents. It is an introduction to the youth group. We will meet on Wednesday night May 25 & June 1. Make plans now to attend!

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

A special thanks to all the guys who came and helped with the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last week. We had a wonderful time serving the community together.

SUMMER DATES

It is time to sign up for our Summer Trips! Information and

sign up lists are in class.

Middle School Mystery (June 7-10) is for all of those who are currently in grades 5-7. Please sign up by Sunday, May 25. The cost will be \$75.

BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & New Orleans Mission Trip is for all of those currently in grades 8-12. For the mission trips, you will need to have 20 community service hours. For Nebraska, you will also need to have 10 preparation hours. Please sign up by Sunday, May 29.

If you have any questions, let me know.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15
May 16
May 22
May 27
May 30

Small Groups Meet
West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Baccalaureate Service
Senior Devo

End of School Bash @the Snell's

SUMMER DATES

June 7-10
June 18-24
July 7-16
July 23-29

Middle School Mystery
BackCountry Trek
Nebraska Mission Trip
New Orleans Mission Trip

Crawford's Clipboard

A Great American Myth

Myth Busters is a great show on TV. I'd like to join them today by saying that one of the great American myths is that we are all a bunch of rugged individualists.

I like to think of myself as a mixture of Clint Eastwood, Sam Elliott, and John Wayne. Truth is I'd rather just blend into the woodwork.

A psychologist named Ruth Berenda busted this myth a few years ago with a simple experiment. She took a group of teenagers and broke them up into smaller groups of ten. Each group was instructed to raise their hands when the teacher pointed to the

longest line. What one person in each group didn't know is that she instructed the other 9 to vote for the second longest line. The experiment was to determine how one person reacted when completely surrounded by a large number of people who obviously stood against what was true. In each case that one person would glance around the room, frown in confusion and slip his hand up with the others. They simply lacked the courage to challenge the group. Berenda's conclusion was this: Some people had rather be president than be right.

If we as parents do not teach our children how to stand alone when surrounded by those who put them to the test, then they will never be able to teach their children how to do it.....and then after a few generations look at what we have!

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

BEWARE OF SPIRITUAL IMMUNIZATION!!!

If we, as parents, are just giving our children a little tiny dose of Jesus we may be doing them more harm than good. We may, in fact, be *preventing* them from wholeheartedly trusting and following Christ as adults.

Consider immunizations. When we give someone a flu shot, we're actually giving them what? A little tiny dose of the flu. Give them just enough and it will keep them from getting the full-blown flu. The natural reaction of the body is able to ward off and render harmless the flu virus. Is it possible to immunize our children from Jesus? Studies have often shown that those who are soured most on Christianity are not those people who have had no exposure to church and the Bible, but rather are those who, as children, either had bad experiences in the church or parents who sat in pews on Sunday but showed zero evidence of living out that faith the other six days of the week. They had a tiny dose and therefore were apparently immune to the full-blown effect of the risen Lord.

Why is this? Because a parent who models a half-hearted or Sunday-morning faith is essentially saying, "I know all about this Jesus guy and He's not significant enough for me to actually change my life. *It's just not that big of a deal.*" That, friends, is a scary message to give our children. It's not just that we haven't given our children enough religious experience, it's that we've proven by our lives that there are no real-life implications of believing in God. Kids aren't stupid. Why would they want to believe in something that doesn't matter? So they abandon ship. Of course, they hold this stance only until they have their own children. Then they decide they want their children to "have religion", so they wind up doing the exact same routine as their parents. No real faith, just going through the motions. And in these motions, another generation is immunized from faith in Christ. Frightening.

That is cause for fear, parents. For all Christians, for that matter. The friends, neighbors, co-workers in our lives learn about Christ the exact same way our children do--*by watching us.* That is reason to evaluate the way that we live out the gospel, to get on our knees and spread God's Word before us and pray, "Do this to me! Do this to me!" We must not immunize our children from the beauty of Christ by living as if He matters little or not at all.

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower
honoring

Julie Frick & Nathan VanBuskirk

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VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 3:30p.m. in room 205. Please mark your calendars and see Nancy Crawford for more information.

Congratulations

Samantha Richardson was named "Tyler Junior College Student Leader of The Year." Way to go, Samantha! We are proud of you!

Baptisms

Callie Coleman was baptized Sunday, May 8, 2011, by her dad, Corey Coleman. Callie is in the 4th grade and attends school in Whitehouse. She is the daughter of Corey & Angie Coleman. Her address is 12140 Yarbrough Lane, Troup, TX 75789.



Jordan Smith was baptized Sunday, May 8, 2011, at the Union Grove Church of Christ in Haynesville, Louisiana by her grandfather, Clyde C. Hightower. Jordan is the daughter of Garrett & Jill Smith and is in the 5th grade at All Saints. Her address is 6402 Boca

Raton Court, Tyler, TX 75703.

We rejoice with Callie & Jordan and their families!

Wednesday Night Meal

May 18: BBQ

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Last Sunday, we celebrated our mothers. I want to remind each mom — biological mom, adoptive mom, grandmother mom, church mom, foster mom — that you are so much more than a Michelangelo. Legend has it that someone once came to Michelangelo and asked if he could watch as he sculpted. For several days, Michelangelo did nothing other than look at the huge block of marble from every angle and in different lighting conditions. Finally, growing tired of this indiscernible process, the onlooker broke the great sculptor's concentration and asked what in the world he was doing. Michelangelo reportedly said, "I am looking for the masterpiece to release that is hidden in the marble."

As a mom, you are called to unlock the masterpiece embedded in the gift of the child God has placed in your care. Yet you have far more influence than just releasing the masterpiece embedded in marble. God chose you to add value, to help shape, to use your influence, and to leave your imprint in the formation of a person who will live forever! You don't work in marble, or even wet cement, but in flesh and blood and soul. You are a divine partner with God, seeking to leave an imprint of faith, hope and love in a child given you by grace to love, influence and mold.

Phil Ware | www.heartlight.org

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Lon Gibson** who passed away last weekend. Services were Tuesday. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Lake Cisco Christian Camp Golf Tourney, May 14

East Cotton Church of Christ Homecoming & Gospel Meeting, May 15-19

West Erwin Ladies Retreat, May 20-21

Arms of Hope Charity Golf Tournament, May 23

West Erwin VBS, August 6

See all the flyers for these events on the news & notes bulletin board by the Small Auditorium.

Thank You

Thank you for the prayers and cards during my sister's recent illness & passing away. Also, I appreciate so much the beautiful flowers sent by our West Erwin brothers and sisters to her funeral. In Christian love,

Frank Debenport

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Records	Sunday-May 1	Sunday- April 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	261	412
Worship a.m.	603	578	708
Worship p.m.	416	210	484
Wed. p.m.	275	NC	300
Contribution	\$25,295.76	\$19,733.38	\$33,467.47
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Hospitalized: Baylor in Dallas: Mary Hunt | ETMC: Frank Aven | Mother Frances Hospital: Lon Gibson, rm. 5537 | Kay Parrish, doing well after surgery, rm. 446. **Updates: Don Crowder** is now home after having a defibrillator implanted. | **Nancy Draughon** mother of Debbie Bynum, is now home. | **Weigi Golden**, niece of Rita Sitton, is now home doing well. | **James Holland**, uncle of Julie Fisher, has been diagnosed with leukemia & is hospitalized in Ft. Worth. | **West Erwin Family:** Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Bobbye May | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Stephanie Fleming's son**, friend of Jennie Ables | **Linda Harris**, sister of Charlotte Cawyer | **Sue Paul**, sister-in-law of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford | **Charles Valentine | Sandy Williams**, cousin of Chuck Gillam | **Carey Woods**, stepson of Dorothy | *We believe a prayer list that is up to date is more likely to be used. Names are removed if the office has not received a recent update. It's our pleasure to honor your prayer requests, so please don't hesitate to call or email the office with your concerns.*

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Scripture	Dan Gillam
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Presiding At The Lord's Table	Jamon Kirby

SERVING COMMUNION

Wayne Berryman	Gary Broome
Gary Bender	Lonnie Brown
Dale Blackstone	Jay Bynum
Jim Boyd	Michael Carnathan

EVENING ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Robert Lee
Scripture	Drew Harris
Dismiss	Pete Leung

GREETERS

Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini & Dalton Harris
 Milburn & Jan Cook & Drew Harris
 Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Ryan Haws
 Visitor Center: Don & Mary Jo Crowder
 Wanda Cook

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Sound booth for 5/8-5/15: Paul Lewis & Jonathan Stone

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Comfort in Any Season

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4 TNIV).

Did you hear what Paul was saying in those two short verses? I hope so, because you are going to need to hang on to it. Life drags us through different seasons — some of them good, and some of them bad; and we are all going to need help or to be ready to help in the darker times.

One of my hardest seasons came on a Sunday night many years ago. I was speaking when one of our Shepherds hurriedly started up the church aisle, obviously bringing some kind of urgent message. The closer he came to the front of the sanctuary, the more his face showed great agony. About six rows from the front, he could hold his words no longer. In a spray of grief from a deep well of sorrow, he told the church that one of our family's 11-year-old boy had been hit by a car as he rode his bicycle to church. The little boy died before we could get to the hospital. The loss was gut wrenching, hard to accept, and devastating to all of us ... especially this boy's parents.

Words cannot describe the pain parents have in such seasons. And while many of us could offer these parents comfort because of our own recent grief, those whose words and presence blessed this grief-stricken family most were those who had been there — folks who had survived the deep wounds of losing a child and had somehow found a way to go on with their lives.

Remember how Paul wrote it, *"The God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God."* The truth of this is as undeniable in real life as it sounds in Scripture.

Those who have "been there," and that God has carried through the dark night of the soul, bring something to us when we find ourselves in our own *"time to mourn."* Because God's strength has carried them, their wounds validate ...

- **the anguish of our hurt:** not with platitudes, pity looks, or simplistic explanation, but the assurance that here is someone who knows and cares about our hurt.
- **the uniqueness of our pain:** we know their wound is like our own, but they recognize that our wound is as unique as the person we have lost.
- **the strength within our spirits:** they show us that they are making it through this horror with the help of God and His Spirit, so we can make it, too, and we will do it together.

The incredible blessing of being in God's community, His family of grace in the midst of fire, is that we do not have to walk our loneliest trails of despair alone. When we walk through *"the valley of the shadow of death"* we will not have to do it alone. Not only is God with us, but God makes Himself available through a fellow traveler who has real skin and a wounded heart of grace. These brothers and sisters in Christ walk with us, support us, and remind us that we are not alone. They are there, for every season, so that during our time of mourning we are not alone and when we finally reach that time to dance, we have soul-level friends who will share our joy.

My prayer for you is this: If God has brought you through when you faced a season of grief and pain, may you find another to help through their season of grief.

If you find yourself in the deep well of sorrow and grief, may God bring the right folks to walk along side you, and share your journey till you are where you can help other wounded travelers yourself.

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MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 5 is the National Day Of Prayer. The Mayor of Tyler hosts a breakfast each year for the community to participate in the National Day of Prayer. West Erwin has co-sponsored the breakfast for many years. Thanks to all who served this week and let your light shine in our community!

LTC

We had a wonderful celebration this past Sunday night honoring our young people and adults who participated in LTC this year.

Thanks to Justin Parrish, Cody Frick, Barrett Carter & Matthew Kimball for leading our worship service. Thanks to Mark Frick for putting together the PowerPoint. Thanks to our

elders for supporting this ministry through the years. Thanks to all of those who worked behind the scenes to make it happen... not just for West Erwin, but all of LTC!

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Out of Order

I stopped at Whataburger the other day to get a quick bite of lunch (I like their free drinks for seniors). It is my custom to refill that free drink before I leave. But when I got to the drink machine the Diet Coke had an "Out of Order" sign stuck on it.....but I did not panic! I simply thanked GOD for the one I did get.

It got me to thinking. There is order to just about everything. The universe is totally synchronized where every planet spins and rotates

in a set order which GOD gave in the beginning. Our planet has seasons: Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter in that order each and every year. GOD set that order too. There is even an order to salvation as well. A death, burial and resurrection precedes it (Rom 6:1-10).

I found this verse in (Proverbs 28:2) that says, "When a country is rebellious, it has many rulers, but a man of understanding and knowledge maintains order." When we start following "other rulers" is when we get things out of order. Out of Order means it's not working. Take some time this week to think about what might be out of order in your life.....but don't panic! GOD still cares.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Matthew would have spent the remainder of his life sitting at tax tables, cheating his fellow countrymen, and throwing parties for his rabble-friends. His children would have been cursed on their way to school and his wife excluded from all but the coarsest company. He would have remained a lackey of the hated Romans, counting pennies for a living and growing hard from the abuses of his countrymen.

James would have continued to work in his father's business. With his brother John, he would have spent his nights straining at the nets and his days mending them. Patching the sails, caulking the boat, sorting the catch, hauling fish to market -- that would have been James' lot. For the rest of his life, he would have smelled of the fish that he brought up from the depths to place on the tables of Capernaum.

We don't know what occupation was practiced by Philip or Bartholomew, Thomas or Thaddaeus. Simon the Zealot or Judas. Perhaps they were merchants or shepherds or even carpenters. Whatever the occupation, each would have stuck doggedly to the work for which he was trained, work that had probably been his father's and grandfather's. These then would have raised their families and repaired their houses and prayed in

the Synagogue on Saturdays. And, in time, they would have died, their memory buried with their remains. Anonymous men.

Except that each of these men met Jesus. One day, He had come by their table or boat or bench or store and called all of these men to a higher living. No longer were they to spend their lives on fish or taxes or sails -- Jesus invited them to adopt a higher purpose for their lives. Matthew wrote the great gospel which bears his name. James became a leader in the early church and the first Christian martyr. Though billions of people have lived and died and quickly faded into oblivion, our children sing the names of these twelve and recall that through them Jesus turned a world upside down.

Jesus gives men and women significance. He makes them important. He involves them in the greatest work of all. He enlists them as partners in the progress of the kingdom. He calls them to ultimate things, to eternal realities. He fills their days with the substantial and the extraordinary and saves them from lives wasted on the trivial and trifling. When we become tired or discouraged, it does us good to remember the benefits of being a disciple.



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ETCA Now Enrolling

East Texas Christian Academy is now enrolling for 2011-12. Call or come by to schedule a tour. Contact Sue Walker, Admissions Director, at 903-561-9582 or swalker@etca.org for more information.


Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope Medina Campus Grocery Truck will be in Tyler May 2-6. They suggest cookies and/or granola bars. Please drop them off in the bin located in the foyer of the Erwin Street entrance.

VBS Planning Meeting

There will be a VBS Planning Meeting on Sunday, May 22 at 3:30p.m. in room 205. Please mark your calendars and see Nancy Crawford for more information.

Job Well Done!



Congratulations to **Cody Frick** for making the National Honor Society at Brownsboro High School. We are so proud of you!

New Address

Opal Mathews
c/o Charlie & Dianne Farrell
830 CR 2333 (Deerpark Lane)
Whitehouse, TX 75791

Wednesday Night Meal

May 11: Mexican Food

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Telecommunications Assistance

Join Jim Boyd on May 5 at the Family Life Center at 1:30 p.m. for information on free telephones, ring signaling devices & more. If you are a Texas resident who is deaf, hard of hearing or has a disability that makes using a telephone difficult, you'll want to attend this meeting! Amplified telephones, repeat number dialed, large buttons with photo buttons and many more phones for other disabilities are available to you absolutely FREE through the Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program. Contact Jim Boyd to RSVP or for more info at 903-849-4903. This event is free to attend and is funded by the Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services-Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so very much for all your thoughts and prayers during my surgery and recovery period. Food, calls, cards and visits have meant so much to me. It is such a blessing to be a part of this Christian family. I love you deeply.

Donna Mullins

Thank you so very much for the beautiful flowers.

The family of Ruby McCain

Thank you for allowing me to host our Summer Food Service Program training at your Family Life Center. We greatly appreciate it and hope to work with you again soon!

Brandi Lamberth

East Texas Food Bank

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant and the many cards I have received in memory of my sister, Betty Walters. I feel so blessed to be a member of such a caring and loving congregation. In Christian love,

Jean Rutherford

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Bible Class	261	384	406
Worship a.m.	578	632	615
Worship p.m.	210	536	345
Wed. p.m.	NC	309	285
Contribution	\$19,733.38	\$26,234.56	\$24,216.79
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: Hospitalized: Hospitalized: Baylor in Dallas: Mary Hunt | **ETMC: Frank Aven** | Nancy Draughon mother of Debbie Bynum, rm. 5515, respiratory infection. | **Weigi Golden**, niece of Rita Sitton, ICU. | **Mother Frances Hospital: Kay Parrish**, doing well after surgery, rm. 5526. | **Updates: Lon Gibson** is now home. | **Donna Mullins** is now home. | **Charles Valentine**, known as Uncle Noah, fell and broke his hip in Lubbock. | **West Erwin Family:** Deloris Bundy | Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Bobbye May | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Ginger Pippin | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Pauline Baker**, grandmother of Scott | **Eddie Carter**, uncle of Terrence Ates | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Linda Harris**, sister of Charlotte Cawyer | **Sue Paul**, sister-in-law of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford | **Sandy Williams**, cousin of Chuck Gillam | **Carey Woods**, stepson of Dorothy | *We believe a prayer list that is up to date is more likely to be used. Names are removed if the office has not received a recent update. It's our pleasure to honor your prayer requests, so please don't hesitate to call or email the office with your concerns.*

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Scripture Randy Farrar
Dismiss Jay Bynum
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Arnold Ables Scotty Albritton
Cameron Ables Greg Anding
Chris Ables Jim Armstrong
Cody Ables Ernest Bennett

EVENING ASSEMBLY

Prayer Greg Jones
Scripture Dalton Harris
Dismiss Clay Kinser

GREETERS

Davy & Sonja Carter & Parker Hall
Bud & Charlotte Cawyer & Kenzi Hall
Gene & Gwen Chandler & Sydney Hammond
Visitor Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum
Jeri Church & Ruby Cliver

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Taking Flight

As spring began its first run at warming up West Texas, we joined many of our fellow Abilenians at one of the local nurseries. We purchased trees and flower baskets to try to dress up our non-descript back yard. We'll have to wait several years for the trees to make much of an impact, but little did we know what a difference one little hanging basket of flowers could make!

Several days after the flower basket was hung on a hook on our back porch, two things happened. First, it turned windy and cold — something it did repeatedly this spring — sending the flower basket spinning and rocking wildly in the wind. Second, a pair of small and beautiful birds built their nest in the flower basket. We didn't notice it at first, but we had to take the basket off the hook to water the flowers. One day, to our surprise, we noticed a little, white, bird egg with speckles resting in the bottom of carefully made nest. Several days later, there were four eggs. Then the mama bird made her presence known as she warmed those eggs as her flower basket home spun and rocked wildly in the strong spring winds.

