

January 5, 2012	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 43 – No. 1
Records	Sun.- Jan. 1	Sun.-Dec. 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	NC	NC	369
Worship a.m.	634	582	647
Worship p.m.	350	NC	400
Wed. p.m.	231	218	119
Contribution	\$35,669.54	\$20,917.36	\$44,084.70
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized:ETMC: Thelma Nolley | VA Hospital: Thomas Park | Updates: James Adams, brother of Marlene Latham, is home & undergoing rehab. | **Margie Pack**, 94-year-old friend of the Anders, underwent partial hip replacement. | **Anita Potter** has been hospitalized & was scheduled to go home Wednesday. **Sondra Ramsour** is now home after surgery. | **Tato Stanley**, 18-year-old friend of the Stansburys was paralyzed from a skiing accident. | **Dot White** fell & broke her collarbone. **West Erwin Family:** | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Pat Lewis | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Paul Montandon | Wade Park | Tommy & Kay Parrish | 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 | **Phil Nichols & Jim Botham**, friends of Scott Baker

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 Fred & Sandra Wingate & Mackenzie Robertson
 Visitor Center: Tony & Mary Adams
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Weeds and Wheat

Jesus tells the story of a man who plants a field of wheat. But while everyone is sleeping an enemy comes along and plants weeds all throughout the wheat and then slips away in the night. As the first green shoots begin to appear the two look the same. But as the grain begins to form the workers soon realize the field is also inundated with weeds.

The farmer immediately recognizes what has occurred and that an enemy has planted the weeds right along side of his wheat. The farmhands are quick to ask if they should pull the weeds out from among the wheat but the owner knows what damage it would cause. "Let them both grow until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: 'First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn'" (Matthew 13:30).

And Jesus says, "This is the Kingdom." "The Kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field...."

He explains the One who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man, and those who belong to Him belong to the Kingdom. And the one who sowed the bad seed is the evil one. "The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels" (Matthew 13:39).

But here's my question: Where do we fit in to all of this? If this is a portrait of the Kingdom – What's our role?

To be wheat!

Do we uproot? Do we tear down? No! How much damage would that cause? How much damage has it already caused? No, our calling is to be wheat, in a field that is full of both weeds and wheat. To be wheat, and to show the field what wheat looks like.

And the amazing thing about the message of Christ is that the Gospel provides the way that a weed can become wheat. A complete metamorphosis. A change of state. A change of being.

In reality (if I'm not taking this parable too far) when it comes to being a part of the Kingdom of God, the Gospel should confront us of our own weediness (it's not a real word but I like it!). The Gospel by design compels us to reckon our own weedy nature. Without the Good News of Jesus it is impossible to become or to be wheat.

The Gospel is designed in such a way that the message itself should and must compel us, and convict us, and radically alter our worldview so much so that we seek to live like the wheat we are called to be, in a world that so desperately needs to see what wheat looks like. The message of Jesus allows for the opportunity for weeds to become wheat!

Glory to God!
 Jason

YOUTH WITH HEART... by Danny

THANKS

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, David & Sharon Hammond and Kevin & Shelly Sustaire for helping with the devo this past Sunday night.

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HIGH SCHOOL DEVO

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KARING KITCHEN

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LTC

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have questions, let me know.

- Jan. 29 Deadline for Housing Request
- Feb. 1 \$100 Deposit due per family
- Mar. 2 Pre-Conventions Entries Due
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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. 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

- Jan.8 High School Devo
- Jan.9 Karing Kitchen
- Jan. 20 -22 Winterfest
- Jan. 22 Middle School Devo
- Jan. 29 LTC Housing Request Deadline
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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.

Escritos de Israel

LAS CAMPANAS DEL BANQUETE (Lc. 14:15-24)

Las campanas del banquete celestial ya están sonando, están sonando para que cada uno de nosotros nos vistamos de gala y atendamos la invitación. El banquete no será en ningún lugar de la tierra, las campanas del banquete suenan en el cielo para que todos vengamos a la gran fiesta de Dios. Ya todo esta preparado, todos los arreglos hechos, la comida preparada y muchos invitados ya comenzaron a llegar. Por lo tanto en el vaivén de nuestra vida tenemos que hacer un alto para oír la campana del banquete que resuena con insistencia para que podamos entrar a cenar con el Señor. En verdad somos afortunados y bienaventurados al ser invitados al banquete (Apo. 19:9), Dios nos invita en el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo para que entremos al banquete (2 Cor. 5:20).

En realidad solamente hay dos respuestas al

llamado; **la primera** es dejar todo y atender al llamado (Apo. 22:17) y gozar del banquete con todos los que ya están gozando. **O la segunda** respuesta es poner excusas para no venir al banquete (Lc. 14:19). Las excusas se demuestran cuando mis acciones dicen que hay cosas más importantes en la vida que estar en el banquete con Cristo. **Pero antes de que ponga una excusa déjeme decirle que es lo que hay en el menú del gran banquete:** para comenzar tenemos un mesero que amablemente nos invita a ordenar (Mt. 11:28-30). Para comenzar se nos ofrecen los doritos para abrir nuestro apetito (Tito.3:4-5), y estos no encantaron por que tienen un sabor especial (Hech. 238) por que encontramos perdón, por que encontramos una familia (Hech. 2:47). Y el plato principal del banquete es de lo mas delicioso que alguien halla probado, es algo especial para los que escuchen las campanas del banquete es "La salvación" (Jn. 10:10). No dejes que las cosas pasajeras te priven de lo eterno.



Two sweet girls are on the way
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.

at the home of

Karen Fedell

14079 W. Peninsula

Whitehouse, TX

903-521-6814

Registered at Babies R Us & Target

Young At Heart

All seniors 55+ are invited to our Young At Heart meeting on Thursday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. It will be a potluck dinner of soups, sandwiches & dessert.

Thank You

West Erwin family, Thank you for all the cards, prayers & words of encouragement during Glynn's foot surgery and my nephew's (Scott Gray) accident. Both are doing well.

Glynn & Fran Starnes

With Sympathy

Services for **Cecil Crawford**, mother of Don Crawford, were Sunday in Memphis, TX. | Services for **Marjorie Goodson**, mother of Cooper Goodson, will be Friday in Dallas. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

New Hours

Beginning January 1, the Benevolent Center will be open the following times:
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Save the Date!

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Congrats, Grad!



Congratulations to **Walker Waggoner** on graduating from The University of Texas at Tyler in December with a degree in Criminal Justice. Way to go, Walker! We are all proud of you!

And God Said "No"

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said "No." He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said, "No." He said his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience, and God said "No." He said patience is a by-product of tribulation, it isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and God said "No." He said He gives blessings, happiness is up to me.

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

I asked God to make my spirit grow and God said "No." He said I must grow on my own, but He will prune me to make it fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me, and God said "Yes." He gave me His only Son, who died for me, and I will be in heaven someday.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loved me, and God said, "Ah, finally, you have the idea."

~ Unknown

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Cal Wilkinson Fred Wilkinson Kyle Willoughby
Ira Wilson Tony Wingate Fred Wingate

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Clinton Culpepper
Scripture Thomas Boudreau
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

GREETERS

Arnold & Agnes Ables & Jeffrey Scarborough
Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Spencer Shaw
Ernest & Gail Bennett & Savanna Shaw
Visitor Center: Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
Winnie Bell & Jeri Church

PICK UP CARDS 1/15-1/22: Matthew Christian, Luke Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Clay Mitcham

SOUND BOOTH for 1/15-22: Curt Jordan/John Shaw

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Nursery a.m.: Evelyn Muncy
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Thinking Beyond Me

If you have gotten anything at all out of following our Lord, if His love has made any difference in your life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you, if you have a heart, if you care at all – then please, do something for me: Be united with one other, love each other, be one in spirit and purpose. Don't push your way to the front; don't con your way to the top. Get over yourself, put yourself aside, and help others get to know Jesus. Don't be obsessed with getting your way. Forget yourselves and see to it that others see Jesus alive and at work within you. – loose paraphrase of Philippians 2:1-4

As our children grow we give them instruction and advice and guidance. We discipline them, but for the greater purpose that they will themselves become self-disciplined people. They make mistakes, we help them through. They make good choices, we praise them for it. All the while with the objective that they would become mature adults.

Certainly we never cease to be mom and dad to them. I joke and say that my goal in parenting is to work myself out of a job! But Tiersa doesn't like it when I say it at all, so forget I said that.... ☺ We'll never cease to be our children's parents. But the goal is that they would think for themselves. That they would develop a healthy, mature perspective of life. That they themselves would become God-honoring, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered adults (and if we ourselves are not God-honoring, Spirit-filled, Christ-centered how can we expect them to be?). That they would see that the world is bigger than themselves, but that they play a significant, God-ordained role.

Scripture calls us to a big-picture view of God, but also to an objective view of ourselves. To a mature way of processing life. To seeing life through a Christ-like lens. To having Kingdom insight and Kingdom vision.

The goal is one of spiritual depth. Spiritual maturity. To seek out and search for avenues in which our Redeemer might reveal Himself to others through us. To demonstrate unity amidst diversity. Love amidst conflict. To get over ourselves but to be unable to get over what God has done through Jesus. To put ourselves aside for the greater purpose of the Kingdom. To not be obsessed with getting our way, but rather, to forget ourselves and see to it that others recognize Jesus in us.

To learn to: "Think beyond me."

Glory to God!
Jason

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THANKS!

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Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. We had a great turnout!

DEVO HELP

We need some parents to help with the devos for the next few months. Look at the schedule below and let me know which one you would like to help sponsor.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All middle school teens are invited to the devo next Sunday night (Jan. 22) after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished @ 8:30.

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Jan. 20-22 Winterfest
Jan. 22 Middle School Devo
Jan. 29 Combined Devotional
Jan. 29 LTC Housing Request Deadline
Feb. 5 Super Bowl Party

Feb. 13 West Erwin Host Karing Kitchen
Feb. 12 High School Devo
Feb. 26 High School Area Wide
Apr. 6-8 LTC

Free Seminar

The Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview is hosting an Essential Christian Life Skills Seminar titled ReTooled & ReFueled January 22-23 with Steve Diggs. This seminar equips Christians with the tools & skill-sets to heal broken relationships, overcome nagging struggles, grow closer to God & one another, learn effective Communication skills, overcome conflicts, raise Godly, self-reliant kids, control your money so it doesn't control you & leaving a legacy. The worship & sessions on Sunday are at 9:00 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. The Monday sessions are at 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Call 903-759-9562 for more info.



With Sympathy

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Focus Question

Each week, a Focus Question that relates to the 2012 Theme of 'Imagine' will be posted on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WestErwin) as well as our website (www.westerwin.com). If you do not have Internet access, feel free to call the office for the question. The question will be posted online on Wednesdays. If you need to call, please wait until Wednesday afternoon. We hope these questions will help us prepare for worship on Sunday as well as help keep our theme for 2012 in mind each week. In case you missed it:

Jan. 8: Who is God?

Jan. 15: How do I know that God exists?

Look for Jason's video on Facebook each week for a more detailed question & discussion.



Thank You

Words cannot express the love that I felt as I opened so many cards this past week. You were all so willing to share in the pain I was feeling for the loss of my mother. Your kindness was like a warm blanket to us. Thank you so very much.

Don & Nancy

"I know that my Redeemer lives"

--Job

New Books in Adult Library

The following can be found in the Library: *My Daily Walk with God, Amazing Grace! and Prayer, the Voice of Faith*, all by Charles B. Hodge, *The Anvil Rings* by Eric Lyons, *The Promise of Hope* by Edward Grinnan, *Renewing Your Spiritual Life* by Aubrey Johnson, *Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures* by Jimmy Jordan, *A Hitchhiker's Guide to Jesus* by Bruce N. Fisk, *Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics* edited by Carl Henry. Look in the new books section for these titles.

Church Directories Are In!

The new church directories have been delivered! Please pick up a copy at the table in the foyer. You may now pick up additional copies for your family. Thank you to everyone who submitted a picture or had one made so our directory could be up to date! We will also be printing a 'pocket directory' that just has contact info with no pictures and will be small enough to fit in a purse. We will let you know when those are completed. Since we are constantly having changes made, the most current directory can always be found on our website. As any change is submitted, we update the directory online. So, if at any time you need to make a change or submit a new picture, please contact Lindsay Kelly at the office at 903-592-0809 or lkelly@westerwin.org.

Escritos de Israel

EN ESTO PENSAD (Fil. 4:8)

En una ocasión una araña que vivía en un agujero puso una trampa para atrapar bichos para comer, el error de esta araña es que tejió la red, pero ella quedo atrapada en el agujero, de manera que cuando quiso salir para tomar su presa, ella misma cayo en su propia trampa. El pasaje citado nos recuerda a todos los cristianos a mantener una mentalidad positiva y mirar las cosas buenas de otras personas y buscar las cosas positivas de cada situación.

Los pensamientos negativos nos desalientan, pero mantener nuestra mente positiva es algo que puede hacer una enorme diferencia en nuestras vidas, Dios nos exhorta y motiva para pensar en:

"Todo lo que es verdadero, en lo honesto, en lo justo, en lo puro, en todo lo amable, en todo lo que es de buen nombre, EN ESTO PENSAD".

Cada ves que nosotros quebrantamos una , dos o cada una de estas ordenes, lo que estamos haciendo es lo que hizo la araña "tendiendo una trampa donde caeremos nosotros mismos".

Pero cuando pensamos en lo que Dios nos manda, estamos fortaleciendo vínculos entre nuestros hermanos, amigos y personas que nos rodean.

¿En que ocupas tus pensamientos? ¿No has cumplido a Dios pensando en estas cosas? Si hasta el día de hoy solo he tendido trampas para mi mismo y he causado tristeza en mis hermanos y personas que me rodean, es el momento para cambiar mis pensamientos y dejar que sea Dios el que gobierne mi vida (Col. 3:12-17).

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REEVES' RHETORIC Anticipating God at Work

One month from Sunday is Friendship Day. February 19th. A day that we've set aside as a church to encourage anyone and everyone to come and be a part of what we are about here at West Erwin, at whatever level they are willing. Working toward a day like this provides opportunity. It provides opportunity for others to come and experience the ways in which our God is at work in and through our fellowship. It also provides opportunity for us to be working together toward an exciting goal!

Whereas we anticipate God at work in everything that we invest ourselves in as believers, centering our immediate energies toward a day like Friendship Day holds limitless possibilities for our God to reveal Himself in amazing ways. Transforming lives. Changing hearts. Connecting us to Himself and to one another. Convicting us. Shaping us. Instilling and solidifying faith and faithfulness within us.

We'll have worship that morning. A catered lunch immediately following. And small groups later that evening. Our hope is that those who come will not only be encouraged, but will desire to connect with what God is doing in this place. That we might foster connection and relationship with God and connection and relationship with His people.

For the next several weeks as we work toward this time together I ask two things of you....

First, I ask that you be in prayer. Intentional prayer. That we would pray for our Father to absolutely blow us away by what He does on that day. Having no idea what that looks like, but trusting that He is able to accomplish immeasurably more than we could possibly ask or imagine.

And secondly, that we would be proactive. In our efforts. In our actions. In our inviting others. Perhaps you can think of those who have never stepped foot into our fellowship that are in need of seeing the love of Christ revealed in His people. Seek them out! Or perhaps there are those that you can think of that have at one time been a part of West Erwin but for whatever reason are no longer plugged in. Give them some encouragement as we anticipate our day together!

And not only should we be seeking to be very intentional in our reaching out to those outside of our fellowship, but that we would also hold one another accountable as we approach February 19th. Certainly those of us who call this church our home should make every effort to always be a part of what God is doing here, but to be especially intentional in our seeking to make this day all that it truly can be.

God honors faithfulness. I firmly believe that! He's proven it over and over throughout the history of mankind. I am confident that in a little over a month our God is going show up in a wonderful way through the hearts and lives of His people here in this place.

Anticipate what God will accomplish. And seek to play an active part.

"Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Sing to the Lord. Praise His name. Proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations. His marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise!..." (Psalm 96:1-4a).

Glory to God!

Jason

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

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LTC

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 20-22

Jan. 22

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Winterfest

Middle School Devo

Combined Devotional

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Bible Quiz

LTC Chorus @ 4:00

Super Bowl Party

Karing Kitchen

High School Devo

High School Area Wide

LTC



You Gotta Be Convinced

If you do not believe the New Testament has the answers to all your problems you will not find them even if you search for them. If you are convinced that the New Testament has the answers to your life's problems --- then you will find them. You gotta be convinced!

Over the next couple of weeks we'll share some of those things you must be convinced of when turning to Scripture.

1. Be convinced that GOD'S Word contains all the answers you need.

The one verse I'm thinking about is 2 Peter 1:3: "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

If this is true there will always be the answers to every aspect of life.....physical, emotional, and spiritual. You may even find it in an illustration or parable that speaks directly to your problem. If you are convinced the answers are there ---- you will find them.

"I know, O Lord, that a man's life is not his own; it is not for man to direct his steps."

Jeremiah's prayer 10:23

Escritos de Israel

CAMINANDO LA SEGUNDA MILLA (Mt. 5:38-48).

El señor Jesucristo nos da una valiosa lección en esta escritura. Ya que en muchas ocasiones nos sentimos obligados a hacer algo que no queremos hacer. Esta orden puede venir del mayordomo en el trabajo, de los padres, o de las autoridades civiles. Eventualmente nosotros obedecemos estas órdenes y seguimos adelante, aunque en ocasiones las resistimos y nos resentimos por que es una orden que alguien más nos impuso, Pero esto es la primera milla.

Solamente cuando nosotros ya hemos cumplido nuestras obligaciones y estamos dispuestos a hacer algo más, y hacer el bien. Es cuando nosotros estamos caminando la segunda milla.

Por que lo hacemos de buena voluntad y por amor y sabemos que la persona a quien hagamos el bien lo apreciará infinitamente. El Señor nos llama a la perfección y para alcanzarla es necesario hacer lo que hizo Jesus: El "Camino la segunda milla." El amó al hombre, los sanó, los protegió, les sirvió, los perdonó, murió por ellos, los salvó. El nos ha dado verdadero ejemplo para que como el también caminemos la segunda milla. Después de haber cumplido nuestras obligaciones en el trabajo, en la casa, en la iglesia apenas hemos llegado a la meta de la primera milla, pero si quieres caminar la segunda ya será más fácil por que no lo harás por obligación sino que lo harás por amor y esto hará que sea fácil. (Efe. 4:8-9; Jn. 13:15). Si Jesus camino la segunda milla, también nosotros debemos caminarla.

Free Seminar

The Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview is hosting an Essential Christian Life Skills Seminar titled ReTooled & ReFueled January 22-23 with Steve Diggs. This seminar equips Christians with the tools & skill-sets to heal broken relationships, overcome nagging struggles, grow closer to God & one another, learn effective Communication skills, overcome conflicts, raise Godly, self-reliant kids, control your money so it doesn't control you & leaving a legacy. The worship & sessions on Sunday are at 9:00 a.m., 10:10 a.m., 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. The Monday sessions are at 6:30 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Call 903-759-9562 for more info.

New Books in Adult Library

The following can be found in the Library: My Daily Walk with God, Amazing Grace! and Prayer, the Voice of Faith, all by Charles B. Hodge, The Anvil Rings by Eric Lyons, The Promise of Hope by Edward Grinnan, Renewing Your Spiritual Life by Aubrey Johnson, Inspiration and Authority of the Scriptures by Jimmy Jordan, A Hitchhiker's Guide to Jesus by Bruce N. Fisk, Baker's Dictionary of Christian Ethics edited by Carl Henry. Look in the new books section for these titles.

Church Directories Are In!

The new church directories have been delivered! Pick up a copy in the foyer. You may pick up additional copies if you need them. We will also be printing a "pocket directory" that will just have contact info, no pictures. We will let you know when those will be available. Since we are constantly having changes made, the most current directory can always be found on our website. As any change is submitted, we update the directory online. You can view this file on your smart phone as long as you have an app that allows you to open PDF files, such as iBooks for the iPhone and Quick Office PDF for an Android. If you have any questions about viewing the directory online or on your smart phone, contact Lindsay Kelly at the office at lkelly@westerwin.org or 903-592-0809.

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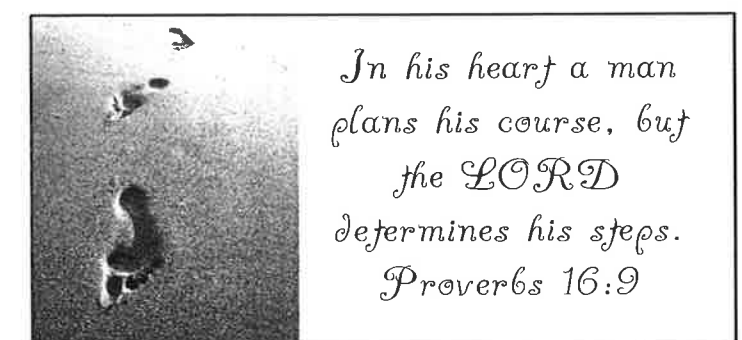


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Focus Question

Each week, a Focus Question that relates to the 2012 Theme of 'Imagine' will be posted on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/WestErwin) as well as our website (www.westerwin.com). If you do not have Internet access, feel free to call the office for the question. The question will be posted online on Wednesdays. We hope these questions will help us prepare for worship on Sunday as well as help keep our theme for 2012 in mind each week. Look for Jason's video on Facebook each week for a more detailed question & discussion.



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Bible Class	460	465	408
Worship a.m.	633	645	638
Worship p.m.	NC	NC	366
Wed. p.m.	336	356	321
Contribution	\$23,572.53	\$23,572.53	\$26,501.09
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: **Olympic Center: Thelma Nolley**, rm. 408 | **Hospice of East Texas: Mary Richey** | **Updates:** **Helen Gullion** will have knee replacement surgery 1/31. | **Erika Guzman** had gallbladder surgery this week. | **Janice Hardaway** is now home. | **Phil Mayben**, brother of Kathie Thompson, was unable to have the double kidney transplant because the donated kidneys could not be used. | **Anita Potter** is now home. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | *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:** **Conner Bryant**, great grandson of a friend of J.R. Tharpe | **Andy Butler**, cancer | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Kristen Eastland** | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan | **Tammy Villaneuva**, aunt of Leslie Coker

SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Don Durham
Scripture	Dan Cullinan
Dismiss	Ron Lott
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Chuck Gillam

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Arnold Ables	Cody Ables	Tony Adams
Cameron Ables		Scott Albritton
Chris Ables	Jim Armstrong	Greg Anding

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	David Frick
Scripture	Harold Denman
Dismiss	Ernie Gordon

GREETERS

Davy & Sonja Carter & Jackson Smith
 Bud & Charlotte Caywer & Jordan Smith
 Chad & Amber Chauncey & Emma Stamps
 Visitor Center: Milburn & Jan Cook
 Jean Rutherford & Roy Fraley

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REEVES' RHETORIC Gnats, Camels, and Following Jesus

"These people honor me with their lips but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." – Matthew 15:8-9 (Jesus quoting from Isaiah 29:13)

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices – mint, dill, and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel." – Matthew 23:23-24 (Jesus telling the Pharisees what's up!)

There is a point where religion gives way to faith. In order for this to occur there must come a point in time where God becomes real. To us. Where His kingdom begins to break in all around us. It is a pivotal moment. A crucial moment.

Maybe it comes about in a moment of victory. Maybe it's in a moment of defeat. Maybe it comes about through the words of God in Scripture. Maybe through the words of a friend. Certainly the Spirit is involved, softening our hearts. Whatever it is that brings it about, we must come to a point in our lives and in our faith when a decision is made. God is either God, or He is not. Jesus is either Lord, or He is not. The life-saving work of Christ is either *everything* to us, or it is *nothing* to us. Relationship with God is either a get out of jail free card at the end of this physical life, or it is the transformative covenant that it is intended to be here and now.

Somehow, too often, discipleship is divorced from faith. As if that's possible. As if that's biblical. As if that's acceptable! The call is to follow Jesus (faith). Not simply a system of belief (religion). And too often we find ourselves straining out the gnat but swallowing the camel.

What is discipleship? Taking up our cross daily and following Jesus (Luke 9:23). Where does religion end and faith begin? Only, only, when we follow Him.

If we understand anything from the cross, anything from the resurrection, anything from the design of the Gospel, it is that half-hearted Christianity is a hollow shell of existence, and nothing compared to the overwhelming greatness that comes from living a life defined by Jesus.

Only when we willingly, intentionally give our whole selves over to Him will we begin to live into the fullness of the Kingdom. And only when we are defined by Christ, will we begin see life with the clarity that only He provides.

Until then we swallow the camel one chunk at a time....

Glory to God!

Jason

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BIBLE QUIZ

Our first Bible Quiz this year will be this Sunday. Those participating in BQ need to plan to eat lunch with us at Wendy's and work on the material until the test @ 2:00. Please bring money for lunch. We will be done @ 3:00. You are welcome to stay at the FLC until Chorus begins at 4:00.

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HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

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You Gotta Be Convinced

To find answers to your problems you gotta be convinced.....

2. There are no new problems in this world.

Solomon wrote these words: "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." Eccl 1:9

There are no new problems in life. Any problem that exists in your life today is a problem that others faced before you. What has been in the past will also be

in the future. Solomon's conclusion is: "Fear GOD and keep His commandments." (12:13)

3. GOD'S ways always protect.

You gotta be convinced that GOD'S ways are always for your benefit.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

4. GOD'S ways are not our ways. Isaiah 55:8

When our answers don't match GOD'S answers we have a difficult time trusting Him. We want to build ourselves up. We want revenge. We demand our rights. GOD says to put away your way of repaying evil for evil and learn to serve the people instead.

"The wisdom of this world is foolishness in GOD'S sight." 1 Cor 3:19

imposible puede ser posible.

En este mensaje de Jesus miramos su frustración por que el esta a punto de partir y sus discípulos están teniendo dificultad en su ministerio y todavía les hace falta crecer en la fe. Pero Jesus les declara que la fe es esencial por que con fe "Nada es imposible (v.20)". Al igual que los discípulos, nosotros en ocasiones estamos batallando en esta vida por que también nos hace falta la fe, nuestros problemas no se mueven por falta de fe, nuestras vidas no son completamente transformadas por falta de fe, nuestros males no desaparecen por falta de fe. El señor también nos dice que "Nada es imposible" Si tenemos fe (1 Jn. 5:14-15). Pero Dios nos manda pedir con fe (Stg. 1:6). Definitivamente, nosotros también podemos cambiar lo imposible para que sea posible si amamos a Dios y creemos realmente en el, de lo contrario fracasaremos (Heb. 11:6).

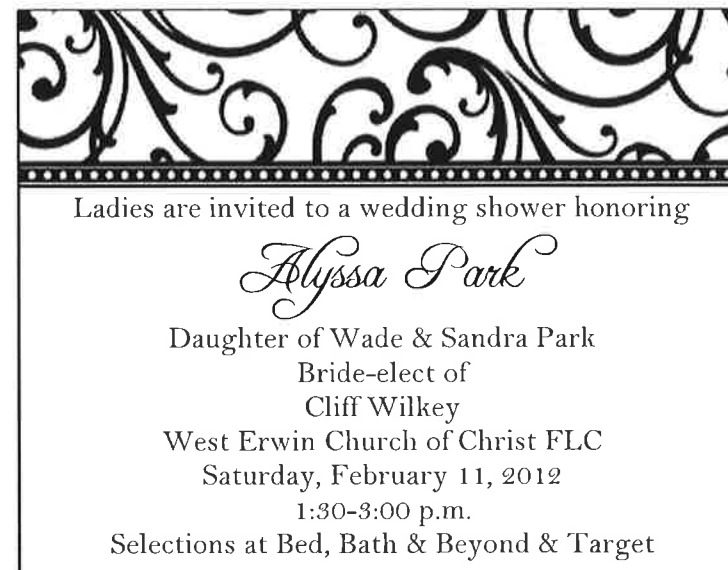
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Flood Seminar

Longview Church of Christ invites you to a Flood Seminar covering 'Noah Faces Global Catastrophe', 'Global Flood: Fact or Fiction' and 'Ripples from the Flood: the Ice Age and Origin of Races.' The evidence will be investigated & there will be a Q&A session following the Friday & Saturday night sessions. These lectures are free & open to all ages. The dates are Feb. 24-26 & the guest speaker is Brad Harrub, Ph.D.



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New Baby

Ivy Noelle Montandon was born to Chad & Lesley Montandon in Lubbock on January 17. Paul & Carolyn Montandon are the proud grandparents.

Thank You

Dear church, Thank you for the flowers, prayers, calls & all that had been done for our family in regard to my mother's death. It was all so appreciated.

Rex Power

Thank you all so much for the sweet cards & words of encouragement during the loss of our precious grandmother. We are so thankful to be a part of such a loving church family.

The Carnathan & Kelly families

Your prayers, cards, calls, visits and food helped me tremendously after my recent mishap. Thank you for being the dear, sweet Christian family that you are. We love and appreciate all of you.

Dot White

Seniors 55+

Join us Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the FLC. Don't miss it as Daniel DuPree will provide the entertainment. Remember to think about a love song & story to share.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the Danny Estes family on the loss of Myla's father, Jon Kinsey. Services were in Oklahoma. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.

Bible Hour Homecoming

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Worship p.m.	392	NC	359
Wed. p.m.	311	336	321
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REEVES' RHETORIC

One in Jesus

During the Civil Rights Movement, Martin Luther King Jr. would speak of moving “from the who to the what.” Both after the murders of Freedom Riders: James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner in Mississippi and then after the beating death of Princeton Seminary student James Reeb in Alabama, King declared “it's not so much who killed them but what killed them.” And “when we move from the who to the what, in a very real way we begin to see that we are all in this together.”

Of course the “what” was the underlying motive of hate and bigotry and disunity that permeated so much of the world-view of the day. A world-view which in many ways has yet to be overcome. In regard to unity among races and cultures as a whole we still have a very long way to go.

In the church we are called to unity in Christ. To be one in Jesus. We who are many and yet comprise one body through the Gospel are called to oneness. The Apostle Paul implores, “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:3-6). Only God can bring this about. We are different in many, many ways. The call however is to unity, not uniformity. To “move from the who to the what.” That we would be united in spite of ourselves. In spite of our differences. In many ways we indeed have a long way to go. However we serve a God whose mercies are new every morning. A God who has revealed Himself as faithful throughout the history of mankind. And a God and who is at work in a wonderful way in the life of His people today.

We begin with the Gospel and we begin with grace. For when we begin to see ourselves in our need for God and in our need for His mercy, the playing field begins to be made level, and all pride is taken away. Only then will God begin to bring about unity.

Jesus on the night before the cross prays for Himself, His disciples, and then for us: “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me” (John 17:20b-23).

How is it that the world will believe and know the truth of God made manifest in Christ? Only when they see unity and oneness in His people....