Soon our little nest was full of ugly little baby birds without their feathers and with unopened eyes. Watering our flowers was a challenge — while I'm a firm believer in baptism, the baby birds didn't appear to be likely targets. We rarely saw the beautifully colored daddy bird for quite a few days. Mama bird would feed her brood and then be gone for awhile. Watering was even more interesting at this stage, but the mama bird tolerated us taking down the basket, watering the flowers around her babies, and then replacing the basket that held her nest.

Then one day, daddy bird re-appeared. There was stretching and wing-flapping and walking around in the flower basket. How they stayed up there we'll never know, because a late season norther blew through rocking and spinning the nest wildly. Somehow, the baby birds all stayed put. Then one morning they were all gone! They all flew away. While we were delighted with the success of our little bird nest adventure, we miss our beautiful little tenants!

This time of year, moms and dads all around the country are fluttering around in a dizzying spin of activity with their children. As schools and colleges come to an end for the year, many parents are watching their baby birds take flight — some are leaving high school, others are leaving college, some are getting married — as they head off into a brand new future.

Jesus had a time not too different than this. After his resurrection, he spent a final forty days with his closest followers. Then he left. As he did, he not only gave them their marching orders — we call that the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) — but he also gave them some instructions to help them get ready to take flight.

Wait for God! As Isaiah had spoken so many years ago, waiting on the Lord is the key to taking flight. (Isaiah 40:30-31) But this is not just wasted waiting; it is a focused time of praying and praising God with joy. This waiting trusts that time in the presence of God is THE crucial step we must all take if we are to begin the future God has for us.

Stick together! Jesus' followers spent time with each other praising and praying. Even after their period of waiting, they stuck together. Later, when they were scattered outside of Jerusalem, they went out two-by-two. They knew the importance of sticking together.

Receive God's power! One of the reasons they waited and stayed together was because they knew that God uses those circumstances to share his power. The personal presence of God through the Holy Spirit is the source of that power and they could not begin until they received this important blessing from God.

So as our "little birds" get ready to take flight into their new future, let's point them back to the same three truths that our Lord used with his precious ones before they had to fly without his personal presence.

Wait for God ... stick together ... and receive God's power.

Phil Ware
www.heartlight.org

Youth With Heart...By Danny

SUMMER INTERN

James Dykmann our summer intern will be here on May 15. Please keep him in your prayers as he serves with us this summer.

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LTC

We had an amazing weekend at LTC! It is always good to be with so many brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks to all the young people for letting your light shine and using your gifts to praise God. Thanks to all the adults who

worked so hard to make it an amazing weekend!

This Sunday evening, May 1, will be our LTC Celebration. Some of our young people will lead us in the worship service and you will have an opportunity to see all that our teens participated in at LTC. Plan to be here and to wear your LTC Shirt!

SUMMER DATES

It is time to sign up for our Summer Trips! Information and sign up lists are in class. If you have any questions, let me know.

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GOD is Amazing!

In my weekly prayer group we have been praying, asking GOD to work out a situation for a granddad and grandson to be able to spend time together....his high school graduation excursion. In our eyes, one thing needed to happen. We prayed specifically for that one thing. Well, GOD worked it out ---- but HE worked it out a totally different way. We couldn't even see it before. Today, as we talked about it, we noticed how often HE does this. What

an amazing GOD we serve. Sometimes it's when we grow weary asking for the same thing; sometimes we run out of hope and energy and ideas. That seems to be when GOD shows up with the answer and HE does it a totally different way.

I don't know where these words find you today, but I have a sneaky suspicion you too have been praying for a particular thing to be worked out in a certain way. Do not lose heart. Continue to serve Him and praise Him and honor Him with your life. Pray expecting Him to work. Wait, then, to see how HE does it. HE is amazing!

By the way, it's all about motive.....HE knows your heart. Make sure your requests are pure and according to HIS will.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

The Cost of Discipleship Luke 14:28-30, 33

There is something about human nature that loves a bargain. Few things please us more than getting something for next-to-nothing. We dream of striking it rich quick. We boast about "what a steal" a particular item was. We flock to clearances and auctions and garage sales hoping that one day we will stumble across something of real value that doesn't cost us anything.

We're even tempted to look for a bargain when it comes to matters of faith. I believe that salvation is the free gift of God. But even as I say that my ears perk up at the words "free gift." The bargain lover in me hears words like "grace," "mercy," and "gift" and immediately I begin to wonder if there might really be a free lunch after all. It's as if God were holding a cosmic garage sale, and, while picking through the treasures, we come across *salvation* marked down so low that anyone would jump at the deal. Imagine

our delight that something as precious and valuable as salvation can be obtained at no cost to ourselves, with no risk and no obligation.

BUT one of the most perplexing paradoxes of religion is: Salvation is the free gift of God, yet it costs us everything we have. It cannot be earned, yet it requires we leave all, take up a cross and follow. It demands only our faith, yet that faith demands everything else about us. Salvation is by grace, but that grace is the most costly commodity around. The call to discipleship will cost you everything you value. Jesus wants you to count the cost before coming to Him. Don't become His disciple only to discover that He demands more than you are willing to give. Everyone will ridicule the disciple who begins and then turns back.

What is discipleship worth to you? Are you willing to pay the price that Jesus demands? Remember - - salvation is a gift, but it doesn't come cheap.



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Thank You

Thank you for prayers, many cards and beautiful basket of flowers sent to the service of my dear sister. We are so blessed to be a part of West Erwin.

Melvin & Nina Crow

Thank you for the beautiful assorted basket of flowers. We so appreciate your thoughtful kindness.

The family of Leta Lawson

Kathy & Jerry Stevens, Martha & Jack Taylor

Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards & visits during the passing of our sister, Betty Walters. The beautiful plant also reminds us of how wonderful it is to know that we are a part of such a warm, loving, caring family that shares in our sorrow. In Christian love,

Bob & Barbara Paul

Arms of Hope

The Arms of Hope Medina Campus Grocery Truck will be in Tyler May 2-6. They suggest cookies and/or granola bars. Please drop them off in the bin located in the foyer of the Erwin Street entrance.

VBS Planning Meeting

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Upcoming Events of Interest

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With Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Ruby McCain**, who passed away last week. Services were Saturday. Services for **Corrine Wells**, sister of Frank Debenport, were Tuesday. Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Dorothy Babb**, mother of Dennis Stansbury, who passed away this week. Services were Thursday. Our love and prayers are with these families.

**Wednesday Night Meal for May 4:
Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies**

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Bible Class	384	457	368
Worship a.m.	632	665	631
Worship p.m.	536	368	336
Wed. p.m.	309	NC	270
Contribution	\$26,234.56	\$59,839.50	\$66,952.80
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: Hospitalized: ETMC: Frank Aven | Nancy Draughon mother of Debbie Bynum, rm. 5515, respiratory infection. | **Weigi Golden**, niece of Rita Sitton, blood clot in her lung. | **Mother Frances Hospital: Donna Mullins**, surgery | **Kay Parrish**, surgery | **V.A. Hospital in Dallas: Lon Gibson | Updates: Deloris Bundy** had a lumpectomy at Olympic Plaza Thursday. | **Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong, fell and broke her hip. | **Ruby McCain** is at Hospice of East Texas. | **Corinne Wells**, sister of Frank Debenport, is in Hospice of East Texas. | **West Erwin Family:** Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Bobbye May | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Ginger Pippin | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Pauline Baker**, grandmother of Scott | **Eddie Carter**, uncle of Terrence Ates | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Linda Harris**, sister of Charlotte Cawyer | **Sue Paul**, sister-in-law of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford | **Sandy Williams**, cousin of Chuck Gillam
We believe a prayer list that is up to date is more likely to be used. Names are removed if the office has not received a recent update. It's our pleasure to honor your prayer requests, so please don't hesitate to call or email the office with your concerns.

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 Call to Worship Stan Clark
 Prayer Bob Hackett
 Scripture David Demic
 Dismiss Ron Lott
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Richard Gregory

SERVING COMMUNION
 Arnold Ables Scotty Albritton
 Cameron Ables Greg Anding
 Chris Ables Jim Armstrong
 Cody Ables Ernest Bennett

EVENING ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Tom Hale
 Scripture Ralph Henderson
 Dismiss Jeff Horton

GREETERS
 Tony & Mary Adams
 Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
 Jim & Helen Boyd
 Visitor Center: Jimmy & Sue Carty
 Jeanie Ates & Scott Baker

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

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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.
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Priesthood of Believers

The Old Testament is an amazing collection of inspired documents. While we live under the New Testament and follow its commands, one cannot have a deep and full understanding of the New Testament without at least some knowledge of the Old.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostle Peter described Christians as, among other things, "a royal priesthood" (1 Pet. 2:9). If a person only reads the New Testament, he might think that this is a nice description. Only the reader who reads the Old Law and gains insight from it can hold to this description with love and admiration of what we are to be as priests.

In the Old Testament, priests stood as the religious leaders of the people. They offered official sacrifices for the people, and took care of the sacred items in the tabernacle and, later, the temple. The priests, in many ways, stood as the "symbols" of what religion was to be; since they stood before God and offered the sacrifices necessary under the Old Law to pardon (atone for) sin.

Introducing the entry "priest," The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia gives us this basic information: A priest is one who is duly authorized to minister in sacred things, particularly to offer sacrifices at the altar, and who acts as mediator between men and God. ... It was in virtue of the priestly functions that the chosen people were brought into near relations with God and kept therein. Through the ministrations of the priesthood the people of Israel were instructed in the doctrine of sin and its expiation, in forgiveness and worship. (Volume 4, page 2439)

While a study of the priesthood in a much deeper manner is necessary, that brief description is sufficient for our thoughts in this brief post. How are we, as New Testament Christians, to be like the Old Testament priests? It is not that we are to be like Old Testament priests. In fact, calling New Testament Christians "priests" denotes something far greater.

One fact not given in the previous description is that priests were from a specific tribe of God's people: the Levites. Certain clans (or families) within that family, then,

were charged with specific functions surrounding worship and the tabernacle or temple. If you were born to the tribe of Levi, you were a priest, and held a function within Old Testament worship and rite. If, instead, you were born to, say, the tribe of Reuben, you could not be a priest. It was that simple.

When Peter, in the New Testament age, wrote, "You are a royal priesthood," he was indicating a great change. Notice to whom this letter from Peter was addressed: "To those who are elect exiles of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia." To state this simply, Peter was addressing this letter to Christians of every background who were being persecuted and dispersed due to their faith.

What is the significance of that in our discussion? Peter is stating that anyone and everyone—despite any family history—is a priest. In other words, there is no more need of an earthly high priest to stand before an altar and offer sacrifices each year for the sins of the people.

Why? Because we have a greater High Priest (cf. Heb. 4:14-16). Jesus Christ, when He shed His blood on the cross, removed any need for further sacrifices of blood. That, in turn, removed the need for a priest to offer animals on an altar before God.

One of the great truths of the New Testament is that we are not part of the "Reuben-Christians" or the "Gad-Christians" or the "Levi-Christians." It is also wonderful to know that we are not "clergy" and "laity." All faithful Christians are priests.

Be grateful for the sacrifice of Christ, and for the "middle wall of partition" (Eph. 2:14) it broke down. God sent His Son to this earth to break down that dividing line, and you and I are blessed to live in the era wherein we are all priests. Let's live like it!

Adam Faughn
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LTC

This weekend, about 200 folks from West Erwin will join another almost 6000 for the annual Leadership Training

for Christ Convention at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas. This weekend, there will be LTC's taking place all over the country with somewhere around 12,000 3rd-12th graders using their gifts to glorify their LORD. Thanks to all of our young people and sponsors who make this possible each year.

Mark your calendar for next Sunday evening, May 1 as the day when we will share with you all that our young people participated in this weekend.

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BAPTISM

Sunday night was a great night! The choruses all did a superb job and all their practicing surely paid off. They will all do well in Dallas. Jason Reeves, our guest speaker, delivered a great message from the theme of LTC, the book of Revelation, and did an outstanding job communicating that message to all ages. Then to top it all off, about 25

people from the Gathering that meets at the Benevolence Center came over to baptize a woman named Michelle. What a great day for the Lord. Rest assured, the Lord is working in Tyler and He is doing it through the West Erwin Church of Christ. Our role is to pray. Pray that HE will continue to work in and through us as we choose to serve Him.

I know many of you are traveling this weekend and I pray for your safety and in all that we do, wherever we are, we will glorify our Lord who died for us and is now living in and through us. May He be praised throughout the land.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

The Call to Discipleship

Mark 1:16-18

As He walked along, He saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow Me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed Him. Mark 2:14

The call goes forth and it is at once followed by the response of obedience. The response of the disciples is an act of obedience, not a confession of faith in Jesus. How could the call immediately evoke obedience? Attempts have been made to separate these two events. Something must have happened in between, some psychological or historical event. Unfortunately, the text is silent on this point. It displays not the slightest interest in the psychological implications for the man's religious decisions. And why? For the simple reason that the cause behind the immediate following of the call with a response is Jesus Christ Himself. It is Jesus who calls, and because it is Jesus, Levi follows at once. This encounter is a testimony to the absolute, direct, and unaccountable authority of Jesus. There is no need of any preliminaries, and no other consequence but obedience to the call. Because Jesus is the

Christ, He has the authority to call and to demand obedience to His Word. Jesus summons men to follow Him not as a teacher or a pattern of the good life, but as the Christ, the Son of God. In this short text Jesus Christ and His claim are proclaimed to men. Not a word of praise is given to the disciple for his decision to follow Christ. We are not expected to contemplate the disciple, but only Him who calls, and His absolute authority. According to our text, there is no road to faith or discipleship. no other road, -- only obedience to the call of Jesus.

Jesus calls people to follow Him today just as certainly as He did in the days of the first century. And now, as then, those who hear His call must make a decision -- do they accept His invitation or decline it? Unfortunately, many people who think they are saying "Yes" to Jesus have no understanding of what He is inviting them to do.

Being a disciple, answering Jesus' call, means dying to self, taking up a cross, and following Him. Are you that kind of disciple? Such is the only kind of disciple that Jesus will accept.

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West Erwin's Website

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Wed. p.m.	NC	330	268
Contribution	\$59,839.50	\$26,493.65	\$29,670.58
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: **Hospitalized:** **ETMC:** **Frank Aven**, son of Gary Aven, former West Erwin member | **Nancy Draughon** mother of Debbie Bynum, rm. 5515, respiratory infection. | **Frank Haddock**, son of Bettie Thorne, ICU. | **John Womack**, room 5817, friend of Terece Loveless. | **Updates:** **Melvin Maples** is now home. | **Ginger Pippin** is home for bed rest. | **Charles Starr** is home. | **Ray Womack** is taking a two-week break for recuperation from his chemo and then will be evaluated. | **West Erwin Family:** Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Bobbye May | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Pauline Baker**, grandmother of Scott | **Eddie Carter**, uncle of Terrence Ates | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Linda Harris**, sister of Charlotte Cawyer | **Gerald and Mary Holloway**, father and stepmom of Linda Westerfeld | **James Liles**, friend of Scott Baker | **Sue Paul**, sister-in-law of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford | **Sandy Williams**, cousin of Chuck Gillam | **Carey Woods**, stepson of Dorothy | **With Sympathy:** Services were Monday for **Betty Walters**, sister of Bob Paul and Jean Rutherford. | **Leta Lawson**, sister of Nina Crow, passed away Monday. Services are pending in Abilene. Our deepest sympathy is extended to these families.

SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship Don Crawford
Prayer Chuck Gillam
Scripture Dan Cullinan
Dismiss Fred Wingate
Presiding At The Lord's Table Ernie Gordon

SERVING COMMUNION

Dale White Ira Wilson
David Wicks Tony Wingate
Fred Wilkinson Fred Wingate
Kyle Willoughby Tony Adams

EVENING ASSEMBLY

5:00 P.M.: LTC Choruses Perform
6:00 P.M.: Area Wide Worship Service

GREETERS

Arnold & Agnes Ables & Kaitlyn Gravois
Fred & Sandra Wingate & Wyatt Gruver
Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson & Preston Haile
Visitor Center: Ernest & Gail Bennett
Winnie Bell

Pick up cards for 4/17: Colton Haile, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Stephen Moore

Sound booth for 4/17: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

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Anxiety

"Be careful for nothing, but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

In today's world there is an epidemic of people who suffer from anxiety. There are so many, that our pharmaceutical companies are making millions on anxiety pills and other medications. Studies show that 9 of the 10 of you reading this have in the past, or are currently on some sort of medication to help you with your anxiety. The causes of this epidemic are inclusive. Some believe it is due to a bad diet, or even the dietary supplements placed in our processed food. Some believe it is due to a lack of exercise in our daily routines. Still others believe it is due to a struggling economy and impending poverty. While we agree that all of these factors play a role in causing anxiety, they are not the main cause. The main cause for one being overly anxious is a lack of faith in God.

The Bible tells us to "Be careful for nothing," (Philippians 4:6). The King James Version renders this verse "Be careful." But the term "careful" in the Greek language means, "to be full of care." It means to care to the point that it causes you worry or anxiety. Other versions of the scripture will render the verse, "Be anxious for nothing." The Bible is not telling us to not to care, it is simply telling us not to care to the point of excessive worry. Anxiety then should not be a part of the faithful Christian's life. Here are a few things to help us learn to be less anxious in life. Dr. Gary Collins, a well-known Christian counselor, gives these tips. He writes,

Trust in God. The person who learns to walk in daily contact with God comes to agree with the hymn writer who wrote, "I know not what the future holds, but I know who holds the future," (Collins, 2007, p. 155). Indeed we will worry less, have less stress and less anxiety when we realize that God is in control of the situation. Trust in Him! Cast your cares upon Him for he cares for you! How sweet it is to be able to sit back and relax knowing that God is in control! I am reminded of when I was a boy and we used to take road trips with my family. My mother drove the car, and as a boy I never needed to watch the road, and I did not worry about traffic or other cars. I did not need to follow a map or a GPS. Gas was not on my mind. I could sit back and enjoy the ride. Why? My

mother was at the wheel of the car. I knew she would never allow anything to happen to me. Therefore I needed not to worry.

Learn to Cope. Coping with the causes of anxiety, when and before they arise, can prevent the development of anxiety, (Collins, ibid). There is a long list of things that will help us to cope, or accept a situation. Each of these things needs to become a part of our regular lifestyle. For example, admitting fears, insecurities and conflicts when they arise will help to relieve some stresses. One can never actually address a situation until they admit there is a situation to address.

Keep Things in Perspective. In threatening, challenging or potentially dangerous situations, it is easy to panic, but it is better to ponder the circumstances and try to determine the ways to cope, (Collins, ibid). We as humans have the uncanny ability to make mountains out of molehills. Everything that glitters is not gold, but we must also remember that things are not always as bad as they seem. We must learn to let our emotions settle before we take action or panic. Sit and wait on the Lord, for he has said, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalms 46:10) When we have calmed down, when we have had a good night's sleep, when we have let God work on the situation, then things will seem more manageable.

Reach Out to Others. Caring about others and reaching out to help may be among the most effective ways to deal with the cares and anxieties in one's own life, (Collins, ibid). One of the very best things you can do when you are full of anxiety is to use the excessive energy caused by anxiety to help others. Keeping busy while your mind is full of worry helps to take your mind off the points of stress, and working helps to clear excessive energy. Reach out and help others especially when you are worried about things.

In His love,
Kennon D. Olson, Sr.,
Ministering Evangelist, North Tennesha Church of Christ

"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart... *By Danny*

SOUL SURFER... THE MOVIE

Wow! What an amazing story. We had over 130 folks to go from West Erwin to see the movie Sunday night. Thanks to all who made that possible.

SUMMER INTERN

We are looking for a place for our summer intern to live from mid May to mid August. If you have a garage apartment available or something equivalent, please let me know.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congrats to our Bible Quiz teams for an amazing year! You guys did a great job on the book of Revelation. Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish for taking care of refreshments this past Monday. Thanks to Davy Carter for working with our teams all year.

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Thanks

Thanks to all of you who responded to last week's plea for help crocheting chemo hats and delivering boxes to Arlington. West Erwin is a great church with a strong willingness to be involved in all kinds of ministry. I am proud to be a part of this church family!

It's all about understanding the times and knowing what to do. An expert in the law came to Jesus asking, "What must I do to inherit eternal

life?" Jesus told him to "love the Lord your GOD with all your heart, and love your neighbor as yourself."

So the question of "Who is my neighbor?" produced one of the most powerful stories in the Bible. The good Samaritan served as the model of action-oriented faith. This story broke through all the past social barriers. Jesus told the lawyer to "go and do likewise" (Luke 10:25-37).

West Erwin has developed the Good Samaritan mentality. West Erwin is a church that has learned to enjoy the giving of the cup of cold water in Jesus' name. Keep it up!

them. That is why they could understand it. As they had freely received, now they were to transmit what they had learned to other seekers of truth. His mandate was the articulation of the rule by which Christ had directed His ministry. Though slow, and not accomplished without great sacrifice, He knew His way would succeed. For as individuals learn of Him and follow the pattern of His life they will invariably become disciplers, and as their disciples in turn do the same, someday through multiplication the world will come to know He who provides everlasting life.

The great commission is not a special calling or a gift of the Spirit; it is a command - an obligation incumbent upon the whole community of faith. There are no exceptions. Bank presidents and automobile mechanics, physicians and school teachers, theologians and homemakers - everyone who believes on Christ has a part in His work. **Read John 14:12**

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

The Way of Discipleship

Discipling men and women is the priority around which our lives should be oriented.

Why do we say this? because Jesus Christ Himself said it in His final words before His ascension into heaven.

"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"
Matthew 28:18-20

It shouldn't seem strange that Jesus Christ should place such a high priority on discipling. After all, Jesus was simply asking His followers to do what He had done with

Welcome New Members!

**Kevin & Allison Cooper
Reese (5) & Nathan (3)**

1829 Tall Timber Dr., Tyler, TX 75703
903.581.4804 | kevincooper@aol.com
We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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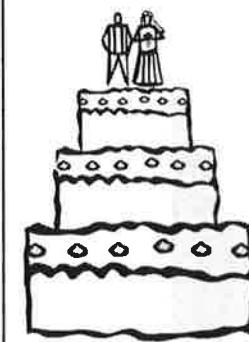
New Baby Boy

Hayden Nicholas Anderson was born to Melissa & Shane Anderson in Shreveport, LA, on April 6. Hayden was 7 lbs., 10 oz. and 21 inches long. The proud great grandparents are **John & Virginia Pike**. Congratulations!

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Telecommunications Assistance

Join Jim Boyd on May 5 at the Family Life Center at 1:30 p.m. for information on free telephones, ring signaling devices & more. If you are a Texas resident who is deaf, hard of hearing or has a disability that makes using a telephone difficult, you'll want to attend this meeting! Amplified telephones, repeat number dialed, large buttons with photo buttons and many more phones for other disabilities are available to you absolutely FREE through the Specialized Telecommunications Assistance Program. Contact Jim Boyd to RSVP or for more info at 903-849-4903. This event is free to attend and is funded by the Department of Assistive & Rehabilitative Services-Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services.

New Baby Girl

Congratulations to Chad & Amber Chauncey on the birth of their baby girl, **Aubrey Vi Chauncey**. Aubrey was born on April 8 and was 7 lbs., 9 oz., 19 1/2 inches long.



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Bible Class	401	429	302
Worship a.m.	662	662	605
Worship p.m.	362	338	214
Wed. p.m.	330	330	355
Contribution	\$26,493.65	\$25,276.65	\$23,100.39
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: Hospitalized: **ETMC: Frank Aven**, son of Gary Aven, former West Erwin member | John Womack, room. 5817, friend of Tere Loveless recovering after heart surgery | **UTHSCT: Melvin Maples** was scheduled to go home Friday. **Updates:** **Sharon Hammond** is now home. | **Linda Harris**, sister of Charlotte Cawyer, has a rare form of dementia and will be entering a nursing home in Ft. Worth. | **George Hill** is doing well after surgery. | **Kalli Huff** was scheduled to go home Thurs. | **Sue Paul**, sister-in-law of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford, has been diagnosed with cancer. | **Steve Rachui**, son of Charles and Phyllis Rachui, broke his collar bone in a bicycle accident. | **Sandy Williams**, cousin of Chuck Gillam, is recovering from colon cancer surgery & is facing a battle with liver cancer. | **Betty Walters**, sister of Bob Paul & Jean Rutherford, fell and has a broken hip and possible bleeding in the brain. | **West Erwin Family:** Archa & Dorothy Babb | Linda & David Boudreau | Dennis Brand | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Norma Durham | Patsy Fisher | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Bobbye May | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Trevor Calvin**, grandson of Cathy Stowers | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Gerald and Mary Holloway**, father and step-mom of Linda Westerfeld | **David Lanier**, brother-in-law of Ernie Gordon | **James Liles**, friend of Scott Baker | **Carey Woods**, stepson of Dorothy

SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship Danny Snell
Prayer Don Durham
Scripture Will Christian
Dismiss Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table David Frick

SERVING COMMUNION

Dale White Ira Wilson
David Wicks Tony Wingate
Fred Wilkinson Fred Wingate
Kyle Willoughby Tony Adams

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Bobby Dingler
Scripture Cody Frick
Dismiss Lon Gibson

GREETERS

Charles & Linda Westerfeld & McKenzie Fennell
Bill & Barbara White & Cody Frick
Dale & Dot White & Kayla Gallegly
Visitor Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn
Ginny Wicks

Pick up cards for 4/10 & 4/17: Colton Haile, Corey Prestidge, Evan Kingsbury, Toby Marse, Stephen Moore

Sound booth for 4/10-4/17: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

Children's Ministry for 4/10 : Nursery a.m.: Shirley Denman | Toddlers a.m.: Rachel Dingler | Toddlers p.m.: Karen Fedell | Children's Worship: Albrittons

STAFF			
Don Crawford - Involvement Minister	Mike Gravois - Adult Education Minister		
Nancy Crawford - Children's Education Coordinator	Israel Sandoval - Hispanic Minister		
Danny Snell - Youth Minister			
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	E.E.M.	World Radio	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Phil Marts	James Sublette	Ray Vannoy
Ron Lott	Bill Mullins	Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

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One Thing

The Lord said to her, "My dear Martha, you are so upset over all these details! There is really only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it—and I won't take it away from her" (Luke 10:41-42 NLT).

But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14 TNIV).

In the mid-life crisis cult-classic film, "City Slickers," Curly (played by Jack Palance) turns to Mitch (played by Billy Crystal) and asks him if he knows what the secret to life is. The dialogue that follows goes like this: "No, what?" Mitch stammers. Then Curly holds up one finger and says, "This!" "Your finger?" Mitch questions. "One thing, just one thing." Curly emphasizes. "That's great, but what's the one thing?" Mitch asks. "That's for you to figure out," Curly responds.

We can look on these lines as trite, simplistic, or simply comedic commentary. However, if we are honest with ourselves, we know that something deep in our hearts resonates with the truth of this dialogue. Somewhere down in our soul, we know we are not here by accident and that we are not some random result of genetic matter.

Then, we remember Jesus' comments to Martha about "only one thing worth being concerned about." We also recall the apostle Paul's autobiographical statement, "One thing I do!"

Our souls feel the truth: each of us was made for "one thing" — one God-determined, God-pleasing, thing. And to find out what that "one thing" is for us individually, we've got to sit at the feet of Jesus.

When we lose sight of what our "one thing" truly is, we are distracted by many things. We become all circumference and no center. We run from task to task, never really understanding where

our orienting center is. We lose track of the "why" behind the "what" of each day. We don't have a way of prioritizing and ordering our task lists and our life's goals. We become buried under an avalanche of "to do's" and appointments without a reason or purpose for the whole burdensome schedule.

So how do we find out that "one thing" we are supposed to do? "That's for you to figure out," Curly said. However, Jesus tells us differently. Jesus said the "one thing necessary" was to sit at his feet and learn from him. He also taught his closest followers to train others to do the same, "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20).

So, as much as I'm glad you read online messages and seek after God's truth by reading from all sorts of sources, I want to remind you that all of it — the devotionals, articles, and even books by your favorite authors — are only supplemental. We've got to sit at the feet of Jesus. We must fill our souls with the stories of his life and the teaching from his heart by reading the Gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. We need to walk with him, listen to his teaching, and marvel at his miracles. In coming to know him better, we will find him gently nudging us, revealing new insights to us, and opening doors of opportunity for us as we live out that "one thing" God made us to do!

So let's go and spend time like Mary, at the feet of Jesus, listening and learning and finding the "one thing" we need to do to honor God. Let's live that "one thing" that the Father made us to be.

Phil Ware
www.heartlight.org

Youth With Heart...by Danny

SOUL SURFER... THE MOVIE

Soul Surfer is the inspiring true story of teen surfer Bethany Hamilton. Bethany lost her left arm in a shark attack and courageously overcame all odds to become a champion again, through her sheer determination and unswerving faith.

We are planning to go see Soul Surfer on Sunday, Apr. 10. Families are invited. We got a special package on tickets. If you are on the list, we have a ticket for you... Please bring your \$5.00! That price includes your ticket, small drink & small popcorn.

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BIBLE QUIZ

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Thank You

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Kay & Tommy Parrish

Dear Christian friends, A special thank you for all the love and comfort you gave to me and my family in our time of sorrow. The flowers were beautiful and all the cards and phone calls were appreciated so very much. It is never easy to lose a brother but I feel truly blessed to have you all to help through the rough times. Thank you for caring and for all your prayers. In Christian love,

Barbara Smart

Wednesday Night Meal for April 13: Mexican Food

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Call Her Blessed

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Response for Prayers

Todd Kempton responded Sunday saying, "I would like for my church family to pray for me. Sometimes I get caught up in the cares and concerns of the world. I need to be stronger at times and be a more compassionate servant, husband, father & friend. For those times I've stumbled, offended or otherwise fallen short of what I know full well is expected of me, I'm sorry and come repenting of those things and ask you to pray for me and help me to be a stonger man for God." Let's continue to pray for and encourage Todd.



Help Needed

Item #1

The East Texas Cancer Center and one other local clinic are in need of Kemo Caps. Betty Holt is looking for others to help crochet these hats as a Christian service project. If you are interested in helping Betty or you want more information contact Betty at 903-561-7156.

Item #2

West Erwin has been supplying bandages and diaper shirts to the hospital in Chimala for years. Ray & Carolyn Womack have taken the boxes to Arlington for shipment and they can no longer do that. Therefore, we are looking for someone who would be willing to transport these boxes to Arlington about twice a year. The first shipment is ready to go now. If you are interested in helping in this way please contact James Phillips at 903-597-4492.

GROWING IN GRACE by Mike Gravois

We can learn a great deal about people from their attitudes to the misfits of society. Some bully them; some despise them; some laugh at them; some patronize them; some ignore them with embarrassment. The attitude of Jesus to those no one else bothered with was like none of those we have mentioned. His care for unwanted individuals is one of the most endearing things about Him.

At the outset of His ministry a leper kneels before Him begging His help. Others will keep away. But Jesus, knowing how much it will mean to this man to have His healing touch mediated through a touch, stretches out His hand and touches him, saying, "**Indeed I will; be clean again**" (Mark 1:40ff).

In the Gerasene country a wild figure steps out from among the tombs, a man no one can control,

shouting with uncouth cries, and bleeding from elf-inflicted gashes. Where others would dodge away with a shudder, Jesus faces his rage and calmly commands the unclean spirit to leave him (Mark 5:1-13).

A shy, self-conscious woman, who feels so painfully different from others because of the hemorrhages she has suffered for twelve years, trembles with fear when she finds that Jesus knows she has touched His cloak for healing. The warm sympathy of Jesus goes out to reassure her as she hears Him say kindly, "**My daughter, your faith has cured you. Go in peace, free forever from this trouble**" (Mark 5:25-34).

Jesus had a mission to lonely, unwanted people, and so has His church . . . The Christian knows that everyone mattered to Jesus, so everyone must matter to him.

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More Than Change

We know that change is the one constant in our lives on this side of eternity. Donna and I have been overwhelmed with change over the last couple of years, so we took some time to get away and enjoy a quaint little town in Central Texas. This is a town filled with all sorts of shops that sell just about everything.

We were only making the rounds at a specific kind of shop. We were really there to relax, and for us that means reading, enjoying the quiet, and sharing a few uninterrupted dinners together. We found one of those kinds of shops and it looked quaint and filled with promise from the street. The parking area was large, the approaches were new ramps and steps, the shop had fairly fresh paint, and looked quite nice. However, there were few cars in the parking lot and this puzzled us.

I parked under the shade, always a good move on a 100-degree day. As we walked up to the shop, I noticed two things. First, while the approaches, steps, and landscaping were new and nicely done, the porch to this building had many rotting boards — so many that I thought I was going to fall through when I first stepped onto the porch. Second, no one was in and a sign said, "Back in five minutes!" So we sat in the heat and waited about ten minutes. No one showed up and I noticed that the whole front porch was filled with boards that were rotting away underneath their fairly recent paint job. The spot at the steps groaned again under my weight — ugh, that's for another week — as we left before anyone returned.

Hum! This shop is a lot like many self-

improvement projects I've heard about — a lot of time spent on the externals and little time devoted to the person and values underneath the externals.

There are quite a few things I would like to change about myself right now. Yet I want these to be more than external changes: I want real transformation. Slapping a metaphorical new coat of paint on me — you know what I mean, changing my hair, dropping a few pounds, getting some new clothes, the external stuff — is not going to get me very far if I don't ask God to be at work through the Holy Spirit to truly transform me. I must partner with the Spirit of God if real transformation in the direction of Christ is going to happen (2 Corinthians 3:17-18).

Jesus accused the religious hypocrites of his day of caring only about externals while being rotten on the inside (Matthew 23:27-28). I sure don't want that to be true of me!

So let's join each other in committing to more than change: let's call each other to spiritual transformation. And if you have some things you've done to help you in the spiritual work of transformation, we'd all sure love to hear about them. Share your thoughts on the blog as we try to "spur one another on" to love, good deeds, and holy living (Hebrews 10:23-25)

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"The Church With Heart"

Youth With Heart...by Danny

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I prepared and preached the message from Ephesians 3:14-21 this past week and I am still amazed at the thoughts of the volume of GOD'S love for us in Christ Jesus. And I am amazed at how easy it is for Satan to convince us that we are capable of calling the shots. How many times does our incomprehensible GOD need to remind us that HE is the Shepherd and we are the sheep; HE is the vine, we are the branches?

It's good for us to re-read Job 38 & 39 to

help us to know that HE is GOD and we are not. GOD throws out a wall of questions. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! What is the way to the place where the lightning is dispersed, or the place where the east winds are scattered over the earth? Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you watch when the doe bears her fawn? Do you know the time they give birth? Do you give the horse his strength or clothe his neck with a flowing mane?"

We buy the arrogance Satan sells (it's cheap). And GOD hates it (Prov 8:13). We even tell GOD what we are going to do today and tomorrow! I can hear Him laughing now.

being turned around and confused and scared. You get used to there being no reference point . . . no principles to help you orient yourself and give yourself some direction and purpose.

-Jesus contends that every human being who ever lived was **lost**, without hope and without God in this world (Ephesians 2:12).

-Those people who have been **found**, those who have discovered a purpose and direction for their lives, have done so not by their own merit and hard work but by confessing their lostness to God and turning the wheel of their lives over to Him.

-When all is said and done, the only difference between the man in the pew and the man in the street is that one is a lost person who has been found and the other is still out wandering the streets of life looking for something to point him in the right direction.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Have you ever been lost? I don't mean inconvenienced or temporarily disoriented - I mean **LOST**. Turned around, completely confused, scared to death and about to cry kind of lost? There are few things that frighten us quite like not knowing where we are. No familiar places . . . no familiar faces. Nothing to give us a reference point . . . nothing to help us orient ourselves and find out what direction we should be going.

There is another kind of lostness, though, that frightens me even more - **spiritual** lostness. It's not that you don't know where you are. With this kind of lostness, you don't have any idea **where you're going**. You have no home to go to, you have no direction to strive for. Like a homeless person living on the streets, you wander your own spiritual streets, and "**lostness**" becomes not just a temporary state of affairs . . . "**spiritual lostness**" becomes characteristic of every day of your life. You get used to

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Thank You

Our sincere thanks for the pretty springtime basket of flowers, prayers, calls and sweet cards we have received in the passing of Leon's sister. It is a blessing to have such a caring church family. We thank our heavenly father for each of you. God Bless & Our Love,

Leon & Carolyn Welborn

Dear West Erwin Family,

We cannot adequately express how much we appreciate the meals, cards, prayers and acts of kindness shown to us during Stephanie's illness. Additionally, we are so thankful for the cards and visits in the loss of Will's mother, as well as the beautiful flowers sent by the church. We don't know how we would have made it through the past few weeks without our church family!

Will, Stephanie,

Matthew and Amy Christian

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Joe McBee** upon his induction into the "Wall of Honor" in ceremonies of the Bullard Independent School District. This honor is given to former students and others who have made contributions to the school system. Joe was honored because of his many years volunteering as "Class Granpa" for the classroom teachers where he was affectionately known as "Papa Joe." There is a plaque engraved with his name on it in the main hallway of the high school.



Ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring

Darby Devine

bride-elect of Brady Dawkins
Sunday, April 17, 2011
1:30-3:00 p.m.
at the home of Leanne Knight
2414 Pinehurst Street
Tyler, Texas 75703

Wednesday Night Meal for April 6:
Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies

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West Erwin Ladies' Retreat

For those of you who like to be "fashionably late"...we are offering another opportunity to sign up for our May 20-21 Ladies' Retreat. Please see our sign up table in the Main Foyer between now & March 30. Call Angie Coleman for details at 903-312-7020.

WEPS Spring Fundraiser

West Erwin Playschool will be selling rolls & cinnamon butter from Texas Roadhouse this Spring to raise money for various school items. We will be taking orders April 5-15 and all frozen rolls may be picked up at Texas Roadhouse April 19-32 during regular business hours. Rolls will be \$4.00 a dozen with one free butter. Extra butter may be purchased for \$2.00. Thank you for supporting our precious playschool!

Call Her Blessed

Ladies, please save the date for Christian Homes & Family Services' third annual *Call Her Blessed* luncheon with special guest Lysa TerKeurst, President of Proverbs 31 Ministries. It will be Wednesday, April 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Harvey Hall in Tyler. This will be a luncheon honoring mothers & the special women in our lives. For more information, call 903.509.0558 or email atn@christianhomes.com.

Welcome, New Members!

Daniel & America Almaguer
Jaqueline (10), Jonathan (9),
Ezequiel (6) & Daniel (5)
1307 E Dawson, Tyler, TX 75702
903.875.5055 | danielalmaguer7@gmail.com

Martin (Marty) Metzner
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We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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Records	Sunday- Mar 20	Sunday- Mar 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	420	347	382
Worship a.m.	669	584	605
Worship p.m.	374	398	411
Wed. p.m.	331	246	358
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Strange Neighbors

Five university boys moved into the house next door last year. You have to understand, they moved into the biggest house on the cul-de-sac. This is not a rent house street. Several of the neighbors are older. Nearly everyone on the street has grown children. Most neighbors were — and some still are — a bit edgy about the situation.

Truth be told, the five guys have been great — respectful, fairly quiet, and aside from some parking problems, terrific neighbors. And since they moved in next door, I've remembered the house I lived in when I was in college. There were five of us, too. We were pretty good guys, but we were still college kids — cars everywhere, lots of coming and going, late hours, and good music.

One morning after we have been "toilet papered," the trees held long strips of flowing "decoration" and the house was literally wrapped around with toilet paper. Bits of paper littered the lawn, toilet paper intertwined in the leaves of our shrubs, whole rolls wrapped our cars, and long streamers blew through the trees only to settle in white clumps on the ground.

Not too far into that morning, the phone rang. It was the little old lady from next door. She was upset because some of our "delicate tissue" was all over her yard. We weren't sure at first what she was talking about; then it dawned on us that our house had been "decorated" while we slept. She was nice, but it was also clear that she would have much preferred for five college boys to live somewhere else. We were respectful and cleaned up the yard, but realized that despite what we might think of our fine selves, we definitely were not the most desired neighbors on the street.

Then one night the little lady next door knocked on the door very upset and seemingly disoriented. Actually, she was asking for help. Several of the guys dropped everything and ran next door. She was obviously flustered and didn't know what to do. Her

husband was quite pale, lying on the bed, and barely moving. One of the boys called for an ambulance. Another tried to stay with her and calm her down. The other one of us went to wait by the curb and wave down the ambulance. Meanwhile, the guy on the phone then called one of her friends to meet her at the hospital.

The ambulance pulled up with lights flashing and took the little old man to the hospital. A couple of our guys drove his wife to the hospital. The others of us turned on lights and locked up her house for her and said a prayer. A couple of guys stayed at the hospital till friends came to be with her. Thankfully, the little old man recovered from his heart attack and came home about a week later. We let them know we were there if they ever needed us ... any time — day or night.

Needless to say, we didn't receive any more calls about "delicate" tissues and pretty soon all the people on the street knew about the "nice boys" in the brown ranch house. I can assure you, we did not become a quieter brood after that, but folks knew more about our hearts and gave us the benefit of the doubt. Life places strange neighbors together — like loud boys in their early twenties next to a quiet couple in their eighties. In His sovereign grace, God places even stranger neighbors together in Scripture. Go read the Gospel of John, chapters 3 and 4. Notice all the incredible differences between these two people. There couldn't be any more mismatched neighbors. Yet there they are! A man and a woman ... a leader and someone powerless ... a Jew and a hated half-Jew ... someone so important he had to come at night and someone so outcast she came alone at midday. Yet if you read their stories, you realize that despite their differences, they both knew they needed something more ... something of God that they couldn't get from their day-to-day lives, their run-away relationships, or their stuck-in-a-rut religious responsibilities.

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We are planning to go see the movie as a youth group on Sunday, Apr. 10. We are working on details but the plan is to go after church Sunday night for the 6:45 showing.

THANKS!

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Irritations

This morning I made a mental list of things that irritate me about my new Microsoft Word 2011. It tries to take over; It forces me down paths I do not want to go; It uses a newer language; It offers 10,000 options when I only want three; It changes the rules without telling me. Get the idea? I thought if it were not for these irritations I would be a very patient man. Then, reality slapped me in the face ---- I'm

never going to be free of irritations as long as I am on this planet.

I think GOD wants me to use my time wisely, but I know He is more concerned with the development of my character and my Christ-likeness. James tells me that GOD uses these irritations: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete...."(James 1:2f).

I'm not in charge of my day and neither are you.....GOD is.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

What is astonishing is the variety of people that Jesus met and ministered to: men and women, old and young, Jew, Samaritan, Syrophenian, Greek and Roman, Sadducee and Pharisee, Zealot and Herodian, rich men and poor men, lepers, demented, blind, deaf, lame, tax collectors, hermits, fishermen, lawyers. The gospels were not deliberately setting out to list all this variety of people - but here was a man who drew the crowds and attracted individuals . . .

One is immediately struck by the contrasts - Jesus will dine with the despised and the honored, with friends and with adversaries and critics. He speaks out for the poor, but He does not

ostracize the rich. Michael Griffiths *The Example of Jesus*, pp. 127 & 129

For some reason, many people throughout history and from a wide variety of religious beliefs have defined religion solely in terms of a relationship with God. Faith is a vertical business conducted between heaven and earth that has little relation to the horizontal connections we have with our fellow man. Part of the genius of Jesus of Nazareth was showing that intimacy with God necessitates the right treatment of people. You cannot claim a love of God, whom you have not seen, without loving the people you see every day. To Jesus, religion is not just vertical and God-centered; it is horizontal and people-centered as well.

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And they found what they needed in Jesus. He brought light to their darkness and water to their parched souls. Jesus was better than something new: Jesus was someone fresh that brought the Breath of heaven and the opportunity for new starts. They left behind their darkness and empty water bucket to follow Jesus.

Most of us would look at Nicodemus and the unnamed woman at the well and never pick them out as potential neighbors, much less as fellow-followers of Jesus. Clearly, our horizons are often too narrow and our prejudices are just too deep to put such widely divergent people together. Yet Jesus entered their worlds and listened ... and Jesus didn't just listen to their words; the Lord listened for their hearts. Jesus was tender and tough. He was tactful and forceful. But most of all, Jesus was patient and gently prying as He listened for their needs and as they shared their wounds and yearnings. Then He spoke words of truth to them when they were ready. The woman followed immediately and brought her whole village to faith (John 4:39-42). Nicodemus took some time, but he eventually showed his faith in Jesus by defending him before the ruling council (John 7:45-52) and associating himself with Jesus after the crucifixion (John 19:38-42), just as Jesus had said (John 3:13-21).

Who in your world, who among your neighbors at work or home or school, has God placed near so their hearts can be heard and their needs, wounds, and yearnings can be heard? Who are the neighbors that Jesus sent you to hear? Jesus didn't just come to save the world (John 3:16-17), He also came to call us to partner with Him in the mission of grace:

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21 TNIV).

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Will & Stephanie Christian & family on the loss of Will's mother, **Mary Jo Christian**. Services will be Saturday at Eastern Hills Church of Christ.

March 17, 2011	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 42 – No. 11
Records	Sunday- Mar 13	Sunday- Mar 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	347	408	382
Worship a.m.	584	619	617
Worship p.m.	398	334	398
Wed. p.m.	246	323	251
Contribution	23,519.71	\$33,510.52	\$27,472.65
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: **Hospitalized:** **UTHSCT:** Melvin Maples | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Kay Parrish, Continued Care, rm. 442. | **Updates:** **Cathy Culpepper** had 3 spinal injections Wednesday & is asking for prayers that they are successful in treating her back pain and will assist in the diagnosis. | **Reneata Edwards**, friend of Carolyn McCune, will soon have her 10th knee replacement surgery on the same knee. | **Cathy Henson**, friend of James and Connie Sublette, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. | **Gerald and Mary Hollaway**, father and step-mom of Linda Westerfeld, are having health problems. | **David Lanier**, brother-in-law of Ernie Gordon, is terminally ill in Long Beach. | **West Erwin Family:** Archa & Dorothy Babb | Linda & David Boudreau | Dennis Brand | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Norma Durham | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Shanna Pennington**, sister of Dale Blackstone | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Tom Tribble**, son-in-law of Liz Albritton | **Frank & Carla Haddock**, son-in-law & daughter of Bettie Thorne | **With Sympathy:** **Dave Starkey**, friend of Burney Wilson, passed away Tuesday. Services were Thursday in Winnsboro. | **John Womack**, friend of Teree Loveless

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Dismiss	Melvin Crow

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Hold Up?

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. (Philippians 3:12-14)

I guess I'm now officially in the older set — I spend more time looking for good shoes than I do good suits. I like a lot of things done in routine — same TV shows, same places to eat, and same morning routine. So I understand not wanting a bunch of unnecessary changes, and when changes come, I want them to be done well and carefully. However, I was reminded several years ago how frustrating it is to hold up the progress of everyone else just to keep things going at a manageable pace.

We were coming home from a vacation and we had driven for 6 or 7 hours on all sorts of highway surfaces. Some of them were smooth and uncluttered. Some of them were full of cracks, holes, lane closures and traffic re-routing. Toward the end of this bad surface driving marathon, we finally reached the best surface of the day — freshly paved, perfectly striped, and in perfect condition. To my utter amazement, there was only one noticeable problem with the surface; we had to drive 20 miles with one lane closed and the speed limit reduced by 20 mph ... for no apparent reason. There was even a highway patrolman using radar to stop folks who fudged on the speed limit! Traffic backed up as the trucks had a hard time keeping up their speed on the hills and all of us had to drive well below what should have been the legal speed limit on the best paved, striped and shouldered highway of the 1100 mile trip!

Somewhere about half way through this frustrating and dangerous mess, a powerful conviction swept over me. "This reminds me a lot of church thinking. We're all set to go,

we have great opportunities and we're blessed, talented people to carry out the Lord's mandate, but we're stuck going too slow for too long. Why? Because someone doesn't want to take the time and the risk to set God's people free to be all he wants them to be and to do all that he wants them to do!"

I know this problem isn't anything new. God had to use the persecution that broke out against the church in Jerusalem to get them to evangelize Samaritans and begin to reach out to Gentiles! (Acts 6; Acts 8; Acts 11) God had to use a vision, angels and the revelation of the Holy Spirit to get Peter and the Jerusalem church to baptize and include a gentile in his circle of Christian fellowship. (Acts 10; Acts 11; Acts 15)) It wasn't easy breaking out of the familiar and comfortable mode of doing things, even for apostles who had been with Jesus and had received his Great Commission mandate. (Matthew 28:18-20)

While so much of what gets passed off as outreach in much of today's church-talk is really just a push for self-interest, let's also realize that our world stands in need of God's grace revealed in Jesus Christ. Our mandate is to begin where we are, to reach out to those nearby, and then see our influence as world-wide. (Acts 1:8) We're never going to get there in any of those three dimensions by keeping the highway closed down to one lane when God has paved the way, striped the lanes so we can see where we should go, and made sure the road is ready for his traffic. Instead of always asking who is going to be uncomfortable with an outreach effort, let's ask the question Jesus wants asked: how are we going to reach lost sheep, broken hearts, and forgotten people of our day?

Dear Father, never let me live so long that I make it harder for your people to answer your call to go forward to embrace your mission of reaching a lost world and reclaiming your lost sheep. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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Sue Ginn will be our presenter and she is a very qualified teacher of teachers. She will present two morning sessions. After lunch, which will be provided for you at no charge if you pre-register, attendees will have an opportunity to share some of the techniques that you have found effective.

Don't forget to pre-register at the Visitor Center and take advantage of this opportunity!

Bible Teacher Workshop

Saturday, April 2
8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
2 morning sessions | Lunch
Afternoon Share Time

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

"Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call Him a man, or He was a doer of wonderful works, a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to Him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was the Christ, and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men among us, had condemned Him to the cross, those that loved Him at the first did not forsake Him; for He appeared to them alive again the third day; as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning Him. And the tribe of Christians so named from Him are not extinct at this day."

Flavius Josephus (early second century)

The Christian religion is a faith rooted in historical events. Jesus Christ was a real person who lived in a specific time and culture. He is not the stuff of myth, nor is our faith founded on unreliable stories and pretty fictions. Jesus lived. He was seen, heard and touched. His place in history is as certain as that of Caesar or Plato. Christians don't have to apologize for an uncertain past.

Attention Ladies:

Please remember the Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study. This class meets each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 403. Caddie Niles is currently leading a study of Paul's letter to the Galatians. All are welcome. Why not make plans to join them this week?

Thank You

To our Christian family, A special thank you to Don Crawford & Leon Welborn who came to Dallas and sat with us through Jason's seven hour surgery. That was so comforting for such a long day. So many of you have asked about Jason and offered your prayers through this whole ordeal. Your concern and expressions of love were so appreciated.

Lee & Janice Kellenberger

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Wednesday Night Meal for March 23:
BBQ

Mark Your Calendars!

April 16: Easter Egg Hunt @ Blackstones
April 22-24: Leadership Training for Christ, contact Danny Snell
May 20-21: Ladies Retreat, contact Angie Coleman
June 5: Sunday Evening Service time changes to 6:00 p.m.
August 6: Vacation Bible School, contact Nancy Crawford

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Rockin' and Rollin' on Roy Road
5:30 p.m. - ETCA Gym

Visit www.etca.org for a preview of live auction items.

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With the Help of Friends

Thirty years ago, Dr. Neil Lightfoot, a respected professor and mentor, tried to teach me an important lesson on how to respond to criticism. He had gone to several places to speak on the differences in Bible translations. He is an expert on the subject and his book *How We Got the Bible* is still very helpful on this matter.

While Dr. Lightfoot was overwhelmingly praised for his thoughtful and gracious presentations on this subject, a few folks took exception to his conclusions. Some criticized him by letter. Others did so in a public forum. These criticisms were neither thoughtful nor gracious. Many were more personal attack than a discussion about what he said. Others were filled with hateful messages. His reaction to all of this should have been a powerful lesson to me ... one I wish I had better learned from him.

Dr. Lightfoot did not respond in any way to the unfair public criticism. Other than answer questions at a forum or two, he never spoke back to those who attacked him. His basic policy was to let the vitriol and bile that were spewed toward him go unanswered, believing that the method of this message spoke for itself and did not need to be answered.

He responded a little differently to questions and criticisms directed toward him by letter. (He also tried to use his experiences to teach his young and idealistic graduate students about godly Christian leadership.) First, he let the critical letter simply sit there for a day after his first reading of it. Second, he would re-read the letter carefully and then write a thoughtful and careful response. Third, and this is the key part, he would let his response sit there three more days and then re-read it before he would send it. More often than not, he would not send his first message. He would either rewrite it in a kinder tone or simply choose not to reply at all.

Dr. Lightfoot counseled his graduate students to use this delay principle so we wouldn't hurt people by saying things we would regret later. He reminded us that by waiting three days, the sting of criticism has usually subsided and we could be more charitable and gracious in our response. On other occasions, Dr. Lightfoot counseled us that we would realize the best response to criticism would be no response at all.

Unfortunately, I have never fully applied these lessons in my life. I have tried to get better at practicing them, but I've never mastered them. I will get overly tired from trying to do too much, get frustrated about something, and then someone comes along and whacks me in a way that emotionally hurts. On occasion, I'll hold onto my missile of an email response and then either tone it down or never send it. Other times, however, I send my response prematurely, wounding others and ending up angry at myself for my insensitive stupidity.

My bad judgment, bad habits, and sinful behavior have proved that I am not capable of conquering this problem alone. No matter how genuine my intent and commitment, I must make myself accountable to someone else for getting enough rest and taking care not to respond too soon. I must delay my responses until I can think about them clearly and respond appropriately. I need someone praying with me and for me to deal with this issue. It's not enough that I help other folks get into "cord of three strand" groups, (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12) I must also place myself in one, too!

How about you? Are you trying to handle all of your spiritual challenges on your own? God didn't make us to walk the Christian life alone. We were made for community. We need each other and the encouragement and accountability we can offer each other.

So, brothers and sisters, be careful that none of you is sinful, and refuses to believe, and stops following the living God. But encourage each other every day. Do this while it is "today." Help each other so that none of you will become hardened because of sin and the way sin fools people. We all share together with Christ. This is true if we continue until the end to have the sure faith we had in the beginning. (Hebrews 3:12-14)

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the guilt and shame for the wrongs in their life.....a relief that only comes through GOD'S promise of forgiveness.

Luke 15 is a story of relief. Relief when the father catches sight on the horizon of his wayward son coming home. Who knows the number of restless nights he waited for that moment. And then the son expressed his relief with tears when he saw his father running to meet him. Relief erased all his fear and anxiety.

Let me know what your favorite feeling is, why and when you learned that it was so important to you.....dcrawford@westerwin.org.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

This Jesus of Nazareth, without money or arms, conquered more millions than Alexander, Caesar, Mohammed, and Napoleon; without science and learning, He shed more light on things human and divine than all philosophers and scholars combined; without the eloquence of schools, He spoke such words of light as were never spoken before or since and produced effects which lie beyond the reach of orator or poet; without writing a single line, He set more pens in motion, and furnished themes for more sermons, orations, discussions, learned volumes, works of art, and songs of praise, then the whole army of great men of ancient and modern times.

Jesus is someone you can't take lightly. The power of His personality, the majesty of His teaching, the evidence of His miracles -- all indicate He was extraordinary. The people of His own day recognized His uniqueness. They were constantly amazed by what He said and did. If Christianity has become boring, it certainly isn't because of its founder.