Glory to God!
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SUPER BOWL PARTY

All middle & high school teens and families are invited to the Super Bowl Party Sunday night after church. Please bring some food: Sandwiches, chips & dip, desserts, finger-foods, etc. We will be finished when the game is over.

BIBLE QUIZ

Those participating in BQ need to plan to eat lunch with us this Sunday at Mazzio's. Please bring \$6 for lunch. We will go together on the bus. We will be done @ 2:30. You are welcome to stay at the FLC until Drama begins at 3:00.

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- Chorus will meet Sunday @ 4:00
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|-----------------|--------------------------------|
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You Gotta Be Convinced

To seek answers in the Scriptures you gotta be convinced the answers are there.

We continue with our list of things we must be convinced of.....

5. Be convinced enough to accept GOD'S way.

The rich young ruler wanted answers from Jesus, but was unwilling to accept them (Mt 19:16ff). In his own wisdom he was perfect. He walked away. GOD'S ways are not complicated, but they are

different. It requires courage and faith to accept them. You gotta be convinced!

6. The Bible always promotes doing right vs feeling right.

(Gen 4:7) The Lord told Cain: "If you do what is right will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you."

So.....it's learning to do what is right. If you have wronged someone, you take the first step to reconcile with each other. If someone has offended you --- you take the first step to make it right. If your neighbor is struggling --- you do what is right. Go help him!

Escritos de Israel

La construcción del templo (Hech. 7:44-50). Es difícil imaginar la grandeza del templo de Salomón. Se lo construyó de piedras talladas y se lo cubrió con el mejor cedro del mundo. El oro que se utilizó en su construcción pesaba al menos 3,750 toneladas, y la plata pesaba 10 veces más (1 Crónicas 29:7). ¡Solamente estos elementos tendrían el valor actual de aproximadamente \$170, 000, 000,000! ¿Por qué Salomón empleó tanto en la construcción de un solo edificio? Lo hizo a causa de su gran respeto por Dios, ya que estaba construyendo esta maravillosa casa en Su honor. Este sería el lugar donde los hijos de Israel vendrían por generaciones a adorar al único Dios verdadero. ¿Cómo se pudiera considerar algún gasto como excesivo o derrochador? Cuando David apartó muchas de estas provisiones durante su gobierno, dijo, "Porque ¿quién soy yo, y quién es mi pueblo, para que pudiésemos ofrecer voluntariamente cosas semejantes?"

Pues todo es tuyo, y de lo recibido de tu mano te damos" (1 Crónicas 29:14).

Él incluso instruyó a su hijo a añadir a las provisiones que él había juntado (1 Crónicas 22:14). Cuando consideramos lo que David, Salomón y sus súbditos estuvieron dispuestos a dar para el servicio a Dios, ¿qué pensamos en cuanto a lo que damos para Dios? Solamente le damos lo que es de Él. ¿Es posible que le demos demasiado? Si entendemos cuánto Dios nos ha bendecido, será casi imposible que dejemos de dar. Moisés tuvo que prohibir al pueblo que trajera más ofrenda para la construcción del tabernáculo, ya que ellos habían traído "mucho más" (Éxodo 36:5-7). Pablo dijo que las iglesias de Macedonia habían dado "más allá de sus fuerzas" (2 Corintios 8:3) ya que "a sí mismos se dieron primeramente al Señor" (vs. 5). ¿Es esta una característica de nuestra ofrenda? ¿Es una característica de nuestra adoración? Salomón trajo lo mejor de Israel ante Dios. ¿Cómo podríamos traer algo menos que eso?"

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With Sympathy

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New Baby Girls

Congratulations to Scottie & Cayti Hart on the birth of their precious twin girls, **Sophie Elisabeth** & **Olivia Grace**. Sophie (left) was 6 lbs, 1 oz & 20 inches long. Olivia(right) was 5 lbs., 15 oz. & 20 inches long. Babies, mom (and dad!) are doing great. The proud grandparents are Jay & Debbie Bynum. Congratulations!



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Thank You

Gwen and I want to thank each of you for the cards, prayers, calls and expressions of concern shown to us during my recent surgery. The response we received was so great. We believe all of this has helped make my surgery and recovery so successful. We truly love our West Erwin church family. Thanks again,

Gene Chandler

To my Christian friends, Thank you for the beautiful cards, calls, but especially your prayers. I still have 2-3 more weeks until I can do the things I would like to be doing. Please continue to pray for me. In Christian love,

Inez Kennedy

Seniors 55+

Join us for Young At Heart on Thursday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the FLC. Don't miss it as Daniel DuPree will provide the entertainment. Remember to think about a love song & story to share.

Baptism



Sydney & Bailey Hammond were baptized January 15 by their dad, David Hammond. They both attend school in Whitehouse and Sydney is in 7th grade & Bailey is in 4th grade. Their address is 1535

Luann Lane, Tyler, TX 75703. We are so proud of Sydney & Bailey!



Ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring

Alyssa Park

Daughter of Wade & Sandra Park
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Bible Class	472	439	419
Worship a.m.	726	389	677
Worship p.m.	413	392	386
Wed. p.m.	355	311	262
Contribution	\$28,742.80	\$23,325.04	\$30,187.09
Weekly Budget	\$27,981.00		

Updates: Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | Health South: Tommy Parrish | Updates: Jean Kuykendall, sister-in-law of Carolyn McCune, is in hospice with cancer of the hip. | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan, started chemo February 8. | **Ralph Rowe**, former member, is in Hendrick Hospice in Abilene. | **Donna Greer**, sister of Diane Weathers, had surgery Monday for breast cancer. | **Kay Parrish** will have surgery Monday. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | *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: Andy Butler**, cancer | **Nancy Chandler**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Betty Oliver**, friend of Scot Baker | **Monetta Jackson**, mother-in-law of Donella Jackson | **Phil Mayben**, brother of Kathie Thompson | **Tammy Villaneuva**, aunt of Leslie Coker

SERVING SUNDAY
 Call to Worship Stan Clark
 Prayer James Hardin
 Scripture Randy Farrar
 Dismiss Bill Mullins
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Greg Jones

SERVING COMMUNION
 Bryce Bender Gary Bender Ernest Bennett
 Wayne Berryman Dale Blackstone Jim Boyd
 Gary Broome Lonnie Brown

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Jeff Horton
 Scripture Wyatt Gruver
 Dismiss Todd Kempton

GREETERS
 Harold & Shirley Denman & Brice Sustaire
 Howard & Linda Dickson & Calley Waggoner
 Bobby & Rachel Dingler & Fabian Vega
 Visitor Center: Ken & Cathy Culpepper
 Don & Norma Durham

PICK UP CARDS 2/12-2/19: Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

SOUND BOOTH for 2/12-2/19: Curt Jordan/John Shaw

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: Nursery a.m.: Linda Westerfeld
 Nursery p.m.: Jenny Wilson | Toddlers a.m.: Sandra Wingate | Toddlers p.m.: Julie Ables
 Children's Worship: Hill

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

STAFF	
Don Crawford - Involvement Minister	Jason Reeves - Preaching Minister
Nancy Crawford - Children's Education Coordinator	Israel Sandoval - Hispanic Minister
Mike Gravois - Adult Education Minister	Danny Snell - Youth Minister
MISSIONS	
B.I.C.A. E.E.M. Focus Press India West Africa World Bible School World Radio	
ELDERS	
Jay Bynum	Phil Marts
Ron Lott	Bill Mullins
James Sublette	Ray Vannoy
Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate

ASSEMBLIES	
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Nothing Less

Our Wednesday evening class has been studying 1st John for the last couple of months. Although I certainly didn't want to restrict us, I at first had in mind that we'd just spend one quarter with the text. However as the "disciple that Jesus loved" has taught us during our time together, some things are better savored rather than rushed (The same could be said about good coffee...).

I love preaching. Don't get me wrong. But one of the things that I love, love, love about facilitating a class like our Wednesday night group is that so often I'm the one who is taught. I can study and prepare and plan for weeks and then by asking a single, solitary question as the class begins, the interaction and response and spirit of those who are present begins to teach and strengthen me. Those of you who are a part of our class know exactly what I'm talking about it. It's a special group. And one that I'm very glad to be a part of. The Spirit is so very present when we discuss and share as people, the things of God. Our task is to remain open and willing and submissive to Him at work within us.

One of the places our conversations have taken us over the course of our time together has been the perspective of John as he writes the letter. He writes from his experience. He writes out of his belief and certainty of who Jesus was and who Jesus is. *"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete"* (1 John 1:1-4).

John is writing as an older man. One who has lived a life of faithfulness to the Savior who called him as a young man from his father's nets. He's lived a life transformed by the Messiah in every way. He writes some fifty years beyond the cross and resurrection of Jesus. And now at the close of a valiant life he shares with those he desires to pass on the faith that has carried him through all these years. John's message is simple and yet profound: Live for Christ. Live out of relationship with Christ. Live changed by Christ. For there is no other life worth living.

Whether you've been a Christian for decades or only for a short amount of time, maturity in Christ is revealed in our answering of the calling that we've received in the Gospel message. And not simply a one time answering of our calling, but day in and day out as we live life. His call is to faith and to faithfulness. To a way of life that is just that, a way of life. Too often we relegate faith to one hour a week as if that's a biblical concept or what God ever had in mind. Christianity is a radical call to a way of life that is characterized by Jesus. Nothing less.

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

A COUPLE OF NOTES...

The High School Devo planned for this Sunday night has been cancelled. That is the night for Bible Hour Homecoming. Friendship Day is right around the corner. I hope you are planning to bring a friend that day. If you are in a small group, I hope you are planning to take advantage of some extra time together that evening. Invite your friends to be a part of this good day.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen next Monday night. This is a great opportunity to serve the community. Plan to come and help! We serve at 6:00 and are finished cleaning up at 7:00.

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7. Be convinced of GOD'S will for you

Everything He has done for you was designed to make you holy and pure. He cleansed you with the blood of His only Son. He removes your sin daily as you walk in His ways (1 Jn 1:7).

We think and pray for GOD to change our situation so the problem will disappear. GOD simply wants us to do right in every situation.

8. Be convinced that confronting your problems is

Escritos de Israel

SED UN PADRE SABIO (2 Sam.18:29)

¿Qué tanto te preocupas por tus hijos?

En una ocasión un padre de familia estaba conduciendo su carruaje de paseo y determino parar en un pueblo pequeño, llamo a un hombre que caminaba cerca de el y le dijo: "Oye, ¿Hay alguna cantina en este lugar?" "¡Seguro, tenemos cuatro!" así contesto el hombre orgullosamente. "¡Arre! El conductor grito a sus caballos y los apresuro a salir". "¡Pare!" Grito el hombre de aquel pueblo. "¡No puedo parar aquí! Grito el hombre de la carreta, traigo cuatro niños atrás de mi carreta". Y el hombre del pueblo le dijo: ¿Por qué? ¿Cuál es el problema? "Mi problema es criar a estos niños para Dios, y no puedo hacer esto en un pueblo pequeño que tiene cuatro cantinas" Así que apresuro sus caballos y dio vuelta a la derecha y salió inmediatamente de aquel lugar.

Esta pequeña historia, nos da un ejemplo de vida a cada

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July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip

GOD'S way

Not only confront them, but do it immediately. When we are not convinced of this we will try to rationalize what we are, or are not doing. We rationalize to make us "feel" a sense of relief. But our problems are not resolved this way. The longer we postpone doing what is right the heavier that burden becomes.

If the problem is anger -- "Do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26)

If the problem is relational -- settle it with gentleness (Gal 6:2)

If the problem is sexual temptation - flee from it rather than gradually trying to let it go.

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uno de nosotros como padres cristianos, criar a nuestros hijos no es nada fácil, sin embargo ese es el consejo sabio de Dios "Instruye al niño en su camino, y aun cuando fuere viejo no se apartara de el" (Pro.22:6). Como padres, debemos estar preocupados por nuestros hijos, de su bienestar y de donde andan. Para que todo este bien, pues así se han preocupado los padres que aman a Dios por sus hijos (Ge. 37:14). Como padres no debemos cometer el mismo crimen que cometió Cain cuando le pregunto a Dios "¿Soy yo acaso guarda de mi hermano?" (Ge. 4:9). Este mismo crimen cometemos cuando nos descuidamos de nuestros hijos y hacemos lo que hizo Caín, matamos a nuestros propios hijos al no cuidarlos. Seriamos padres sabios si tan solo oyéramos a Dios que nos dice: "Y vosotros, padres, no provoquéis a ira a vuestros hijos, sino criadlos en disciplina y amonestación del Señor (Efe. 6:4)". Haga lo propio y sea un padre sabio.

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Change of Address

Opal Mathews
Heights Nursing Home
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Flood Seminar

The Longview Church of Christ invites you to a Flood Seminar with Brad Harrub Feb. 24-26. The times will be: Feb. 24: 7pm, Feb. 25: 7 & 8 pm, Feb. 26: 9 & 10 am. There will be a Q&A session following the Friday & Saturday night sessions. These lectures are free & open to all ages. Please call 903-236-0988 for more information.

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the Higginbotham family on the loss of Dick's brother, **Fred Higginbotham**. Services are Saturday in Dallas. Our love & prayers are with the family. | Services for **Frank Steele**, son-in-law of Dan and Wini Cullinan, were Friday in Houston. Our love & prayers are with the family.

Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for all the prayers for our family due to the loss of our son-in-law, Jon Kinsey. The flowers were beautiful. Thank you,

The Estes Family

We would like to thank our West Erwin family for the prayers, flowers and beautiful cards we received after the death of my sister.

Clinton & Louise Culpepper & family

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, We acknowledge with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the flowers sent to the service.

The Family of Mary Richey

EEM Dinner

Mark your calendars for February 28 for the Eastern European Mission Dinner. It will be at K.E. Bushman's (1565 FM 2493 E @ Hwy 69 S in Bullard). The reception starts at 6:30 p.m. with a dinner to follow from 7:00-9:00 p.m. RSVP to the church office at 903-592-0809.

Moving Away

Dear West Erwin family, Bobbye & I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the many friendships and the love he have enjoyed as members of the West Erwin family for the past 12 years. On February 15, we will begin a new journey in our life. We will be living with our son Kevin & his wonderful wife Shelley in Colleyville, TX. We will miss seeing each of you, but be assured that you will always be in our thoughts & prayers. Sincerely in Christian love,

Glen & Bobbye May

New Email Address

Tommy Price: jatp45@embarqmail.com



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Contribution	\$24,322.32	\$28,742.80	\$26,208.97
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

Hospitalized: Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff, is scheduled to go home Friday. | **Mother Frances Hospital:** Wanda Worley (cancer), sister of Darryl Hendrix, room 386 | **Updates:** Jerral Jackson, the son of friends of Don & Norma Durham, was hit by a car on Hwy. 155. He had surgery on two of his legs and one of his arms. He is in ICU & will have to undergo more surgeries at a later date. | Tommy Parrish is now home. | Reba Sorrells is being treated for large cell lymphoma. | Kay Parrish's surgery has been postponed. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | **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:** Andy Butler, cancer | Nancy Chandler, daughter of Wanda Cook | Donna Greer, sister of Diane Weathers | Jean Kuykendall, sister-in-law of Carolyn McCune | Sara Laminack, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | Betty Oliver, friend of Scot Baker | Monetta Jackson, mother-in-law of Donella Jackson | Phil Mayben, brother of Kathie Thompson | Tammy Villaneuva, aunt of Leslie Coker

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Never Lost on Us

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer yourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but rather be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:1-2a).

Romans 12 is one of those "go to" places for me. There are others, but these wonderful words from the Apostle speak volumes.

This passage serves as a mantra of sorts for us as believers. That we would live our lives for Christ. That we would be those who are "living sacrifices." Those who die to self so that we might live for Him. We are called to holy living. To a way of life that is "pleasing to God." In fact, Paul says that our lives are worship. Worship is not confined to those moments where we gather together as a community of faith and worship our Father together, but rather, the totality of our life and being is worship. We're not to "conform to the pattern of this world," we're to be "transformed," changed into that which is wholly and holy different, by the "renewing of our minds."

What we must not overlook is where this holy way of life comes from. "In view of God's mercy." You see our holy living is that which grows out of the mercy that we have each been shown (and are continually shown) through the Gospel of Jesus.

We waver in our faith. Oh not necessarily in our belief in God as God or Christ as our Salvation. But we falter in our faithfulness. I wonder at times if it isn't because of a failure to constantly, consciously consider God's mercy. There must be gratitude in order for there to be faith. Abiding faith at least. Trusting in the One who has revealed His wonder to us in the message of Christ.

Tiersa and I were at Faulkner Park the other day with the boys. Kacey had softball practice at the fields right around the corner from the playground, so while Kacey was doing her thing, Tiersa and I sat on a bench and the boys spent some of their energy. There was a young father there with his two girls. One was around 18 months and the other was about three years old. In the middle of the playground at Faulkner Park there is this huge, synthetic rock that is designed for climbing. It's made for kids to climb on. It's only about five feet high, but to that three year old little girl it looked like Mt. Everest. Slowly, carefully she made her way to the top. But once up there, she vapor-locked. Her dad wanted her to jump to him. He assured her it was safe. But she could barely bring herself to stand and was way too terrified to jump. He assured her it was going to be alright. He promised her he'd catch her. And finally, after some more coaching, she didn't exactly jump, but she sort of leaned forward enough from the edge that she fell into his arms. It was a neat moment. But that was only the beginning. After that, she was good to go! There was no more fear. She'd get to the top of the rock and leap to her father. After a couple of times her confidence was such that she was jumping as high as she could, giggling the entire time. Why? She trusted her father to catch her.

The call of the Gospel is to jump to our Father and to trust Him to catch us. As we journey through life and as we mature as believers we learn to trust Him more and more. Caution-thrown-to-the-wind faith is what our Father is looking for.

May the wonder of the Gospel and the mercy we have been shown never be lost on us....

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WHEELCHAIRS...

At the end of February, several of us will be going to Mexico to visit with Casa Hogar, the Children's home we support, as well as Rafael & Olivia Falcon & the church in Nueva Rosita. There is a need in Mexico for wheelchairs. We plan to take a trailer to the border with as many wheelchairs as we can get for this trip. We will meet someone who will then take them into Mexico and get them where they need to be. If you have a wheelchair or run across one, bring it to the church by Friday, Feb. 24 and we will get it there.

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You Gotta Be Convinced

If I am convinced GOD'S ways are the best, then I'll be able to find answers to all my problems.

9. Be convinced that you are to submit to one another (Eph 5:21)

When there is conflict there must be humility to resolve it. Whether it's church conflict, family conflict, or work conflict, without the right spirit there will be no resolve.

10. Be convinced that love has a tough side (1 Cor 13)

Love is doing the right thing even if it is unpleasant. When a husband is abusive to his wife the right thing to do is call the police and have him locked up. He will not seek help on his own, but this way he can find the help he needs to break the cycle of violence. If love is not tough ---- violence will continue.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask GOD, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving"..... (James 3:17).

Escritos de Israel

DIOS NO ES INJUSTO. (Heb. 6:10).
"Dios no es injusto". Esto significa que Dios no cambia de opinión ni se arrepiente de lo que dice. Cuando Dios hace una promesa, el la cumplirá y esto nos asegura que Dios no es como el hombre. Nuestro Dios quiere que tengamos confianza en el y que sepamos que el no es injusto, para que tengamos plena confianza en el. Dios le hizo promesa a Abraham (Heb. 6:13-18). Y la palabra de Dios nos dice que la cumplió perfectamente a su debido tiempo, por que es imposible que Dios mienta. Dios no es injusto para olvidar (Heb. 6:10) Dios no es como el hombre, nosotros tenemos una mente débil y falible. En ocasiones olvidamos simplemente por que no nos interesa hacer algo y lo olvidamos.

En (Heb. 5:12) Encontramos que los hermanos a los que se les escribió esta carta, habían olvidado los primeros rudimentos y había necesidad de que se les volvieran a enseñar, eran negligentes para crecer Espiritualmente. Y en (Heb. 2; 3) podemos ver que se nos manda que no seamos negligentes con respecto a nuestra salvación tan grande. Mas tarde el mismo escritor anima a los oyentes para que no sean negligentes en cuanto a la hospitalidad (Heb. 13:12). Como podemos ver, el hombre es muy distinto a Dios, nosotros olvidamos muchas cosas por la limitación de nuestras mentes o ya sea por conveniencia, pero Dios no es injusto para olvidar. (Continuara).

Pick Up Your Church Directory

The new church directories have been delivered! Pick up a copy in the foyer. You may pick up additional copies if you need them. Feel free to swing by the church office during the week to get your copy.

Friendship Day

Mark your calendars now to be present at our services on February 19, as we will have "Friendship Day." We encourage you to invite people who have never been to West Erwin and/or family & friends who have. We will have an all-church luncheon & no services that evening. We will not



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Thank You

Once again I thank my West Erwin family for the love that you have shown me since I broke my shoulder. You have made phone calls, visits and sent cards & very delicious meals. I thank you so much, you have been wonderful. With all my love, I thank you.

Ruby Cliver

Once again our church family has been a wonderful source of love & sympathy in the loss of our son-in-law. Thank all of you for all the cards & prayers!

Dan & Wini Cullinan

Attention Seniors 55+

Listed below are some news & notes regarding what is going on in our Senior Ministry! Please join us for these events if you are age 55 or over. See Jim Boyd or contact the church office for more info!

Young At Heart Meeting

We will not have our regular YAH meeting this month, as we will be attending Glenwood's Pure Gold Area wide on Thursday, March 15 at 6:00 p.m. We will have potatoes with all the trimmings for dinner.

Tour of Museum

Also on March 15, we will be touring the Museum at Brook Hill School in Bullard. The cost is \$6 for adults and it is free admission for veterans. We will all meet there at 10:00 a.m. so you can leave the museum when you would like to. Please contact Carolyn Womack if you would like to go.

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, Feb. 20! We will play games from 10am-2pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

With Sympathy

A memorial service for **Ralph Rowe** will be Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family. | Our sympathy is extended to Debbie Bynum and family on the loss of Debbie's sister-in-law, **Rachel Draughon**. Our love & prayers are with their family at this time of loss.

Sermons

Sunday's sermons are available online at www.westerwin.com under Resources & Sermons.

Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 22: Mexican Food

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Records	Sun.-Feb. 19	Sun.-Feb. 12	Year Ago
Bible Class	522	387	428
Worship a.m.	837	650	656
Worship p.m.	NC	411	377
Wed. p.m.	331	349	NC
Contribution	\$25,115.81	\$24,322.32	\$26,208.97
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PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital: Wanda Worley(cancer), sister of Darryl Hendrix, room 386 | **ETMC: Stephanie Hunt**, friend of Ruth Ellis, brain aneurysm | **UTHSC: James Phillips** | **Updates: Pam Belflower**, friend of Pam Lott, was recently diagnosed with cancer. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Steven Jones**, nephew of Dolores Kennedy, has prostate cancer. | **Phil Mayben**, brother of Kathie Thompson, had a successful double lung transplant this past week in Dallas. | **Brooke Rogers**, granddaughter of James and Helen Gullion, will be hospitalized for 10 weeks because of pregnancy complications. | **Reba Sorrells** is now home. | **Dorothy Woods** is now home. | **West Erwin Family:**Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy & Kay Parish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | *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: Andy Butler** (cancer) | **Nancy Chandler** (ALS), daughter of Wanda Cook | **Jean Kuykendall**, sister-in-law of Carolyn McCune | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Wayne Wilford, Rheas, & Mark Baker**, friends/relative of Scott Baker

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 Call to Worship Danny Snell
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 Scripture Gary Broome
 Dismiss Leon Welborn
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Stan Clark
 5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer James Gullion
 Scripture Alan Fisher
 Dismiss Cooper Goodson

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 Jay Bynum Michael Camathan
 Barrett Carter Davy Carter Jimmy Carty
 Bud Cawyer Gene Chandler Chad Chauncey

GREETERS
 Sonny & Sharon Hale & Kyler Whatley
 Tom & Beverly Hale & Reagan Whatley
 Mike & Kristi Harris
 Visitor Center: James & Ann Hardin
 Gary & Janis Heath

PICK UP CARDS 2/26-3/4: Matthew Christian, Clay Mitcham, Keaton Conder, Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner

SOUND BOOTH for 2/26-3/4: Todd Kempton/Daniel DuPree

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Christian Community

What a fantastic day we had together on Friendship Day! I am so very grateful for every one of you who invested in our time together as a church family. You invited friends and family, acquaintances and loved ones, those that you know very well and even those that you don't (but who came to participate in our day together anyway).

God is at work in our fellowship. He is active in our faith. He is present in our worship. And He is revealed in all of the facets of church life that we experience together – every day! – and He was revealed in a wonderful way in the things that we were about last Sunday. I am humbled and thankful to be a part of such genuine fellowship and honest community.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer writes that “the church only exists when she exists in community.”

As Christ's church we are created to exist in community with one another.

Our communion with God is predicated in His divine nature.

To accept the Trinitarian nature of God is founded upon the basis of faith. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit exist in community. They are three and yet one. As well, we are created in the image of God. We are spiritual. We are created with a spirit within. We have a spiritual nature. We are spiritual beings. And a central facet to our being created in the image of God is that we are created to exist in community.

We are wired in such a way, by God, that we possess an innate need for communion. Not Communion with a big “C,” but *communion* (although the communal aspect of Communion is too often lost in our theology and practice). We are communal beings. Just as God the Father, Son, and Spirit exist in holy community (communion), so too we are intrinsically designed, spiritually, that we are only whole and complete when we go about living life founded within active communion. Communion with God. And communion with one another.

When we engage in this sort of life we come closer to living into the prayer that our Savior prayed the night before the cross: “I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me” (John 17:20-21).

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BIBLE QUIZ

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Parables

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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have

life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Parables were told as "life situations." They were either true or capable of being true. They are never outdated. They illustrate life. They were not offered to scholars to argue over, but they were given to common folks like you and me.

Let's take a few weeks to examine a few of His parables and look for those messages on how to live life to the full. For next week read the parable of the sower. You'll find it in 3 of the Gospels: Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8.

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

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Pero Dios no es injusto para olvidarse de nosotros y de lo que nos promete. El olvida otras cosas para favorecernos a nosotros. Por ejemplo; Dios olvida nuestros pecados pasados (Isa 43:25). Dios mismo atestigua que nunca mas se acordara de nuestros pecados (Heb. 8:12).

La palabra de Dios nos dice que Dios no es injusto con nosotros, el no se acuerda de los pecados de sus hijos cuando estos vienen arrepentidos hacia El. (Hech. 8:22).

Finalmente, la palabra dice que: Dios no es injusto para olvidar nuestra obra y trabajo de amor que mostramos a otros (Heb. 6:10) El amor es el que nos motiva a cada uno para hacer la obra de Dios y servir a los demás, y lo hacemos sin esperar ninguna recompensa de los hombres. Nuestro trabajo prueba nuestro amor a Dios y no debemos olvidar jamás que Dios no es injusto para olvidar nuestra obra y trabajo que hacemos, el aprecia nuestro trabajo que hacemos con fe.

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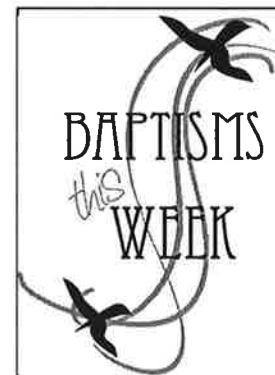
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Richard Estes, husband of Stephanie Estes, was baptized Tuesday, Feb. 21! His address is 5813 Hollytree Dr., Tyler, TX 75703. We welcome Carmen, Dennise & Richard to the West Erwin family!

Welcome, New Members!

Becki Kelly: 10973 Oak Haven Circle, Tyler, TX 75706
903-858-2028

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We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Thank You

Thank you for all your cards, visits, calls & most of all for your prayers, love and concern during my knee surgery. I am so blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family. Thanks again! In Christian love,

Helen Gullion

Thank you for the calls, cards, food, but especially the prayers for us during this time. It's hard to lose a sibling, but with the love & concern of our church family, we can make it. The beautiful floral arrangement you sent was appreciated. In Christ,

Dick & Sue Higginbotham

Thank you so much for the large Dishgarden Basket Plants that you sent for our Mother's funeral service. Your thoughts, prayers & kindness are greatly appreciated.

The family of Lura Mae Brown

Attention Seniors 55+

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Tour of Museum

Also on March 15, we will be touring the Museum at Brook Hill School in Bullard. The cost is \$6 for adults and it is free admission for veterans. We will all meet there at 10:00 a.m. so you can leave the museum when you would like to. Please contact Carolyn Womack if you would like to go.

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, Feb. 20! We will play games from 10am-2pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

In Your Prayers

Please remember to pray for Ken Culpepper, Israel Sandoval, Danny Snell & Gabriel Zavala as they travel to Mexico to visit the orphanage we help support there. They plan to leave March 26 and return March 29.

Wednesday Night Meal
Feb. 29: BBQ

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Records	Sun.-Feb. 26	Sun.-Feb. 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	435	522	428
Worship a.m.	694	837	645
Worship p.m.	364	NC	384
Wed. p.m.	350	331	NC
Contribution	\$23,191.00	\$25,115.81	\$27,266.00
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital:
Janice Hardaway (Continued Care) | **Dick Higginbotham** |
Archie Kennard, room 386 | **ETMC: Stephanie Hunt**, friend of
Ruth Ellis, brain aneurysm | **Clairmont: James Phillips**
| **Updates: Pam Belflower**, friend of Pam Lott, was recently
diagnosed with cancer. | **Linda Dickson** is now home after
a heart procedure. | **Betty Holt** will have aortic valve
replacement March 6. | **Steven Jones**, nephew of Dolores
Kennedy, has prostate cancer. | **Brooke Rogers**,
granddaughter of James and Helen Gullion, will be
hospitalized for 10 weeks because of pregnancy
complications. | **Wanda Worley**, sister of Darryl Hendrix is
now home. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby
Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise
Culpepper | Sean Denman | Alan Fisher | Cathy Hallman
| Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance |
Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy &
Kay Parrish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle
| Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | **Ongoing concerns:** Johnny
Anders | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal
Mathews | Bill McCain | Penny McDonald | Samuel Mink |
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Laminack, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan

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Scripture	Chris Ables
Dismiss	Fred Wingate
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SERVING COMMUNION

Jay Bynum	Michael Carnathan
Barrett Carter	Davy Carter
Bud Cawyer	Gene Chandler
	Chad Chauncey
	Jimmy Carty

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Dan Gillam
Scripture	Jim Holleman
Dismiss	Mike Harris

GREETERS

Roger & Glenda Howell & Jerrod Wilson
James & Sue Hughes & Jaycie Wilson
J & Tresa Jones
Visitor Center: Greg & Debbie Jones
Riece Gibson

PICK UP CARDS 3-4-12

Matthew Christian, Clay Mitcham, Keaton Conder,
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Mike Gravois - <i>Adult Education Minister</i>	Danny Snell - <i>Youth Minister</i>
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Our Concept of God

Don't we find ourselves at times spiritually plateaued in our journeys of faith? And maybe not even plateaued, but rather, more like spiritually bankrupt? What do we do when we begin to feel this way? Maybe it's found in the ebb and flow of faith. Maybe it only characterizes a small portion of time. Or maybe it is descript of decades. Years of complacency. No zeal. No excitement. No anticipation. No experience of God. What then? What next?

In his book *Attributes of God*, AW Tozer writes, "A local church will only be as great as its concept of God. An individual Christian will be a success or failure (in the Kingdom) depending upon what he or she thinks of God. It is critically important that we not only have a knowledge of the Holy One, but that we truly come to know Him in all His majesty and wonder."

Maybe what we "think of God," as Tozer puts it, is directly related to our being spiritually plateaued or bankrupt.

Do we think enough of God? How much thought do we honestly give Him during the course of the day? How often do you engage in silent conversation with Him if even for a brief moment? How often do you pray? I mean really, really pray? Not as an aside. But heart and mind, engaged in prayer with our Father. How much time do you set aside in reading Scripture and being fed by God's Word? How often do you read what others have written to broaden your concept of God? How many conversations do you have throughout the week with others who are seeking to be faithful to our Father as well? Do you seek out Christian insight from others who have faith? Because what we "think of God" is answered in questions such as these.

The Apostle Paul writes: "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better." – Ephesians 1:17

The question is: Do we really want to know Him better?

Somehow spiritual discipline has too often been divorced from faith. Faith is too often seen as mental ascent rather than a life characterized by discipleship. No wonder we find ourselves so often spiritually anemic.

Discipleship. Living cognizant of the presence of God. Spiritual discipline. A life characterized by faith and faithfulness. When our practice reflects our concept of God – it is then and only then that we will begin to know Him better.

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

BIBLE QUIZ

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BOLES HOME & PAINTBALL

We had a great time with the children from Boles Home this past Saturday. Thanks to Tresa Jones & Lisa Snell for hosting the day.

MEXICO

As I am writing this article, Israel Sandoval, Gabriel Zavala, Ken Culpepper & myself are returning home from a short trip to Mexico. We had some great hours with the children at the Casa Hogar Children's Home that West Erwin supports. They are really showing God's love to these kids. Claudia Hernandez and her staff have done an amazing job in keeping the home in great shape and continuing to get grants to do improvements. We spent Monday & Tuesday with the kids and staff... what a blessing for us! "Pure and undefiled religion is this..." We also got to spend some time with Rafael & Olivia Falcon @ the church building in Nueva Rosita. It was good to see what the church members have been able to do with such limited resources. Because of the heightened safety issues with many places in Mexico due to violence with drug cartels, West Erwin decided about 3 years ago that it was not in our best interest to take teens there until some improvements in security took place. It was rather sad to have established these great relationships over the last 17 years and now we don't have that same contact. They also feel very sad about that. Claudia & Casa Hogar and the Falcons & the brothers and sisters of the church send their greetings and we all look forward to the day when we can once again work

together to help the church in Nueva Rosita.

CONNECT

High School students: Join us Thursday nights for **Connect**. We meet together for a time of Bible study, prayer & fellowship from 7:00-8:00. We will meet at the Reeves home in Tyler. Check with me for more information. This is a great time to bring a friend!

LTC

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Parables

The parable of the sower is one of His best known parables. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recorded it. When His disciples asked why He spoke in parables He told them so that those who wanted to know the truth could understand, while those who did not would not understand. Matthew makes a point to say, Jesus speaking in parables was a fulfilling of prophecy in (Mt 13:35).

A sower of seed was common place in the days of Jesus. The four types of soil were well-known. So the meaning is straight forward. The sower is anyone who teaches the Word to others. The soils are the receivers of the Word.

Living in this parable tells us today that we are not soil inspectors. How can we possibly know the heart of another, whether it is rocky or thorny? We pray that the seed falls on good soil and we keep sowing remembering GOD produces the crop. Our role is to never tire of sowing.

Closely associated with this parable is Mark 4:26-29 ----- next week.

Escritos de Israel

JOVENES PARA CRISTO

"Ninguno tenga en poco tu juventud, sino se ejemplo de los creyentes en palabra, conducta, amor, Espíritu, fe y pureza. (1 Tim.4:12)". Mi anhelo y deseo como padre y predicador es que tu como joven busques al señor y que confíes en el aunque nadie mas te apoye. Hay muchas cosas buenas en Cristo preparadas para ti. Ser de Cristo es el mas grande privilegio que Dios le da al hombre, pero es una nueva forma de vida diferente a la del joven común ¿comprendes?

Para el joven simple seguir los deseos de su corazón y de sus ojos es una prioridad (Ecle. 11:9). Pero para los jóvenes de Cristo esas cosas son estorbo (Ecle. 11:10).

¿Cuándo rendirás tu corazón a Cristo? Por si se te ha olvidado, lo debiste hacer algunos años atrás (Ecle.12:1). Pero aun estas a tiempo, antes que lleguen los días malos y no tengas en ellos contentamiento.

Ser un joven de Cristo, te exalta hasta lo sumo y el te da la salvación que el mundo te ha robado (1 Tim. 4:16). El deseo de Dios es que como joven que ha obrado en el mundo, ahora luches contra las cosas del mundo como un verdadero soldado de Cristo (1 Tim.6:11-14). La necesidad de jóvenes para Cristo es enorme, tu puedes hacer la diferencia. Y mi deseo es que tu la hagas en este mundo y pongas en practica el consejo que te doy (2 Tim. 2:1-2). Finalmente trabajar para Cristo no es una carga es un privilegio.

WEPS Spring Fundraiser

West Erwin Playschool is gearing up for their Spring Fundraiser! This semester they will be selling Butter Braids (16 oz. braided pastries, icing included) that will serve 11 people. Bread flavors include apple, strawberry, cinnamon, cream cheese & Bavarian cream with chocolate icing. Order forms are available in the foyer at the Visitor Center. Bread will be delivered March 8. Thanks for supporting our playschool!

Check us out on facebook!

Reminder! Go to www.facebook.com/WestErwin and 'like' our page. There, you will be able to keep up with news & events. You can also make prayer requests. It helps us stay a little more connected & allows for more communication. "Like" us today!

Ladies Day

Ladies please save the date for Saturday, April 21 for our Ladies Day! It will be at Hollytree Country club from 10:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. Megan Roden will be our guest speaker and the cost is \$10 per person. Plan to be inspired & enjoy lunch, gifts & fellowship!



Welcome, New Members!

Jennifer Riley

Avery (10) & Harper Lee (4)
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Mark Bailey

P.O. Box 8861, Tyler, TX 75711
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Holly England

12457 Cimmaron Dr., Tyler, TX 75709
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Donald Barnette

Greenbriar Nursing Home
3225 East Erwin, room 223 B

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Kelsi Wicks** as she has been accepted into the Fall class of 2012 at Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine. Way to go, Kelsi! We are so proud of you!

Moving Away



We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Joe Roach** for his many years of service at West Erwin as a deacon. He recently resigned, as he & Connie will be moving to Nacogdoches to be closer to family. We will miss Joe & Connie & wish them well on their new adventure!

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Bill & Barbara White and Shaun & Joanna Stamps & family on the loss of their mother & grandmother, **Alice LaVerne Welton** (Bill's mother). Services will be March 3 at Smithville Baptist Church in Missouri. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.

Bible Classes

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March 7: Bruno's

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Worship p.m.	387	364	384
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Prayer	Robert Lee
Scripture	Rick Fedell
Dismiss	Jay Bynum
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Jerry Mitchell

SERVING COMMUNION

Will Christian	Barry Ciaschini	Stan Clark
Joey Coker	Corey Coleman	Chris Conder
Chandler Cook		Tom Cook

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Lee Kellenberger
Scripture	Scott Hackett
Dismiss	Clay Kinser

GREETERS

Todd & Kenna Kempton & Brianna Bradshaw
Pete & Alisa Leung & Barrett Carter
Ron & Pam Lott & Tabitha Conder
Visitor Center: Louis & Jane Jones
Carroll & Cherrie Magee

PICK UP CARDS 3/11-3/18

Toby Marse, Corey Prestidge, Braden Lockhart,
Caleb Heath, Ross Harris

SOUND BOOTH for 3/11-3/18

Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Following Together

I am blessed to be a part of a mentoring group that meets in Waco once a month. The discussion and direction is guided by Jim Martin who preaches at the Crestview Church. Jim is a genuine, humble, passionate disciple of Jesus. Qualities which when combined are a true rarity in this world and are precisely why our Father ministers so very wonderfully through Jim and his wife Charlotte's life together. Our group is comprised solely of ministers. Specifically preaching ministers. We pray. We study. We discuss. We dialogue. We decompress. We challenge. We pray some more. It's an amazing group to be a part of. Everyone brings their own skill set to the group. We each leave renewed and "filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19).

As believers discipleship is what we are about. Correct? We're called to be disciples. We're called to facilitate discipleship in one another. It's the nature of our calling in the Gospel message. We look to Jesus as He calls the Twelve. And yet, what we too often miss is that He calls them together. As Jesus calls the Twelve to follow Him, He calls them to follow together. He does not call them one at a time, each spending time with Him and then sent on their way to go and imitate Him in the world. Rather, He calls them all to come and follow Him together. Together. At the same time. I believe this is significant....

We need the relationships that only being a part of the body of Christ provides. We need these Christ-centered relationships in order that we might live into (and up to) our potential as believers. If we are to be the men and women of faith our calling in Christ demands we must invest in a way of life that makes us more like Him. A rhythm of life that is conducive to cross-shaping, heart-softening, and disciple-forging.

Certainly we bless and encourage and strengthen one another through our time together on Sunday or Wednesday (or any other time we come together). Certainly our Father is the One who creates a wholeness within us that we attain nowhere else in this life. And yet, following Him, not simply on our own, but together, is a crucial facet of faith.

It takes effort. It takes an openness that we are often uncomfortable with. It takes intentionality, because believe me it doesn't just happen. It takes God. And it takes relationships that only He provides. Relationships that are God-sent and God-designed.

Whether it's driving over two hours to Waco or down the street at Panera Bread for coffee with a friend or in an office on Tuesday morning with faithful brothers in Christ or around your own dining room table in the evening with your wife and kids. We need these relationships where we mentor one another. Where we become a part of one another. Where we aspire to the oneness that Christ prayed for on the night before the cross and the conviction that His cross demands. Without them, we are less than who God intends for us to be.

Glory to God!
Jason

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THANKS!

Thanks to Mark Frick for helping with the Devotional this past Sunday night.

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will meet Sunday @ 5:00. Our next test will be Sunday, Mar. 18 @ 5:00. The last Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 26 @ Shiloh Rd. @ 6:45-8:00.

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN ORCHESTRA

West Erwin will be hosting the Oklahoma Christian Orchestra on Thursday, Mar. 22 for a concert @ 7:00 in the FLC. We also need to provide housing for about 16 students for the night and bring them up to the church on Friday morning. If you are interested in helping with that, please contact me and I will put you down on the list.

CONNECT

High School students: Connect will not meet during Spring Break. We will meet again on Mar. 29.

LTC

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Mar. 22 Oklahoma Christian Orchestra
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Thank You

Thank you for the prayers, cards & most of all, the food. We appreciate everything you do for us!

Thelma Nolley

Thank you to Ann Hardin & Cathy Hallman for all they did to make the Bible Hour Homecoming so special & such a big success! They are both appreciated!

Dale & Carolyn Blackstone & the Bible Hour Kids

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards & calls we received. We appreciate all the love you showed us in the passing of my mom.

Bill & Barbara White

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, phone calls and your love during the death of Thomas. You are all so appreciated.

Marie Park

Dear West Erwin family, We would once again like to tell you how much we appreciate all the food that has been prepared and brought to us over the last few weeks. It has truly been a blessing to us, and not just the food, but the cards & visits as well. May God bless you all in a very special way!

Kay & Tommy Parrish

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Summer Singing School

Save the date for July 8-13 for the Haskell Praise Camp & Singing School! More information later.

Involvement Information

It is that time again! We will be updating our involvement information soon. Your involvement information consists of ministry areas you are willing to help with. Our involvement information is kept in a database and it allows ministry leaders to know who to call when they need more people to help in their ministry. When signing up for different ministries, you are not saying that you WILL help, or committing to anything, but you are saying that you are interested in that ministry. It just gives the leaders a list of names to pull from. West Erwin has lots of areas of ministry to serve in and we hope you will take part in one. Be thinking of areas you feel you could help & be watching for more info how you can get involved!

**No Wed. Night Meal
March 14**



Parables

Mark 4:26-29 is called the Parable of the Growing Seed. Notice how closely these words are to the Parable of the Sower earlier in this chapter.

Most of us are impatient to a fault; impatient with the way GOD brings about growth. This parable addresses this issue.

Only Mark records this parable and where he places it makes us think that the Parable of the Sower and the Mustard Seed were part of the same occasion.

The purpose of the parable is to show how the

kingdom of GOD grows. He said, "All by itself the soil produces grain..." First, until you understand who GOD is it may seem as though it happens "all by itself." But there is order: "first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head" (:28). In other words, the seed did what it was designed to do --- GROW!

Sometimes in our impatience we try to hurry the process..... we baptize folks before we teach them. We persuade them to get in the water without persuading them to love Christ as He has loved them.

I'm reminded of Paul's words in (1 Cor 3): "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but GOD made it grow." The kingdom of GOD will grow because GOD has designed it and willed it to grow.

Spring Bible Classes

Sunday Mornings

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

Discipleship & the Commands of Jesus

Young Professionals | The Annex | Eric Mosley

It's a Miracle

Couples for Christ | Room 114 | Ray Vannoy

The Blessing

Adventurers | FLC | Stan Clark

It's a Miracle

Searchers | Small Auditorium | Tony Adams

Attributes of God

Inquirers | Room 403 | Don Crawford

Acts

Discoverers | Room 112 | Todd Kempton

Lessons from Parables

Conquerors | Heritage Room | Bud Cawyer

Walk With God

Explorers | Auditorium | Forest McFadden

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

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

The Life & Teachings of Christ

Wednesday Nights

College | Room 306 | Jon Murry

A Chronological Open Bible Study

Ladies Class | Room 403 | Kenna Kempton

Me, Myself & Lies

Men's Class | Room 112 | Daniel Morgan

The Life of Peter

Spanish Class | The Annex | Israel Sandoval

Gospel of John

Singing Class | Heritage Room | Larry Murphey

Adult Class | Small Auditorium | Jason Reeves

The Church Has Left the Building

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Worship a.m.	626	696	634
Worship p.m.	343	387	387
Wed. p.m.	338	323	323
Contribution	\$20,956.53	\$32,353.16	\$23,178.16
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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Johnny Anders | **Janice Hardaway** (Continued Care, rm. 444) | **Kay Parrish**, room 5510. She may have short visits. | **Sherry Peek**, ICU, former member | **Health South: Betty Holt**, rm. 143B **Archie Kennard**, room 142 B | **Park Place: James Phillips** | **Hospice of East Texas: Reba Sorrells** | **Updates: Louise Culpepper** will have an endoscopy at North Park on March 22. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Clinton & Louise Culpepper | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | **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:** Pam Belflower, friend of Pam Lott | **Hallie Bennett & Rhonda Byrd**, aunt & cousin of Dale Blackstone | **Andy Butler** (cancer) | **Nancy Chandler** (ALS), daughter of Wanda Cook | **Kathy Crook & Janet Robertson**, friends of Owen Perry | **Steven Jones**, nephew of Dolores Kennedy | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Brooke Rogers**, granddaughter of James and Helen Gullion

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 Prayer: Pete Leung
 Scripture: George Hill
 Dismiss: Bill Mullins
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SERVING COMMUNION
 Will Christian: Stan Clark
 Joey Coker: Corey Coleman, Chris Conder
 Chandler Cook: Tom Cook

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer: Jamon Kirby
 Scripture: Carroll Magee
 Dismiss: Stan Mallory

GREETERS
 Lee & Janice Kellenberger & Chandler Cook
 Odie & Dolores Kennedy & Sean Denman
 Robert & Mary Lee & Kyler Elerson
 Visitor Center: Paul & Shelia Lewis
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory

PICK UP CARDS 3/18
 Toby Marse, Corey Prestidge, Braden Lockhart,
 Caleb Heath, Ross Harris

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Being Church

Suppose an individual or family moves to a new town and begins to look for a new church home. One of the questions they may ask themselves is: "What are we looking for in a church?" It's a valid question. And one that is answered in the way in which we serve and minister and worship and experience life together as a family of God.

But what about those who are unchurched? What questions are those who have little or no experience with Christ asking? What are they looking for in His people? What are they looking for in the lives of those who profess faith?

They are searching for something that no other pursuit in this life offers: *Jesus*. And they're so desperately needing to see Him (whether they realize it or not) in you. And in me.

Our friend the Apostle Paul writes in Galatians, "*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through adherence to the law, Christ died for nothing!*" (Galatians 2:20-21).

Later on in the Galatian letter he declares, "*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world*" (Galatians 6:14).

What I understand him communicating to us is the one thing that sets Christians apart. The crucified life. Not merely a voice that acknowledges, "Jesus is Lord," but a life that declares, "Jesus is Lord."

Where else are they going to see it, unless they see it in us? Unless they see it in a people who seek to deny ourselves with a bigger picture in mind. Who intentionally, daily take up our cross and follow Jesus. Unless they see it in a church that's through with "doing church" and is committed to "being church."

Glory to God!
 Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS!

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OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN ORCHESTRA

West Erwin will be hosting the Oklahoma Christian Orchestra on Thursday, Mar. 22 for a concert @ 7:00 in the FLC.

We also need to provide housing for about 16 students for the night and bring them up to the church on Friday morning. If you are interested in helping with that, please contact me and I will put you down on the list.

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June 17-23

July 5-14

July 21-27

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LTC

SUMMER DATES

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Parables

I once asked my brother-in-law, who was a farmer, if he sowed that Johnson grass in with his cotton? (I was exercising my gift of sarcasm).

That scene comes to life in the Parable of the Weeds (Mt 13). In fact, the more I read the parables, the more I am convinced that Jesus used common scenes that were actually visible for his audience at the time of his telling the parable.

The Parable of the Weeds is so important because it tells us how GOD deals with evil in this world and we can

clearly see what he is talking about in this everyday occurrence.

The seeds have already been sown. The enemy came in the darkness of night to sabotage the crop by sowing weeds among the wheat. (The weeds are truly prophetic of the future).

As believers in Christ, we must live in the presence of evil. Our job is not to root up the evil because we may damage the wheat in the process. We are not the harvesters. We are not able to tell the difference between the wheat and the weeds ----- so we are to exist in the field together until harvest time and GOD'S harvesters will sort them out, destroying the weeds and bringing the wheat into His barn.

He who has ears let him hear the words of the Lord.

Escritos de Israel

"Pájaros en el alambre" (1 Ped. 5:8).

"Pájaros en el alambre" es una expresión que utilizamos para indicar un peligro, y que por lo consecuente debemos tener mucho cuidado... El apóstol Pedro, nos esta advirtiendo que hay pájaros en el alambre de nuestra vida cristiana, que el adversario nos esta asechando constantemente de una manera y otra para hacernos caer de la gracia de nuestro Dios.

La vida y ministerio de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, también se vio amenazada por los pájaros en el alambre (Jn. 5:18). No era nada fácil para el maestro seguir adelante haciendo la voluntad de su padre con estos obstáculos que le ponían los judíos. Jesus tenía enemigos que querían matarlo por hacer las obras de su padre.

El propósito de los judíos no era promover a Jesus, sino que lo que buscaban era terminar con el y su obra aquí en la tierra.

La palabra de nuestro Dios nos advierte a cada uno de nosotros como cristianos, que en nuestra vida cristiana habrá pájaros en el alambre (Mt. 5:10-11; 2 Tim. 3:12). Nuestras vidas espirituales se verán amenazadas constantemente por diversos obstáculos, que el único fin de los tales es buscar nuestra destrucción.

Por lo tanto; el punto importante para que reflexionemos es el siguiente: ¿Cómo miras esos pájaros en el alambre de tu vida? Pueden ser tu motivación para vencerlos, o pueden ser tu ruina. ¿Miras los pájaros en el alambre y te asustas, o luchas contra ellos? Dios quiera que te levante con ánimo a luchar contra los pájaros en el alambre. (2 Tim. 1:7).

Welcome, New Members!

Jason & Stacey Randall

Austin (8) & Chase (6)

3115 Arbor Oak, Tyler, TX 75707

Keith & Shirley Chandler

11132 Timber Creek Circle, Tyler, TX 75707

903-566-1721

shirley.chandler@yahoo.com | keith.chandler@yahoo.com

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Area Wide Worship Service

Mark your calendars for Sunday evening, April 1, for an area wide worship service at Glenwood Church of Christ. Worship begins at 6:00 p.m. We will not be having evening services at our building that night.

Easter Egg Hunt

All children from toddlers-5th grade are invited to the home of Dale & Carolyn Blackstone on Saturday, March 31 for an Easter Egg Hunt! The hunt begins at 1pm! Please wear closed toed shoes, "play" clothes that can get messy & bring a large basket. Maps will be available at the Visitor Center on March 25. If you have any questions, please call Dale & Carolyn at 903-595-0130. If you plan to attend, let them know as they will be serving refreshments.

New Address

Ruth Bell

P.O. Box 221 | Maypearl, TX 76064

Ruth will be moving to Maypearl to take care of her brother. We wish you the best, Ruth & will miss you!

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Bridal Shower Honoring

Carlylee Stamps Reid

Bride of Jordan Reid

March 25, 2012

3:00 -4:30 p.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ

Family Life Center

422 West Erwin

Selections:

Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target

Attention Seniors 55+

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, March 19! We will play games from 10am-2pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Bible Classes

Be sure to pick up a copy of the new Bible class schedule. We encourage you to find a Bible class and make a habit of attending. West Erwin is blessed with wonderful Bible class teachers & we are thankful for their ability & willingness to take time to prepare and teach. If you are a Bible class teacher for our children or adults, THANK YOU!

Summer Singing School

Save the date for July 8-13 for the Haskell Praise Camp & Singing School! More information later.

Involvement Information

It is that time again! We will be updating our involvement information soon. Your involvement information consists of ministry areas you are willing to help with. Our involvement information is kept in a database and it allows ministry leaders to know who to call when they need more people to help in their ministry. When signing up for different ministries, you are not saying that you WILL help, or committing to anything, but you are saying that you are interested in that ministry. It just gives the leaders a list of names to pull from. West Erwin has lots of areas of ministry to serve in and we hope you will take part in one. Be thinking of areas you feel you could help & be watching for more info how you can get involved!

Wed. Night Meal for March 21
Burgers, Fries and Pies

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Bible Class	460	404	408
Worship a.m.	695	626	619
Worship p.m.	357	343	334
Wed. p.m.	288	338	323
Contribution	\$28,515.57	\$20,956.53	\$33,510.52
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 Prayer J Jones
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 Melvin Crow Don Crowder Clinton Culpepper
 Ken Culpepper David Demic Harold Denman
 Sean Denman Howard Dickson

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Kenneth Muncy
 Scripture Jimmie Philpot
 Dismiss Gaylan Seagler

GREETERS
 Melvin & Donna Maples & Kenzie Fedell
 Joey & Mindy Marse & McKenzie Fennell
 Carlos & Emma Morgan & Cody Frick
 Visitor Center: Lee & Camille Mink
 Paul & Carolyn Montandon

PICK UP CARDS 3/25-4/1
 Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Two Questions

Holiness. Not the easiest concept for us to grasp. Oh I think we have an idea of holiness when it comes to God. But I wonder if we see it and believe it in ourselves?

So often we struggle with self. We struggle with self-doubt. And we struggle with self-righteousness. The question should never be: How do I see myself? The question should always be: How does God see me? And, how do I see God? This places us and God where we need to be.

Isaiah steps into the Temple and he's not expecting much. But when he opens his eyes to the wonder and power and holiness of God, it's then that Isaiah the priest becomes Isaiah the prophet (Isaiah 6).

God is holy. He is pure. He is righteous. He is worthy. We understand His holiness no more clearly than when we are confronted by His magnificence and our own inadequacy.

But in this we find the beginning of our dilemma. Because no one knows us better than us. No one knows our inability to measure up to God better than we do. The Gospel calls us not only to salvation, but to see ourselves through the eyes of God. As those who have been made holy through the holy sacrifice of Christ. Holy not because of us, but because of Him. Holy not because of us, but in spite of us.

"Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation" (Colossians 1:21-22).

Holy in His sight? Without blemish? Free from accusation? Yes! How? Through Jesus. God sees us as holy because He sees us through the lens of Jesus. And this is what we call "Gospel." This is what we call "Good News "

We're tempted to not believe it. Maybe we understand it intellectually, but we struggle with allowing it to take hold of our hearts. Because doing so compels us to relinquish control. And to allow God to be God.

When King David prays to God, "Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7b), literally in the Hebrew his prayer is: "Un-sin me...." "Cleanse me. God, take away my sin. Make me whiter than snow. Remove all my sin stain. Remove my guilt. Make me pure. Righteous. Holy. Accomplish that which I cannot accomplish on my own. Make me more like you." And the amazing thing is, through hearts that turn to Him, He does just that.

To see ourselves as God sees us grants significant insight into faith. It empowers us to live more into (and out of) the lives that He has created for us to live in Christ Jesus.

Two questions remain: Will we allow Him to make us holy? And, do we believe that He can?

Glory to God!
 Jason

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to J & Tresa Jones for organizing the Oklahoma Christian Jazz Band concert & providing dinner this past Thursday night. Thank you to all of those who hosted the band members. We appreciate your hospitality!

BIBLE QUIZ

Bible Quiz will meet Sunday @ 5:00. The last Quiz will be Monday, Mar. 26 @ Shiloh Rd. @ 6:45. Parents can pick you up at Braum's at 8:20.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Mar. 26. We need your help! We start Serving at 6:00. Preparation begins earlier. We are usually finished cleaning up by 7:00. Thanks for serving our community.

CONNECT

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LTC

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Parables

Discovery is a great experience. Columbus couldn't wait to get back to tell of his discovery. Lewis and Clark discovered a new path to the Pacific Ocean. A little boy discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1949. Participants on the TV show, *This Old House*, find random items that have been buried for years. Discovering new things, or things that have been hidden for decades is exciting. When I find a new fact in my studies, I can't wait to share what I found. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is like discovering a treasure hidden in a field and what a joyous occasion it was (Mt 13:44-46).

The kingdom of heaven is a priceless treasure and should have the highest value in our lives. The parable says there are two ways people discover the kingdom of heaven. One, they stumble upon it. They were not looking for it. It was one of those right place, right time things. Secondly, others are seeking GOD'S kingdom before they find it.....like the merchant in the parable.

The kingdom of heaven is hidden in a dark and confused world. The kingdom of heaven is peace in a time of strife and rest in a time of exhaustion. The kingdom of heaven is within reach of everyone. Note, however, both discoverers gave up everything once they found its value. How much is peace and rest worth to you?

Escritos de Israel

MI COPA ESTA REBOSANDO (Pro. 10:6)

"Hay bendiciones sobre la cabeza del justo; pero violencia cubrirá la boca de los impíos"

Personalmente nunca he tenido una fortuna, y probablemente es muy tarde para comenzar. Pero no me preocupo mucho de eso; por que soy feliz en mi caminar. Y mientras voy por mi camino, cosecho más de lo que voy sembrando. Estoy bebiendo de mi platillo, por que mi copa esta rebozando. Tampoco he obtenido muchas riquezas, y algunas veces la miseria me ha seguido. Pero tengo seres queridos alrededor mío, y eso me ha enriquecido. Doy gracias a Dios por sus bendiciones, y las misericordias

que me esta otorgando. Estoy bendecido de mi platillo, por que mi copa esta rebozando.

Recuerdo los malos momentos en que mi fe desfalleció. Pero de pronto las nubes negras se apartaron y el sol resplandeció. Señor, ayúdame a no quejarme de los problemas que voy enfrentando. Estoy bebiendo de mi platillo, por que mi copa esta rebozando. (1 Ped. 4:12-16).

Si Dios me da fortaleza y valor cuando el camino es empinado y duro. No pediré otra bendición; ya soy bendecido y ando seguro. Nunca estaré muy ocupado para ayudar a aquellos que su carga van llevando. Luego seguiré bebiendo de mi platillo, por que mi copa esta rebozando. (Mt. 6:33).

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Ladies Day

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Welcome, New Members!

Mandy Luster

Madison (6) & Macy (4)

P.O. Box 276, Lindale TX 75771

Mluster04@gmail.com | 903.316.4390

Adam & Leigh Ann Parker

Wyatt (6), Jackson (4), Talon (1)

19945 CR 4119, Lindale TX 75771

parkerla4@gmail.com | 903.258.5724

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

With Sympathy

Services for **Marie Goff**, grandmother of Shane Millican, will be Saturday in Tennessee. Our love & prayers are with the family.

Please join us for a
Bridal Shower Honoring

Carlylee Stamps Reid

Bride of Jordan Reid

March 25, 2012
3:00 -4:30 p.m.

West Erwin Church of Christ
Family Life Center
422 West Erwin

Selections:
Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target

Attention Seniors 55+

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, March 26! We will play games from 10am-2pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Bible Classes

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Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers sent to the funeral of LaVerne Welton and to the family of Bill White. We all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Bill & Barbara White

Shaun & Joanna Stamps & family

Involvement Information

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Wed. Night Meal for March 28
Mexican Food

March 29, 2012	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 43 – No. 13
Records	Sun.- Mar. 25	Sun.- Mar. 18	Year Ago
Bible Class	473	460	347
Worship a.m.	736	695	584
Worship p.m.	417	357	398
Wed. p.m.	333	288	246
Contribution	\$23,854.00	\$28,515.57	\$23,519.71
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE LIST: **Hospitalized:** Baylor in Dallas: **Thalesia Hollin**, niece of Lawrence Wilson | **Phil Mayben**, ICU, brother of Kathie Thompson | **Mother Frances Hospital:** **Elvin Cannon**, father of Sherri Gruver | **Janice Hardaway** (Continued Care, rm. 444) | **Sherry Peek**, former member | **James Phillips**, had a pacemaker implanted March 27 | **Health South:** **Kay Parrish** | **Hospice at home:** **Reba Sorrells**, may have short visits | **Hospice, Des Moines, Iowa:** **Anita Wilson**, sister of Bill White | **Updates:** **Sylvia Caskey**, aunt of Melissa Frick, will have an arm amputation on March 29 at M. D. Anderson. | **Charlotte Cawyer** had cataract surgery 3/27 & will have another surgery in 2 weeks. | **Eura Mae Clyburn** is at Oakbrook Nursing Home in Whitehouse for physical therapy for her fractured hip. | **Betty Holt** is now home. | **Archie Kennard** is now home. | **Carolyn Stiff** is now home. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | **Ongoing concerns:** 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** (ALS), daughter of Wanda Cook | **Kathy Crook & Janet Robertson**, friends of Owen Perry | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Brennen Rogers**, newborn great grandson of James and Helen Gullion | **Darwin Scherther**, cousin of Scott Baker

SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Lee Mink
Scripture	Joey Marse
Dismiss	Jay Bynum
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Dannie Skipper

SERVING COMMUNION

Melvin Crow	Don Crowder	Clinton Culpepper
Ken Culpepper	David Demic	Harold Denman
Sean Denman		Howard Dickson

GREETERS

Aubrey & Jean Morman & Kayla Gallegly
 Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy & Kaiflyn Gravois
 Bob & Barbara Paul & Wyatt Gruver
 Visitor Center: Phil & Linda Marts
 Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot

PICK UP CARDS 4/1

Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

SOUND BOOTH for 4/1

Terry Frick/Mark Frick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

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 Toddlers a.m.: Kathy Means
 Children's Worship: Coleman

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

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Jay Bynum	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	Fred Wingate
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ASSEMBLIES

SUNDAY

Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
 Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.
 June-Aug 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Benevolence Center - Clothing 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

Benevolence Center - Food 8:30 -10:30 A.M.
 & 6:30-7:30 P.M.
 Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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REEVES' RHETORIC

The Secret to Happiness

What would it take for you to be happy? I mean life-is-good, smile-on-your-face happy. What would it take? Most often our response comes out of wherever we are for the moment. Whatever our aspirations are. Our goals. Whatever we're struggling with. Whatever we're worried about. Whatever dark cloud looms overhead.