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Thank You

How blessed I am to be a member of the West Erwin family. When John was sick, we received so many cards, now since his death I have had many more cards, food, phone calls and so many other blessings, such as the wonderful singing and meal after the funeral. The time of visiting before everyone had to leave for home was greater than I can describe. I say a very grateful thank you.

Ruby Cliver

Dear Christian Family, How can we ever thank you? We cannot even count all the many ways. You have blessed us so much by your love and concern these past few weeks. We are so very grateful!

Wini & Dan Cullinan

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Don't forget to
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this Saturday night by setting
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Arms of Hope Needs

The Arms of Hope Grocery Truck will be in our area May 2-6. They suggest cookies and/or Granola Bars. Please place your items in the bin at the Erwin Street entrance.

Volunteers Needed

We need one or two more regular volunteers on Thursday mornings to help put the tabs on the bulletins before being mailed. If you would be willing to help or would like more information, call the office at 903-592-0809.

Lost & Found

Be sure to check the lost & found cabinet in the main foyer for any items you may have lost. People are also placing dishes there from meals that have been prepared for them.

**Wednesday Night Meal for March 16:
Mexican Food**

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Bible Class	415	428	420
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Worship p.m.	387	384	411
Wed. p.m.	323	NC	327
Contribution	\$23,178.16	\$27,266.00	\$23,954.63
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care- Hospitalized: ETMC: Melvin Maples, was moved to rehab, room 301b. Visiting times are from 5-10 pm. | **ETMC Jacksonville: Virginia White**, ICU, grandmother of Tresa Jones | **Mother Frances Hospital: Kay Parrish**, continued care, rm. 419. | **DeSoto Methodist: Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong, in rehab after a fall. | **Updates: Dorothy Babb** (mother of Dennis Stansbury) asks that we pray for her and her husband, **Archa**. Archa is home but has been hospitalized for blood clots and also has diabetes. | **Davy Carter** will be starting in-home dialysis. | **Stephanie Christian** is recuperating at home. | **Blanca Ortiz** is in her first trimester of pregnancy and has been put on bedrest. | **Janson Kellenberger** had surgery Monday that seemed to go well. | **West Erwin Family: Linda & David Boudreau** | **Charlotte Cawyer** | **Clinton & Louise Culpepper** | **Patsy Fisher** | **Wanda Frick** | **Clay Kirby** | **Tommy Lowrance** | **Wade McDonald** | **Forest & Mary McFadden** | **Carol Morgan** | **Bettye Price** | **Ray Womack** | **Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders** | **Darrell & Nell Beard** | **Delle Bullard** | **Kalli Huff** | **Archie Kennard** | **Opal Mathews** | **Bill & Ruby McCain** | **Penny McDonald** | **Samuel Mink** | **Kay Parrish** | **Maxine Ray** | **Liz Rogers Albritton** | **Ira & Esther Wilson** | **Dorothy Woods** | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Dave Starky**, friend of Burney Wilson | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Tom Tribble**, son-in-law of Liz Albritton

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Dannie Skipper Kevin Sustaire
Shaun Stamps Billy Terrell

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Jim Boyd
Scripture Jimmy Carty
Dismiss Bud Cawyer

GREETERS

Bob & May Helen May & Preston Conder
Lee & Camille Mink & Tabitha Conder
Paul & Carolyn Montandon & Jerrod Wilson
Visitor Center: Carlos & Emma Morgan
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From Drift to Shift: SH!FT_READ faithfully

Ed was a man's man — Green Beret, Military Intelligence, full bird Colonel, Texas DPS Intelligence, Private Eye, and physically fit into his seventies. He weighed every morning to see how much Bluebell ice cream he could eat that day. Then he would do his workout or play tennis. The most touching part of Ed's story, however, involved Leona. Fifty years after the events and with a big smile on his face as he would tell the story, small tears would glisten in the corner of his eyes.

World War II and the army came calling for Ed. Yet rather than rushing off and getting married to Leona and risk leaving her a widow, maybe even with a child to raise on her own, Ed did what he believed was the honorable thing. He made his love for Leona clear, but decided to wait till after the war to get married. Leona did something honorable as well. She wrote Ed every day he was gone — every day for years!

When Ed would tell this story years later, he would talk about how he loved those letters. He didn't receive them very often — after all, it was war. But when mail call came, he always had the biggest stack of letters. He would put them in order and then eagerly read them ... again and again. He was happy to tell you that those letters sustained him through very hard times and he returned from war loving Leona even more than when he had left.

Even though the news in those letters was old, the love communicated from Leona was fresh. Even though the information was the same each time Ed read those letters, the relationship was deepened as Ed hung on to every word and looked for a fresh nuance each time he read. Even though the distance between Ed and Leona was great, their hearts remained connected through the letters.

We all know we are supposed to read the Bible. In fact, if I had started off by saying that, I doubt you would have read this far. Yet holiness is built on God's incredible and sacrificial love for us. Scripture is more than a library of 66 books with varied human authors, written over the course of more than a thousand years. The Bible is a collection of God's letters to his beloved children who are at the front lines of war engaged in hand-to-hand combat with the enemy.

While we can say a lot of things about the nature of the Bible, the truth is that the principles of Leona's letters to Ed are even more true of God's Scriptures written for us:

- The news may be old, but the love can stay fresh.
- The message may be things we've heard repeated, but our

- relationship will be deepened by reading it.
- The distance between us and these events in the past may be great, but our hearts can remain connected with the same God who acts in our lives today!

Years ago, I interned for a church that had a huge open Bible on the communion table at the front of the sanctuary. From a distance, the pages looked yellowed and well used. Yet after several Sundays there, I began to wonder about that. Most folks didn't bring their Bibles to church and they sure didn't seem to use them or know them away from church.

One night as I was taking a short cut through the sanctuary to my car to head home, I stopped and looked at the old Bible. As I turned back several pages they began to look more stained than worn. Sure enough, I came to the page where water from a roof leak had dripped for some time and stained the old Bible. It became a symbol of something deeply lacking in the life of this church. They lacked a yearning to know and be shaped by the word of God.

We are at the front lines of battle. We are in a war against Satan and his desire to hold people captive, wreak havoc to the peace between nations, and to corrupt the hearts and minds of all who love Jesus. Yet so much of what we turn to for information, advice, and moral guidance comes from everywhere ... but God! No wonder there are so many casualties, so many who lose faith, and so many who get sucked under by the rip tide of culture. So let's hear the reminder Paul sent Timothy about the importance of the Scriptures:

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work (2 Timothy 3:14-17 TNIV).

And let's also remember the passion of Ed for the letters he received from Leona. When we do, we suddenly will find ourselves doing far more than reading the Bible: we will find ourselves seeking God through his loving words to us!

Phil Ware
www.heartlight.org

Youth With Heart...by Danny
HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All high school students are invited to join us Sunday night after church for the devo. Please bring \$3 for supper. We will be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend!

SERVANT RETREAT

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KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night (Mar. 7). This is a wonderful opportunity to serve the community. Teens: This is also a great opportunity to get your service hours for the Mission Trips this summer. Come at 5:00 for setup, serve at 6:00 and finish cleanup at 7:00.

SUMMER INTERN

West Erwin has been blessed for many years to have some really great summer interns. James Dykmann, a student at Oklahoma Christian, will be with us this summer. We are

looking for a place for him to live from mid May to mid August. If you have a garage apartment available or something equivalent, please let me know.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be on Monday, Mar. 21 @ 7:00 @ Shiloh. The Study Session will be Sunday, Mar.20. We'll eat lunch together after church Sunday morning and work till 2:30. Please bring \$6 for lunch at Mazzios.

LTC

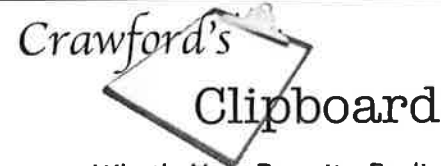
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What's Your Favorite Feeling?

There's probably a dozen to choose from, but for me I learned it early in my adult life ----- it's accomplishment. For two summers I mowed highway right of ways for the State of Texas. The best part of my day was at the end when I could drive back through the miles I had mowed and seeing the difference I had made. Knowing the "before" and then seeing the "after" brought me that feeling of accomplishment to the top of my list. It is still important to me. I did my best to instill in my children

that sense of accomplishment and to know the great feeling that comes from it. It has always motivated me to do my very best.

Accomplishment is such a great feeling that every Friday families call into the Dave Ramsey Show to shout, "We're Debt Free!" The feeling is so great that they want to share it with the whole world.

I even saw it in Jesus. It's in John 17:4 ---- He is praying to the Father. He prays: "I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do."

Let me know what your favorite feeling is, why and when you learned that it was so important to you.....dcrawford@westerwin.org.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

2011 Spring Quarter Bible Classes

SUNDAY MORNING CLASSES

Main Auditorium Forest McFadden
(continuation of the same series)
 Small Auditorium Stan Clark
Faith . . . I'll Have Some of That!!!
 Hebrews 11and 12
 Room112 Paul Montandon
Revelation
 Couples for Christ Ray Vannoy
A Family Affair-Rm 302
 Heritage Room Ralph Henderson
2 Corinthians
 Boomers Don Crawford
1 Corinthians-Rm 403

Annex Building Randy Stancill
1 Peter
 Spanish Class Israel Sandoval
Steps to Maturity

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

Main Auditorium Mike Gravois
I & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
 Heritage Room Larry Murphey
Singing Class
 Women's Class Joy Rousseau
Sanctification: The Spirit's Helium
Rising Above
 Spanish Class Israel Sandoval
Gospel of John

Please make plans to be a part of our Bible classes!

EEM Benefit Dinner

Save the date for Tuesday, April 19 for the Eastern European Mission Annual Benefit Dinner featuring a Special 50th Anniversary Celebration. It will be held at K.E. Bushman's, 1565 FM 2493 East at U.S. Highway 69 South in Bullard from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Contact Dale Mitchell at dalemitchell@eem.org or 903-388-8453 for questions or more information.

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Thank You

West Erwin Church family,
 Thanks so much for the flowers sent to me at the death of my sister, Daisy Brown. They are beautiful. Also, thanks for the cards and prayers. Please keep me in your prayers. In Christian love,
Mozelle Brown

Sunday Night Service

Make plans to be present this Sunday night, March 6, as Ty Ford from Camp Deer Run will be presenting the message in worship service.

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You are invited to a baby girl shower honoring
Amber Chauncey
 Sunday, March 6, 2011
 3:30-4:30 p.m.
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 Family Life Center
 Selections at
 Target | target.com
 Pottery Barn Kids | potterybarnkids.com

Welcome, New Members!

Michael & Candace Hall
Parker (14) & Kenzi (8)
 218 Amanda Court, Whitehouse, TX 75791
 parkenzi@gmail.com | 903.316.1614

Vance & Jamie Metcalf
Hannah (13), Haley (10), Luke (6), Logan (4)
 19789 CR 2171, Whitehouse, TX 75791
 vmetcalf@tyler.net | jamie.metcalf@wildblue.net
 903.871.0099

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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Prayer & Care- Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital: Kay Parrish has been moved to continued care, rm. 419. | **Melvin Maples**, ICU room 6634. | **UTHSCT: Stephanie Christian**, room 550, double pneumonia. | **Updates: Trevor Calvin**, 9-year-old grandson of **Cathy Stowers**, is in the hospital in Shreveport. | **Don Crowder** had a heart cath Tuesday. | **Norma Durham's** surgery has been postponed as her hip is showing signs of healing. | **Jason Kellenberger** will have reconstruction surgery from a previous surgery. | **Macy Rhodes**, 17-year-old cousin of the Beards, had successful brain surgery and is now home. | Liz Rogers Albritton asks us to pray for **Tom Tribble**, her son-in-law. | **West Erwin Family:** Charlotte Caywer | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Bob and Jean Colston**, friends of Nell and Darrell Beard | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson

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 Scripture Tony Adams
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Coming Home

In just a few hours, he will be coming home. His room is ready, the plans are made, the waiting is nearly done. But, it's different being on this end of things. I've been the one who has traveled and returned home. I remember the joy of being home after a long trip. I never really thought that much about being on the waiting end, the longing end, of a returning child. It is an impatient wait, a restless anticipation of a greater joy.

It's not like we haven't seen each other in a long time! It's just that I miss him not being here. I'm happy for him — the friends he has made, the work he has done, the life he has built. But he has been away from me, and home is not quite the same without him. I'm anxious to have him here to enjoy the holidays — a traditional Thanksgiving meal, football, a little shopping, and just buddying around. But most of all, I am anxious to have him here with me. Home will seem a little more like home with him here.

This waiting has given me a new appreciation for a side of heaven I had never imagined. I think now about my waiting Father. He sent his Son. He watched as his Son bore great indignities and death. He has seen him triumph over the grave. He rejoiced as the Son poured out the Spirit. He has celebrated with the angels as millions have shared in the Son's death and resurrection through faith, repentance, baptism, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But now he waits. He lives in the world of expectation, anticipating the Great Feast when all of his children come home to be with him and to share in this great thanksgiving of joy.

I guess I've sung "Lord come quickly, Hallelujah!" thousands of times. In all those times,

I've never thought about how the Father hears it; how he hears our hearts being homesick for a place we've never been before. I know he longs for the day of homecoming and reunion, too. He yearns for the day that our faith becomes sight and we can see him face to face in all his glory. He anticipates the day when he will receive us as his fully adopted children. Unlike us, the Father knows when that day will occur, but he doesn't let anyone else know. It's his surprise! The only reason he waits is so that our feast can be bigger and his banquet hall will be full of children. But I now imagine that it is hard for him to wait to have me home.

Until that day, every time I wait for my children to come home, I will remember that I have a waiting Father, too. This Father is happy for me — the friends I have made, the work I have done, the life I have built. After all, these gifts have really come from him. I know he is anxious to have me home to enjoy the celebration with him. I know my Brother Jesus has prepared a room for me in the Father's house. I know the day of going home, the day of great thanksgiving, will come. Most of all, I now realize that he is even more excited than I am, for me to come home. I can even imagine that occasionally, as he hears me sing "Jesus is Lord," he sings back to me, "Child, come home quickly, Hallelujah!"

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

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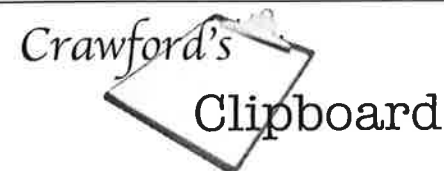
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Secret Things

Years ago I learned how to answer difficult Bible questions by using a portion of Deut. 29:29 – “The secret things belong to the Lord.” After taking another look at that passage I have discovered it’s “real” purpose. It says ---- “The secret things belong to the Lord our GOD, but the things revealed belong to us and our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.”

GOD is the Big Revealer. As HE reveals

things to us, then we become accountable to HIM to act on them. For instance, if you have never read “For we are GOD’S workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which GOD prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph 2:10), then you did not know that GOD lined your day up with good works for you to do. Now that you know this ---- you have become accountable for your actions toward these good works. You can thank me later for pointing this out.

What you and I should be doing is praying daily, asking GOD to reveal to us what HE wants to do in the church and in our personal lives. When HE reveals it ---- then it’s ours to act on.

Have a great week and be sure to thank HE who has given it to you.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

An ambassador must effectively communicate a message. If he is unsure of that message, he'll never be an effective ambassador. Many Christians are ineffective ambassadors because they are not sure of the content of their message and are unable to communicate it understandably to others. For many, understanding the gospel is like understanding a mathematical problem. They hear the mathematical problem explained in class and clearly understand it as the professor goes through it, but when a friend who cut the class asks them to explain the problem, they are at a loss on how to do it in terms that are clear enough for the friend to grasp. Many who have believed and understood the gospel for themselves are unable to articulate it clearly enough to another person so that they, too, might know and experience the same Lord . . .

In communicating the gospel it is essential to realize that Christianity is not a philosophy or a way of life but a living person, Jesus Christ. Unless a non-Christian realizes the fundamental issue is his personal relationship to this person rather than what church or congregation he should belong to, what amusements he should not attend, etc., we will have failed. Not even the crucial question of whether the Bible is the Word of God is the central issue in salvation . . .

The gospel, then, is Jesus Christ Himself -- who He is, what He has done, and how He can be known in personal experience.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **John Cliver** who passed away Tuesday. Our love and prayers are with the family.

All-Church Fellowship

We will have an all-church sandwich supper after evening services on Sunday, February 27 at the Family Life Center. Please bring sandwiches, chips/dips and cookies. Drinks will be provided. If you can help set up, please go the Family Life Center after a.m. services.

New Babies

Natalie Nicole Blas was born to Leo & Norma on February 15. She was 8 lbs., 3 oz. and 20.5 inches long. The proud big brothers are Leo Jr. & Nathan and the proud grandparents are Pedro & Veronica Gonzalez. **Lillian DeLeigh Alexander** was born to Stephen & Jessica on February 15. She was 5 lbs., 2 oz. The proud great grandparents are Dan & Wini Cullinan. Congratulations!

Thank You!

For the past decade, our family was blessed to be a part of West Erwin. You have loved and supported us through the years. We wanted to share an updated address. Our family is blessed to be working with Boles Childrens Home (Arms of Hope) in Quinlan, Tx. We appreciate the support that you provide this great ministry and want you to know if you are in the area, we would love to have you on campus as our honored guest. In Him,

David & Tammy Asbill


P.O. Box 3666, Quinlan, TX 75474

Wednesday Night Ladies' Class

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You are invited to a baby girl shower honoring

Amber Chauncey

Sunday, March 6, 2011
3:30-4:30 p.m.
West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
Selections at
Target | target.com
Pottery Barn Kids | potterybarnkids.com

Welcome, New Members!

Greg & Cyndie Wagner

P.O. Box 1475, Chandler, TX 75758

Melinda Robertson

Mackenzie (12), Madison (9) & Macie (3)

13857 CR 194, Tyler, TX 75703

903.539.9104 | melindarobertson75@gmail.com

Response for Prayers

Lonnie Brown responded Sunday asking for prayers. He says, “Thank you for the prayers and cards after my mother’s death. I would like prayers for guidance and strength as I am trying to make changes in my life as I move on towards God.” Lets continue to keep Lonnie in our prayers and encourage him when we see him.