For some it's money. There's a pawn shop in Garland, Tx that has a sign that reads, "Money doesn't buy happiness, but it sure pays the bills." For others it's status or accomplishment or house or possession. And I don't want to diminish the things that often concern us. Maybe it's the house that sits on a hill that you're striving for. Or maybe, it's simply the house you're living in that's falling apart that you'd repair if you could afford it. Maybe you have a dream car in mind. Or maybe you'd just like to not have to pray that the car you have will start every morning. For many the answer is relational. And this is the most difficult one of all. The perfect marriage. The perfect relationship. How many marriages have fallen apart because one or both have come to the conclusion: "I'm just not happy any more." How many relationships are on the verge right now of breaking up because of the sadness and apathy of one or both in the marriage?

How many times have you said: "When I finally get this job, then I'll be happy." "When I finally finish this degree, then I'll be happy." When I pay off this loan, then I'll be happy." "When I.... If I...."

Have you found that contentment is illusive? What does it mean to be content anyway?

We seek happiness, and I know that some would argue that happiness and contentment are two different realizations, but I can't help but think that if we could come to the point in life that we were content, we'd then be happy.

Perhaps no Psalm is more loved and more quoted than Psalm 23. It brings comfort and solace because it draws us into the arms of a Father who is so very welcoming and so very sufficient. In verse 5 David pens, "...my cup overflows." In Scripture one's "cup" is one's lot in life. There is abundance in his life attributed only to God. It's not a situational concept. It's an internal one. An emotional one. A state-of-being. The blessings of living near the Father. A Father who lavishes His love upon us. His grace upon us. His goodness. His strength. He saves us, and then, renews us. What a description of abundance and belonging. "My cup overflows." "It is overfilled." "Filled to overflowing." Because I belong to God!

The Apostle Paul writes, "I have learned the secret of being content..." (Philippians 4:12).

The secret? Jesus!

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

BIBLE QUIZ

This was a great year for Bible Quiz! We had the largest group ever studying through the book of Genesis. I am very proud of all the young people who spent a lot of time learning the book of Genesis. Congrats to these: Matthew Christian, Caleb DuPree, Cate Kimball, Abby Lindsey, Callie Coleman, Emma Stamps, Katie Turner, Haley Metcalf, Bowen Reeves, Jordan Smith, Sydney Hammond, Molly Harris, Rebecca Weathers, Barrett Carter, Jessica Dupree, Kinsey Lockhart, Kacey Reeves, Jordan Snell, Emily DuPree, Courtney Lockhart, Sydney Parrish, Savanna Shaw, Reagan Whatley, Megan Harris, Matthew Kimball, Justin Parrish, Louis Saucedo & Kyler Whatley.

A special thanks to the ones who made it happen this year: Davy Carter, Corey & Angie Coleman and Clifton & Cristy Lindsey.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this week. We continue to serve between 120-140 folks who just need a hot meal and somebody to visit with. Thank you for doing that. West Erwin will host again on April 23.

LTC

Please be present for these practices and meetings. If you have not settled your bill and arrangements, please do so by Sunday. You can pick up your T-Shirts this Sunday in the High School Classroom.

LTC PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Sunday, Apr. 1
 11:30-2:30 – Drama(Lunch \$3)
 2:30-4:30 – Chorus
 4:30 – Head to Glenwood- (We will take the bus but parents need to pick you up at Glenwood)
 5:00 – LTC Choruses at Glenwood
 6:00 – City Wide Worship @ Glenwood

Wednesday- 7:00-8:00 – Puppets

Friday, Apr. 6
 8:30 A.M.– Leave for LTC

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 1 All Day Drama Practice
Apr. 1 City-Wide Worship & LTC Chorus
Apr. 6-8 LTC
Apr. 12 "Connect" Bible Study
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June 5-8 Middle School Mystery
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Parables

Jesus must have enjoyed feasts.....he often spoke about them. His first miracle was at a wedding feast in Cana. Several parables center around feasts. Luke 14:15-24 is one of them. It's about excuses.

One sitting with Jesus at a banquet said, "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom." This statement brought on the parable. Invitations were sent out. Excuses rolled in. "I have just bought a field

and I must go and see it." "I have just bought five yoke of oxen and I'm on my way to try them out." "I just got married, so I can't come." Excuses are easy to come by. Do these sound like any of the ones you use?

The Master said, go out into the streets and get the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame to come to the feast. Look in the most unlikely places. Invite them to the great feast of GOD.

I was pondering this story.....thinking where do you and I fit in this parable?

Escritos de Israel

EL LUGAR MAS SEGURO (Heb. 10:22-25).

¿Has escuchado las noticias últimamente? Si estas interesado en aumentar tus posibilidades de vivir una vida larga, le gustará leer las siguientes estadísticas.

- 1- No viajes en auto ni te cruces en su camino. Los autos causan el 20% de los accidentes.
- 2- No te quedes en casa. El 17% de todos los accidentes suceden en el hogar.
- 3- No camines en la calle. El 14% de los accidentes suceden mientras se camina en la calle.
- 4- No viajes por avión, tren o barco. El 6% de

todos los accidentes son el resultado de este tipo de transporte.

- 5- Solamente el .0001% de las muertes suceden en el servicio de adoracion, y estas muertes están relacionadas con desordenes físicos previos, tales como ataques al corazón. Así que, obviamente, ¡El lugar mas seguro en este mundo es el servicio de adoracion de la iglesia! Quédese en el lado seguro; vaya a los servicios de adoración cada domingo por la mañana, por la tarde, el miércoles por la tarde. Esto puede salvar tu vida ¡Eso sin tener en cuenta que puede salvar tu alma! (Sal. 29:2).

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Gospel Meetings

University Church of Christ invites you to a soul-stirring series of Gospel Meetings April 15-18. Sunday's service times are 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Ferman Carpenter. Nursery care will be provided for children under 2 years of age.

Hymn Fest

Daingerfield Church of Christ invites you to Hymn Fest on Saturday, April 21 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. (Highway 11 West, Daingerfield). There will be congregational singing led by a variety of experienced song leaders from the area as well as vocal groups "The Gospelsaires" and "His Harmony." Call 903-645-2896 for more info.

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Dear Christian friends, I received my birthday cards earlier this week and I appreciate each prayer & well wish. Thanks to each of you who contributed to this effort. It is great to be associated with the West Erwin church. I also want to thank the ladies who delivered their cards with a plate of assorted cookies. As I read these cards, I said a prayer for each of you. Thanks again! In Christian love,

Juanita Masters

EEM's \$1,000,000 Sunday

Eastern European Mission announces the \$1,000,000 Sunday April 29, 2012. Two more states in Ukraine, Rivne & Poltava have asked EEM for Bibles & Biblical literature for all of their Public Schools. That is 1,494 Public Schools & 283,000 students. Churches of Christ and interested individuals nationwide are asked to provide gifts to fill all of these schools with God's Word. Change a nation. For good. Be watching for more info!

New Phone Number

Bob Paul: 903.407.4044

Senior Game Day

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BBQ**

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Records	Sun.- Apr. 1	Sun.- Mar. 25	Year Ago
Bible Class	441	473	420
Worship a.m.	727	736	669
Worship p.m.	NC	417	374
Wed. p.m.	371	333	331
Contribution	\$27,978.76	\$23,854.00	\$24,678.35
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SERVING SUNDAY
 Call to Worship Don Crawford
 Prayer Roy Morgan
 Scripture Aubrey Morman
 Dismiss Ray Vannoy
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Carlos Morgan
5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Larry Murphey
 Scripture Danny Riley
 Dismiss Jon Murry

SERVING COMMUNION
 Dan Gillam Bobby Dingler Danny Estes
 Randy Farrar Daniel Dupree Rick Fedell
 Don Durham Roy Fraley

GREETERS
 Charles & Phyllis Rachui
 Gaylan & Margie Seagler
 Visitor Center: John & Virginia Pike
 Louise Seaberry

PICK UP CARDS 4/8
 Toby Marse, Caleb Heath, Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner, Davis Carnathan

SOUND BOOTH for 4/8-4/15
 Joey Marse/Corey Coleman

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:
 Nursery a.m.: Carolyn Montandon | Nursery p.m.: Evelyn Nuncy | Toddlers a.m.: Mary Scarborough | Toddlers p.m.: Rita Sifton | Children's Worship: Cooper

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REEVES' RHETORIC

A Balanced Life

An educated and world-renown psychiatrist walks out of a mental hospital to find that someone has stolen one of the wheels from his car. He has a spare tire but the problem is the thief has stolen its four lug nuts as well. The psychiatrist is beside himself. "How can I put the spare tire on without any lug nuts?" he asks out loud in a moment of frustration. A patient from inside the hospital fence calmly replies, "Why don't you take one lug nut from each of the other three wheels?"

Sometimes the answers to our questions are obvious. Objectively we examine our quandaries and the answers come to us readily. At other times, not so much. We're at a loss. Maybe it's a situation that we've recently been confronted with. Maybe it's something that we've been on the fence about for years. Often when there are emotions and feelings and lives and relationships involved the lines of right and wrong, what's best and what's not, end up very blurred. And too often, we lose our objectivity in the moment.

What does it mean to live a balanced life? Specifically, emotionally and spiritually balanced. Is it possible to be spiritually balanced without being emotionally balanced as well? Peter Scazzero in his book, *The Emotionally Healthy Church* says "No."

The balanced life reflects the conscious, concerted discipleship of the follower of Christ. In this we see the direct connection of the relationship that our God grants to humanity through the cross of Christ. Relationship with God. Not ritual with God. And the overwhelming reality of daily living in sync, in step, with Him. The lie we're tempted to believe is that somehow we can be effective (or as effective) in our ministry to others, especially to those with whom we are closest, without being both emotionally and spiritually balanced.

How many good days have been completely derailed by failing to keep your emotions under control? How many relationships have been destroyed because of selfishness and pride and arrogance? How many potential opportunities for spiritual growth and the furthering of the Kingdom have been squandered because of the inability and refusal of Christians to respond with kindness and grace and love. Our emotional health works in tandem with our spiritual nature. It is the design of God that His Son and His Spirit bring calm and peace where there was once angst and hostility.

Can we like the Apostle Paul say: "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5)? Do we possess "the peace that passes (that transcends) all understanding" (Philippians 4:7)? Maybe that's a place to begin....

A balanced life is only created when we walk in sync and in step with our God. And only when we are both emotionally and spiritually balanced. It doesn't just happen. It takes a conscious, concerted effort. And it takes God leading the way.

Glory to God!
 Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

LTC

LTC 2012 has finally arrived. As you read this, over 240 folks from West Erwin will be attending the LTC Convention in Dallas. Of those, 92 are 3rd - 12th students who have worked for months in preparation for this weekend. LTC is not about the past months or even the Convention, but about equipping young people and their families for a lifetime of serving God by using and developing their gifts on their Journey of Faith.

There are over 100 other folks who have helped make this happen. Coaches, cooks, cleaning up, setting up, moving equipment, data input... the list goes on. Thanks for giving of yourself for the Kingdom.

Please pray for our safety and the opportunity to grow in faith.

On Sunday night, April 22, you will have an opportunity to see some of what our young people have been doing. Don't miss that special night of celebration!

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

High school students are invited to the Connect Bible Study each Thursday night at the home of Jason & Tiersa Reeves from 7:00-8:00. Join us!

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens: Mark your calendars for the summer trips! We will have our sign up lists out next week, so be making plans to participate this summer!

Those students currently in the 8th-12th grade are eligible for BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & the New Orleans Mission Trip. Those currently in the 5th-7th grades are eligible for Middle School Mystery.

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July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip



Parables

GOD put into motion certain Laws of Nature. One of those is that a living thing either grows or dies. Some of the parables Jesus used are specifically about growth. Yet how often do we hear people say of the church, "Oh, we are holding our own"?

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all your seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree...."

(Mt 13:31-32). Jesus wanted to impress upon his followers that out of such a small beginning a great kingdom would come filling the whole earth.

We have become victims of bigness. The bigger the better is certainly the Texas motto. The bigger the church the more successful it is. But let me remind you that GOD'S thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth so are His ways higher than our ways (Isa. 55).

GOD will accomplish what He wants to accomplish one soul at a time. And His kingdom will fill the earth just as the mustard seed became the largest plant. GOD is all-powerful!

Escritos de Israel

¿HACIA DONDE TE GUIA TU ACTITUD? (Ge. 4:1-10).

Los motivos de nuestra actitud dirigirán el rumbo de nuestra vida sobre la tierra. Nuestra actitud nos puede llevar a la aceptación divina o nos puede conducir al fracaso eterno.

Abel y Caín, ambos habían nacido de una familia única, ambos tuvieron la misma oportunidad de hacer lo correcto delante de Dios, pero un error de Caín fue el que lo llevó al fracaso, y no fracaso por que no trajo la ofrenda correcta, eso se podía remediar. El gran problema de Caín fue su actitud después de que fue negada su ofrenda.

Dios le advirtió del pecado, del peligro de

permanecer con la misma actitud (v.7). Si tan solo hubiera cambiado su actitud, no hubiera ocurrido tal tragedia en su casa.

Nosotros también ahora somos miembros de la familia de Dios (Efe.2:19). En esta familia es donde aprendemos a vivir de una manera diferente (2 Cor. 5:17). Pero también nos equivocamos al igual que Caín, pero dependerá de nuestra actitud si nosotros nos levantamos o nos hundimos. Si tan solo hubiera habido actitud de humildad en Caín para reconocer su falta Dios lo hubiera perdonado. Si nuestra actitud es de humildad hacia Dios cuando faltamos, evitaríamos tener que ser castigados eternamente.

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Baptism

Araceli Perry was baptized last week! Her address is 11165 Stuart Street, Brownsboro, TX 75756. Her phone number is 903-216-7720. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Araceli!

Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

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Thank you for the cards, visits, prayers & especially the food brought by Leon & Carolyn Welborn during Mom's illness.

Jon & Norma Sorrells

Our dear Christian friends, Words cannot express our appreciation for the love shown during the time of Johnny's passing. We like to believe that he saw and heard each of your expressions of love as you stood in line so long and so many were back for the service on Monday. For the delicious meal prepared by loving hands, the flowers, cards, visits and help (both at TMF & hospice), phone calls & prayers: we thank you. Someone was always there when needed. May God continue to bless and keep you is our prayer.

Jo Anders & family

Thank you so much for the visits, prayers and concern shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital. I am feeling much better. In Christian Love,

Elizabeth Lewis

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Michael Lowrance & Lisa Nichols on their recent marriage! Michael is the son of Tommy & Donna Lowrance & Lisa is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dean O. Nichols. Michael & Lisa were married March 17, 2012.

Senior Game Day

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With Sympathy

Services for Reba Sorrells were Saturday in Greenville. | Services for Eura Mae Clyburn were Saturday in Tyler. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families and others who have lost their loved ones recently.

Wed. Night Meal for April 11
Bruno's - Italian

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Records	Sun.- Apr. 8	Sun.- Apr. 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	334	441	429
Worship a.m.	621	727	662
Worship p.m.	245	NC	338
Wed. p.m.	347	371	330
Contribution	\$21,126.04	\$27,978.76	\$25,276.65
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE LIST: Hospitalized: Baylor in Dallas: Thaleria Hollin, niece of Lawrence Wilson | **Phil Mayben**, ICU, brother of Kathie Thompson | **Mother Frances Hospital: Sean Denman**, room 313 | **Dawn McKay** | **Park Place Nursing Center: James Phillips** | **Updates: Donnie Carnathan**, father of Lindsay Kelly & Michael Carnathan, suffered a light stroke Monday but is doing well and expected to make a full recovery. | **Jackson Delivaudais**, great grandson of Melvin and Nina Crow, broke his arm and will be in a cast for 6 weeks. | **Rick Parker**, son-in-law of Carlos and Emma Morgan, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He lives in Louisiana. | **Anita Wilson**, sister of Bill White, is in rehab in Des Moines, Iowa. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Janice Hardaway | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | **Ongoing concerns:** 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 (ALS)**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Kathy Crook & Janet Robertson**, friends of Owen Perry | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Jeanette Mitchell**, mother of Jerry | **Brennen Rogers**, newborn great grandson of James and Helen Gullion | **Kenny Ward**, friend of Scott Baker | **Sabrina Westerfeld**, daughter-in-law of Charles and Linda

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 Randy Farrar Daniel Dupree Rick Fedell
 Don Durham Roy Fraley

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Con Sweet
 Scripture Garrett Smith
 Dismiss Walker Weathers

GREETERS
 Glynn & Fran Starnes & Rebecca Weathers
 Dennis & Karen Stansbury & Katherine Weathers
 Cathy Stowers & Barbara Smart & Will Weathers
 Visitor Center: Danny & Lisa Snell
 Shaun & Joanna Stamps

PICK UP CARDS 4/15
 Toby Marse, Caleb Heath, Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner, Davis Carnathan

SOUND BOOTH for 4/15
 Joey Marse/Corey Coleman

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REEVES' RHETORIC

A Rhythm of Life

"Busy" describes the lives of most. "Hectic" or "pressured" probably does a better job of describing the lives of many. We over-commit, over-book, and over-obligate. We put demands on ourselves and demands on our children that very often do more harm than good. I say "we" because I have been just as guilty, if not more, than you. I look to my peer group, to those who have children at home, and I see us overextending ourselves in too many areas of life. Spending exorbitant amounts of time and energy in arenas that grant us little in return. Placing emphasis in areas of life that in the grand scheme of things possess little significance. Running full speed in a rapidly spinning hamster wheel and getting absolutely nowhere.

What is needed is a reprioritization of what's important. To sift through the things that comprise our lives and determine what's important and what's not. To determine what we're investing our lives into that's really worthwhile and what it is that needs to be scaled back. Or completely cut out.

We spend so much effort seeking to provide for a lifestyle that we've created, so much so that we spend little time investing in the family we've created the lifestyle for. How does that make sense?

I have to believe that Jesus' life was one of complexity and simplicity. It was balanced. In every way it was balanced. Does "balanced" describe your life too? If not, perhaps some reprioritization is in order.

Jesus spent intentional time with God. He set aside God designated time. *Mark 1:35, "Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed."* When is the last time that you did that? Is it a part of your normal rhythm of life? When is the last time you removed yourself from the static of the world and just spent some time in communion with God? Seeking counsel from God. Refocusing upon those things in life which truly matter.

Spending time in prayer and in communion and in silence before God, and committing ourselves to a rhythm of life that intentionally facilitates balance and simplicity in a life filled with complexity, is such a Christ-like way to live.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

JOURNEY OF FAITH...

The theme for LTC this year... Journey of Faith. The months leading up to LTC has really been a Journey of Faith. I am so proud of our young people who have grown in their faith and in the ministry of serving our King.

A special Thanks to those who went the extra mile in helping make LTC happen for West Erwin. Thanks to those who drove, cleaned up, coached, cooked, served, paid, organized and every other area you helped. A special Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish for putting together the food for the whole crew.

On Sunday night, April 22, you will have an opportunity to see some of what our young people have been doing. Participants and Attendees, wear your LTC shirt that night. Don't miss that special night of celebration!

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

High school students are invited to the Connect Bible Study each Thursday night at the home of Jason & Tiersa Reeves from 7:00-8:00. Join us!

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Apr. 19
Apr. 22
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May 4-5
May 6
May 14

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Combined Devotional
Karing Kitchen
Something Special...
High School Devotional
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June 5-8
June 17-23
July 5-14
July 21-27

Middle School Mystery
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Parables

Two parables speak of how we are to use our talents and abilities to the glory of GOD. They are Matt. 25:14-30 and Luke 19:11-26. The one likeness in these two parables is that the talents and abilities we have been given must be used to glorify GOD or they may be taken away from us. The two parables were given to different groups of people on different occasions and for different reasons, but they both

deliver the same message.

It seems to me that GOD is more pleased when we launch out on faith and take some risks rather than playing it safe living our lives in complacency...doing nothing. GOD wants to do great things through each of us. He equipped us for it. Courage is what is required. That courage is to come from our faith in Him.

We all have visions of being strong in the faith. We all have visions of GOD working through us. The launching out is where many of us fail. Read these parables for yourself.....but be very careful. They may hit too close for your comfort.

Escritos de Israel

Confianza en Dios (Sal. 55:22)

Un piloto estaba teniendo problemas en aterrizar su pequeño avión debido a que la neblina no le dejaba ver la pista de aterrizaje, así que el aeropuerto decidió hacerle aterrizar al guiarle por medio del radar. Mientras recibía instrucciones, repentinamente recordó un poste alto en su camino de vuelo. Con pánico se comunicó fervientemente con la torre de control. Se le dio una respuesta directa, "Obedezca las instrucciones; nosotros nos ocuparemos de los obstáculos".

Nuestra vida tiene muchos postes que

impiden nuestro aterrizaje. Estamos rodeados de peligros y problemas que no podemos solucionar. Entonces es tiempo escuchar la palabra de nuestro Dios y dejar que el lleve nuestras almas a través de las dificultades de la vida. Vasta que nosotros obedecemos sus instrucciones y no interfiramos en ellas para que no atrofiemos su plan de ayudarnos... El señor conoce perfectamente nuestras luchas y el estará con nosotros en cada una de ellas si confiamos en el y le permitimos que vaya con nosotros (Isa. 43:1-3). "No te desespere" confía y espera en nuestro Dios.

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James Owen

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April 22- George Hall will be delivering the message in worship service
April 22- Our p.m. service will be our annual youth led service & LTC Celebration

Wed. Night Meal for April 18
Burgers, Fries and Pies

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Records	Sun.- Apr. 15	Sun.- Apr. 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	468	334	401
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 Cooper Goodson Ernie Gordon

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Youth Led Service & LTC Celebration

GREETERS

Harvey & Edie Strickland & Kyler Whatley
 James & Connie Sublette & Reagan Whatley
 Billy & Lynda Terrell
 Visitor Center: Buddy & Gay Townsend
 Mike & Dorothy Watts

PICK UP CARDS 4/22-4/29

Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Phenomenalness

Our God is so very good and so very wonderful and so very phenomenal.

Surely as mature believers we have come to know these realities intimately?

The Apostle John begins his first letter, "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of Life."

John is writing out of his experience. "I know these things to be true. You can believe my testimony in regard to the Messiah. Because I've experienced Him in my life. I've heard Him. Seen Him. Been in close proximity to Him. Experienced life with Him. And because of all this, I have something to say...."

What an overwhelming Sunday we had last week as a church! Especially as we unpacked our upcoming 24 Hours of Prayer! What an overwhelming, rewarding beginning to what will no doubt be a day of blessing and power and grace and forgiveness and healing, and will no doubt set into motion mountains cast into the sea!

Keep the requests coming. Put some thought into them. Search your heart, and search the heart of God, as we pray with and for one another here in this place. Make sure to sign up for a block of time. See any of our ministry team to do so. Our relationships with others and within our own families will certainly be blessed as we invest ourselves in one another's lives through this wonderful event. Friday May 4th @ 8am through Saturday May 5th @ 7am. And what better way to wrap up a time of 24 Hours of Prayer than by having breakfast, sharing, and praying with one another, together on Saturday morning at 8am? (And what better to eat on Cinco de Mayo than breakfast tacos?)

Good. Wonderful. Phenomenal. Describe our God so very well. May His goodness, His wonder, and His phenomenalness (rejected by spellcheck, but I like it!) surround this church in an amazing way through our investment into the lives of one another and through our investment into His Kingdom, as we pray for and with one other on May 4th and May 5th.

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Jason

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COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

Middle & High School students: Join us this coming Sunday night in the FLC for the combined devo. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be done @ 8:30.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night, Apr. 23. We serve @ 6:00 and are finished cleaning up by 7:00. Join us in serving the community.

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July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip



Parables

“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir.’ but he did not go. Which of the two did

what the father wanted? ‘The first, they answered.’” (Mt 21:28-31a)

There was a man who had two sons: one agreeable, one a rebel. One agreed to work, but did not show up. The other refused to work, but some time later decided he would show up. It makes me wonder why GOD has put up with us this long for we are His sons. He has called all of us to work in His vineyard. Which son have you been more like?

Escritos de Israel

¿Se agrada Dios de mi ofrenda? Ge. 4:1-5

Un niño fue llevado por primera vez a la iglesia y mientras pasaban alrededor los que recogían la ofrenda, cuando ellos se acercaron a su banca, el niño hablo en voz alta para que todos lo escucharan; “No pagues por mi, Papi; yo tengo menos de cinco años”. Agradar a Dios es lo que cada uno de nosotros queremos hacer en la vida, y darle a Dios de lo mucho que nos da es parte de esa meta. (Pro. 3:9). Pero para honrar a Dios con nuestros bienes tiene que ver con nuestra buena actitud al dar. Caín trajo una ofrenda y era perfecta, pero no era la ofrenda que Dios pedía y por eso no se agrado Dios de la ofrenda de Caín. Para que Dios se agrade de tu ofrenda debemos

seguir la instrucción divina y no solamente nuestra propia decisión. Dios nos enseña que la ofrenda debe ser perfecta por que debemos dar conforme hayamos prosperado (1 Cor. 16:2). Si le traemos algo diferente de lo que el nos dice, tampoco se agrada como lo hizo con Caín. Pero también nuestra ofrenda es perfecta por que esta revestida de una buena actitud (2 Cor. 9:7). Tanto la calidad y la actitud que tengo al traer mi ofrenda determinara si Dios se agrada de ella. No dejes que Dios se agrade de la calidad y desapruete la actitud o viceversa. Por lo tanto no veas la ofrenda como un pago, como la miraba el niño, sino mírala como una deuda por que solo regresamos muy poco de lo mucho que Dios nos ha bendecido. Por lo tanto pregúntate: ¿Se agrada Dios de mi ofrenda?

Biblical Institute of Central America

March 2012 Report

Nicaragua-85 baptisms, 28 restored
Honduras-45 baptisms, 17 restored
Guatemala-69 baptisms, 56 restored

West Erwin's financial support to these schools helps to make this happen, by the grace of God.

Welcome, New Members!

Jim & Lydia Gipson

3820 S. Donnybrook Ave, Tyler, 75701 | 903-509-3286

Scotty & Darlene Rouse

1808 Sybil Lane, Tyler, 75703 | sjdrouse@msn.com | 903-571-8248

Billy & Ruth Whitaker

1020 Dogwood, Tyler 75701 | 903-593-9810

Laura Staley was baptized this past Sunday by Bill Mullins.

Congratulations, Laura!

P.O. Box 131001, Tyler, TX 75713 | 254-485-0002

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

Thank You

I want to let everyone who visited, called, sent sweet cards and sat with me how much I appreciate the outpouring of care. But most of all, thank you for the prayers that were lifted up to our Father for my healing. In Him,

Sherry Peek

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for helping me get through the six weeks in the hospital. Your love and support with visits, cards & especially your prayers meant so much to me. Please continue remembering me in prayer so that the medicine will get rid of the rest of this infection. I am thankful you are my church family. God bless you! Love,

Janice Hardaway

Ladies Day

Ladies please save the date for Saturday, April 21 for our Ladies Day! It will be at Hollytree Country club from 10:00a.m.-3:00 p.m. Megan Roden will be our guest speaker and the cost is \$10 per person. Plan to be inspired & enjoy lunch, gifts & fellowship!



New Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class

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Arms of Hope Golf Tournament

The Arms of Hope Annual Longview Charity Drive Golf Tournament will be Saturday, May 12 at Woodhollow Golf Club. Register at armsofhope.org. You may pick up a flyer at the Visitor Center.



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Upcoming Area Events

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Schedule for Sunday

This Sunday, April 22, all adult Bible classes will meet in the Large Auditorium. George Hall will be teaching Bible class and will be delivering the message in worship service. Our p.m. service will be our annual youth led service & LTC Celebration.

Wed. Night Meal for April 25
Mexican Food

North Tenneha Homecoming

North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to their 77th Annual Homecoming & Gospel Meeting May 6-9. Guest speaker is J.K. Hamilton from the Mountain View Church of Christ in Dallas. For more info, call 903-593-6868.

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Records	Sun.- Apr. 22	Sun.- Apr. 15	Year Ago
Bible Class	395	468	457
Worship a.m.	667	663	665
Worship p.m.	473	367	368
Wed. p.m.	345	302	NC
Contribution	\$26,832.60	\$79,905.92	\$59,839.50
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: **ETMC: Bob Bray**, pneumonia, no visitors at this time. | **Mother Frances Hospital: Janice Hardaway**, doing well after surgery, room 6604 **Park Place Nursing Center: James Phillips** | **Updates:** | **Sean Denman** is now home. | **Dawn McKay** is now home. | **Anita Potter** is undergoing tests for heart arrhythmia. | **Frances Richardson**, mother of Michael Murphy, is in hospice in Gilmer. | **Winona Shankle** will have surgery May 3 at Spine and Joint. | **West Erwin Family:** Mark Baily | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Anita Potter | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell & Nell Beard | 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:** **Cody Chandler**, son of Keith & Shirley | **Nancy Chandler (ALS)**, daughter of Wanda Cook | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Jeanette Mitchell**, mother of Jerry | **Rick Parker**, son-in-law of Carlos and Emma Morgan

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 Scripture Randy Turner
 Dismiss Marcus Turner

GREETERS
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 Leon & Carolyn Welborn & Jaycie Wilson
 Charles & Linda Westerfeld
 Visitor Center: Bill & Barbara White
 Dale & Dot White

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 Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree

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 Todd Kempton/Daniel DuPree

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:
 Nursery a.m.: Jordan Snell | Nursery p.m.: Trish Stancill |
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 Children's Worship: Lindsay Kelly

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Longing to See

Each and every one of us brings our own experiences to the table. Our experiences, whether good or bad, influence greatly how we view the world in which we live.

For so many of us even the term "Christian" is one of such blessing and comfort. To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. It succinctly defines not solely our reality as those who have answered the call of Christ, but also depicts our way of life as "followers of the Way." There is such authenticity and genuineness found in the simplicity of being Christ followers when we truly see ourselves for who we are called to be in Jesus. When we truly see every moment of life as God designed and God lived.

The reality, however, is that many have had not had such experiences. To them the term "Christian" elicits adverse emotions. Perhaps their negative perspective has been conditioned by the hypocrisy of one who claims belief in Christ, but whose life simply does not reflect the authenticity salvation calls for. Maybe their negative experience came by way of arrogance or pride or exclusivity witnessed in the lives of those who profess faith.

Certainly we can only be accountable for ourselves. As well, certainly there are treacherous moments when we do not reflect our Lord. However, not only does the Gospel message call us to fidelity to our Savior, but an unbelieving, skeptical world longs to see it. They long to see faithfulness. Authentic faith. Genuine faith. And they long to see it in us. Even if they don't realize it. It's Jesus they're longing to see.

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

When they see the reality of Jesus lived out in the reality of our lives, it is then that they will be drawn to follow the Way of Jesus.

And isn't it this very reality of our Savior that first called us to follow Him ourselves?

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

THANKS!

Thanks to Jackson Smith, Barrett Carter, Matthew Kimball, Chandler Cook, Erick Saucedo & Luis Saucedo for leading our worship time this past Sunday night. Thanks to all who helped with the LTC Celebration! Thanks to Garrett & Jill Smith and Shaun & Joanna Stamps for hosting the devo this past Sunday night. We had a great time! Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. That may have been one of the largest groups we have served in a while!

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Thursday, May 3, is the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. West Erwin will help prepare and serve the folks who come to that. We expect about 500 people to attend. I need 12 men who would be willing to come at 4:45 A.M. and help us do that. Please sign up at the Visitor Center if you would be willing to help.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

High School students: Join us this coming Sunday night in the FLC for the devo. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be done @ 8:30.

CONNECT BIBLE STUDY

Due to some scheduling conflicts, CONNECT will not meet for the next few weeks.

SUMMER TRIPS

Teens: Mark your calendars for the summer trips! Sign-up lists are out, so be making plans to participate this summer!

Those students currently in the 8th-12th grade are eligible for BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & the New Orleans Mission Trip. Those currently in the 5th-7th grades are eligible for Middle School Mystery.

IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 29 High School Devotional
May 3 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
May 4-5 24 Hours of Prayer
May 6 All Church Evening Fellowship
May 14 Karing Kitchen
May 20 Baccalaureate Service

SUMMER DATES

June 5-8 Middle School Mystery
June 17-23 BackCountry Trek
July 5-14 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip



Sufficiently Motivated

An interesting story came out of the West about a prospector. The prospector came riding into town on his faithful mule, and when he got off his mule the town bully began to shoot into the ground around the prospector's feet and to tell him to dance. The prospector said, "I don't dance." The bully insisted that he dance anyway as he kept shooting around the treasure hunter's feet. Finally, the victim of the bully's abuse began to dance a little, and about that time the

bully ran out of ammunition. Whereupon the prospector pulled out a great long pistol and pointed it in the face of the bully and said, "Did you ever kiss a mule?" The bully answered, "No, but I've always wanted to."

I suppose anyone would kiss a mule if sufficiently motivated. But just think of what we could do for the cause of Christ if we were sufficiently motivated. Allow (2 Cor 5:14) to soak in....."For Christ's love compels us..."

West Erwin Family Bible Fair – Coming this summer!

Escritos de Israel

La actitud correcta hacia nuestro Dios (Sal. 95:6-7)

Cuando Albert Thorwaldsen terminó su famosa estatua de Cristo, invitó a un amigo a verla. El escultor danés había creado un retrato de Cristo con sus brazos abiertos y su cabeza inclinada. El amigo miró y dijo, "No puedo ver su rostro". Thorwaldsen respondió, "Si quieres ver el rostro de Cristo, debes arrodillarte". Solamente cuando los siervos de Dios se humillan para adorarle, pueden verle claramente. ¿Con que actitud te presentas ante Dios para adorarle? Cuando nos acercamos a nuestro Dios, es necesario traer la actitud correcta, son muchas las ocasiones en que estamos en grandes necesidades y necesitamos la ayuda de Dios, Pero muchas veces no hemos aprendido y cultivado la actitud.

Adecuada para acercarnos a Dios. Si tu quieres ver el rostro del señor favoreciéndote en tus necesidades, en las enfermedades y los problemas por los que estas pasando, es necesario que tu corazón este humillado para que vengas a suplicarle a Dios entonces miraras su rostro y encontraras el socorro para tus necesidades cualquiera que sean. Dios siempre nos dice en su palabra cual debe ser nuestra actitud (1 Ped. 5:6). Si nos humillamos veremos su favor y exaltación, pero si no tenemos esa actitud seremos humillados. Aun para nuestros pecados tenemos esperanza si tenemos la actitud correcta en nuestro corazón (Isa. 1:16-18). Que Dios nos ayude a mantener siempre esa actitud correcta hacia nuestro Dios, para ver su rostro y encontrar su favor.

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you all so much for your prayers & visits. I really appreciate every one of you.

James Phillips

Mark Your Calendars!

May 3: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast | **May 4-5:** 24 Hours of Prayer | **May 6:** Evening All church fellowship at the FLC after p.m. services. Bring sandwiches, chips & desserts. | **May 20:** Baccalaureate Service @ Glenwood | **July 30-Aug. 1:** Family Bible Fair | Be looking for more details on these events as the date gets closer!

Ladies Day Report

The Ladies' Day was a great success! Our speaker, Megan Craycraft Roden, shared the following letter a young man sent home to his father about the girl he was in love with: "Dear Dad, She isn't perfect, but she sure does love me. She tries really hard to do all the things I would like for her to do. She is beautiful on the outside, but her heart Dad...her heart is in love with me. I can't wait to bring her home to meet you!" Ladies...now go back and reread this letter... see if YOU could be the girl that JESUS is telling His father, God, about! Thank you to Angie Coleman for organizing the Ladies' Day and everyone who helped her make it a success!



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Wed. Night Meal for May 2

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Worship p.m.	336	473	536
Wed. p.m.	315	345	309
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 Scott Hackett Sonny Hale Tom Hale
 David Hammond James Hardin

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Kyle Willoughby
 Scripture Ernest Bennett
 Dismiss Bud Cawyer

GREETERS
 David & Ginny Wicks
 Fred & Mitzi Wilkinson
 Fred & Sandra Wingate
 Visitor Center: Carolyn Womack
 Tony & Mary Adams

PICK UP CARDS 5-6-5/13
 Matthew Christian, Clay Mitcham, Keaton Conder,
 Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Who Do You Say That I Am?

"Once when Jesus was praying in private and His disciples were with Him, He asked them, 'Who do the crowds say I am?' They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.' 'But what about you?' He asked. 'Who do you say I am?' Peter answered, 'The Christ of God.' Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And He said, 'The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and He must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.' Then He said to them all: 'If anyone would come after me, they must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'" (Luke 9:18-23)

This is one of my favorite passages. For so many reasons.... When Jesus asks the disciples who the crowds understand Him to be, to be honest, I don't think He's really concerned with their answers. Certainly He knows what their responses will be, the generalizations of the masses. The presuppositions of those who have heard of His ministry. And so the disciples respond with the understanding of others. "John the Baptist?" "Elijah?" "Maybe a prophet from long ago who's come back to life?" Jesus wanted them to say it. He wanted them to mentally process it. He wanted them to verbalize it. But then He asks the question to which He truly wants an answer. "What about you? Who do you say that I am?" Of course it's Peter who responds with the belief of those who are closest to Him: "You are the Christ of God." "You are the Messiah." "You are God, in humanity, who's come to redeem the world!"

You see what Jesus truly wants an answer to is personal. "What about you? Who do you say that I am?" I think we're tempted to think that this is a verbal acknowledgement. And although included, I think it's much deeper than that. Who we believe Jesus to be is profoundly revealed in our fidelity to Him. In our commitment to the cause of our Savior. In our beliefs. In our faith. In our priorities: How do I spend my time, my energy, my money, my life? Am I faithful in every way? To my Lord? To my spouse? To my family? Am I kind to my children? Do I cultivate faith in them? Am I a trustworthy friend? When others look to me are they convinced that I believe Jesus to be the "Christ of God"?

It is for this reason that Jesus calls for His disciples then and now to deny ourselves. To die to ourselves and take up our crosses of sacrifice daily. Then and only then will we be capable of fully following Him. Fully following.

To be a disciple of Jesus is to fully belong to Him and to be fully committed to Him. Half-hearted Christianity is not Christianity. Is it possible to be a Christian, but not a disciple? Who do you say Jesus is? Does your life confess what your lips acknowledge?

Glory to God!

Jason

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24 HOURS OF PRAYER

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YOUTH GROUP 101

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West Erwin Family Bible Fair
July 30 – August 1
Mon. – Tues. – Wed. nights

Being Considerate

A man was riding a mule and his wife was walking a few feet behind. Someone pointed

toward the man's wife and asked him, "Why ain't she ridin'?" The man on the mule replied, "She ain't got no mule."

Too often husbands and wives are clueless about how they treat each other. The Scriptures tell us, "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Paul goes on to say, "Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord....and husbands love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...." Therefore, I'm thinking many marriage problems could be eliminated if both husbands and wives were more thoughtful of each other.

Escritos de Israel

Entendiendo nuestra identidad (Hech. 11:26)
En una ocasión un águila fue capturada muy pequeña y criada en una granja de gallinas. El águila creció creyendo que ella era una gallina, hasta que un día se acercó a un lago de agua y miro su silueta en el agua y se dio cuenta que era diferente, desde ese día estaba inquieta por su identidad, estaba confundida. Un día esta águila confundida miro hacia arriba y miro unas aves muy parecidas a ella que volaban muy alto, fue cuando ella conoció que estaba equivocada por mucho tiempo que ella no era gallina sino que era un águila. Nuestro padre celestial nos ha dado una nueva Identidad, ahora somos "CRISTIANOS" pero tristemente muchos

Seguimos viviendo y actuando como el mundo por que no hemos entendido nuestra nueva identidad. Somos sus hijos por que Dios nos ha escogido para que seamos Santos y sin mancha (Efe. 1:1-5). Además nos colma de ricas bendiciones y nos llama hijos suyos. ¿Usted ha encontrado esta nueva identidad? ¿Vive conforme a su nueva identidad? Dios tiene una gran herencia para todos aquellos que han entendido y viven conforme a su nueva identidad (Efe. 1:13-13). Si tú no has alcanzado a ver esta nueva identidad en Cristo, te invito a que mires hacia arriba, le preguntes a Dios ¿Quien soy y que quieres que haga? Y te revelara su voluntad a través de su palabra. Dios te bendiga.

Mark Your Calendars!

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All-Church Fellowship

Sunday evening, May 6, joins us at the Family Life Center after p.m. services for an all-church fellowship. Bring sandwiches, chips & desserts.

Young At Heart

All seniors 55+! Join us Thursday, May 10 for our Young At Heart meeting! We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center for a potluck supper.

Thank You!

Thanks to all who participated in the laundry detergent drive for Arms of Hope Children's Homes. You donated 35 containers of detergent and 17 boxes of fabric softener sheets. Great job!

I just want to say thank you to the West Erwin Church of Christ for allowing us to have our Summer Food Training at your facility. We had over 120 attendees all dedicate to feeding hungry children (all volunteers!). I appreciate your partnership! God bless,

Brandi Lamberth

Child Hunger Programs
East Texas Food Bank

Rejoice!

We celebrate with **Jose Chavez** who was baptized May 2! Jose's address is 1607 N. Confederate, Tyler, 75702 and phone #: 903-258-0156. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!



With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Wendell and family on the loss of **Anita Potter**. Services were Thursday at Stewart Funeral Home. Our love and prayers are with the family.

Upcoming Area Events

Rice Road Church of Christ: April 29-May 2- Speaker: Jerry King of Allen, Texas. See the flyers at the Visitor Center for more information. | Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville: Singing, Friday, May 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Whitehouse Church of Christ: May 6-9- Speaker: Dr. Jay Lockhart, Sunday: 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m., Monday-Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. | North Tenneha Church of Christ: Homecoming, May 6-9- For more info, call 903-593-6868.



Wed. Night Meal for May 9

Bruno's (Italian)

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Bible Class	424	434	384
Worship a.m.	645	659	632
Worship p.m.	349	336	536
Wed. p.m.	297	315	309
Contribution	\$22,083.44	\$36,441.03	\$26,234.56
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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 Richard Gregory James Gullion Bob Hackett
 Scott Hackett Sonny Hale Tom Hale
 David Hammond James Hardin

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Will Christian
 Scripture Barry Ciaschini
 Dismiss Tom Cook

GREETERS
 Arnold & Agnes Ables & Barrett Carter
 Terrence & Jeanie Ates & Tabitha Conder
 Ernest & Gail Bennett & Chandler Cook
 Visitor Center: Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
 Jay & Debbie Bynum

PICK UP CARDS 5/13
 Matthew Christian, Clay Mitcham, Keaton Conder,
 Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner

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 Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Searching For Who We Are

We place a lot of emphasis on appearances as a culture and society. In many ways, regardless of era, this has always been the case. Some of it stems from our own narcissism. Some of it from our own feelings of inadequacy. Perhaps it can be attributed to the influence of evil in the world. But in large degree it comes from a desire to be accepted. To be loved. And to be thought well of.

If we are not careful we can easily get caught up in the web of people pleasing. Saying and doing things primarily for the purpose of pleasing other people. Why? So that we ourselves can be affirmed. Validated. Looking a certain way. Dressing a certain way. Wearing the right clothes. Weighing the right weight. Being associated with the right people. Driving the right car. Living in the right neighborhood. We're only fooling ourselves if we think that this sort of thing ends after high school. How many are so very caught up in pleasing others that they lose their sense of self? None of us are immune to the pressures. But what we do with them is what's important.

Some are masters of disguise and at keeping up appearances. Somehow life behind closed doors can be accepted as a shambles, as long as no one on the outside knows. As long as it appears to others that we have it all together, somehow we can con ourselves into believing that our created fantasy is our reality, even though our true reality is nothing like it should be. When you really think about it, what kind of sense does that make? That those who are closest to me, those to whom I am most responsible, the family that I have a God-ordained connection to – can be falling apart and disintegrating, but, as long as those who I do not know well, those I am not responsible to, those who in many ways are relative strangers – somehow what they think of me is more important than those who are closest?

And in the process of it all, not only do we lose those with whom we are closest, we lose ourselves. A lostness of identity. A lostness of our sense of self. When this is the case, how can we possibly think that we are emotionally or spiritually healthy people?

Satan preys upon our sense of inadequacy. Upon our desire to be accepted. To be loved. To be thought well of. When we begin to seek these affirmations outside of Christ, Satan is there waiting to trap us. To trap us in the web of people pleasing. Ultimately, his goal is to trap us into finding our worth and value outside of Christ.

In the familiar passage of Romans 12 the Apostle calls for our "offering ourselves as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God." Most often our emphasis is upon the call to discipleship and fidelity in our journey of faith. But there is a profound and innate need that is met when living a life of faithfulness before the Father. We are pleasing to Him. Pleasing to God. People pleasing only leads to frustration and a false sense of self. Seeing ourselves through the eyes of God and seeking to please Him in every aspect of life is the only true way to have peace and confidence within. Only in Him do we find our sense of self and sense of value. Everything else pales in comparison and leaves us searching for who we are.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS!

Thanks to these men who served very early in the morning for the annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast last Thursday: James Sublette, Charles Rachui, Mike Watts, Mark Frick, Wayne Berryman, Jim Boyd, Marcus Turner, Jonathan Stone, Randy Turner, Morris Hallman, Joey Marse, Tom Cook & Clyde Jones.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER

Thank you for your dedication and faith through our 24 hours of prayer.

2 Chron. 7:14 "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Thanks to all of those who helped prepare the Breakfast Saturday morning: Mike Harris, Lisa Snell, Cody Mitcham, Cheli Mendoza, Jim Boyd & others who jumped in! Y'all did a great job!

YOUTH GROUP 101

Wednesday night, May 23 & 30, will be a special class for all 5th Grade students and parents. The class is called Youth Group 101. Plan to come!

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West Erwin Family Bible Fair July 30 – August 1

This summer, families at West Erwin are going to take part in its first Family Bible Fair. "That sounds exciting!" you say, "but what is a Family Bible Fair?"

Our Family Bible Fair is 3 spectacular evenings that look just like an ordinary fair, except that 1) it takes place right here at our church facility; 2) you are the exhibitors; and 3) the exhibits all pertain to Bible things. In a few weeks we will have a Family Bible Fair table in the foyer for you to visit and sign up for your exhibit.

Answering Folly

A preacher called the Health Department and said he had found a dead mule on his property and that he felt the Department would want to get the carcass and dispose of it. A "smart alec" answered the phone at the Department. He said to the preacher, "You're a preacher ain't ya? Don't you bury the dead?" The preacher replied, "Yes, I am a preacher and I help bury the dead, but I always try to notify the next of kin first."

"Answer a fool according to his folly, or he will be wise in his own eyes."

Prov. 26:5

Escritos de Israel

No te quejes cuando las cosas no van bien (2 Cor. 12:9-10)

El señor Thomas Alba Edison, el inventor del bombillo eléctrico le tenía miedo a la oscuridad. Pero su debilidad se convirtió en su fortaleza por que intento una y otra vez de crear luz hasta que lo logro. El apóstol Pablo no se dio por vencido por causa de sus sufrimientos y padecimientos, aun cuando el tenía un agujón en la carne que lo abofeteaba el no se dio por vencido. Lo único que hizo fue poner su debilidad en las manos de Dios en oración y Dios fue el que lo hizo fuerte para resistir. Ahora dice la palabra que se gozaba cuando las cosas no iban bien, cuando era afrentado, cuando

tenia necesidades, cuando era perseguido, cuando estaba angustiado.

Por que sobre cada una de esas cosas Dios lo hacia fuerte...

Nosotros tampoco debemos detenernos ante nuestras debilidades, lo único que debemos hacer es: Presentárselas a nuestro Dios en oración el puede convertir nuestras luchas y nuestros problemas en un canal que fluya creatividad y nos de la fortaleza para que en medio del sufrimiento, el dolor y los problemas puedas ser de bendición para muchas personas. (Stg. 1:2-5). En la vida hay personas que se caen en sus problemas y necesidades, pero hay otras que se fortalecen en ellas ¿Cuál quieres ser tú? Dios te bendiga.

Baccalaureate Service



not attend the Baccalaureate Service.

Join us for the annual Baccalaureate service! It will be held at Glenwood Church of Christ on Sunday night, May 20 at 5:00 p.m. Our regular Sunday evening worship service will be at our building at 5:00 p.m. for those who do

Family Bible Fair

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Rejoice!

We rejoice with **Salley Yarborough** who was baptized this week! Salley is the sister of Cassandra Estes. Her address is 14412 CR 1113, Tyler, TX 75703. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Salley!

A Mother's Day Prayer

Not just today on this Mother's Day
But with each remembrance of the love she's expressed
My thankfulness to the Lord I've professed
For my life began In a warm and safe place
Then grew more secure in Mom's tender embrace
When I was little She taught me to crawl
Then to walk and run, and get up when I fall
Nurtured and cared for She raised me to stand
Lifted, supported, by her loving hand
She believed in me Inspired me to dream
Nothing was impossible for me, it seemed
It was her example That pointed the way
To the life in Christ I know today
My mom, I love her On this Mother's Day
She's the reason I'm taking this moment to pray
My mom, I love her Let her know, dear Lord
Please bless her with the most abundant reward
--Mary Fairchild

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Wed. Night Meal for May 16

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Mexican Food

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New Baby

Congratulations to Trey & Sara Laminack on the birth of their daughter, **Alice Dandelion**. She was 8 pounds & 20 inches long. Daniel & Carol Morgan are the proud grandparents.

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Bible Class	454	424	261
Worship a.m.	707	645	578
Worship p.m.	346	349	210
Wed. p.m.	287	297	NC
Contribution	\$23,682.94	\$22,083.44	\$19,733.38
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 Wyatt Gruver Drew Harris Mike Harris Matt Haws
 Gary Heath Gary Heath, Jr. Jim Holleman Tim Holt

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY
 Prayer Don Crowder
 Scripture Frank Debenport
 Dismiss Clinton Culpepper

GREETERS
 Jimmy & Sue Carty & Chelsea Dingler
 Gene & Gwen Chandler & Chloe Dingler
 Milburn & Jan Cook & Cody Frick
 Visitor Center: Melvin & Nina Crow
 Don & Mary Jo Crowder

PICK UP CARDS 5/20-5/27
 Toby Marse, Evan Kingsbury, Braden Lockhart, Corey Prestidge, Caleb Heath

SOUND BOOTH for 5/20-5/27
 Terry Frick/Mark Frick

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:
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News & Notes

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Thank You

During a time like this, we realize how much our friends & relatives really mean to us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered. We are so blessed to have such love and support from our church family.

Wendell Potter

Dear West Erwin family, My heart was so warmed with love when I received all the prayers, beautiful cards, phone calls and visits from my brothers & sisters in Christ there. You will always be my church family and I miss you. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and kind words. Much love from your sister in Christ,

Zena Wright

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Wednesday Night Meals will resume this fall. Thank you to all the people who helped cook, serve & clean on Wednesday nights!

Congrats!

Congratulations to **Kelsi Wicks** who graduated suma cum laude from Abilene Christian University! Kelsi received a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science.

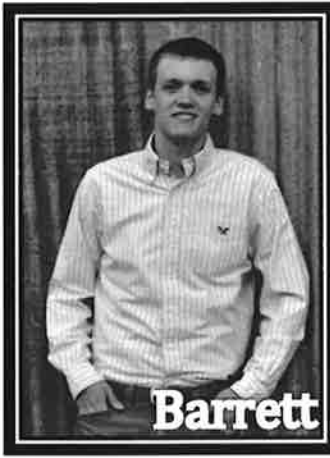
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Violeta Aragon is the daughter of Jaime & Nancy Aragon & a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. She has participated in Leadership Training for Christ with West Erwin's youth group. She says, "God has shaped me to be a better person and all that God wants to do will help me." Violeta plans on continuing her education and pursuing a career path.



Violeta

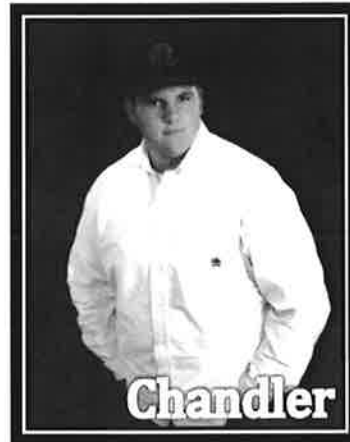
Barrett Carter is the son of Davy & Sonja Carter and graduate of Frankston High School where he is the Student Council President. He also is a part of Academic All-State baseball & basketball teams as well as 1st Team All District baseball pitcher. He has participated in LTC with West Erwin's youth group and has been a part of the mission trips to Nebraska & New Orleans. Barrett says, "Having been



Barrett

raised in a Christian home and being a part of the West Erwin youth group, I have been taught to be a leader and to serve others. I plan to use the talents God has given me to teach others by example & influence." Barrett plans on attending TJC in the fall.

Chandler Cook is the son of Tommy & Donni Cook and a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. He was a 3-year member of Technology Student Association and won 1st, 2nd & 3rd places at the State Competition. He will be traveling to Nationals this summer for problem solving, Structural Engineering & Architectural Modeling. He is a two-year member of National Honor Society and National Technical Honor Society and will be graduating in the top 10%



Chandler

of his class, ranked number 17 of 223. He is a 10-year participant of LTC and has gone on mission trips to Nebraska, New Orleans & Joplin with West Erwin's youth group. Chandler says, "God has kept me from worldly things and people but has kept me close to Godly things and friends. It is a big part of where I am going to college." Chandler plans on attending Texas A&M University and majoring in Mechanical Engineering. He plans to be an active member in Aggies For Christ.

Kenzie Fedell is the daughter of Rick & Karen Fedell and the "baby sister" of 4 "always adoring" but most definitely "over protective" brothers! She is a 3-year graduate of Whitehouse High School and played for the Ladycat Golf Team & was a member of Business Professionals of America. She enjoyed volunteering at the Humane Society and



Kenzie

participating in Leadership Training for Christ. God has given her a confidence by His promise that "He has a plan for her life," (Jeremiah 29:11). He has shaped her life by blessing her with a loving, Christian family and many wonderful friends. God has taught her that being a good friend is an accomplishment to be most proud of. Kenzie will be moving to Austin in the fall and attending ACC.

Kaitlyn Gravois is the daughter of Mike & Nora Gravois and a graduate of East Texas Christian Academy where she was the National Honor Society President. Kaitlyn was also the Valedictorian of the Class of 2012 and played volleyball for six years. Kaitlyn has participated in LTC for nine years and won the LTC Scholarship. She has traveled to Nebraska with the West Erwin youth group and has been a counselor at the ZEW retreat for two years. Kaitlyn says, "When [uncle] Jim committed suicide, I was a complete wreck.



Kaitlyn

However, it was in that time that I realized who my true comforter and protector is. God helped me even though I felt broken inside. Since then I have been able to use Jim's suicide to comfort others that are dealing with the same situation. God has shaped me to be an encouragement to all people, and a leader that those younger than me can look up to. Next year, I will attend Lubbock Christian University and will major in Elementary Education & minor in Psychology. Go Chaps!"

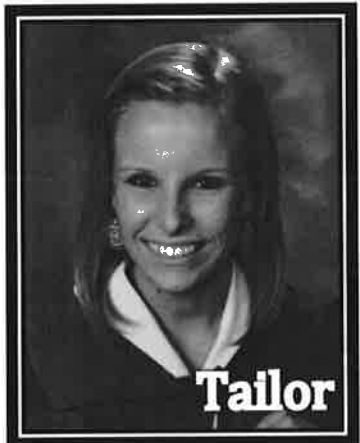
Miriam Guzman is the daughter of Carlos & Erika Guzman and a graduate of Winona High School. She has participated in Angels At Work, which is a fundraising program that assists those in need. She has also been a classroom volunteer for the 2nd grade at Winona ISD. Miriam has helped with children's Bible classes at West Erwin.



Miriam

Miriam says she is thankful to God for her family and that they always attend church together. After she graduates, she plans to start working and possibly pursue a college degree.

Taylor Jackson is the daughter of Terry & Donella Jackson and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. For the past three years, Taylor has been involved in Theatre and FCCLA. This year, she did teacher training in the "Ready, Set, Teach" program. Taylor participated in LTC for the past five years and participated in the leadership challenge for the last two years to better her leadership skills. She has traveled to Nebraska & other places for mission trips with the West Erwin youth group. Taylor has also participated in the Karing



Taylor

Kitchen some over the past few years. Taylor says, "God has really blessed me with some amazing people in my life. I can see very clearly the path God has drawn and is still drawing for me. He has put people in my life that I will never forget & who have brought me closer to Him. He shines his light on me every day. I am truly blessed!" Taylor plans on attending TJC and is considering pursuing a career in Education.

CLASS OF



Alexa Faraimo is the daughter of Steve & Julie Faraimo and a graduate of Arp High School where she was named Valedictorian of the Class of 2012. Alexa was the 2011 Volleyball MVP and was named Miss AHS. She has participated in LTC with West Erwin's youth group and has also been a part of "Tabitha Class" for four years and has attended Petti John church camp for two years.



Alexa

Alexa says, " God has shaped me into a young lady who knows right from wrong and strives to do what is right. He has given me someone on whom I can always lean on and know that He is always there for me." She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the fall and major in Biomedical Sciences.

Chase Mink is the son of Lee & Camille Mink and a graduate of Chapel Hill High School where he has played football for two years. He was on the baseball team for four years where he played on the Junior Varsity for two years and Varsity for two years. He has gone backpacking with West Erwin's youth group and attended Camp Blue Haven. He has participated in LTC for nine



Chase

years and has led a puppet group for two years. Chase says, "God has shaped me to stand up for myself and Him and to believe I want to be in Heaven one day and to have led others there also. I want to grow in Christ & be a good father." Next year he plans to work for his father in the plumbing business.

Calley Waggoner is the daughter of Mark & Martha Waggoner and a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She was named to Choir State Solo & Ensemble in 2010 & 2011, All Region for three years and a member of the Whitehouse Choir for five years. She was involved in UIL Spelling and was named Tops in Texas winner, Region in 2011, Area in 2012 and a member of the Whitehouse UIL team for two years. Calley also participated in Ready, Set, Teach from 2010-2011 and was an FCCLA Officer from



Calley

2010-2011. She has enjoyed teaching Children's Worship at West Erwin and helping in the nursery. She has participated in LTC as well as the Nebraska Mission Trip and Middle School Madness. Calley says, "God has given me a loving family to teach me what He wants for me. " Next year, she plans to attend the Honor program at Stephen F. Austin and major in Physics.

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Records	Sun.- May 20	Sun.- May 13	Year Ago
Bible Class	461	454	395
Worship a.m.	687	707	603
Worship p.m.	312	346	416
Wed. p.m.	NC	287	275
Contribution	\$24,469.89	\$23,682.94	\$25,295.76
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital: Dan Cullinan | Janice Hardaway, room 447 | Vaughn Lowery, MICU. Father of Becky Murphey | **Becky McRuiz**, rm. 484 | **Velvet Potter**, Wendell's daughter-in-law, ICU **Park Place Nursing Center: James Phillips** | **Winona Shankle** | **Clairmont: Bettye Sue Harris**, room 110 | **Providence Park: Peggy Garner**, rm. 481 | **Updates: Trevor Calvin**, grandson of Cathy Stowers, hospitalized with emotional problems. | **Jeri Handy**, daughter of Ruth Moore, suffered a fall and is having severe neck pain. | **Brealyn Lindsey**, 6 year old daughter of Clifton and Cristy, has a cyst and will be going to a specialist in Dallas. | **Randy Morgan**, son of Billie and Freeman, underwent surgery for an aortic aneurysm in Oregon. | **Rick Parker**, son-in-law of Carlos & Emma Morgan, will have surgery June 7. | **West Erwin Family: Mark Bailey** | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Jim Cox | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | **Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard** | 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: Cody Chandler**, son of Keith & Shirley | **Gene and Sue Ealey**, brother-in-law and sister of Carol Armstrong | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Shirley McCurley**, sister of Rita Sifton | **Frances Richardson**, mother of Michael Murphy | **Wayne Rowland**, son of Art and Jo | **Zena Wright**

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Gary Heath Gary Heath, Jr. Jim Holleman Tim Holt

5:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Ernie Gordon
Scripture Cody Frick
Dismiss Bob Hackett

GREETERS

Harold & Shirley Denman & Emily DuPree
Ken & Cathy Culpepper & Jessica DuPree
Howard & Linda Dickson & Kayla Gallegly
Visitor Center: Roy Fraley & Jean Rutherford
Don & Norma Durham

PICK UP CARDS

Toby Marse, Evan Kingsbury, Braden Lockhart, Corey Prestidge, Caleb Heath

SOUND BOOTH for 5/27

Terry Frick/Mark Frick

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Ron Lott Bill Mullins Leon Welborn

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SUNDAY

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Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship Sept-May 5:00 P.M.
June-Aug 8:00 P.M.