**Wednesday Night Meal for March 2:
Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies**

February 17, 2011	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 42 – No. 7
Records	Sunday- Feb. 13	Sunday- Feb. 6	Year Ago
Bible Class	428	419	414
Worship a.m.	656	677	631
Worship p.m.	377	386	424
Wed. p.m.	NC	262	316
Contribution	\$26,208.97	\$30,187.09	\$25,148.54
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital: Kay Parrish | Health South- John Cliver is paralyzed on one side and also has lymphoma. | **Updates: Linda Boudreaux** had knee surgery last Wed. and is home. | **Stephanie Christian** is in the University of Texas Health Center with double pneumonia. No calls or visitors at this time. | **Sarah Jean Colston**, friend of the Beards, was released from the hospital. | **Norma Durham** will have surgery on 2/25 at ETMC if her fractured hip does not heal. | **Sydney Ford**, great niece of Matt Haws, hospitalized in Dallas with Wilms disease. She has lost the function of one kidney and has only half function of the other. They will try to shrink the tumor with chemo and then do surgery. | **Macy Rhodes**, 17-year-old cousin of the Beards, will have 1/3 of her brain removed. | Liz Rogers Albritton ask us to pray for **Tom Tribble**, her son-in-law. | **West Erwin Family:** Charlotte Cawyer | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Nancy Chandler, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Bob and Jean Colston**, friends of Nell and Darrell Beard | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **With Sympathy:** Daisy Brown, sister of Mozelle Brown, died Monday in Shreveport.

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 Scripture Con Sweet
 Dismiss J.R. Tharpe

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SHIFT my LIFE: LIVE_holy

Nearly all of us have some form of portable electronic device — a mobile phone, mp3 player, laptop computer, GPS, or iPad. These are wonderful devices that can be used in many useful ways. Yet if we are honest, no matter how hard we tried to make the best purchase at the time we bought our device, it was overhyped in ads and soon replaced by a new and improved model.

I have several of these devices, love most of them, and yet as many things as they do, they can't make my wife love me more, grow hair in my bald spot, or trim two inches off my waist line.

So when we see ads for the newest, latest, best, most fantastic mobile phone, mp3 player, computer, or tablet pc, we are a bit skeptical. We know that a newer and better one is going to come down the marketing pike in a few months. We carry this skepticism with us into our spiritual lives. How can anything measure up to the claims the Bible makes about God?

No one in the Bible has a higher view of God than Isaiah. His claims and expectations of God are over-the-top. The beauty of his descriptions of God, his high and lofty view of God, his understanding of God's holiness coupled with God's willingness to be involved in humanity's messes is unparalleled. Yet Isaiah's encounter with God more than lived up to his expectations!

The reality of God was far beyond any hype Isaiah could have imagined. In fact, Isaiah's encounter with God left him grasping for words to describe God's magnificence and grace. This encounter with God helps us understand what it means to **LIVE_holy** (Isaiah 6:1-8). To live holy means:

- We recognize God's **majesty** shared with us — Isaiah 6:1-4
- We accept God's **mercy** lavished upon us — Isaiah 6:5-7
- We embrace God's **mission** accomplished through us Isaiah 6:8

To **LIVE_holy** is to recognize that we are precious to God, made holy at a high price, and designed for God's great purposes (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and 1 Peter 1:13-20).

In our church community, we have several families that have gone to extraordinary efforts to have children — some through physical birth and some through adoption. And while we recognize that every single child is precious, there are some amazing stories to tell about the sacrifice of these parents to bring special children into their families.

We love these special children enormously. We love our own children beyond what words can say. Yet as much as we love our children, we know that God loves us more and has sacrificed far more to make us a part of his family. So we understand God's call to **LIVE_holy** is not made to limit us or hurt us or deny us life. Instead, it is a call to realize how precious we are to God and God's great purpose for our lives.

To **Live_holy** is much more than keeping a list of "do's" and avoiding a list of "don'ts"! It is not something we do to earn or merit God's love and mercy. Instead, to **LIVE_holy** is a response to the majesty of God within us and the mercy of God lavished upon us. To **LIVE_holy** is to recognize the grace we have received and to respond by living out God's mission, God's Kingdom lifestyle, in our broken world. Our purpose is to reflect God's righteous character and gracious compassion in our lives!

The world doesn't need, nor does it want, any more religious hype, but it desperately needs us to **LIVE_holy!**

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to all who were a part of the College Fair this past Sunday. We had representatives here from ACU, Harding, LCU, OCU, LeTourneau, Camus Christian Center @ Kilgore College & Aggies For Christ. We had a great turnout with over 175 folks from about 10 ET Churches. Thanks to the following for helping: Mark & Melissa Frick, Jeff & Melissa Parrish, Jeremy & Jenny Wilson and Jonathan Stone.

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What is a Plateau?

A plateau is an elevated tract of land that is level. It's sometimes called a tableland. This word picture is often applied to an absence of progress such as an individual's learning. When our learning has reached a plateau it has ended. As one man put it, "When you're through learning, you're through." In other words, when you stop learning you make the conscience decision that this is the most I will know.

A number of churches in our nation have been involved in a research to help them understand where

they are in the spiritual growth process. A growth continuum was charted and one of the discoveries was that about 25% of the membership feel that have reached a spiritual plateau....they have stopped learning and growing spiritually.

As individual Christians we can do three things if we are in such a place. One, decide to grow. Make the decision to not be satisfied sitting your days out on a tableland. Two, create a plan. A plan is absolutely necessary and to work that plan is the key. Set your own goals to read and study all you can about a particular subject. Then get after it. If you need certain resources such as a Bible Dictionary or a full concordance, get them. Three, help someone else to grow and to learn. When you help someone else learn you will never lack for knowledge yourself.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

What does a Christian have to know? What does the Christian have to know first and foremost? There are many answers to the first question, there is only one answer to the second. We need to know about Scriptures and how to find our way about the Bible. We need to know about morality. We need to know about doctrine and about some of the distinctive teachings that Jesus brought from the Father.

But when all of that is said and done, when we've learned all these things, have we yet become Christians? Is it possible to learn about doctrine, morality, the Bible, the plan of salvation but never really learn about Jesus?

Christians must know many things. But there is only one thing which is fundamental, only one thing which is first and foremost. The Christian is one who knows Christ. Christ is the focus of our learning. He is the foundation upon which all else in our lives is built. We study the Bible to know Christ. We learn of salvation to be in Christ. We behave morally to be like Christ. Of all the things a Christian must know, only one thing is primary and that is Jesus.

A Christian is one who knows Christ. We must not define Christians only by what they know of religion or ethical living or even the Bible. Christians are experts in Jesus. Though a knowledge of Jesus will lead to right doctrine and morality, such knowledge is Christ-centered and flows from our appreciation of Him.

LOOK AT THE MAN: Philippians 3:1-11

1. What do you think Paul was saying about the child of God in verse 3?
2. If Paul had remained in the Jewish religion, would he still be a servant of God?
3. Paul was a strong, zealous, active believer in Christ. How did this affect his attitude toward his fellow Jews who did not believe in Christ?
4. How does his new relationship to Christ argue against righteousness which comes from the law?
5. If you were to suffer the loss of all your possessions, achievements, and honors, which would be the most difficult to lose?

Spring Meeting

You are invited to our Spring Meeting at Longview Church of Christ February 25-27. The theme is "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" and the speaker will be Ken Hope from the Centerville Rd. Church of Christ in Garland. Friday & Saturday lessons begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Sunday schedule is Bible classes at 9:00 a.m., with worship services at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 pm. For more info, call 903-236-0988 or longviewcofc@att.net.

All-Church Fellowship

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Library Addition



New in the Adult Library: The Narrated Bible, and arrangement of verses in chronological order. Look on the "New Books" shelf for this volume.



Friend Day & Homecoming in Kilgore

The Chandler Street Church of Christ in Kilgore invites you to the Friend Day and Mobberly Church of Christ Reunion on Sunday, February 27. Bible class will be at 9:00 a.m., worship at 10:00 a.m., lunch will be provided at noon followed by a devotional at 1:00 p.m. For more info, call 903-984-2928.

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VBS 2011

Be marking your calendars as our Vacation Bible School for 2011 will be Saturday, August 6 at the Family Life Center. It will be a marketplace VBS. Please make plans now to help and/or be present!



Thank You

Losing my sister, Gretta, was hard. I am deeply thankful and humbled by the outpouring of love and encouragement I have received. The deluge of cards with personal words of encouragement lifted me up, strengthening my spirit. The plant you sent was outstanding. Hugs back to all of you. Love,

Patricia Lewis

Bible Hour Homecoming

All Bible Hour kids and families are invited to the Bible Hour Homecoming this Sunday night, February 20, at the Family Life Center after evening services.

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Walk for Muscular Dystrophy



The MDA Muscle Walk for Brice Sustaire has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 19 at Broadway Square Mall. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Ashley Sustaire is getting a team together to walk for Brice and also wanting to raise \$1000.00. Contact Ashley at 903-952-6045 to walk, donate or for more information.

Wednesday Night Meal for Feb. 23:
BBQ

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Bible Class	419	410	401
Worship a.m.	677	671	611
Worship p.m.	386	359	385
Wed. p.m.	262	321	327
Contribution	\$30,187.09	\$24,159.54	\$23,690.46
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

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 Chris Reynolds: Keith Skender
 Danny Riley: Garrett Smith

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer: Shaun Stamps
 Scripture: Glynn Starnes
 Dismiss: Spencer Shaw

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Rob & Carmen Hilliard & Ashley Sustaire
 Roger & Glenda Howell & Brice Sustaire
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From Drift to Shift

Shocked! I was shocked that my parents would let me go, but I was glad they did. I was a college student sitting in a private plane on runway 26R on a moonless night waiting for the word to take off out of the El Paso airport. One of my dad's friends was getting his commercial pilot certification and was doing touch and go landings working on his hours flying IFR — instrument flight rules.

As we took off, he reminded me that flying out this runway was called "flying into the boot." As we took off, I understood why. The lights of the city fly by my window, but as we gained altitude and began to fly east out of the city, the lights began to vanish below and behind us. Then all of a sudden, all the lights were gone. I felt like we had flown into the toe of a boot. We had a sense of motion, but without the instruments, there was no way to tell up from down or right from left in the darkness.

At a specific time, he punched a button to change radio beacons to change the vector we would fly next. We banked hard to the left and headed north. "Remember what I told about drifting with the air mass. The wind is 20-25 knots tonight, so we have to be very careful and stay on our vector north through the mountains. If we simply fly the plane straight, we would drift with the wind and crash into the mountains."

Ouch, not a pleasant thought at all. But we hit our marks and when we passed over and through the mountains, we could see lights below in southern New Mexico. But to avoid the drift of air currents, my dad's friend was careful to keep us on target.

We live in culture. We don't have a choice about this. We are born into a family culture, a national culture, possibly an ethnic culture, a religious culture, and other elements influence us. Even when we don't notice culture's impact on us, we can easily drift with culture and away from godliness. We can lose our orientation to God and the things of God very easily.

To avoid mindlessly drifting with culture, we must

have a clear target in mind and keep shifting our focus back to that target or goal. Drift and disorientation from the will of God can have disastrous impact on our lives and the lives of those around us and those who follow after us.

The evil one will constantly try to get us to diminish our significance and make us feel that our decisions and choices don't really matter to anyone but ourselves. Yet deep in our hearts, we know the truth. That's why the stories we love emphasize the importance of seemingly insignificant people making epic differences by the choices for good they make — think about the "Star Wars" saga or "The Lord of the Rings" stories!

So rather than drifting with culture, let's be vigilant about shifting our focus back to Jesus! In our everyday world, we shift in all kinds of ways and for all kinds of reasons. These can help us see some places we can make the shift in our spiritual lives:

- We hit the shift key to emphasize things are important. So when we think of shift, let's think of emphasizing the things that are important to Jesus in our lives.
- We shift our position when we are uncomfortable or hurting. So let's examine our lives and see where we are out of phase with the will of the Lord and shift back to his standards.
- We shift gears to change our speed or increase our power. So let's shift to increase our passion and commitment to follow Jesus and reflect the character and compassion of Christ in our daily lives.

Rather than drift, let's choose to shift!

Phil Ware
 www.heartlight.org

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CHRISTIAN COLLEGE NIGHT

West Erwin will host a Christian College Fair on Sunday, Feb. 13. This event is for all high school students and their parents. We will have representatives from most of the Christian colleges as well as Campus Christian Ministries. We have 12 colleges and universities committed to being

here that night. There will be a special program for parents concerning all aspects of Financial Aid including time for questions and answers. There will be lots of freebies from all the colleges. Times are 6:00-8:15. Supper will be provided. Mark your calendars!

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Words

"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver." (Prov 25:11)

Words flow from our lips. They can be weapons with the searing power of a sword. The right word at the right time carries healing power and can offer courage and hope in times of darkness and fog. One man said, "Empires fall. Colors fade. But a word fitly spoken endures."

"The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and the evil man brings evil things out

of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Mt 12:35-37)

Scriptures speak of the way we use words often.

- Always speak the truth (Prov. 6:16-19)
- Speak wisely (Prov. 10:19)
- Kind words heal troubled spirits (Prov. 12:25)
- Gentle words stop quarrels (Prov. 15:1)
- Think before speaking (Prov. 18:13)
- Don't jest at your neighbor's expense (Prov. 26:18-19)

Perhaps our best response is prayer such as the Psalmist in (Ps 141:3): "Set a guard over my mouth, O Lord; keep watch over the door of my lips."

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Exodus 29: It's a LOCAL CALL

Moses is on the mountaintop, both physically and spiritually, in conference with God Almighty who's giving him all kinds of instructions. The Lord intends to make the people of Israel a unique nation on the face of the earth. Right now the Lord is in the process of setting everything in motion. In the midst of the detailed plans for the Tabernacle and it's furnishings I hear an earth shaking promise from God. He says, "I'll move in and live...I'll be their God...they'll realize that..." This concept is both humbling and thrilling. The Lord isn't going to sit up on Mount Sinai, distant and unapproachable. Instead, he's moving in with them. In this passage in Exodus we find that the Lord intends that it be a "local call" when his people call his name. He's moving in and has no desire to be beyond our reach. It's humbling to think that God Almighty would take such interest in mere human beings. However, it's also thrilling to consider that he wants to move into my neighborhood and be an active participant in my every day life. For Moses, this is all about the Tabernacle and worship there. For me it is all about Jesus coming and then sending his Holy Spirit to "move in and live" in my heart. "Oh Lord, come on in, you're welcome here."

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Seniors 55+

Glenwood Church of Christ's Pure Gold invites you to the Annual Area Wide on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Glenwood Family Life Center. Special music will be provided by the Men's Chorus from North Tenneha Church of Christ. Please RSVP with the number attending by Monday, Feb. 14 at 903.509.9494.

New Baby Boy!



Cole Lyle Benson was born to Nathan & Melanie on January 30 at 4:00 p.m. He was 7 lbs., 9 oz. The proud grandparents are Lee & Camille Mink and the proud aunt & uncles are Mollie, Samuel & Chase. Congratulations!

All-Church Fellowship

We will have an all-church sandwich supper after evening services on Sunday, February 27 at the Family Life Center. Please bring sandwiches, chips/dips and cookies. Drinks will be provided.

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Thank You

Dear Christian friends, Arms of Hope has an awesome responsibility to provide for dependent children and mothers in need. None of this is possible without help from people just like you. You have the satisfaction of knowing that you helped to shape a better life for these children and mothers with your monetary gifts. Your generosity is always greatly needed and appreciated. Come & visit us some time! Very yours truly,

James M. Penland

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Wed. p.m.	321	321	309
Contribution	\$24,159.54	\$26,501.09	\$28,180.55
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care Hospitalized: Health South- Jim Cox is in rehab after falling, room 129. | **Updates:** | **Linda Boudreaux** had knee surgery last Wed. and is home. | **Wanda Cook** had foot surgery on Thursday at Olympic Plaza. | **Wini Cullinan** had successful back surgery. | **Kay Parrish** fell and broke her arm. | **West Erwin Family:** Charlotte Cawyer | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Glenda Bain**, mother of Susan Hearon | **Ernest Bradley**, friend of J.R. Tharpe | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Brooke Johnson** | **John Meazell**, grandson of Bill | **Greta Powell**, sister of Patricia Lewis | **Brieson Smith**, 7-year-old friend of the Cawyers | **Theo Stone**, Joey Marse's grandfather | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Mattie Tucker** | **James Walsh**, brother of Kim Jordan

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Tom & Beverly Hale & Scott Hackett & Cassidy Suggs
James & Ann Hardin & Calley Waggonner
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The Death of Innocence

I remember the innocence of my childhood. Most people are blessed to be raised in a family where childhood innocence is appreciated. I remember riding my bike all over the neighborhood, playing in the cane fields behind my house or playing with my friends in their backyard. I can't ever remember worrying too much about what time it was because I didn't want to miss my peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Besides, my friend's mom would probably fix me one anyway (that is how I first tried plum jelly). I remember spending the night with my grandparents and getting to explore under their house or in their big attic. I remember all the Mardi Gras parades and running as fast as I could to collect candy on Halloween. I was blessed to be in a family where I didn't have a care in the world.

Of course, I was also protected. My brother grew up with a lot of health problems and my mother had to care for him. My parents made a lot of sacrifices with their finances but the kids never knew about it because we were loved, comfortable and well fed. Most of my relatives were hard workers but fairly poor with limited education. But they were my favorite people in the whole world and taught me a lot about love.

After a while, we all wander away from the innocence of childhood when we start to explore those things outside of innocence. We can relate to eve in the Garden in Genesis 3:6-7, "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves." At that moment, innocence died.

Why do we wander away from innocence? Why do we wander away from the protection of our loving Heavenly Father? For some people, they get wrapped up in drugs and alcohol. Why? Is there anything good than can possibly come

from either one? Don't misunderstand. I'm not innocent on this...just delivered from it. People try to find riches in going into debt to have more. Why? As a matter of fact, if you think about all of the things that cause us to lose our innocence, there isn't any value that comes to our lives from any of it.

Isaiah 59:1-2 reminds us that "Surely the arm of the lord is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear." That isn't really what we want, is it? Yet that is the consequence of our decision to leave our innocence, to leave the protection of our Heavenly Father.

Yet God also wants us to remember how much He loves us. When we were first learning to walk, our parents would let us stand there and gain our balance. Then we would venture out and take our first step. Usually right after this, we would fall on our Pampers! But our parents would always be right behind us making sure that we didn't hurt ourselves. We would be rescued in their arms.

Our God is right behind us. He knows that we will stumble and fall. He is ready to reach out and pick us up. But we separate ourselves from Him. Instead of allowing God to rescue us from our sins, we wander further and further into sin and in our hearts and minds, further and further away from God. "He commands all people everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). In other words, He is waiting for us to change our hearts, to have the desire to be innocent once more and turn around and go running back to Him.

If we will turn around, we will find Him right there, with His arms open wide, ready to hold us in His arms and carry us back home with Him. But it is only in His embrace will we feel innocent once again because of the loving sacrifice of His Son.