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY

Benevolence Center - Clothing.....8:30 A.M. to
10:30 A.M.

WEDNESDAY

Benevolence Center - Food.....8:30 -10:30 A.M.
& 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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REEVES RHETORIC

The Whole Bible By Heart

15th century monastic, Thomas A Kempis, writes in his masterpiece *The Imitation of Christ*, "Indeed it is not learning that makes a person holy and just, but a virtuous life that makes one pleasing to God. I would rather feel contrition than to know how to define it. For what would it profit us to know the whole Bible by heart and then live without the grace and love of God? Vanities of vanities and all is vanity, except to love God and serve Him alone."

We are linear thinkers. A+B=C. We like reason. We like logic. Much of New Testament theology develops out of a hermeneutic, an interpretation, derived from reason. But the goal of Scripture is not mere knowledge or reason, rather, the goal is assimilation.

Jesus asks, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self?" (Luke 9:25). Derived out of the call to take up our cross and follow Him, the Messiah asks, "What good is anything that we can possibly gain if in the process we lose our very selves? What good is anything we could accomplish, if we fail as disciples?"

We are called to have a high view of God and His Word and a humble view of ourselves. However, if our understanding remains intellectual exercise and mental assent (that which is cognitive), rather than that which is relational and covenantal, we've missed the calling of Jesus.

Too often we approach the Kingdom like a math equation. Like a test we're trying to get an A on (or at least a passing grade), rather than the only way of life that is truly worth living.

Somehow I'm afraid we're tempted to believe that "right thinking" equals "right relationship." That somehow if my theology is "right" (as if any of us have the market cornered on God or have mastery of His Word) my relationship with Him is as it should be.

In 1 Corinthians 13 the Apostle Paul gives us such insight when sharing, "When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known" (vv11-12). Paul, in one sense, compels us to recognize that we are nearsighted this side of eternity. However he sternly refuses to allow us to shy away from the call to conviction the Gospel demands. Both are crucial.

Reflecting, imitating Christ, is our call.

What good is knowing about Jesus, but never knowing Jesus? What good is knowing all about His love and grace, but never truly experiencing them? What good is having an understanding of the Kingdom, but never fully living within it?

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

YOUTH GROUP 101

Wednesday night, May 30, will be a special class for all 5th Grade students and parents. The class is called Youth Group 101. Plan to come!

END OF SCHOOL BASH

Food, fun, fellowship for all of those in the youth group and their families. Paintball from 2:00-5:00, Games & Activities following. Supper at 6:00. Bring \$10 for paintball & Desserts. Supper will be provided. Please RSVP.

TEEN SERVICE PROJECT

We will have a few service projects lined up for Thursday, June 1. Details to come.

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Promote all 5th Grade Students to the Middle School & 8th Grade Students to the High School. Be in class on time!

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

All of those who are currently in grades 5-7 can go on the Mystery Trip. Please sign up by Wednesday, May 30. The cost is \$75. We will have an important meeting on Sunday, June 3 @ 5:15 for all those going on Middle School Mystery.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All teens going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet Sunday @ 4:00 to split up and begin working on classes. We will meet in the High School Classroom.

SUMMER TRIPS

Wednesday, May 30 is the deadline for signing up for Summer Trips!

Those students currently in the 8th-12th grade are eligible for BackCountry Trek, Nebraska Mission Trip & the New Orleans Mission Trip.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 28	End of School Bash @the Snell's
May 30	Youth Group 101
June 1	Teen Service Project
June 3	Promotion Sunday
June 3	Combined Devo
June 5-8	Middle School Mystery
June 10	High School Devo
June 11	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
June 16-22	BackCountry Trek
June 24	Middle School Devo
July 1	Combined Devo/Nebraska Prayer
July 5-14	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 8	Middle School Devo
July 21-27	New Orleans Mission Trip



The Sepulcher of a Living Man

A plantation owner had eighty mules. One was occasionally hard to find. Once, they found him hiding in a creek in a drainage ditch. They decided the mule was hiding to get out of work.

The Apostle Paul said some folks are like this mule so he wrote about it in (2 Thess 3:10): "If a man will not work, neither shall he eat."

And the next verse says, "We hear that some among you are idle. They are not busy; they are busybodies."

GOD placed Adam in the Garden of Eden to work it not to watch it grow. His work was not a form of punishment but a blessing and GOD intended for him to do it willingly, cheerfully, and effectively. GOD gave him permission to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Personally, I think work is the greatest thing in the world and I always want to make sure that I save some of it for tomorrow.

Escritos de Israel

Dios guarda los pies de sus santos 1 Sam. 2:7-9

Nuestro camino puede ser resbaladizo, pero el Señor guarda nuestro camino y afirma nuestros pies. Si nos entregamos a el con fe y obediencia como lo han hecho muchos cristianos (1 Corintios 11:1), el será nuestro custodio y guardián de nuestro camino, el cuidara nuestros pies de toda caída para que no manchemos nuestras vestiduras blancas que el nos ha dado. También el Señor guardara nuestros pies de la red, por lo tanto no seremos envueltos en los lazos de seducción que nos tiende el enemigo constantemente. Queriendo destruir nuestras almas, el Señor nos

cuidara para no caer en esa trampa (Judas 1:24). En las manos del Señor hay seguridad el nos llevara y guiara por las sendas de vida y nadie nos podrá hacer daño y arrebatarlos de su mano (Juan 10:28). La palabra de Dios dice: "el guarda los pies de sus santos, mas los impíos perecen en tinieblas" (1 Sam. 2:9). Cada uno de nosotros escogemos andar de la mano del Señor o perecer en las tinieblas del pecado, ¿Qué es lo que tu quieres escoger el día de hoy? Puedes andar en la luz si así lo deseas o puedes andar en el pecado. ¡ESCOJE LO MEJOR! Dios te bendiga.



Summer Speaker Series 2012

Join us on Wednesday nights this summer!

- June 6 – Mark Edge, Shiloh Road Church of Christ
- June 12 – Grady King, Mansfield Church of Christ
- June 20 – Wes Crawford, Glenwood Church of Christ
- June 27 – Jim Martin, Crestview Church of Christ
- July 4 – Independence Day Service
- July 11 – Keith Hodges, Eastern Hills Church of Christ
- July 18 – Shane Alexander, Northcrest Church of Christ
- July 25 – Mike Armour, Strategic Leadership Dev./EEM
- August 1 – VBS/Bible Fair
- August 8 – Shannon Jackson, Van Alstyne Church of Christ
- August 15 – Paul Faulkner, Abilene Christian University
- August 22 – Doug Page, Kaufman Church of Christ
- August 29 – End of Summer Celebration

Family Bible Fair

Mark your calendars for July 30-Aug. 1! In lieu of a traditional Vacation Bible School, West Erwin will be having a Family Bible Fair.

Thank You

Thank you for your generosity! Your volunteers from the Benevolent Center sent us six boxes of bandages and three boxes of diaper shirts. It is because of good people like you that we are able to reach so many of the lost and needy of Tanzania. We want you to know that your shipment is deeply appreciated and will be put to good use on behalf of the work that is being done at Chimala Mission, Hospital and School.

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards, calls and thoughtfulness during Bob's bout with pneumonia. We are blessed to have our Christian friends.

Bob & Betty Bray

My family and I wish to thank all who assisted in my care and recuperation after my surgery. I have so many loving and helpful friends! I'm thankful for the many visits in the hospital, rehab and home. Thank you for food, flowers, gifts, hugs, phone calls and especially the many prayers submitted on my behalf. We pray God's blessings on all. In Christian love,

Betty Holt

Thank you for the prayers, cards and calls at the loss of our daughter and sister, Nancy Chandler. We appreciate every one of you.

Wanda Cook, Tom Cook, Judy Mitcham & families

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, May 28! We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Involvement Forms

If you are interested in finding ways to serve, now is your chance! Involvement forms will be passed out this week. Every adult in each household should fill one out as well as children who are old enough that might want to help with Children's Worship or Karing Kitchen, for example. Ministry leaders will use these forms to know who would be interested in helping in the ministry they oversee. These forms are not saying you will commit to anything, but just a way we can keep track of who would be willing to help in different areas. An important thing to note for all men is that we will be using these forms to select who will serve in worship service each week (lead prayers, read scripture, etc.). If you do not fill out a form, you will not be on the list of men to serve. Please take the time to fill them out & return to the church office by mailing (420 West Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702) or dropping off in the Main Foyer (look for the bin labeled 'Involvement Forms'). We look forward to helping you become plugged in at West Erwin!

Congrats, Grad!

Congratulations to Kara Murry who graduated from Harding University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Science and Disorders. We are so proud of you, Kara!

Reminder! We are constantly updating the church directory online. If you are a new member, please email a recent photo of you and your family to lkelly@westerwin.org to use for our online database. The directory is password protected, but feel free to email or call the office to gain access. Visit www.westerwin.com.



Welcome Back!

Glen & Bobbie May: 5313 New Copeland Rd. Cottage 908, Tyler, TX 75703 | 903-534-1359

Office Closed

The church office will be closed Monday, May 28 for Memorial Day.

Baby Table Shower

There will be a table shower for Ruth Anne Morgan on Sunday, June 3. Please place your gifts on the table in the main foyer. Big sisters Nolie & Molly Anne are excited to say "it's a boy!"

Singing School

Mark your calendars for the 66th annual Singing School at Abilene Christian University July 15-20. There is a flyer in the rack in the foyer by the main entry doors.

Time Change

Beginning June 3, Sunday evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Bible Class	447	461	339
Worship a.m.	671	687	655
Worship p.m.	340	312	307
Wed. p.m.	312	NC	276
Contribution	\$23,743.17	\$24,469.89	\$25,295.74
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Chuck Gillam
Scripture	Randy Farrar
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Tom Hale

SERVING COMMUNION

Jeff Horton	Roger Howell	Jasper Huff	James Hughes
Greg Jones	J Jones	Kyler Whatley	Curt Jordan

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	David Hammond
Scripture	Mark Frick
Dismiss	Ralph Henderson

GREETERS

David & Wanda Frick & Kaitlyn Gravois
Mark & Melissa Frick & Sydney Hammond
James & Helen Gullion & Wyatt Gruver
Visitor Center: Riece Gibson
Bob & Pat Hackett

PICK UP CARDS for 6/3-6/10

Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart, Ross Harris, Corey Prestidge, Davis Carnathan

SOUND BOOTH for 6/3-6/10

Curt Jordan & John Shaw

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REEVES RHETORIC

The Message of the Cross

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

These words of the Apostle Paul encourage we who have faith. They affirm to us that no matter what others think or say or believe, no matter the lack of conviction or lack of faith of others, the reconciling message of the Cross of Christ is powerful to us, even if it isn't to them.

But most often in our conversations and in our emphasis, we place a little too much distance between verse 18 and verse 17.

"For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel – not with words of wisdom, lest the Cross be emptied of its power." – 1 Corinthians 1:17

Now don't think for a moment that the Apostle Paul is downplaying the role of baptism in one's response to the Gospel. Rather, I believe what the Apostle is emphatically seeking to convey is the overwhelming centrality of the message of Christ and the total reliance upon the power of God – that completely rests within the content of the message itself.

Paul strips away anything that we ourselves could add to the message by assuring that it is not with anything that we bring to the table that makes the message more influential. Not by any oratory prowess or skill, or by any honed, tactical argumentation – but rather the power lies within the message. "...not with words of wisdom, lest the Cross be emptied of its power." It is the shock of the story of the Cross. And the shock of the story of the God of the Cross that motivates and prompts response.

The Gospel has always been scandalous, because it is a message of grace. Grace is scandalous because it releases control. It relinquishes control to the only One who truly possesses it. The scandal of the Cross is that it is God Himself who "is both just and the One who justifies" (Romans 3:26).

Christ brings the Kingdom (Reign) and the Cross (Sacrifice) together, which no one can fathom. Therein lies the power of its message.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

PROMOTION SUNDAY

This Sunday, we will promote all 5th Grade Students to the Middle School & 8th Grade Students to the High School. Be in class on time!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in grades 6-12 are invited to the combined devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 9:00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

All of those who are currently in grades 5-7 can go on the Mystery Trip. The cost is \$75. We will have an important meeting on Sunday, June 3 @ 5:15 for all those going on Middle School Mystery.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

All of those signed up for our summer trek need to meet on Sunday, June 10 @ 5:30.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All teens going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet Sunday @ 5:00 to work on classes. We will meet to work on classes.

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1	Teen Service Project
June 3	Promotion Sunday
June 3	Combined Devo
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Fear of New Things

A man was driving his wagon pulled by two mules on his weekly trip to town. The trip took them over a bridge that was about 60 feet long. A new plank had been installed in the bridge and one of the mules stopped when he saw it. The other mule was willing to proceed but his team-mate held him back. The mule was so afraid of the new plank that he backed the wagon into a ditch.

Some new things may be worse than the old, but a new thing is not bad just because it's new. The new plank was much better than the old plank that

was old and needed replacing so the bridge could continue to be functional.

How often has one church member who is afraid of a new thing halted the progress of the church? If you don't want to use the new thing, don't keep others from using it and please don't back the wagon into the ditch!

Family Bible Fair

Sunday, June 10, there will be a Family Bible Fair table in the foyer after morning worship. This is where your family will sign up for your exhibit and where you can get information and assistance that you'll need to help you enjoy planning and implementing your family Bible exhibit.

Escritos de Israel

¿Qué tipo de fe espera Dios de ti? Deut. 31:8

Dios quiere que nosotros crezcamos en confianza y fe en el. La palabra de Dios nos recuerda que el esta con nosotros en cada momento, y que nosotros debemos estar en el confiados. La falta de fe es completamente desagradable a los ojos de Dios (Heb. 11:6). Cada uno debe tener fe en Dios así como el cree en cada uno de nosotros...El valor de un barco no se determina cuando navega fácilmente en el puerto, sino cuando navega sobre las olas de una tempestad. Así nuestra fe es vana si no nos puede llevar a través de las tempestades de la vida... Nuestras palabras que decimos deben ser consistentes y compatibles con nuestra fe, no podemos decir que tenemos fe solo de labios para fuera.

Sino que la fe estará presente en cada una de las acciones que hacemos, en cada palabra que decimos y en cada problema en el que estamos (Stg. 2:14-26). Expresar la fe por los labios es algo muy sencillo, pero vivir como hombres y mujeres de fe es mas difícil de lo que pensamos, por que esto nos lleva a que nuestras vidas sean gobernadas y dirigidas por el espíritu Santo de Dios, es en este punto cuando las cosas son difíciles por que hay una lucha grande entre el bien y el mal, el Espíritu nos guía a lo bueno pero la carne nos jala hacia lo malo. Y es en este momento preciso cuando demostramos a Dios el tipo de fe que verdaderamente tenemos. Recuerda que cualquiera que sea la situación en la vida, Dios esta contigo.



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Family Bible Fair

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Thank You

Dear brethren, What a blessing you have been to us as we struggle with physical problems and with the loss of Esther's sister. You have encouraged us with your phone calls, prayers, cards, flowers & food. We love you and appreciate you. Love,

Ira & Esther Wilson



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Louise Seaberry

Saturday, June 9
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West Erwin Family Life Center

Your presence is your gift to her.

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, May 28! We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Involvement Forms

If you are interested in finding ways to serve, now is your chance! Involvement forms will be passed out this week. Every adult in each household should fill one out as well as children who are old enough that might want to help with Children's Worship or Karing Kitchen, for example. Ministry leaders will use these forms to know who would be interested in helping in the ministry they oversee. These forms are not saying you will commit to anything, but just a way we can keep track of who would be willing to help in different areas. An important thing to note for all men is that we will be using these forms to select who will serve in worship service each week (lead prayers, read scripture, etc.). If you do not fill out a form, you will not be on the list of men to serve. Please take the time to fill them out & return to the church office by mailing (420 West Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702) or dropping off in the Main Foyer (look for the bin labeled 'Involvement Forms'). We look forward to helping you become plugged in at West Erwin!

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Young At Heart

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Baby Table Shower

There will be a table shower for Ruth Anne Morgan on Sunday, June 3. Please place your gifts on the table in the main foyer. Selections are at Babies R Us & Dillard's. Big sisters Nolie & Molly Anne are excited to say "it's a boy!"

Singing School

Mark your calendars for the 66th annual Singing School at Abilene Christian University July 15-20. There is a flyer in the rack in the foyer by the main entry doors.

Time Change

REMINDER! Sunday evening services now begin at 6:00 p.m.

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Records	Sun.- June 3	Sun.- May 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	425	447	364
Worship a.m.	691	671	634
Worship p.m.	352	340	364
Wed. p.m.	287	312	270
Contribution	\$22,562.31	\$23,743.17	\$23,990.30
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances Hospital: Janice Hardaway, room 447 | Velvet Potter, Wendell's daughter-in-law, ICU Park Place Nursing Center: James Phillips | Winona Shankle | Clairmont: Bettye Sue Harris, room 110 | Providence Park: Peggy Garner, rm. 214 B | Tommy Price | Becky McRuiz | Heights Rehab: Sheryl Turner, double knee replacement | Hospice of East Texas: Vaughn Lowery, room 304 | Marge Gordon, mother of Ernie, is hospitalized in California | Rehabilitation in Waco: Lois Smith, mother of Connie Sublette, car accident | Updates: Paul and Betty Boles, parents of Judy Hamm, are in need of prayers. Her father has dementia and her mother is his caregiver. | Dan Cullinan is now home. | Shirley Denman is home after shoulder surgery. | Jeri Handy, daughter of Ruth Moore, suffered a fall and is having severe neck pain. | Brealyn Lindsey, 6-year-old daughter of Clifton and Cristy, will have surgery July 10 at Children's in Dallas to remove a cyst. | Rick Parker, son-in-law of Carlos & Emma Morgan, will have surgery June 7. | Sherry Peek had neck surgery May 29. | Larry Renlee, friend of Betty Holt, has been diagnosed with liver cancer. | Mary Scarborough is home after thyroid surgery. | Jan Weeks is experiencing back pain. After an MRI, they are trying to control pain with medication. | West Erwin Family: Mark Bailey | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | 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: Cody Chandler, son of Keith & Shirley | Sara Laminack, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | Frances Richardson, mother of Michael Murphy | Wayne Rowland, son of Art and Jo | Darwin Schwertner, cousin of Scott Baker

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Scripture	Alan Fisher
Dismiss	Fred Wingate
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Greg Jones

SERVING COMMUNION

Jeff Horton	Roger Howell	Jasper Huff	James Hughes
Greg Jones	J Jones	Kyler Whatley	Curt Jordan

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Todd Kempton
Scripture	Mark Frick
Dismiss	Jamon Kirby

GREETERS

Tom & Beverly Hale & Molly Harris
Mike & Kristi Harris & Ryan Haws
Gary & Janis Heath & Megan Harris
Visitor Center: James & Sue Hughes
Louis & Jane Jones

PICK UP CARDS for 6/10

Toby Marse, Braden Lockhart, Ross Harris, Corey Prestidge, Davis Carnathan

SOUND BOOTH for 6/10

Curt Jordan & John Shaw

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Nursery a.m.: Kayla Gallegly | Nursery p.m.: Sharon Gordon | Toddlers a.m.: Helen Gullion | Toddlers p.m.: Kristi Harris | Children's Worship: Heath

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REEVES RHETORIC

Evidence of Our Commitment

To what degree are we committed to the Kingdom of God? For many the answer resonates quickly. Commitment is readily affirmed. But I'm talking specifically about what is revealed in our actions. Do our actions demonstrate a commitment to the Kingdom? Or, do they demonstrate something wholly different than perhaps we even feel within?

Christianity is, by design, relational. Our relationship with God. Our relationship with others. With His church. With the world. As in any relationship, what is within must be expressed in order for it to be truly valid. Too often in many personal relationships the goodness that is within is scarcely expressed. At least it isn't conveyed well enough. What I mean is this... sometimes a husband and father may in his heart love his family. He truly believes he loves them. And in his heart of hearts, he does. But somehow that love stays inside. He may within himself feel that he loves his family. And the family may witness glimpses of that love. But primarily what they experience is a dad who is tired all the time, complains a lot, never seems satisfied, and for the most part wants little to do with the interworking of the home and gives a sense that he just wants to be left alone.

As the old saying goes, "Actions speak louder than words."

The same can be said of faith. The evidence of our commitment to the Kingdom is revealed not by what is within, but rather by what is expressed through intentional action in our lives.

In Galatians 5:22 the Apostle Paul writes, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

Paul says to us, "This is what it looks like when the Spirit of God resides within you. Love is revealed. Joy is made evident. Peace soothes from within. Patience is a constant. Kindness is our natural response. Goodness is pursued. Faithfulness is what we are about. Gentleness is the norm. Self-control is a given." And if we think things through, as God orchestrates the design of Scripture, it is the Spirit Himself, guiding Paul's pen, saying to us, "This is what it looks like when I live within you."

Second Century Apologist, Irenaeus, writes: "The glory of God is man fully alive." I cannot help but think our being "fully alive" is conditioned by our relationship with God through Christ, an acute awareness of God, and by our commitment to the Kingdom.

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

THANKS

Thanks to all the teens who served last Friday at our workday.

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick, Randy Turner & Rachel Huff for helping with the devo this past Sunday.

Thanks to Vance Metcalf for teaching the Middle School these past 2 quarters.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen Monday night. Come join us as we serve the community!

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the High School group are invited to the devotional this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and

wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 9:00.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

As of this writing, 38 of us are on our journey! Follow along on Facebook.

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so mean and evil that they could not sleep unless they had done harm toward someone else (Proverbs 4:16).

Many of the worst deeds done to others are not accidents. They are skillfully and carefully planned out in order to hurt others. Solomon said, "Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way" (Prov 4:14-15).

Another mule owner put it this way: "Muels.....tha are like sum men, very corrupt at harte; ive known them to be good muels for 6 months, just tu git a good chance to kick sumbody."



On Purpose

The story is told that a man's mule kicked him and injured him severely. His neighbor said, "Your insurance policy should cover the cost of your accident." To which the mule's owner said, "It was no accident. That mule kicked me on purpose."

That mule may not have kicked his owner on purpose but some people do hurtful things to others on purpose. Solomon said some folks are

Escritos de Israel

Restableciendo nuestra relación con Dios (Jer. 29:11-14)

La gente vive muy afanada y preocupada por todo aquello que les deja un beneficio económico, de poder o de autoridad. Pero no esta preocupada por su relación con Dios. El buscar a Dios es un tema que muy poco se preguntan las familias aun que este debe ser el tema principal del hogar (Sal. 127:1-3). Por que Dios es el que debe ser el centro de nuestras vidas y el fundamento en el cual estamos firmes como familias y como cristianos. Desgraciadamente el hombre busca todo menos a Dios, aun así dice la palabra de Dios que el tiene "Pensamientos de paz para darnos lo que esperamos". Aun cuando el hombre es rebelde Dios busca un acercamiento con el hombre y Dios quiere tener una relación personal contigo...

Y el proceso para estrechar nuestra relación con el es fácil y sencillo, el hombre solo tiene que invocar a Dios, llamarlo y orarle y dice la palabra de Dios que el nos oirá... Después de haber invocado y orado a Dios, el segundo paso es buscarlo de todo corazón. Hay varias maneras de cómo buscar a Dios, a través de la naturaleza podemos conocer la grandeza de Dios, a través del universo porque los cielos cuentan la gloria de Dios, a través de su palabra ya que la palabra de Dios es verdad (Jn. 17:17). Cuando buscamos de esta manera a Dios, El será hallado por nosotros. Así como Dios buscaba una relación con su pueblo Israel, también quiere tener una relación personal contigo hoy en Día (Mt. 11:28-30; Apo. 3:20). Dios te bendiga y que tú deseo también sea el tener una relación personal con Dios.



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New Baby

James Owen Ables, was born June 4 to Chris and Jennie. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to grandparents Gary & Julie, great-grandparents Arnold & Agnes and to the entire Ables family!

Family Bible Fair

Mark your calendars for July 30-Aug. 1! In lieu of a traditional Vacation Bible School, West Erwin will be having a Family Bible Fair.

Desserts on Wednesday Night

Join us in the Family Life Center this Wednesday night, June 13, after services for a dessert fellowship. This week we will have a variety of ice cream bars.

Thank You

Dale & Dot White are happy to share their good news: their daughter, Laurie Osborne, went home from the hospital. The whole family is very grateful for all of the prayers of the brethren for them. Thank you!

Thanks to Danny, Jeremy and all the young people who helped put the FLC back together. After that, they came to my house and helped with some cleaning, picking up/grinding limbs and other good deeds. What a special blessing you are to West Erwin.

Louise Seaberry

Dear Danny & the West Erwin church, thank you so much for the Bible. It is beautiful!

Taylor Jackson

Welcome New Member!

Shirley McKellar

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With Sympathy

Services for Dr. James Cox were Friday at Candlelight Church of Christ in Houston. Our love & prayers are with the family.

Senior Game Day

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Baptism

Congratulations to Haley Metcalf who was baptized Sunday, June 3 by her dad. Haley is the daughter of Vance & Jamie Metcalf and is in 6th grade at Whitehouse. Her address is 19789 CR 2171, Whitehouse, TX 75791.



Young At Heart

Seniors 55+! Mark your calendars for game night on Thursday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center! Bring your favorite games!



Young Women's Leadership Camp

Lewisville Church of Christ invites young women to their Young Women's Leadership Camp July 8-13. Participants will spend time in the classroom learning the basics of how to be a leader among women in the Lord's church. See the brochure at the Information Center for more info.



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Bible Class	434	425	348
Worship a.m.	648	691	632
Worship p.m.	347	352	367
Wed. p.m.	NC	287	284
Contribution	\$28,584.28	\$22,562.31	\$24,698.65
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Clairmont: **Bettye Sue Harris**, room 110 | Hospice of East Texas: **Vaughn Lowery**, room 304 | **Mother Frances Hospital:** **Janice Hardaway**, room 447 | **Maxine Ray** | **ETMC Rehab:** **James Phillips** | **Providence Park:** **Peggy Garner**, rm. 214 B | **Becky McRuiz** | **Winona Shankle** | **Rehabilitation in Waco:** **Lois Smith**, mother of Connie Sublette | **Hospice in Forney:** **Helen Branch**, mother of Dorothy Watts | **Oklahoma:** **Bobbie Stone**, mother of Jonathan | **Updates:** **Joann Davis** is now home. | **Kalli Huff** is now home. | **Velma Lemons** is undergoing severe back pain. | **Brealynd Lindsey**, 6-year-old daughter of Clifton and Cristy, will have surgery July 10 at Children's in Dallas to remove a cyst. | **Velvet Potter**, Wendell's daughter-in-law, is now home. | **Tommy Price** is now home but is still undergoing lots of pain. | **Mary Scarborough** is home after thyroid surgery. | **Bill Sublette**, brother of James, had pre-cancerous spots removed. | **Sheryl Turner** is now home. | **West Erwin Family:** Mark Bailey | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Thelma Nolley | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Winona Shankle | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | Jan Weeks | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | 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:** **Paul and Betty Boles**, parents of Judy Hamm | **Cody Chandler**, son of Keith & Shirley | **Jeri Handy**, daughter of Ruth Moore | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Rick Parker**, son-in-law of Carlos & Emma Morgan | **Sherry Peek** | **Frances Richardson**, mother of Michael Murphy | **Darwin Schwerfner**, cousin of Scott Baker

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SERVING COMMUNION

Lee Kellenberger	Matt Kelly	Clifton Lindsey
Odie Kennedy	Dennis Kingsbury	Paul Lewis
Ron Lott		Tyler Lott

6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Pete Leung
Scripture	Drew Harris
Dismiss	Stan Mallory

GREETERS

James & Ann Hardin & Emilee Hearon
 Roger & Glenda Howell & Trey Jackson
 Greg & Debbie Jones & Tailor Jackson
 Visitor Center: Carroll & Cherrie Magee
 Melvin & Donna Maples

PICK UP CARDS for 6/17-6/24

Luke & Logan Metcalf, Ethan & Logan Stone, Luke Wallace

SOUND BOOTH for 6/17-6/24

Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

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REEVES RHETORIC

Effective Communication

The way information is processed and is passed on evolves over time. From word of mouth and letters carried by the Pony Express to the latest multi-media blurb found on the internet, the way information is effectively shared and received continues to develop day by day, year after year.

In the early days of newspapers, when newspapers were the primary method of delivering the news, when something big had occurred, the publisher would not only publish the usual daily paper, but would also publish an "Extra." The extra newspapers were sold on the street corners, often by newsboys, who had a stack of papers and would sell them to those who passed by. When an Extra was published, the newsboys would call out "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" to call attention to the fact that something big had happened, and an extra bit of pressing news had been published.

How do we go about sharing the Good News of Christ? How do we go about communicating Christ in a post-modern and, some would advocate, a post-Christian, culture? What is effective? What is not? What was once effective but no longer is? How do we adapt? It has been said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over believing a different outcome will be the result. The message of the Gospel remains the same. But how do we go about carrying out the mission of Christ in the contemporary world we find ourselves? Sound discussion has taken the place of fierce argumentation. However many today ask the question: "Is there really anything that's worth discussing?"

Christianity has always existed as a culture within a culture. Being a mission-minded people and effectively carrying out the mission of Christ entails both a striving after the Kingdom and an understanding of the environments in which we find ourselves a part.

The Apostle Paul affirms, "I have become all things to all mankind, so that by all means possible, I might save some." Same message. Differing methods. No one has all the answers. But I believe asking the questions is a step in the right direction.

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

THANKS

Middle School Mystery was a huge success! We had 35 from West Erwin to spend 4 days in Alvin, TX with a side trip to Galveston. Thanks to these adults who went with us: Kristi Harris, Mary Lockhart, Joanna Stamps, Caylee Reid & Jeremy Evans.

Thanks to Mark Frick & Kevin Sustaire for helping with the devo this past Sunday.

Thanks to all those who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. West Erwin will host again on Aug. 6.

BACKCOUNTRY TREK

This next week, 15 of us from West Erwin will be backpacking in New Mexico. Please pray for

our safety and health. We will return June 22.