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Youth With Heart... *by Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to Kristi Harris & Melissa Parrish for hosting the East Texas Bible Quiz this past Sunday.

SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat is this weekend. Say a prayer for us... there's no heat in the Boy's Cabins! This is a great East Texas area retreat that our teens have been a part of for many years.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next Bible Quiz will be on Sunday, Feb. 20 @ 2:30 @ Athens. Watch for details.

SUPERBOWL PARTY

All teens and their families are invited to the Super Bowl Party this coming Sunday night after church. We will watch the game on the Big Screen in the Family Life Center. Please bring finger foods, snacks and desserts. We will be finished when the game is over. Join us!

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Source of Our Joy

There is a great scene in Luke's Gospel where Jesus appoints 72 followers and sends them out in pairs. It was a ministry project. They were excited upon their return to saying, "Lord, even demons submit to us in your name." I can almost hear them as I read it, "Wow! Lord, you shoulda been there. We just said, 'Leave. And out they came.'"

Ever so gently Jesus reminded them...(:20) "do not rejoice that the Spirits submit to you, but

rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

He wanted them to know they were significant, not because of what they had done, but because of who they were. It was not that they needed to prove themselves worthy.....their names were written in heaven.

While it's natural for us to rejoice in what we have done for GOD and the success He has given to us, it is more important to rejoice in what GOD has done for us through Christ Jesus. One causes us to think more highly of ourselves.....the other keeps us serving in humility. HIS work is surely the true source of our joy.

Growing in Grace *by Mike Gravois*

Exodus 24: Covenants

Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it as the people listened. They said, "Everything God said, we'll do. Yes, we'll obey."

Things are coming together for this nation of ex-slaves. They've been delivered from the bondage of Egypt, are receiving constant guidance from the Lord who is also providing their needs. Now the rules for living have been laid out. Soon, God, Himself, will write out the basics on tablets of stone. To their credit, the people are ready. They pledge themselves to obedience. Now, you and I know that this isn't going to work out. God's faithfulness to them will be contrasted by their failure to keep the Covenant. Still, God isn't setting them up to fail. In this Covenant we see all the potential for success. Their failure in breaking the Covenant is what stops the plan from being a success. Hundreds of years later God will initiate another plan. You know it: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." Once again, and in an even more complete way, everything is in place for success. And, once again God's part is perfect. In fact, he has even gone so far as to provide us the grace to make the same commitment they made. Now, Heaven awaits your response to the New Covenant.

Baptisms

We are rejoicing as we had four baptisms

Thursday night:

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Katty Vargas

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We welcome you to the West Erwin family!



Our sincere thanks to all of those who prepared delicious meals and those who delivered them for the past year. I am sure every recipient feels the same appreciation as we, especially those of us who have cooked for so many years. May God continue to give you the health and stamina to continue lifting us up and showing us love each week. Our love and appreciation,

Johnny & Jo Anders

Meeting

There will be an Elders', Deacons' & Preachers' meeting Monday, February 7 at 6:30 p.m. at El Charro's.

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Ellis family on the loss of James' mother, **Vicki Ellis**. No services are planned. | **Virginia Simmons**, grandmother of Chris Reynolds, passed away Tuesday. Our love and prayers are with these families.

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Walk for Muscular Dystrophy



The MDA Muscle Walk for Brice Sustaire will be held Saturday, February 5 at Broadway Square Mall. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Ashley Sustaire is getting a team together to walk for Brice and also wanting to raise \$1000.00. Contact Ashley at 903-952-6045 to walk, donate or for more information.

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Are Attaways an Extinct Species?

Have you seen any "attaways" recently? I've heard they're a species near extinction? Some of us have given one to those we love, but odds are, we haven't given enough of them. Yet we all need an "attaway" every-now-and-then. Unfortunately there don't seem to be enough of them to go around right now.

How do I know? Look into the eyes of those around you. Notice the lack of security in so many hearts. See the hesitation and doubt in the lives of those who work around you. So many people second-guess what they are doing and are so afraid of failing.

We live in an incredibly negative and competitive society. The result has been a serious decline in the number of "attaways." So much so that in most places, "attaways" are on the endangered species list. This is a serious problem because marriages, families, and workplaces are severely compromised in their effectiveness, joy, and productivity because of the decline in "attaways" given.

Yet even with "attaways" being in such short supply, some folks seem to be able to find them and share them. My wife Donna is one of those people. She is an incredible scavenger for "attaways" and gives them away generously. She seems to be able to find them when many other folks cannot. In fact, I learned the importance of "attaways" from her. Even though a few had been given to me when I was a kid in sports, it took a loving wife and fantastic elementary reading teacher to help me really understand how important "attaways" are. She's even helped me learn to find them.

You probably want to ask, "What in the world is an 'attaway'?"

I'm sure you've seen one given. Hopefully you've received more than a few yourself. In fact, I bet you've even shared a few "attaways" with someone else in your time. "Attaway to go! You really did a great job on that project!" "Attaway to be, you're wonderful!"

You may have even heard the related versions of the "attaway" affirmation, "attaboy" and "attagirl." "Attaboy, great job on that project!" "Attagirl, way to hang in there through tough times and succeed!"

I guess I never really saw the theological importance of "attaways" until I read the story of the baptism of Jesus for the jillionth time. I was doing a graduate study of the Holy Spirit in Luke-Acts and was focusing on the significance of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of Jesus. I had studied the theological implications of Jesus' baptism in Luke: it is the inauguration of Jesus' ministry, it is

the fulfillment of the enthronement Psalms, it is Jesus entering into his role as God's Messiah, it is the hand-off of John the Baptizer's ministry to Jesus ... and other things as well.

Yet as I was thinking about "attaways" recently, I remembered Jesus' baptism. God's words to his Son are a great example of an "attaway":

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:21-22 TNIV).

In saying these words, God affirmed his relationship with Jesus ("You are my Son ..."), affirmed his love for Jesus ("... whom I love ..."), and his pleasure in his Jesus' actions ("... with you I am well pleased."). What's more, he did it to prepare Jesus for the battle with Satan that was about to take place in the desert. Remember what the first thing the Evil One says to Jesus in the temptation? "If you really are the Son of God ..."

Jesus could have confidently replied, "Not so fast Satan, I've got that one nailed down. I'm God's beloved Son who gives him joy. He just told me this at my baptism."

A similar thing happens to Jesus just before his final trip to Jerusalem:

"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5).

Jesus goes into his most important and heartbreaking battle with a divine "attaway" from his Father!

So if first graders need an "attaway" giving teacher to learn to read and if Jesus needed an "attaway" giving Father before he faced his greatest trials, then our loved ones and coworkers need them, too! "Attaway to go, you've got it!" So now that you know what an "attaway" is, why not start looking to share them! Incredibly, this nearly extinct species reproduces fastest and thrives in an environment where they are frequently shared with others!

Phil Ware
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July 23-29 New Orleans Mission Trip



Respect

I attended the funeral of my next door neighbor on Monday. The preacher's opening remarks included a plea for the audience to please turn off their cell phones out of respect for the family. My first thought was, "Good for you for saying that!" But as I pondered a bit farther, I began to think, "What an embarrassing moment" that we should have to be told to turn off our phones. Here's a wife and children and grandchildren mourning

over the loss of their granddad, father, and husband.....and we have to be told to turn off our cell phones! When did we lose our respect for others that we, as grown-ups, would have to be told to turn the cell phones off? Have we lost all sensitivity?

Scripture tells us to "Show proper respect to everyone" (1 Peter 2:17). We do that because we are image bearers! We bear the image of Christ. You and I, as Christians, are to show proper respect to others, especially in critical times, without being told. Sometimes it scares me to think about how far removed we are from the Christ we worship and how little His Word has affected our lives.

Growing in Grace *by Mike Gravois*

1 Samuel 25: A Wife of Noble Character

The encounter between David and Saul at En Gedi results in a sort of peace between the two. David isn't ready to return home, but Saul isn't pursuing him for the time being. Under the cease-fire David is thinking about more pressing needs, like food! In the vicinity there's a successful farmer who's shearing his sheep. This is more than just a farm chore. It's a big feast, a celebration of the success of the farm. David sends a few men to humbly ask the farmer to make a donation to his troops. The result is insult and denial. This infuriates David. There have been many times when he could have just taken some of Nabal's sheep. Instead, his men have treated his shepherds with respect and kept their hands off of Nabal's property. In his anger, David is on his way to raid Nabal's farm and take revenge by taking his life. Meanwhile, Nabal's wife, Abigail, hears what has happened. She leaps to action by gathering a huge load of supplies and going out to meet David and his men. She humbly greets David and then presents a three-part argument as to why David should not do what he intends to do. First, she's giving him a gift of many supplies. Second, her husband is a fool who's not worth his effort. Third and most importantly, she tells David that taking revenge is beneath him as a man of God. Isn't it interesting that David wouldn't kill Saul who was seeking his life, but now, because he's insulted he's about to kill Nabal? Which is worse, having a powerful person try to put a spear through you or having a stupid person say a stupid thing to you? The trouble is that we're often like David here. The things that get us off track aren't when we deal with some major, obvious issue. When that happens we turn to God for his help, trusting in him. However, when it's a small thing, just an insult or a thoughtless driver who cuts us off in traffic — well, we'll just handle that ourselves; maybe teach them a lesson or two. We need people like Abigail around who can remind us to show some good sense in those "little things" that are such a danger to us.

Welcome. New Member!

Juana Martinez responded Sunday asking to be restored and place membership at West Erwin. Her address is 128 Kyle Drive, Tyler, TX 75706. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Juana!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, We want to express our heartfelt thanks for all you did for our family in the days following Mom's death on December 16. The luncheon prior to her funeral at the church building was lovely and gave us a chance to visit with family and old friends. Visiting with old family friends at her visitation and funeral reminded us again of what a special church family West Erwin has always been to us. Like mom and dad, the three of us will always love West Erwin Church of Christ. Thank you for all you did for mom and for us.

*The children of Ben & Patsy Young
Debbi, Rodger & Becky Young*

We want to thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls, food and other expressions of love shown to us during Don's successful by-pass surgery. Also, we are appreciative of your continuing concern and prayers as Norma copes with her illness. We are so blessed to have so many caring friends.

Don & Norma Durham

Thank you all so much for your prayers at the loss of my husband. You are greatly appreciated.

Cathy Batchelor

Dear Church, Thank you all so much for your generous check for the work at the Christian Campus Center. I am so excited about the work we are doing and even more excited that you have agreed to be a part of that as well. We will use the funds to help build a ramp for our handicap students. Again, thank you, thank you! In Him,

The CCC at Kilgore College

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the wonderful brunch and the poinsettia. As always, West Erwin has shown its love and care for its members. I appreciate all of the planning and work that goes into these gifts and events.

Jeanine Hughes

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 26: BBQ

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Walk for Muscular Dystrophy



The MDA Muscle Walk for Brice Sustaire will be held Saturday, February 5 at Broadway Square Mall. Registration is at 8:00 a.m. and the walk begins at 9:00 a.m. Ashley Sustaire is getting a team together to walk for Brice and also wanting to raise \$1000.00. Contact Ashley at 903-952-6045 to walk, donate or for more information.

Ladies! Mark your calendars for the 2011

Ladies Retreat
titled

"DRESSING GODY"

May 20-21

Embassy Suites in Grapevine

The retreat will open Friday night with games & jewelry making and Session 1. Saturday will include breakfast, entertainment, Session 2, gourmet lunch, Session 3 & an optional shopping excursion. Make plans now to be present for what will be a wonderfully uplifting weekend!



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Bible Class	363	347	429
Worship a.m.	564	553	687
Worship p.m.	352	NC	431
Wed. p.m.	337	330	\$22,874.98
Contribution	\$23,079.44	\$25,881.01	
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: **Hospitalized:** **ETMC:** Neva Pope, friend of Dorothy Woods | **MFH:** John Cliver, room 384, awaiting decision about radiation. | **Health South-** Jim Cox is in rehab after falling. | **Updates** Wini Cullinan, back surgery at Mother Frances on January 24. | **Jasper Huff** is now home. | **Brooke Johnson**, 21-year-old from Lindale, was hit on New Year's Eve in Hurst. He has collapsed lungs, a shattered pelvis, and has had surgery to remove his spleen. He is still in a coma. | **Luthor Pittman**, friend of Chris & Lara Reynolds, is having heart problems. | **Brieson Smith**, 7-year-old friend of the Cawyers, is in critical condition in Alabama after a sledding accident. | **Howard Smith**, father of Sonja Carter, is now home. **West Erwin Family:** Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Greta Powell**, sister of Patricia Lewis | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson | **Mattie Tucker**

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 Scripture Lee Kellenberger
 Dismiss Fred Wingate
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Tommy Parrish

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 Shane Millican Carlos Morgan

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 Prayer Buddy Townsend
 Scripture Justin Parrish
 Dismiss Scott Baker

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 Frank & Gail Debenport & Savanna Shaw
 Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Jackson Smith
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 Don & Norma Durham

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Sound booth for 1/23: Jonathan Stone & Paul Lewis

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

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More Than Falling Dominoes

Recently, a nearby office supply store had a major fire. Since this store was close to where I work, Donna and I had grown very dependent upon it for all of our office supply needs. Over the last few weeks, we've been learning just how dependent!

On several "duh" occasions, we found ourselves in the parking lot of this store in a rush for a much needed item. We had driven there on "autopilot," never really engaging our minds. After all, we knew the store was closed because of the fire.

Frustrated at our own forgetfulness, angry at our waste of time, and irritated at our inconvenience, we had to stop and think about where we could go to get what we needed. On most of these "duh" visits, we didn't have time to go to another place. Sitting in the parking lot, we found it way too easy to throw ourselves our own little pity party.

Our only consolation was seeing others in the store parking lot with the same exasperated look on their faces as they realized the store was still closed. Meanwhile, the folks most seriously impacted by the fire, the employees, were lost to us in our self-centered perspective. Their loss of income caused them huge problems and then those effects rippled out to their families and to our community. Such is life in an interconnected world!

At first glance, this seems to be bad news. However, if we look at this with Christian eyes, we should be greatly encouraged. Our world is interconnected so that one major event impacts whole webs of people. This is true of frustrating and damaging events as well as good and redemptive acts. Rather than cursing the interconnectedness of our world that makes us vulnerable to the bird flu as well as to economic changes thousands of miles away from us, we should rejoice and take strategic action to use this interconnectedness for the

Kingdom of God. Our good deeds, our mercy shared with others, our sacrificial help for those in need, and our refusing to return unkindness with unkindness can have a profound impact in the world in which we live.

Jesus didn't have to "get it" — he is the ultimate example of this truth. However, he does want us to "get it"! Strategic redemptive acts can have a profound influence for good on the culture of our community and the people around us. Part of this power is Spirit driven. However, some of this influence lies in the incredible power that a good and kind person can have on others.

Jesus wants us to resist the cynical and retribution-hungry demons of our fleshly natures. The Lord wants us to live with conviction knowing that our actions matter — not just to him, but also to the world around us. He calls us to believe that we are put where we are to use our influence and our world's interconnectedness for his goodness! He showed it with his life and said to us with these words:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its taste, then it cannot be made salty again. Salt is good for nothing, if it loses its salty taste. It must be thrown out and people walk on it. "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. And people don't hide a light under a bowl. No. People put the light on a lamp table. Then the light shines for all the people in the house. In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that people will see the good things you do. Live so that people will praise your Father in heaven."

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THANKS!

Thanks to Mike & Nora Gravois and Lisa Snell for going as sponsors to Winterfest this past weekend. It was a very uplifting weekend!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. We serve from 6:00-7:00. If you are interested in helping, be there about 5:00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us for the middle school devo this coming Sunday night in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30.

SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat will be Feb. 4-6. This is a great East Texas area retreat that our teens have been a part of for many years. Cost will be \$35. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 23.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our first Bible Quiz will be on Sunday, Jan. 30 @ 2:30 @ West Erwin. Study Sessions will be the next 2 Wednesday nights. The text is Revelation 1-5. Study sheets are ready!

LTC

Chorus begins this Sunday @ 4:00. Puppets will begin on Feb. 2.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 23	Middle School Devo
Jan. 23	LTC Chorus Begins
Jan. 24	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 30	Bible Quiz @ West Erwin
Feb. 4-6	Servant Retreat
Feb. 6	Super Bowl Party
Feb. 20	Bible Quiz
Apr. 22-24	LTC

SUMMER DATES

June 7-10	Middle School Mystery
June 18-24	BackCountry Trek
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-29	New Orleans Mission Trip

Sunset Vision Workshop

You are invited to 'O Worship the King,' a workshop on improving congregational worship & harmony. It will be January 19-22, 2011, in Lubbock. Keynote speakers include Jay Lockhart, Jim McGuiggan, Arthur Puente, Rudy Wray, Keith Lancaster, Shelton Gibbs III, Chris Swinford & Monty Pettyjohn. The complete description and registration can be found at sibi.cc/workshop.

Dear brothers and sisters, "showers of blessings" in the form of prayers, food, cards and much more were poured down on me, not only for my birthday but also my upcoming back surgery. I can never thank you enough for making my day one of the happiest of my long life.

Wini Cullinan

A Special
THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the beautiful plant. It will be a lovely reminder of your thoughtfulness for years to come. So many acts of kindness have been shown to my family since Curtis' sudden death. We have received much comfort and strength from your prayers, cards, phone calls and visits. And, the ladies worked so hard serving us a wonderful meal after the funeral. Words are not enough to express my appreciation. I love you all.

Mary Lu Pruett



"I know your ringtone is 'Rock of Ages,' David, but it's still a distraction during the service."

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In Need

Fern Bench is looking for a walker for her sister. It needs to have wheels and a seat. If you have one you are willing to sell, please contact Fern at 903.882.7222.

Responses this Week

We rejoice as we had three baptisms this week! **Edith Martinez**, 5480 CR 35, Tyler, TX 75706, **David Martinez**, 128 Kyle Dr, Tyler, TX 75706 and **Lesly Sandoval**, 2925 Club Lake Dr., Tyler, TX 75702, were all baptized Saturday evening. We welcome you all to the West Erwin family! **Brian Brown** also responded Sunday confessing sin & requesting forgiveness & prayer. Let's continue to keep Brian in our prayers.



Be Forgetful

In his book *Great Church Fights*, Leslie Flynn tells of two unmarried sisters who lived together, but because of an unresolved disagreement over something insignificant, they stopped speaking to each other. By the way, this happens to be the result of refusing to forget. They continued to live together and eat at the same table, yet without a word. A chalk line marked their respective sides of each room in the

house. Each one carried on their individual life without crossing into the other one's space. Neither sister was willing to forgive and forget.....so they coexisted in silence.