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same spirit of greed and arrogance in the heart of people it is very sad. The mule wasn't as bad as some of the people I've seen. They seem to have raced past their conscience.

Paul describes these types of folks so well in Ephesians 4:18-19: "They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of GOD because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more." Here's a person who is bent on getting their own way. He does not care who he hurts to get it.

Beware! A greedy, arrogant person can do much more harm than a greedy, kicking mule.

pero el salvador estaba allí para ayudarla... Gran parte de nuestra vida la pasamos como esta mujer, mirando a los que nos acusan, mirando a los que nos condenan y hablan mal de nosotros y perdemos el tiempo, gastamos fuerzas y energías en algo que no vale la pena, por que ellos también llevan cargas como nosotros, cargas ocultas que solo sus conciencias los acusan...no gastes tus fuerzas en tus opositores, si has hecho mal reconócelo y mira a Jesus que es el que te puede dar el perdón, la salvación y la vida eterna, no permitas que los acusadores te roben tu salvador y te alejen de tu salvación... Recuerda, Dios es el que nos acusara y condenara si nosotros hacemos lo malo, pero el es el que también nos justifica y nos perdona. (Ro. 8:33-34) ¿Qué prefieres que te acuse y te condene Dios o que te acuse el hombre?



Greed in Action

A pile of hay was dropped in a pasture where there was a mule, a horse, and a cow. The mule took charge of all the hay. He had his ears laid back...a sure sign that he meant business. He displayed a wild kick toward the cow and then again toward the horse and that seemed to be a sufficient warning for his two pasture companions. The hay was hardly worth the risk of tangling with that old, greedy, overbearing mule.

We laugh at this scene, but when you see that

Escritos de Israel

No veas los que te condenan, sigue al que te salva. (Jn.8:1-11)

Después de una caída, quien sana las profundas heridas que quedan... Será el que te condena o aquel que te quiere ayudar... Después de la Caída quien queda? Si los que compartieron tus ideas o los que de una y mil maneras te quieren acusar...La mujer en escena estaba mirando a sus acusadores que la condenaban a muerte (V. 3-5). Ella estaba mas preocupada por lo que le podría hacer el hombre que por el castigo que su pecado traía consigo... la mujer no estaba mirando la solución a su problema sino trataba de huir de sus acusadores. Sin embargo aquel día aprendió a ver al salvador antes que a los acusadores (V. 7-11) Y descubrió que hay una razón poderosa para hacerlo; sus acusadores estaban iguales o peor que ella,



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Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness at the loss of my husband and Donna's father, Dr. Jim Cox. Your prayers, visits, food, calls and cards have been such a help and comfort. We also appreciate the beautiful floral arrangement. We know Dad has joined his Savior, leaving us a wonderful legacy to follow. In Christian love,

Mary Ruth Cox, Donna & Bill Mullins & family

Dear Brethren, Thank you for the beautiful china doll plant you sent following the death of my mother. We very much appreciate your thoughtfulness. Mother loved the West Erwin congregation. Dennis and I thank God every day that we have such a loving church family. In Christian love,

Reta Brand

Thank you so much for the beautiful planter for the funeral service of Ana Jones. That was so nice of you! Ana had a beautiful service. Respectfully,

Joseph & Henry McRuiz & Albert & William Response for Prayers

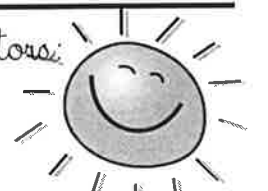
Last week we printed that Shirley McKellar had placed membership but we were misinformed. Shirley did come forward Sunday & asked for the congregation to pray for her for strength and courage. She asks for forgiveness of transgressions against God's will. She also asks that we pray for God to order her steps each day. Please continue to lift Shirley up in prayer!

With Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to Greg Anding on the loss of his mother, **Deloris Anding**. | **Marge Gordon**, mother of Ernie, passed away Tuesday. Services pending. Our love & prayers are with these families.

To our school age children, teachers, school staff & administrators:

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Worship p.m.	275	347	388
Wed. p.m.	NC	NC	291
Contribution	\$22,377.77	\$28,584.28	\$20,618.65
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: **Clairmont:** Betty Sue Harris, room 110 | **Janice Hardaway**, rm. 101 | **ETMC Rehab:** James Phillips | **Providence Park:** Becky McRuiz | **Winona Shankle** | **Rehabilitation in Waco:** Lois Smith, mother of Connie Sublette | **Hospice in Forney:** Helen Branch, mother of Dorothy Watts | **Hospice in Oklahoma:** Bobbie Stone, mother of Jonathan | **Priscilla Mayer** has been hospitalized in Corpus Christi. | **Updates:** Paul Boles, father of Judy Hamm, was moved into Briarcliff's Memory Care Unit. | **Gary Broome** will have knee replacements on both knees on July 5 at ETMC. | **Carolyn Ciaschini** will have surgery for an aneurysm & aortic valve replacement on July 5 at Baylor in Dallas. | **Tanya Gill & family**, co-worker of Cayla Ables, lost their 7-week-old baby. | **Velma Lemons** is undergoing severe back pain. | **Brealyn Lindsey**, 6-year-old daughter of Clifton and Cristy, will have surgery July 10 at Children's in Dallas to remove a cyst. | **Tommy Price** is now home but is still undergoing lots of pain. | **Bill Sublette**, brother of James, had pre-cancerous spots removed. | **Ray Vannoy** will have carotid surgery 7/11 at Scott-White in Temple. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Jan Weeks | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | 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:** **Cody Chandler**, son of Keith & Shirley | **Jeri Handy**, daughter of Ruth Moore | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan | **Frances Richardson**, mother of Michael Murphy

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Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Tony Adams
Scripture	Curt Jordan
Dismiss	Ron Lott
Presiding At The Lord's Table	James Sublette

SERVING COMMUNION

Lee Kellenberger	Matt Kelly	Clifton Lindsey
Odie Kennedy	Dennis Kingsbury	Paul Lewis
Ron Lott		Tyler Lott

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Scripture	Justin Parrish
Dismiss	Cody Mitcham

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REEVES RHETORIC

The Avenues of God

Anytime a Christian struggles with faithfulness to God, the avenues of God, readily available to the believer, are intrinsically granted in the covenant that Almighty God has given us in His Son Jesus.

Paul speaks of the Armor of God in Ephesians 6 by which we "take our stand against the devil's schemes" (v11). The belt of truth. The breastplate of righteousness. The shield of faith. The helmet of salvation. The Sword of the Spirit, God's Word (His spoken, written, and Divine Word). These implements are defensive in nature. Protective by design.

In Roman armor the belt is secured first. The breastplate, once in place, is then connected to the belt with leather straps. The helmet was often also, once in place, connected to the breastplate in a similar manner. There are two swords that were at the Roman soldier's disposal. One was long. An offensive weapon. The other was short. More easily maneuvered. In battle the shorter sword was often held in the soldier's off hand because it was utilized primarily as a defensive weapon. Paul's description here is of the shorter, defensive sword. It further depicts God's covenantal, protective nature and the avenues relationship with God though the Gospel of Jesus provide us as His disciples. But, do we devote ourselves to them?

What are the avenues God has given us to draw nearer to Him during times of temptation? To protect us during times of attack from Satan? In order that we might prove faithful to Him? I believe four primary avenues He has granted us are: *His Spirit, His Word, prayer, and each other.*

However, do we truly invest ourselves in these pivotal facets of our faith? How in tune are we with His Spirit that resides within us? Are we aware of the Spirit's direction, counsel, and the spiritual strength He provides? Do we read Scripture? Do we hide His Word in our hearts? How much time do we spend with God in His Word? And in prayer? Do we intentionally pray? Do we set aside intentional time to pray to our Father? Do we commune with Him every moment of life? Do we strengthen one another? Hold one another accountable? Do we have the relationship with committed disciples of Jesus as faithful participants in the Kingdom that covenant provides and faithfulness requires?

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness" (2 Peter 1:3)

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful. He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, He will provide a way out so that you can stand up under it" (1 Corinthians 10:13)

"Everything we need," Peter assures. "A way out," Paul affirms.

But do we pursue the avenues of God?

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THANKS

As you read this, we will be returning from New Mexico on our BackCountry Trek. Thanks to Ken Culpepper, Steve Denman, Laurie Kimball, Lisa Snell & Jeremy Evans for going as sponsors.

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those on the Middle School Group are invited to Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, June 26 from 1:00-4:00. Please wear tennis shoes.

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In the Bible class that I teach on Sunday morning, we had a small discussion regarding "watering and planting" and God's increase. I was reflecting on that discussion with Nancy and she shared some watering and planting that she has recently had opportunity to overhear from the teachers in the children's wing. If you take a walk through the children's area you might hear things like this:

- "Don't let the devil (puff) it out, I'm gonna let it shine!"
- "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach..."
- "My name is Nolie and I am 5 years old."
- "Would you like to feed the pig that God made?"
- ... a deep roar from a video about the life of Christ...
- "When you sin, you take steps away from God, into darkness. When you realize that you have sinned, jump back into the light...ask God to forgive you and make you strong to fight against the darkness."
- "Worshipping God means telling Him how great and

wonderful He is when we pray and when we sing, and telling Him how much we love him and how good He is to us."

- "red is the color of the blood that He shed..."
- "who wants to feed Hungry Hound today?"
- "we never, ever, ever, never, ever, ever, ever, ever, ever, never, ever color on the tables!"
- "REUBEN, SIMEON, LEVI, JUDAH..."
- "...and it was like a circle. The people obeyed God and He blessed them. But, they gradually stopped obeying God and they'd get in trouble. They would beg God for forgiveness and ask Him to help, and He always helped them out and they would start obeying again...and the circle continued."
- "Don't shoot me!" (child's first impression when Sharon Beaver brought out the bow and arrow in demonstration of David and Jonathan's signal)
- "...and God please help Logan and Ethan's grandmother who is very sick."

Escritos de Israel

¿Como convertir las perdidas en ganancias? (Ro. 5:15)

Cada uno de nosotros debemos estar preparados para las perdidas y aprender de Dios, por que en su grandeza inigualable el ha perdido mucho mas que nosotros... el perdió a uno de sus querubines mas precioso llamado angel de luz (Lucifer) y juntamente con el perdió como un cuarto de todos sus ángeles, los cuales se revelaron y fueron expulsados del cielo... después cuando hizo la creación perfecta, Adán y Eva le desobedecieron y se separaron de el... Cuando parecía que todo iba bien, la maldad del hombre se elevo hasta el cielo y perdió a todos los hombres excepto a ocho personas las cuales se salvaron en la barca de Noe... Pero fijese como Dios convierte las perdidas en ganancias, cuando aparentemente todo estaba perdido, envió a su hijo y también lo mataron. Pero todas esas pérdidas no se pueden comparar con lo que gano, La escritura citada nos dice que a través de la perdida abundo mucho mas la gracia de Dios para con los hombres, de algo

aparentemente malo vino algo maravillosamente bueno (Ro. 5:15). En nuestras vidas tenemos perdidas y ganancias depende como las miremos, pero nuestras perdidas de verdad pueden ser ganancias ¿Cómo puede ser esto? (Fil. 3:7-10). Mientras Pablo no perdía nada, no sentía la mínima necesidad de buscar a Dios, pero cuando lo ha perdido todo es cuando mira esa perdida como ganancia por que vino a conocer a Cristo, ahora lo perdió todo pero lo gano todo por que gano a Cristo...Este mismo principio lo debemos aplicar a nuestras vida y pensar que mientras todo lo teníamos, no sentíamos necesidad de buscar de Dios, pero cuando nos sentimos tristes y que hemos perdido mucho, nos acercamos a Dios buscando de sus consuelo y de su ayuda, y cuando el hombre se humilla delante de Dios, es cuando su perdida se esta convirtiendo en ganancia.



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A Final Note from Playschool

It is with great sadness that the time has come to close the doors to West Erwin Playschool. For many years, WEPS has provided a place for young children to know love and grow in Christ. We were truly blessed by a gifted staff, eager children, and a generous church congregation that all played an integral part in touching so many lives. Originally called "Friday School," a group of volunteers started this program in 1973. After evolving & growing over the years, "West Erwin Playschool" opened its doors in 1998 with high hopes and a vision to draw families closer to God by meeting the needs of the children. Plans were made, a curriculum was put in place, furniture was carefully arranged and of course prayers were said. None of these efforts went unnoticed. The classrooms were filled with laughter and love. Each child had an impact on the lives of their peers as well as their teachers. Teachers poured out their hearts to the children and their families to make a difference and save a soul. I, personally, was tremendously blessed to have the opportunity to serve as director of West Erwin Playschool for the past two years. I loved two of the foster children we served so much I asked Corey if we could adopt them! I saw lives changed in the course of a school year. One young man learned to temper his rage and aggression and become lovable to those around him all because his teacher believed in him. I watched another precious student begin to trust again as she had experienced such sadness in her home prior to her time with us. I was elated when one shy student who never had attended church went home and showed his parents how he had learned to pray before eating, because a teacher took the time to make this a priority in the classroom. And of course, there are many more stories. But the message is that West Erwin made it possible for so many children to know and love the Lord because of the sacrifices made to support a wonderful cause. We, as a Playschool staff, are all so thankful to say we were a part of something so significant. As the economy has dictated, fewer and fewer families are in need of two-day-a-week childcare. More are in need of full time care; or, are choosing to simply keep their children home. Unfortunately, our enrollment numbers are reflecting this more and more each school year. And so the inevitable has come, a time to wish our teachers and families a fond farewell. With a tear in our eye we say good-bye to a work of the church that definitely will never be forgotten. Thank you to all who prayed for us, encouraged us and generously supported us. I know that God is preparing new things for us, and I am excited to see His next big thing for West Erwin Church of Christ.

Angie Coleman and West Erwin Playschool Staff

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Contact Info Update

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REEVES RHETORIC

The Story We Are Telling

Much has been said and continues to be said about the influence of the church in the world. It's not the need to reach out to the world that's at issue; we not only easily recognize the biblical principle but readily acknowledge the urgency of our mission as believers to share the message of Jesus. We know there are those who are spiritually lost and dying without Him. We look within ourselves and testify to the very real need we each have for the Gospel to be spoken into our lives as well.

The question therefore becomes: *How?* How do we share? How do we connect? How do we influence?

Because the question of many outside of Christ is: *Why?* Why is relationship with Christ important? Why should I seek to be faithful to Christ? Why concern myself with salvation when the odds are that eternity is decades away?

The answer is quickly found in the story of the Gospel. But the greatest need that we have in sharing Christ with others is helping them to see themselves in the story.

Maybe you've heard the name "Billy Sunday." Sunday was a circuit preacher during the late 1800's and early 1900's. He preached a "hell fire and brimstone" message. The sermon was not complete until Sunday had sweated and screamed himself into exhaustion. Thousands responded. One of the things Sunday preached was that the ideal life, and ideal end, was to be baptized and then to immediately walk out of the church doors and be hit by a truck!

What do you think? Is that the perfect life?

I believe Jesus was after more than that when He said "I have come that you may have life and have it abundantly," don't you?

What we quickly learn when we peer into the ministry of Jesus is that He walked right along side of people in their journey as he ministered to them. He was constant in who He was. And He helped others to see where they fit into what God was doing.

I think Jesus talked more than He preached. He lived in such a way that God was undeniable. Certainly the response to openness to God was left completely up to the individual. But I believe that so many in Jesus' ministry left a conversation with Him open to the Kingdom simply because they wanted to be a part of the story He was telling.

What I want to convey in all of this is that you have the ability to minister to people that I will never meet. That only you can minister to. God crafts us each to be who we are. Our task is to bring them into the story we are telling. To help them to see where they fit into what God is doing today.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS

Thanks to all who went on BackCountry Trek with us last week. We had a great time in the cool weather! We hiked over 22 miles and climbed over 6000'. God blessed us greatly on our journey! Thanks for all your prayers.

Thanks to Joey Marse for teaching last Wednesday.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the youth group and all of those going to Nebraska are invited to the devotional this Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 9:00. This will be a special time to pray for all of those going on the Nebraska Mission Trip.

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

All teens going on the Nebraska Mission Trip need to meet Sunday @ 4:30 to work on classes. Please make sure you are getting your service hours done.

Teens & Parents will need to meet in the High School Classroom @ 5:15 Sunday to go over details and turn in paperwork. Please be present for this meeting.

We need to collect about 50 Pint size paper cartons. ie...milk/Whipping Cream/Half & Half , etc. We also need 25 large metal vegetable cans. Please bring them by Sunday night.

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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Simplify

We have a one word sign in our sunroom.....Simplify. It's probably the most important word in our English language that we ignore. I had always thought by the time I reach 60 that the strains and the complexity of life would have dissipated. I had always thought that scratching out a living, meeting family and business obligations, and bolting from one appointment to another would have surely decreased.

I now know why simplicity is rooted in Scripture. GOD does not guide us into such a scrambled life, therefore, when I am frustrated and hassled it is the work of Satan. Simplicity is

GOD'S antidote for the massive problems in our world.

Something else I have learned is that all the quick fixes (such as Four Steps to Simplifying Your Life) will never reach deep enough. Life is complex. And Jesus often told us the simplicity of life is hidden so that only faith can find it. "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." Also, "Give and it will be given to you."

Simplicity then is a grace that is given to us by GOD. But it's a grace like giving and we must learn to grow in it.

The world thirsts for this simplicity and GOD has called us to show them what it looks like and how to attain it.

Escritos de Israel

ES NECESARIO QUE USTED CREZCA

"Desead, como niños recién nacidos, la leche espiritual no adulterada, para que por ella crezcáis para salvación". **1 Ped. 2:2** ¿Alguna vez ha estado en una habitación llena de niños: bebés llorando, pequeños gritando por juguetes y empujándose y quejándose para salirse con la suya? Es algo que podría mantenerlo muy ocupado, ¿no es cierto? Cuando un grupo de niños espirituales se reúnen, sucede casi de la misma manera. Por supuesto, no hay nada malo en ser un niño espiritual. Todos comenzamos de esa forma. Cuando nacemos en el reino de Dios, somos parecidos a los niños recién nacidos. No somos muy fuertes ni estamos muy desarrollados. Tropezamos cuando tratamos de aprender a vivir en nuestro nuevo ambiente. Así es como todos empezamos. Pero Dios nunca quiso que

nos quedáramos de esa manera. Es por eso que en **1 Pedro 2:2 dice que debemos desear "como niños recién nacidos, la leche espiritual no adulterada"**. Cuando Cristo comenzó su ministerio, crecía cada día mas, la llave de su crecimiento radicaba en el tiempo que el pasaba hablando con su padre, pasaba horas, días, noches platicando con su padre y Dios le dio fortaleza para soportar la pesada cruz y todo el sufrimiento. Dios quiere que crezcamos, que nos alimentemos de su **Palabra** y que pasemos de la leche a la carne de la **Palabra** para que nos desarrollemos y llegemos a ser hijos maduros. Comience ahora a buscar el alimento que necesita en la **Palabra** y disfrute la recompensa de crecer en Cristo.



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Thank You

To West Erwin Church, There is no way to tell you how much your kindness, visits, calls & food was appreciated. It's very difficult when alone to supply the simplest needs. I still have weeks to go & will be happy when the pain is gone. God bless you,

Tommy Price

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, prayers & visits. Love,

The Vaughn Lowry Family

Thank you for all the cards, calls, visits and prayers while I was at Providence Park. I love my church family.

Peggy Garner

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Schedule for July 4

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Young Women's Leadership Camp

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Prayer Carlos Morgan
Scripture Gaylan Seagler
Dismiss Kenneth Muncy

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REEVES RHETORIC

Now I See

"Where would I be without Christ?"

If I were to pose the question, and have you ask it of yourself, what thoughts immediately come to mind?

(I'll wait a few moments for you to think and carry this through a bit).

"Where would I be without Christ?"

We all approach a question like this from differing perspectives. From varying backgrounds. Some were raised with a Christian worldview. Others come to Christ much later in life. But regardless of the journey, surely we've come to a maturity of faith that recognizes our reality in Jesus. And in our understanding of who we are in Christ, do we ever consider who we would be were it not for the Lord in our lives?

Without Christ we are lost. Lost. Lost to ourselves. Lost in ourselves. In our sin. In our own depravity. Perhaps a sober consideration of past failings brings us to an inkling of who we would be were it not for the Spirit of Christ. And I believe it can be extremely healthy to recognize who you and I would be without Him. The reality that without Him we would be morally ruined. Spiritually bankrupt. When we come to this conclusion, we in turn are better enabled to minister to those who are indeed outside of Christ.

The Apostle Paul opens our eyes to who we are outside of covenant with God when he writes, "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were..." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). However, praise God his pen continues, "But, you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (v11).

The wonderful question that comes out of Paul's message to these Christians is: "Who can be saved?" And the answer that wonderfully springs to life in verse 11 is: "Anybody!"

Do we see those who are outside of Christ for their lostness? Are we aware that they are who they are and do the things that they do and live the way that they live because they're lost? How else do we expect them to live? They're lost! Do we see them in and for and through their lostness?

If so, does it elicit compassion or disdain on our part? In our heart of hearts, are we filled with the loving kindness of God for them? Or is there a slight (or not so slight) hint of contempt?

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see.

Glory to God!
Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS

Thanks to Mark & Melissa Frick & Randy Turner for hosting the devo this past Sunday night. Thanks to all the teens & adults who have committed to pray for each person going to Nebraska on the mission trip!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 17 from 1:00-4:00. Please wear tennis shoes!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As you read this bulletin, 42 teens & adults from West

Erwin will be in West Point, Nebraska for our 22nd Nebraska Mission Trip. This is the largest group we have taken so far and we are excited to see what God has in store for us this week. Please keep us in your prayers this week as we have the opportunity to share the message of the Gospel with many children. Also pray for our safety & good health. We will return on Saturday, July 14.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

All of those signed up for the New Orleans Mission Trip need to meet at 5:00 on Sunday, July 15 in the High School Classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 5-14 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 8 Middle School Devo
July 15 New Orleans Mission Trip MTG
July 17 Goofy Game Day
July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip
Aug. 6 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Aug. 12 End of Summer Youth Night



Suit Drive

West Erwin Benevolence Center is once again participating with the Men's Warehouse National Suit Drive. All gently used suits or professional clothing is to be donated at the Men's Warehouse location at the mall. The store will be accepting your donations from June 27 through July 31. We pick it up and distribute it as best we can to help men who need professional clothing for jobs and job interviews. This is our fourth year to participate. For your donations to the Men's Warehouse the Benevolence Center will receive new ties to go with the suits. You can find more information at their website, www.nationallsuitdrive.com.

Thank you for your support and helping others. Also the Men's Warehouse will show their appreciation to you by offering you 50% off the regular price for all retail items except shoes and sale items already marked down.

Family Bible Fair Organizational Meeting Sunday, July 15 4:30 PM Small Auditorium

We will be scheduling and selecting rooms at this time. Please sign-up ahead of time at the table in the foyer for your family exhibit.

Escritos de Israel

El poder de un Libro

El cielo y la tierra pasarán, pero mis palabras no pasarán.
Marcos 13:31 Se estima que en el mundo se hablan más de 6.000 lenguas. Hasta 2007, la Biblia completa fue traducida a 430 idiomas, el Nuevo Testamento a 1.140, y algunas porciones de la Biblia a otras 860 lenguas. Esto quiere decir que se puede leer la Palabra de Dios en parte o en su totalidad en 2.430 idiomas. Si usted la puede leer en su propia lengua, es un privilegio que otros 3.500 etnias todavía no tienen. En muchas partes donde este Libro ha sido leído se han producido efectos extraordinarios. La Biblia nos da a conocer los pensamientos y el amor de Dios; penetra en nosotros, forma nuestro corazón y espíritu, nos muestra cómo vivir conforme a la voluntad divina. ¿Ha oído alguna vez a alguien que dijese: Yo era un bebedor, la vergüenza de mi familia y una plaga

para la sociedad, pero me puse a estudiar las matemáticas, la botánica o un libro de moral y desde ese momento cambié completamente?». Sin embargo podríamos hallar no una, ni diez, ni cien, sino miles de personas que le dirán: «Yo era un desdichado, vivía atormentado y sin esperanza hasta el día en que conocí el maravilloso poder de la Biblia. A través de él mi vida cambió, fui liberado de mis vicios, la paz entró en mi corazón y en mi hogar». Es un milagro que ese Libro hace diariamente. (1 **Ped. 1:22-23**) ¿Pensamos que los «progresos de la civilización» van a traer los mismos resultados? Aun si somos de aquellos a quienes se les llama «buena gente», todos somos pecadores ante Dios y necesitamos un Salvador. *La palabra del Señor permanece para siempre. 1 Pedro 1:25*



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Thank You

Thank you so very much for your concern about my condition. Finally, the nurse called and said "there was no further evidence of the disease." Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards & general concern. I thank God for answering your prayers. God bless you all,

Aubrey Morman

We thank you church family for the calls, cards & especially the beautiful plant which is very special to us. Your concern and words over the passing of my mom are appreciated. Love,

Ernie & Sharon Gordon

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A big "way to go!" to teacher **Tony Adams** and student **Chandler Cook** for making it to Nationals with the Technology Student Association.



Chandler was a member of the state drafting team and his team won the state championship. It was Tony's 10th

year to have a State Championship winning team! They then went on to the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee. Chandler was a national finalist in Architectural Model and Structural Engineering. Great job, Chandler! We also found to be "news worthy" that Tony has been teaching Drafting for 45 years. What an accomplishment! We are proud of both Chandler and Tony!

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Bible Class	385	440	377
Worship a.m.	602	636	632
Worship p.m.	290	355	341
Wed. p.m.	153	280	NC
Contribution	\$22,970.86	\$65,130.76	\$22,526.95
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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REEVES RHETORIC

Kingdom Potential

"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. 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. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.'" – Mark 10:13-15

Jesus saw value in people. I love that about Jesus. Even when everyone around Him was oblivious. Even when those closest to Him were blinded by their own nearsightedness. Jesus saw Kingdom potential in everyone.

"Anyone who will not receive the Kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." A child lives in the moment. A child throws caution to the wind. A child holds nothing back. A child loves with her whole heart.

Jesus calls for two actions in these words: 1) That we would come to Him as a child – trusting, loving, believing, willing. And 2) that we would see Kingdom potential in children.

At the time of this writing Danny and our youth group have been in West Point, Nebraska for almost a week. One of the primary reasons for their trip is to invest in the hearts and lives of hundreds of children in the community through a VBS they've been planning for weeks. Not only is God at work within them, drawing them closer to Him and to one another, but He is at work through them, revealing Christ to the children of West Point, Nebraska.

As well, we are anticipating and planning our Family Bible Fair, July 30-August 1 here at WE. A time as a church to bless the lives of children and see them grow in the Kingdom. This Sunday is a crucial day of planning. Don and Nancy will be tying together loose ends Sunday morning (please come by and see them at the information table in the foyer) and we will have an important meeting at 4:30 p.m. for all of those involved. I encourage each of you to not only come to the Family Bible Fair and bring your children or grandchildren (or anyone else's children for that matter) but to also consider how you might invest in the lives of the children who will be a part of this event.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS

Thanks to Randy Turner for teaching this past week as we are in Nebraska. Thanks to the Turners & Colemans for hosting the Middle School Devo this past Sunday night.

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School group are invited to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 17 from 1:00-4:00. Please wear tennis shoes!

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, 43 of us are in West Point, Nebraska working with the Maxwells & Leuberts in the VBS. We have had a really good turnout so far with 80 kids on Monday and 123 kids on Tuesday. This is the highest Tuesday attendance we have ever had! On Sunday, we worshipped together with several of our young men leading us in the worship. Sunday evening we had our annual teens

vs. adults Softball game. It has been a tough couple of years for the adult team but 2012 proved to be too much for the Teen team with a 15-5 win. On Monday our group split up in the 4 work crews and served the community by doing some much needed projects for the school district as well as helping an older couple remove 3 very large trees. Our teens & sponsors worked very hard and really let their light shine! Keep us in your prayers. We will return on Saturday, July 14.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

All of those signed up for the New Orleans Mission Trip need to meet at 5:00 on Sunday, July 15 in the High School Classroom.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 5-14 Nebraska Mission Trip
July 15 New Orleans Mission Trip MTG
July 17 Goofy Game Day
July 21-27 New Orleans Mission Trip
Aug. 6 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Aug. 12 End of Summer Youth Night

involved so let's set the bar high for the next time! See you Sunday.

Prayer Warriors

This is a group of Christians who want to pray for people outside the church. Most of the requests come from the work in the Benevolence Center. This is not a new group. Charles and Linda Westerfeld have been actively involved in this ministry for several years. If you would like to be included please contact them or myself at the church office. We will need an email address. The prayer requests are not sent out via the postal service. We also have cards that are especially designed for this ministry if you wish to use them to notify people that you have prayed for them.

La segunda decisión crucial es la sumisión total. Esto no significa acercarse a Dios de un modo poco sincero, y decirle: "Bueno, Señor, solo quiero darte gracias por esto ¡Todo está tan bien!". No, no lo está. Sea honesto y reconózcalo. "Esto es doloroso, y no me gusta. Pero elijo someterme a ti, porque eres fiel y compasivo. Estoy dispuesto a perseverar hasta que logres en mí lo que tú quieras. Elijo sacar de tu fuerza para todo lo que necesito". Si usted toma esta decisión y obedece, sus temores perderán su poder. Es posible que usted crea o no Romanos 8.28. Si lo cree, puede encomendarse al Señor, sabiendo que Él quiere lo mejor para usted, y por eso le cuidará, y no se apartará nunca de su lado. Si usted acepta estas verdades, no tendrá razones para sentirse ansioso. Dios te bendiga y nos vemos el domingo

Escritos de Israel

Las decisiones que llevan al contentamiento

Ro. 8:28-39.

Piense en alguna circunstancia de su vida que cambiaría si pudiera. ¿Se siente frustrado? ¿Preocupado? ¿Enojado? Para experimentar el verdadero contentamiento en medio de cualquier circunstancia --ya sea debido a un sufrimiento o a un anhelo no satisfecho--, debe aceptar que la situación fue permitida por Dios, aunque Él no la haya causado. En estas situaciones suelen orar, diciendo: "Señor, elijo aceptar esto como si viniera de ti. No importa lo que veo en este momento, elijo esperar en ti". Entonces puedo descansar en su omnipotencia y en el conocimiento de que soy un hijo del Dios viviente. En vez de sentirme como una víctima desamparada e impotente de mi circunstancia, sé que estoy cuidado y guiado por mi Padre soberano, pase lo que pase.



The Greatest Commands

SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES 2012

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July 18 – Shane Alexander, Northcrest Church of Christ

July 25 – Mike Armour, Strategic Leadership Dev./EEM

August 1 – VBS/Bible Fair

August 8 – Shannon Jackson, Van Alstyne Church of Christ

August 15 – Paul Faulkner, Abilene Christian University

August 22 – Doug Page, Kaufman Church of Christ

August 29 – End of Summer Celebration

Baptisms & New Members



Congratulations to Jaci Philpot who was baptized July 9 by her dad. Jaci is the daughter of Marc & Ginger Philpot and will be going into 5th grade in Lindale. Her address is 14724 CR 411, Tyler, 75706. We are so proud of you Jaci!