It's amazing how quickly we are able to reveal whether or not we possess a Christ-like heart. The world around sees it. The world around us hears how quick we spout out the words, "I can forgive, but I can't forget!" It's like we erect a monument to remind us that that person has offended us. How can such a statement ever be classified as true forgiveness?

To utter such words really says, "I know nothing of Calvary. I know nothing of GOD'S amazing grace." Be forgetful --- it's part of forgiveness.

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Joshua 2: They arrived at the house of a harlot named Rahab and stayed there.

As the Israelites prepare to cross the Jordan two spies are sent to learn about their first target, Jericho. They slip into the walled city and take up residence in what was likely a common place of lodging. Some commentaries say that Rahab's house was likely a tavern and inn. While some squirm around Rahab's being called a "harlot" it's likely that the scriptures are simply telling it as it is. When she acts to protect the spies she is acting out of self preservation. Still, her actions carry real weight. In spite of her questionable past and her lack of knowledge about the God of the Israelites she's concluded that this God of theirs is powerful and will deliver Canaan to his people. She may not know the Ten Commandments or the Shema or the story of Abraham and Isaac, but she's heard enough about this God that she'd rather be on his side than on the side of the people and gods of Canaan. In what might be considered a "practical conversion" she picks that God over all others. Hopefully, in the years to come her theology will mature and her relationship with God and his people will deepen. However, for all of us, our faith journey has to start somewhere. Deciding one would rather be on God's side in the battle isn't a bad place to start.

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Worship p.m.	NC	400	439
Wed. p.m.	330	119	268
Contribution	\$25,881.01	\$44,084.70	\$30,237.27
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: **Hospitalized:** The culture for meningitis came back negative for **Howard Smith**, Sonja Carter's dad. They do not know at this point what is wrong. | **Updates:** **Greta Powell**, sister of Patricia Lewis, is at Oak Brook in Whitehouse. | **West Erwin Family:** Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | Ongoing concerns: Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Tinsley** (cancer), brother-in-law of Esther Wilson

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Tommy McJunkins Jerry Mitchell
Stuart Means Paul Montandon
Shane Millican Carlos Morgan

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Dale White
Scripture Cal Wilkinson
Dismiss Walker Weathers

GREETERS

Barry Ciaschini & Corey Coleman & Luis Saucedo
Milburn & Jan Cook & Erick Saucedo
Melvin & Nina Crow & Jeffrey Scarborough
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Wanda Cook & Jeri Church

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Holy Impatience!

The end of each year and the dawn of a new one take on more meaning when your birthday falls on December 31. The anticipation and resolve going into the New Year are doubled. The introspection and goal setting of a birthday have double attention because of this alignment of special days. So last week was a time of special focus for me. This is especially so now that I am a tic past half a century — or half 102 as I now tell my fully grown kids.

When I was young, idealistic, and first starting out in my twenties, I didn't picture feeling this way in my fifties. I thought that when people reached my current age, they were old, patient, settled and in less of a hurry.

My body does occasionally tell me that I'm not young anymore. Yet I look at friends and mentors two or three decades or more ahead of me on the birthday train and I don't yet picture myself as old. I'm definitely not ready to settle down, settle in, or simply settle for where things are. I believe God still has things he wants me to do. I long to deepen and expand my walk with Christ. I continue to see great opportunities that need to be seized for the good of the Kingdom. What surprises me most, however, is that I'm definitely not more patient. In many ways, I am much more impatient about wanting to see God-sized things happen in my world now than I was in my twenties.

At 21, I could not have anticipated the places that Lord has taken me and the ways the Father has blessed me in my journey — and I thought I had big dreams at 21. I've been blessed to experience more than I ever imagined would happen. However, that taste of God's gracious power has only left me hungry and thirsty for more. There seems to be so much left to do and so many opportunities that lie so close at hand. I still earnestly believe that God is able to do "exceedingly more than we could ask or imagine." (Ephesians 3:20-21) So, I want to ask and imagine big things for this next part of my faith journey and turn God loose to "exceedingly more!"

The flip side of this passion is that I grow more frustrated each year with the way those of us in the Christian community fritter away God's great promises, miss our incredible Kingdom opportunities, and ignore our transcendent responsibilities. My heart beats with a greater urgency for the work I believe God wants done. My

tempestuousness rises when I hear of those who are willing to just keep doing the same ol' "just fine" thing when the grand work of God goes wanting. As our world grows smaller and genuine Christian living seems to go into greater eclipse in the middle of our changing world, my sense of urgency skyrockets. I long to see God's people make a real difference in the lives of young, unbelieving, un-churched, and turned-off-to-church people who are seeking meaning and purpose in their lives.

Paul's words from long ago still hauntingly beckon me: *I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection! But I keep working toward that day when I will finally be all that Christ Jesus saved me for and wants me to be. No, dear brothers and sisters, I am still not all I should be, but I am focusing all my energies on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us up to heaven. ... You who are mature Christians will agree on these things.* (Philippians 3:12-15 NLT)

In cornbread English, Paul is emphasizing that the ultimate sign of maturity is a "holy impatience" and a "heavenly focus" as we seek to get God's Kingdom work done in our world in our time!

So what's the point? Well, no matter our ages, let's not allow each other to grow complacent and lose our sense of holy impatience. Let's "fan into flame" (2 Timothy 1:6) the gifts and passions that God has placed in our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Let's encourage each other daily to love and good deeds. (Hebrews 3:13; Hebrews 10:23-25) Most of all, let's not go into retreat from — or even worse, go to war with — our rapidly emerging post-modern culture. Instead, let's recommit ourselves to the holy work of being salt and light in a world of decay and darkness by living as examples of the character, compassion, and community that God wants us to be and that helps others see the presence of Christ more clearly.

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Youth With Heart... by Danny

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WINTERFEST

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New Orleans Mission Trip

Teens... Remember our challenge: Matt 5:3-5
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5 Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.



A Cheerful Face

"A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit." (Prov 15:13)

Shootings. Economic pressures. No job. Illness. Death. Divorce. This is the environment we live in. We may need to stop watching the news and reading the newspaper and focus on Solomon's words of

wisdom:

"A cheerful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit dries up the bones"
(Prov. 17:22)

Are the times in which we live beginning to be reflected in your face? What reason does a Christian have to become bitter, critical, or impatient? We possess the desire and expectation of heaven where everything is made new. We possess the privilege to call upon GOD for help saying, "Lord, keep me cheerful. Keep me from becoming a cranky, old man or grouchy old woman. Help me to count my blessings not my heartaches."

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

Psalm 1: Chewing on the word of God

The book of Psalms is the world's finest songbook. For centuries the Hebrews turned to the Psalms and chanted them as a part of their worship. Four part harmony hadn't been invented yet, but they had the themes of worship down pat. Not only are the Psalms worship songs, they're often prayers too. They're not always high sounding and polished prayers. Often they're prayers from the heart and they reflect the entire range of human emotion. If I know a few things about harmony and chord progression that the Psalmist didn't know, I have to admit that the Psalmist knows some things about absolute honesty with God that I need to learn. The first Psalm is a simple consideration of what kind of people God likes. Right at the heart of it is the fact that God likes people who "chew on Scripture day and night." This goes way beyond doing my daily devotions and reading a bit of the Bible. Instead, it reaches down into my life as I take what I've read and consider how it applies to what I'm doing throughout the day. Today, I'm reminded that God likes people who like his Word. That's a fine reason to allow it to permeate my life.

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Thank you so much for your continuing prayers, love and concern for our family. Our Elders and so, so many of you have given us comfort and encouragement in many ways with calls, visits, cards, food, flowers and hugs. We are blessed to be a part of West Erwin Church.

John & Virginia Pike

VBS 2011

Be marking your calendars now as our Vacation Bible School for 2011 will be Saturday, August 6 at the Family Life Center. It will be a marketplace VBS. Please make plans now to help and/or be present!

Online Information

Be sure to utilize the technology that we have at the church office! You can keep up with announcements and other information by visiting our website at www.westerwin.com or following us on Facebook by searching for West Erwin Church of Christ and 'liking' our page. We are beginning to use online registration for certain events such as the Ladies' Retreat and youth activities. We are wanting to stay connected using the technology that is available to us. Please feel free to contact Lindsay Kelly at the office or Kim DuPree for more information.

Wednesday Night Meal for Jan. 19:
Burgers, Fries & Homemade Pies



Unity

I dreamt I stood in a studio
And watched three sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's life
And they fashioned it with care
A Bible School teacher- the tools he used
Were the Bible and prayer and art
The parent, with God, had a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart,
Week after week the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure
While God labored by the parent's side
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had molded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought,
And parent and teacher agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone
For behind the teacher stood the Lord
And behind the parents, the Lord and home.
~Author Unknown~



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for the 2011 Ladies Retreat
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January 6, 2011	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 42 – No. 1
Records	Sunday – Jan. 2	Sunday- Dec. 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	369	323	449
Worship a.m.	647	700	651
Worship p.m.	400	279	417
Wed. p.m.	119	251	176
Contribution	\$44,084.70	\$29,752.62	\$28,639.86
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Prayer & Care: **Hospitalized:** **Mother Frances: Frank Haddock**, son-in-law of Bettie Thorne | **Bonnie Miller**, Pam Fennell's mother | MICU, **Greta Powell**, sister of Patricia Lewis | **Mother Frances – Jacksonville: Harold Smith**, father of Sonja Carter, pneumonia. | **Updates: Charlotte Cawyer** is still having pain from back surgery. | **Clyde Coker**, friend of the Anders, fell and possibly broke his hip. | **Don Durham** will have a sub-clavicle artery bypass on January 6 at MFH. | **Faye Lanford**, Morris Hallman's mother, is at Clairmont. | **Thelma Nolley** is now home. | **Ellen Poindexter**, mother of Kenna Kempton, fell and broke her hip. She had surgery Friday in Marshall. | **West Erwin Family:** Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Patsy Fisher | Wanda Frick | Jan Knight | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Becky McRuiz | Carol Morgan | Bettye Price | Betty Willis | Ray Womack | *Ongoing concerns:* Johnny Anders | Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill & Ruby McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink | Kay Parrish | Maxine Ray | Liz Rogers Albritton | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends: Brett Finley**, son-in-law of the Womacks | **Aubrey Tinsley (cancer)**, brother-in-law of Esther Wilson

SERVING SUNDAY
 Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Prayer Joey Marse
 Scripture Preston Haile
 Dismiss Phil Marts
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Jerry Mitchell

SERVING COMMUNION
 Ron Lott Phil Marts
 Carroll Magee Glen May
 Stan Mallory Dick McClenny
 Joey Marse Mike McClenny

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Greg Jones
 Scripture Jeff Horton
 Dismiss Lee Mink

GREETERS
 Wayne & Bitsy Berryman & Christa Ruiz
 Jimmy & Sue Carty & Kevin Sandoval
 Bud & Charlotte Cawyer & Lesly Sandoval
 Visitor Center: Gene & Gwen Chandler
 Chad & Amber Chauncey

Pick up cards for 1/9: Grant Perkins, Matthew Christian, Keaton Conder, Colton Haile, Caleb DuPree

Sound booth for 1/9: Curt Jordan & John Shaw

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don Ingram, ph. 903.253.4600. Please call if you need transportation.

Children's Ministry for 1/9: Nursery a.m.: Kenna Kempton | Toddlers a.m.: Dolores Kennedy | Toddlers p.m.: Kim Lemons | Children's Worship: Carnathan

STAFF			
Don Crawford - Involvement Minister	Miko Gravois - Adult Education Minister		
Nancy Crawford - Children's Education Coordinator	Israel Sandoval - Hispanic Minister		
Danny Snell - Youth Minister			
MISSIONS			
Rafael Falcon	E.E.M.	World Radio	B.I.C.A.
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Phil Marts	James Sublette	Ray Vannoy
Ron Lott	Bill Mullins	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
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Fresh and New

Last Saturday we awoke to a day that heralded the New Year — an opportunity for a fresh start on life and faith. Our age is not of consequence. We can neither erase our past nor live in it. Life and time march forward. We can choose to greet the New Year as a welcomed fresh beginning or we can yawn and monotonously trudge on in autopilot mode. Deep within each of us, however, there is a yearning for fresh starts. That's why our games have a second half, a new inning, a back nine, and a fresh hand that is dealt. When things are going well, a new start gives us a chance to continue our streak. When things are not going well, a fresh start enables us to hit the reset or reboot switch and begin again ... with a new screen, a clean slate, and fresh start.

God provides us this fresh start because of his grace and steadfast love. He built into our lives new days, new weeks, new months, and new years. Each is an opportunity for a fresh start filled with new opportunities to escape the traps of the past and to find the love, joy, hope, and peace that his Holy Spirit longs to bring into our lives.

So it's a bright new shining year. What are you going to do with it? Where is

God calling you to go in your life with this new start? What opportunities has he placed in your path for this new adventure? In what ways will you passionately serve him in the days ahead?

Many folks make New Year's resolutions ... then routinely break them. Experts say that these resolutions really hold sway over thoughts a mere three days or so. However, as believers in the risen and exalted Lord, we know that fresh starts can be forever. Transformation from one degree of glory to another can be a daily thing. (2 Corinthians 3:17-18) So let's not let this new start at a fresh beginning escape us. Prayerfully set your heart toward the work of the Lord and his future for you. Commit your ways to him and keep your eyes open for his glory in the days ahead.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." (Lamentations 3:22-24 NRS)

Phil Ware
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Youth With Heart... by Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to John Shaw for helping with the devo this past Sunday night.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on January 24. This is a great opportunity to serve the community. Teens, it is also a great opportunity for getting your service hours for the mission trips.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Join us for the middle school devo this coming Sunday night in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend to join us.

WINTERFEST

WinterFest is at the Arlington Convention Center on Jan. 14-16. Cost will be about \$50. See me for more details.

SERVANT RETREAT

The High School Servant Retreat will be Feb. 4-6. This is a great East Texas area retreat that our teens have been a part of for

many years. Cost will be \$35. Deadline for signing up is Jan. 23.

LTC

Final Call... please get your paperwork into me ASAP! We need to have the teams split up in a few weeks. puppets will begin on Feb. 2. Chorus will begin on Jan. 23. Watch the bulletin for more information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 9	Middle School Devo
Jan. 14-16	Winterfest for High School
Jan. 16	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 24	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Feb. 4-6	Servant Retreat
Feb. 6	Super Bowl Party
Apr. 22-24	LTC

SUMMER DATES

June 7-9	Middle School Mystery
June 18-24	BackCountry Trek
July 7-16	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 23-29	New Orleans Mission Trip



The Gift of Hospitality

It is my understanding and belief that GOD gives specific talents to His people. Hospitality is one of those gifts. We would like to form a new hospitality group for the express purpose of connecting new members and visitors to West Erwin. I am making a plea for those of you who know that you have this gift. When it is

your gift then it becomes a passion to use it to glorify GOD. Several have contacted me in the foyer and said, "I'm in!" Thank you. I need more.

I'm asking for a year long commitment to make a special effort to reach out to our new people. Part of that would involve providing a potluck meal once a month.

If you think this is for you, then please contact me this week. I would like to have a planning session to get additional input from all of you. Thank you in advance.

Don Crawford 903-316-8387

Growing in Grace by Mike Gravois

2 Kings 4: Desperate Faith

This is a surprisingly powerful story. Elisha the man of God promises a woman from the town of Shunem that she's going to have a son. The child is born the following year. A few years later the little boy becomes suddenly ill and dies. His grieving mother seeks out Elisha. As she's coming she encounters the servant of Elisha first. Clearly something's wrong, but when Gehazi asks her how things are, her reply is "Everything's fine." It's only when she gets to Elisha that she pours out her heart. Elisha goes to the lifeless child and performs a miracle, raising him back to life. While I see that this is another story intended to show me how powerfully God is working in the life of the

prophet, I'm drawn to the Shunammite woman. If there's ever an example of desperate faith it's here. Her heart is broken as she lays her dead son on the bed. The only thought on her mind is to get to the man of God, the miracle worker who promised the son in the first place. She desperately wants to believe he can make things right, but looking into the face of such loss it's nearly impossible. Knowing that, she realizes she has to get to Elisha as quickly as possible, and, instinctively, she knows that even saying the words, "my son is dead" will destroy the mustard seed of faith to which she clings. How is it that "it is well" in her life? It's because she's holding on to God with her last ounce of spiritual strength. This is miracle-working territory. Without a cross or an empty tomb she believed the impossible. God can do a lot with faith like that.

Wednesday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

The class will begin meeting again on January 12 at 10:00 a.m. Caddie Niles will be teaching a study of the book of Galatians. A binder of study material will be distributed at that time. To start the new year, we will meet that day in the Family Life Center, where a salad luncheon will be held following the lesson. We will return to our original classroom, room 403 in the Office Complex, for future lessons.

New Baby



Macy Noel Spicer was born Thursday, December 23, 2010, in Bloomington, IN, to Brian & April Spicer. Macy was 9 lbs., 1 oz. & 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are Ernie & Sharon Gordon. Congratulations!

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VBS Meeting

Planning for VBS 2011 is underway! If you would like to help in any way, please be present at our first meeting at the Family Life Center on January 9 at 3:30 p.m. The date for VBS is set for Saturday, August 6. Mark your calendars now!



Dear West Erwin Church, It is so wonderful to have the love and support of a church family. For all of you who have prayed for my daddy during his illness or who have called and sent cards, I thank you so very much. The plant you sent was beautiful. Your expressions of comfort and love have helped us through this difficult time. We love you,

Connie & James Sublette & family

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mary Lu Pruett and family of Curtis Pruett. Services were Tuesday at Stewart Funeral Home. | Services for Karen Brown, mother of Lonnie & Marcie Brown, were Thursday in Gilmer. Our love & prayers are with these families.

Your Contribution Dollars at Work

George Hall has sent us a year-end report for the three schools of evangelism conducted by the Biblical Institute of Central America. You may go to the web site at <http://www.bica.info/> to view the full report or you can read a copy posted on the Missions bulletin board in the Main Foyer. The following is a brief summary: Guatemala: 717 baptized, 514 restored, 3 new churches established. Honduras: 925 baptized, 862 restored, 13 new churches established. Nicaragua: 1033 baptized, 438 restored, 3 new churches established. West Erwin budgeted \$135,000.00 for this work in 2010. It looks like we got a great return on our investment!

Dannie Skipper

Chairman of Mission Committee

Baptism

We are rejoicing with the Smith family as Jackson Smith was baptized last Sunday! He was baptized by his grandfather, Clyde Hightower at the Union Grove Church of Christ.



Congratulations

We are so proud of LaDawn Ragsdale, Danielle Rousseau & Kevin Sustaire for obtaining their Master's Degree on December 18, 2010 from the University of Texas at Tyler. Way to go!



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