Patrick & Belinda Starkey would like to be a part of the West Erwin congregation. They have 2 children, Mason who is 13 and Isabel is 11. Isabel was baptized Sunday! She is going into the 6th grade this year. Their address is 1822 Old Oak, Tyler, 75703. We are proud of you, Isabel, and we welcome the Starkeys to the West Erwin family!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin members, Thank you so much for your prayers on my behalf during my recent surgery. You've been such a blessing and great comfort to me during my illness. I appreciate your love & concern more than you know. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I recuperate. In Christian love, Shirley McCurley

Thank you so very much for your prayers and cards while I was in the hospital. Please continue your prayers as I don't seem to be getting my strength back. I miss seeing all of my friends. Joann Davis

Thank you all so much for the calls, visits & prayers for Carolyn. We appreciate you! Barry & Carolyn Ciaschini

Dear West Erwin church, Thank you for the Bible and for being there for me over the years. You all have been such a big part of my life for the past nine years. Thanks & Gig 'Em! Chandler Cook

Dear West Erwin Church Family, We want to thank you all for your prayers, your calls, your visits and your concerns for me during my hospital stay with pneumonia and other health problems. God has heard your prayers and is answering! Please continue to pray for my healing. In Christian love, Archie Kennard

Benevolent Center

The Benevolent Center is in desperate need of clean summer clothing for men, women & children. They are also needing school uniforms. If you have any items you could donate, please bag them & drop them off in the drop box at the back of the building.

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, July 16! We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Missions Prayer Request

Todd Kempton & Paul Montandon left for a mission trip on Wednesday, July 4 and will return on Wednesday, July 18. They are in Benin, West Africa to check on the work being done at the Benin Bible Training Center. They will be training local preachers as well as speaking in several lectureships. Prayers are requested for safe travel and receptive hearts while there.

Family Bible Fair

Mark your calendars for July 30-Aug. 1! The Family Bible Fair is just like any other fair you've visited except the exhibits will feature stories from or things about the Bible! Your family will sign up to show your exhibit on one of the nights and the other nights you will be able to visit the other exhibits. Visit the table in the main foyer to sign up or get some ideas on how your family can participate!



Meeting for Bible Fair

Please join us Sunday, July 15 at 4:30 p.m. for a Family Bible Fair meeting in the Small Auditorium. This will be a great opportunity to get more information on ways that you can be involved!

Involvement Forms

Thank you to everyone who has filled out an involvement form! We have started to update the database with your responses. But, we still have many missing. Please get yours in today!

New Baby

Congratulations to the Morgan family on the birth of their new baby boy, Thomas William, who was born Tuesday, July 3 at 6:13 a.m. and weighed 7lbs 12 oz. and measured 21 1/4 inches long.



Congrats to Roy & Ruth Anne and big sisters Nolie & Molly Anne! Welcome to the West Erwin family, Thomas!

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Records	Sun.- July 16	Sun.- July 8	Year Ago
Bible Class	416	385	391
Worship a.m.	608	602	627
Worship p.m.	290	290	343
Wed. p.m.	279	153	298
Contribution	\$20,877.11	\$22,970.86	\$22,254.84
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Prayer Dannie Skipper
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Dismiss Ira Wilson

GREETERS

Dennis & Karen Stansbury & Matthew Kimball
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Visitor Center: Mike & Dorothy Watts
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REEVES RHETORIC

As Fear Gives Way to Faith

"The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" – Psalm 27:1

I believe fear drives us more than we are aware. It drives our lives, it drives our relationships, it drives our churches more than we'd ever like to believe.

When children are small they're often afraid of the dark. Maybe it's a fear of the unknown or an internal fear of darkness, but many kids (and not a few adults) are afraid of the dark. And it's amazing how a dim, little light plugged into the wall can put those concerns so at ease.

And so David in Psalm 27 writes as fear gives way to faith. Boldness, because of the God we serve. "The Lord is my light," he declares. He is our light! And not just some puny Walmart night-light. The Lord is the sun that scatters the darkness in our lives. David continues, "The Lord is my salvation." He is the One who rescues and the One who saves. "Whom shall I fear?" he asks. And look at how personal David's words are: He is "my" light and "my" salvation. The Psalm originates out of the trust and reliance of David upon God. A trust that has grown through experiencing the power and provision of Almighty God time and time again. "The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?" Only when we are close to Him, are we completely protected. Only when we reside in Him, can we fully be at peace.

I wonder what fears you have today? I wonder what might be weighing upon your heart or upon your mind this moment?

- The fear of not being enough.
- The fear of inadequacy.
- The fear of being left out.
- The fear of rejection.
- The fear of past sins.
- The fear of present worries.
- The fear of an unknown and uncertain future.
- The fear of being found out that you aren't who others think you are.
- The fear of (fill in the blank)....

If you can relate to fear, may I speak a word of hope to you today? God is God! He is strong. And He is faithful. 365 times in Scripture He declares to his people, "Do not be afraid." 365 times! One for every day of the year. And I believe the reason He affirms this command to us so many, many times is that we need to hear it! We need to be reminded.

God's desire is that fear would give way to faith in the lives of those who belong to Him in Jesus.

Do not be afraid!

Glory to God!
Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

What an amazing trip we had to Nebraska! We had a really good attendance with the VBS with 90 being our low and 125 for the high. We hosted a Community Movie Night at the Community Theater and hosted about 140 folks. Wednesday night's Homemade Ice Cream & Kid's Program brought almost 200. It was a very good week.

Thanks to Daniel & Kim DuPree, Kevin & Shelly Sustaire, Ken Culpepper, Mark Frick, Gary Broome, Lisa Snell, Tresa Jones, Rachel Huff & Caitlin Cook for going as sponsors.

The Maxwell's & Leubert's send their greetings!

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School group are invited

to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 31 from 11:00-4:00. We are planning to go eat Pizza & then return to the church. Please wear socks & tennis shoes! Bring \$5 for lunch.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

This next week, 16 of us from West Erwin will be serving with the Carrollton Ave. Church in New Orleans. We have several projects lined up and plan to eat a little seafood! Please keep us in your prayers. We are leaving Saturday morning and returning on Friday, July 27.

IMPORTANT DATES

July 21-27	New Orleans Mission Trip
July 29	Combined Devotional
July 31	Goofy Game Day
Aug. 5	High School Devotional
Aug. 6	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Aug. 12	End of Summer Youth Night
Aug. 26	One Church



Family Bible Fair Wednesday, August 1

The Pursuit of Happiness

The Bible teaches us that the pursuit of happiness has to do with decreasing our material desires. The world we live in preaches the opposite. The world is all about

climbing the ladder and doing what you must do to get to the next level. Jesus says true happiness goes the other way. The fruit of the spirit of this world is push, drive, climb, grasp and trample. "Hop on the treadmill of life," the rat-racing world says.

Truth is.....happiness is the by-product of a life of service. It's not something to be grasped or chased after, but it's a serendipity to be enjoyed. Therefore, teach yourself to turn your back on all the high-pressure, competitive situations. A life of happiness is more than climbing to the top of the heap. The only ONE you strive to impress is the FATHER in heaven.

Escritos de Israel

El caballo de troya en los matrimonios.

El caballo de troya significa un engaño destructivo y algo consebido como aparentemente agradable, pero que trae consigo graves consecuencias... Todos conocemos la famosa historia de la Iliada y la odisea. Cuando los troyanos trajeron un caballo de Madera como trofeo de Guerra, pero dentro del caballo venia la destruccion del pueblo troyano... muchas veses los matrimonios tienen practicas en su diario vivir que parecen inofencivas o inclusive a veses agradables, pero en realidad son habitos de vida que eventualmente traen graves consecuencias...Por esta razon la palabra de Dios nos dice (Fil. 2:3-4) que no hagamos nada por vanagloria.

En ocasiones dentro del matrimonio se actua con egoismo. Porsupuesto que el egoismo ayuda a tu propio ser y te puede

hacer sentir muy bien por momentos,pero dentro de ese egoismo esta la destruccion de tu matrimonio y de tu familia (Pro. 8:13; 11:2). El orgullo es una actitud altiva,soberbia, arrogante y prepotente que hace sentir a la persona muy fuerte, muy capaz, autosuficiente, y superior a los demas. Es una sensacion de grandeza, pero dentro de ella esta una semilla de destruccion. Cuando no se reconocen los errores, cuando no se acepta que tu pareja puede tener razon y no tu, cuando no eres capas de pedir perdon, cuando te portas indiferente, cuando usas lenguaje hiriente, estas evidenciando la presencia del orgullo en tu vida y sin darte cuenta estas invitando al caballo de troya que venga a tu vida. Dios te bendiga.



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Address Change

Derek & Stacey Harris: 205 Hillside Circle,
Lindale, TX 75771

Thank You

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ, Thank you for every act of kindness for James while he was in Park Place trying to recover from a stroke. We are thankful for your prayers, visits, cards and meals. We so appreciate all those who gave of their time to be with James so Frances could have a little time to run errands, get supplies, do laundry, check the mail & newspaper and even have a few minutes to rest. Thank you with all our hearts. We'd like to add a special thanks to Jay & Debbie Bynum & Leon Welborn. James was in ETMC Rehab for three weeks. He is now in room 501 at Providence Park. Please continue to pray for him to heal as much as possible. We need prayers for strength- spiritually, mentally & physically. We miss you and hope to be with you again someday. Yours in Christ,

James & Frances Phillips

Benevolent Center

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Join us for a bridal shower honoring
Rebecca Handley
Bride-elect of Alex Mullins
Sunday, July 29
4:00-5:30 p.m.
West Erwin Family Life
Center
Selections at
Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's,
Target & Macy's

With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **Walker Weathers**, who passed away July 16, 2012. Services were Thursday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love and prayers are with Rhonda & the entire Weathers family.

Senior Game Day

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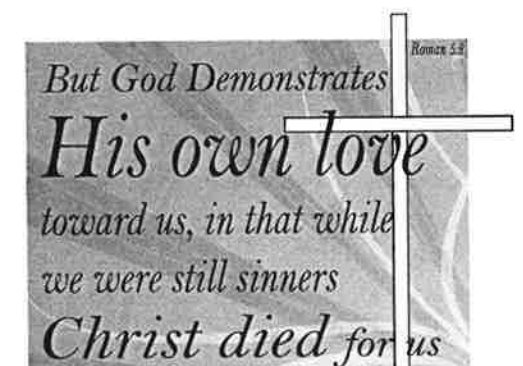
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The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP

As of this writing, a group of 16 of us are in New Orleans working with the Carrollton Ave & Hollygrove Churches this week. We have done siding, fence construction, concrete removal, and pouring concrete. It has been a great week with our brothers & sisters here in New Orleans. We will be returning home on Friday.

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle & High School group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished @ 9:00. Invite a friend!

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School group are invited

to the Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, July 31 from 11:00-4:00. We are planning to go eat Pizza & then return to the church. Please wear socks & tennis shoes! Bring \$5 for lunch.

SUMMER PICS

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has stuck with me ever since. James talks about it too. "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds: In his discussion about faith and deeds he also says, "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it?" Then he says faith without action is dead!

Our deeds come from our faith. Jesus says, "Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you." When Jesus sees your faith he will be faithful to you. His promises are many. Let Him see your faith every day!

fallando y nos da las fuerzas para salir del problema...Aun en las consecuencias de nuestros propios errores Dios nunca nos deja solos, El más que nadie conoce nuestra imperfección y la facilidad que tenemos para equivocarnos (Heb.4:15), por eso en su gran amor nos da oportunidades y la posibilidad de corregir y aprender para poder superarnos a nosotros mismos y siempre con la seguridad que permanecerá a nuestro lado hasta que aprendamos la lección...Todos cometemos errores, y al mismo tiempo todos tenemos oportunidades para corregirlos, para aprender de ellos y superar lo que nos trajo el cometerlos, Dios es el único perfecto, el que nunca se equivoca, ¿pero sabes? también es amoroso, su amor por ti es más grande que tus errores, no importa cuántos han sido, cuantas veces has caído, su ayuda y perdón son incondicionales y su amor por ti es eterno... "Porque siete veces cae el justo, y vuelve a levantarse, mas los impíos caerán en el mal" (Proverbios 24:16).

Crawford's Clipboard Family Bible Fair Wednesday, August 1

Show Him Your Faith

Recently, Jason used Mark 2 as the text for his sermon. It's the story of Jesus healing the paralytic that had been lowered down from the roof by his four friends. (:5) says, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"

The phrase "when Jesus saw their faith"

Escritos de Israel

Para cada error, una nueva oportunidad.

Muchas veces nos preguntamos en repetidas ocasiones porque es que nos pasan ciertas cosas, situaciones que se nos presentan una y otra vez aun cuando creíamos no volverían a suceder, cosas o momentos desagradables y hasta tristes por los que pasamos más de una vez...Quizá hoy es uno de esos días en los que te preguntas ¿porque estoy viviendo lo mismo?, ¿por qué volvió a sucederme? O has llegado a preguntarle a Dios porque es que permitió que volvieras a pasar por lo mismo de hace tiempo, eso que tu sabes y en algún momento también te dolió. En primer lugar, todo lo que sucede es consecuencia de algo, a veces pensamos es que "Dios me castigó" o "eso me tocó vivir", pero a veces no nos damos cuenta que son resultados de cosas que nosotros mismos hacemos mal (Eze. 18:20), de cualquier forma y muy pero muy por encima de eso la ayuda de Dios jamás se hace esperar,

y es que es tanto su amor que no nos reprocha el cometer el error sino que nos ayuda a darnos cuenta en que estamos



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Thank You

A special thanks to my family at West Erwin for the cards, prayers, visits & many other acts of kindness during my recent pneumonia. Everything was greatly appreciated!

Kathy Portwood

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, visits and phone calls for Brealyn. We are so thankful for our West Erwin family.

Love, Clifton, Cristy, Abby & Brealyn Lindsey
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Address Update

Adam & Leigh Parker: P.O. Box 1952, Lindale, 75771

With Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Roy & Fern Bench on the loss of Roy's sister-in-law, Evelyn Bench. Services were Thursday in Garland. Our prayers are with the family.

Join us for a bridal shower honoring

Rebecca Handley

Bride-elect of Alex Mullins
Sunday, July 29
4:00-5:30 p.m.
West Erwin Family Life
Center

Selections at
Bed Bath & Beyond, Kohl's,
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Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, July 30. We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Sermon CDs

If you requested a sermon CD, it will be available at the Information Center. After being there for a week, it will be mailed to you.

Family Bible Fair

Mark your calendars for August 1! The Family Bible Fair is just like any other fair you've visited except the exhibits will feature stories from or things about the Bible! Make plans now to see what some of our families have come up with! It will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Main Building on Wednesday, August 1. We will also have a "coffee shop" for coffee & treats. Hope to see you there!



Involvement Forms

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Elders, Deacons & Staff Meeting

The Elders, Deacons & Staff meeting for August 6 has been rescheduled to August 13.

Baptism

Lonnie McKinney, friend of DeAnna Rainer, was baptized this week by Don Crawford. We welcome Lonnie to the West Erwin family!

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Bible Class	414	404	411
Worship a.m.	672	586	688
Worship p.m.	376	330	368
Wed. p.m.	NC	NC	NC
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What an amazing trip we had to New Orleans. It was HOT! We painted, put up siding, caulked, poured concrete, mowed, weed eaten, worshipped, served and ate really well. Thanks to all the teens who were a part of that and a special thanks to Ken Culpepper, Joy Rousseau & Lisa Snell for going as sponsors.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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KARING KITCHEN

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admiration. He called it "dung." Paul knew what it truly meant to be free from self. How desperate we are to know this free too.

GOD had made a huge difference in his life. He had risked his life over and over to teach and show the masses how to live a faithful life. His intentions as you continue to read the next few verses is to say thanks for honoring him by keeping the faith as he had taught them.

He wanted everyone to know that Christ has all authority. Any man, or woman who speaks of GOD in a way that shows a lack of respect for Christ, dishonors Christ. If you dishonor Christ, you also dishonor yourself ----- what an ugly sight. So, we honor Christ above all and learn to taste the freedom that He offers. It's all about HIM.

Jesús no le dijo "malas" cosas, sino "muchas cosas". Y continuó: "Pero sólo una cosa es necesaria; y María ha escogido la buena parte, la cual no le será quitada" (versículo 42). Jesús estaba diciendo en realidad: "Tú estás haciendo lo que es bueno, Marta, pero María se ha mudado a un área de la vida que yo deseo que todos deben ir. No sólo hagas cosas buenas. Concéntrate en lo que es mejor". En la historia de Marta y María, en ninguna parte dice que Jesús estaba con hambre. Dios no quiere que comencemos alguna cosa, incluyendo las buenas obras para Él, hasta que se lo consultemos. Esto es porque Él no quiere que nosotros trabajemos para Él, sino en compañerismo con Él. Nosotros somos "colaboradores de Dios" (2 Corintios 6:1).



Freedom From Self

Jason has been asking difficult questions lately from the pulpit. "Why do we call Jesus Lord and do not live as though Jesus is Lord?" "Is Jesus a weekend cottage at your house?" It's all about staying close to Jesus.

So.....I was reading in (1 Cor. 11) and verse one fell like a brick. Paul said, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." Paul uses words that not many of us would dare utter because it sounds so arrogant. But the better you know Paul the more you know he was well beyond such petty

Escritos de Israel

Lo Bueno Contra lo Mejor

Nosotros podemos ver una clara ilustración del principio de prioridades en la reacción de Jesús para elección de Marta y María en Betania. Aconteció que yendo de camino, entró en una aldea; y una mujer llamada Marta le recibió en su casa. Esta tenía una hermana que se llamaba María, la cual, sentándose a los pies de Jesús, oía su palabra. Pero Marta se preocupaba con muchos quehaceres, y acercándose, dijo: "Señor, ¿no te da cuidado que mi hermana me deja servir sola? Dile, pues, que me ayude" (Lucas 10:38-40). Marta había hecho una honorable solicitud: "Lo que estoy haciendo es importante. Necesito ayuda". Sin embargo, la respuesta del Señor fue: "Marta, Marta, afanada y turbada estás con muchas cosas" (versículo 41).



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Thank You

Thanks for the many kind things you did for me. The prayers, food prepared by the Lunch Bunch, flowers, calls, cards, visits, gifts and encouraging words were all appreciated. Please continue to pray for my recovery. In Christian love,

Becky McRuiz

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so much for the beautiful spray of flowers you sent for Daddy's memorial. The food following the burial was so appreciated. Finding a new normal will take time and knowing how Daddy touched so many will make the days ahead easier. We have all been blessed by knowing this amazing man! Love, **Melody & Jim Cockrell & family of K. Max Haws**

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New Baby

Congratulations to Leon & Carolyn Welborn on the birth of a new granddaughter! **Emily Elizabeth Wallace** was born to John & Cheryl in Denton on July 25. She was 7 pounds, 9 ounces and 18.5 inches long.

Room for Rent Needed

A graduate student at UT Tyler is looking for a room to rent from a Christian family. A home close to UT's campus would be ideal. His name is Amos Hayes & his phone number is 903-918-7190. Contact Jon Murry for more information.

Work for WEEM

If you are making items for WEEM orphans & hospital preemies or interested in this work, you are invited to come and bring what you have made to the Shiloh Road Church of Christ fellowship hall on Saturday, August 11, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. See God's creativity and enjoy the fellowship! We will be finishing items and packing for a delivery. If you can't come and need someone to pick up your items, call Anlene at 903-566-0715.

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REEVES RHETORIC

A Message of Hope

Jeremiah 29:11 is Tiersa's absolute favorite verse....

"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."

Found smuggled within a letter that Jeremiah sends to the elders that have survived among the exiles in Babylon, the prophet pens a word of hope to a people who are weary.

Jeremiah writes while in Jerusalem. The city of the living God. And he writes to the remnant of those Israelites who had once lived within her walls, but now find themselves aliens in a land not their own. In a place that is far from the city of the Lord.

If you read the entire message, it is one of hope and of certainty. It is a message calling God's people to trust. Calling His people then and now to rely upon the Lord. To seek Him with all of our hearts. "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (v13). To live faithful unto Him who is faithful.

The letter is one not only of confidence in the future but also one of hope for today. Hope in the present. Hope amidst pain. Hope in the middle of alienation. Hope proclaimed in seeming hopelessness. As the Apostle Paul exclaims, "Hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?" (Romans 8:24)

And maybe that's why Jeremiah's message speaks to us so clearly. Perhaps that's the reason why many are drawn to this passage and specifically, this verse.

"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."

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Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

SUMMER YOUTH PRESENTATION

On Sunday, Aug. 12 we will have a chance to see some of what our teens have experienced this summer. Our teens will lead the worship, Jeremy the intern will bring the lesson and we will have a video to share some pictures. Join us!

COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in the Middle & High School group are invited to the devotional this Sunday night. Please bring \$3 for supper., We will be finished @ 9:00. Invite a friend!

This will be Jeremy's (the Intern) last night with us. Plan to come and give him a big sendoff!

GOOFY GAME DAY

All of those in the Middle School group are invited to our

last Goofy Game Day on Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 11:30-4:00. Bring \$3 for lunch... we will leave the church at 11:40 so don't be late! Please wear tennis shoes!

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all who came and helped with this Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. You may never quite know the impact you have just by offering something cold to drink and food on a hungry stomach. Thank you for serving! West Erwin will host again on Sept. 10.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 12 Summer Youth Presentation
Aug. 12 Combined Devotional
Aug. 14 Goofy Game Day
Aug. 19 Small Groups Meet
Aug. 26 One Church
Sep. 10 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen



Our Staff Meeting Devotional

The following verses contain one word that is found nowhere else in the Bible.....see if you can figure it out.

"The Lord said to Moses, "This applies to the Levites; Men twenty-five

years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the Tent of Meeting, but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer. They may assist their brothers in performing their duties at the Tent of Meeting, but they themselves must not do the work."

Did you figure it out?

Escritos de Israel

De Padre a hijo

"El Señor dice: Yo te instruiré, yo te mostraré el camino que debes seguir; yo te daré consejos y velaré por ti." *Salmos 32:8 (Nueva Versión Internacional)*

Un padre se siente orgulloso una vez que termina su tarea de instructor de su hijo cuando éste deja su casa. No obstante sabemos que los padres siguen enseñando a sus hijos aún cuando éstos han madurado. En ese proceso de instrucción y enseñanza el padre se encarga de dar la instrucción necesaria a su hijo para que prospere en toda área de su vida. Haciéndole saber desde pequeño lo que a éste le conviene y lo que no, mostrándole qué caminos le llevarán a conseguir sus metas y advirtiéndole de las veredas que pueden truncar su vida. Y cuando el hijo ya maduro tiene una buena vida, su padre se goza porque la instrucción que dio a su hijo ha dado fruto.

De la misma manera nuestro Dios nos ofrece Su instrucción en este versículo Dándonos consejos y mostrándonos el camino a

seguir, con la certeza de que Él vela por nosotros para guardarnos de peligros y avisarnos si debemos cambiar el rumbo. ¿Qué mejor instructor se puede pedir? Sino a Dios mismo, Aquél que posee toda la sabiduría, que es dueño del conocimiento, cuya paciencia para enseñar es inagotable, y que nos instruirá con amor y verdad. Muchos creyentes no se atreven a pedirle instrucción específica a Dios para Sus vidas, ni buscan en Su palabra lo que Él ha dicho respecto a algún asunto por temor a ser juzgados o reprendidos por su ignorancia, siendo que Dios no es así. Él no es como los hombres, Él es paciente e instruye con amor. Dios tiene los mejores consejos, dispón tu corazón para crecer a Su lado. Él es el mejor Instructor, le ha enseñado todo a la creación. Cuando Él te guíe por algún camino, tómallo. Él sabe por qué lo dice. No olvides que Él es tu Padre, y quiere junto contigo gozarse por el buen fruto que darás. Vive en la instrucción de tu Padre, y así dirán:

De tal Padre tal hijo.



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Young At Heart

The Shiloh Road Prime Timers invite the Young At Heart (55+) to hear Willie Franklin on Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. They will be "stacking" tacos with all the "fixin's." Please sign up at the Information Center as they would like a count. We will not have our regular Young At Heart meeting this month at our building.

Anniversary

Congratulations to **Harold & Shirley Denman** for celebrating 54 years of marriage! Their anniversary was August 8. What a wonderful example you are to our West Erwin family!

Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, The family of L.T. Murry thanks you for the cards, visits, food & plants during this time of grief. Dad would especially appreciate the wonderful singing by the West Erwin singers. You have truly been God's messengers of his loving kindness during Dad's journey to his eternal home.

The Murry & Kimball families

Thank you so much for all the visits, cards, calls of concern, and meals you provided at my unexpected surgery. Truly you are each ministering servants and we are so thankful and blessed to be a part of this family. In Christian Love,

Debbie Bynum

How great is the love of Christ? That which has been shown to me by the prayers, visits, cards & calls encouraging me to return to good health. I am so grateful for the love of the brethren.

Ralph Henderson

Family Bible Fair Appreciation

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU to everyone who helped with the Family Bible Fair! It was a great night and we have heard many compliments in the office about what a wonderful success it was. Thank you to Don & Nancy Crawford for organizing it and for each family who ran a booth or helped with refreshments in the Family Life Center.

Longview Lectureship

You are invited to the 20th annual Longview Church of Christ Bible Lectureship August 24-26. See the flyer at the Information Center for more details.

Upcoming Events

August 12: Youth Led Worship
August 19: Missions Report for p.m. service
August 26: ONE CHURCH- combined worship service with our Hispanic brothers & sisters/ catered lunch/no evening service

Welcome, New Members!

Gladys Williams

P.O. Box 5352, Tyler, 75712 | 903-592-0997
Gmommy3672@suddenlink.net

Ron & Jean Parish

913 Jeffrey Dr., Tyler, 75703 | 972-623-8867
parish_ron@yahoo.com

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, August 6. We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

New Baby

Kellis Mack Culpepper was born August 7th at 3:58 pm weighing 8 lbs 6 oz & 19 1/2" long. Parents are Casey & Kara Culpepper & older brother is Jaxon. The proud grandparents are Ken & Cathy Culpepper and Farrel & Michele Whitley. The great grandparents are Clinton & Louise Culpepper. Congratulations to the entire family!

Involvement Forms

We have started to update the database with Involvement Form updates, but have not updated everyone's yet. If you get called or asked to help in a ministry that you did not sign up for this time, just let the ministry leader know or call the office. Thank you for taking the time to fill the forms out. If you haven't yet, there is still time! Call or email the office for a copy or pick one up at the Information Center.

Elders, Deacons & Staff Meeting

The Elders, Deacons & Staff meeting for August 6 has been **rescheduled to August 13.**

Room for Rent Needed

A graduate student at UT Tyler is looking for a room to rent from a Christian family. A home close to UT's campus would be ideal. His name is Amos Hayes & his phone number is 903-918-7190. Contact Jon Murry for more information.

Work for WEEM

If you are making items for WEEM orphans & hospital preemies or interested in this work, you are invited to come and bring what you have made to the Shiloh Road Church of Christ fellowship hall on Saturday, August 11, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. See God's creativity and enjoy the fellowship! We will be finishing items and packing for a delivery. If you can't come and need someone to pick up your items, call Anlene at 903-566-0715.

Baptisms

Carlos & Marcela Urena were baptized Friday! They have two children, **Lisandro** (5th grade) & **Eduardo** (4th grade). Their contact info: 10570 FM 14, Tyler, TX 75706 | 903-258-4804. **Cristina Castaneda** was also baptized last Friday. She has two daughters, **Cristal** (2nd grade) and **Cindy** (5 years). Her contact info: 2805 Cushing, Tyler, TX 75702 | 903-597-3750. We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!



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Bible Class	463	NC	407
Worship a.m.	699	696	600
Worship p.m.	368	NC	353
Wed. p.m.	291	387	351
Contribution	\$24,270.30	\$28,984.68	\$26,143.74
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances: Oscar (Room 6621) and **Ethel** (Room 6601) **Brown**, brother and sister-in-law of Alice Thompson | **Sam Ethridge**, father of Jean Parish (new member), surgery | **Health South: Joe McBee**, rm. 106 | **Clairmont: Betty Sue Harris** | **Reunion Plaza: Peggy Garner**, rm. 111 **Providence Park: Janice Hardaway**, room 613 | **James Phillips** | **Winona Shankle** | **ETMC: Craig Thorne**, son of Bettie Thorne | **Olympic Center: Frances Broome**, surgery | **Hospice: Theo Stone**, grandfather of Joey Morse | **Hospice In Burnet: Sarah Rowland**, daughter-in-law of Art and Jo Rowland | **Updates: Gary Broome** is now home. | **Davy & Sonja Carter** will undergo surgery August 29. | The newborn baby of Casey & Kara Culpepper, **Kellis Culpepper**, has an infection. Please pray they find the source of infection quickly. | **Frances Davis**, grandmother of Donella Jackson, is having health problems. | **Luan Hannah**, daughter-in-law of Ruth Bell, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. | **Bill Hawkins** had carcinoma removed from his ear. | **Carolyn McCune** is home after having foot surgery. | **Evelyn Messer** will be returning to Baylor for chemo treatment. | **Aubrey Morman** will have surgery August 20 & 22 to remove Merkel cell carcinoma. | **Tom Ramsour** will have a pacemaker put in Aug. 17. | **Jeffrey Scarborough** had ACL surgery August 9. | **Marcus Turner** will have surgery Aug. 13. | **West Erwin Family: Linda Boudreau** | **Carolyn Ciaschini** | **Ruby Cliver** | **Dan & Wini Cullinan** | **Louise Culpepper** | **Sean Denman** | **Ralph Henderson** | **Dick Higginbotham** | **Clay Kirby** | **Velma Lemons** | **Tommy Lowrance** | **Wade McDonald** | **Forest & Mary McFadden** | **Dawn McKay** | **Tommy & Kay Parrish** | **Kathy Portwood** | **Tommy Price** | **Sue Ramsour** | **Brice Sustaie** | **Marcus Turner** | **Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard** | **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: Helen Branch**, mother of Dorothy Watts | **Kathryn Cooper**, grandmother of Leslie Coker | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of the Daniel Morgans | **Marshall Phillips** | **Lois Smith**, mother of Connie Sublette | **Bobbie Stone**, mother of Jonathan Stone

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REEVES RHETORIC

Victorious In Our Salvation

In Luke chapter 4 we are given insight into the human and divine nature of our Savior as Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit. During forty days of fasting (or at the conclusion of them depending upon your understanding of the text) Jesus is tempted by Satan. "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'Man does not live on bread alone.' The devil then led Him up to a high place and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to Him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only.' The devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command His angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.' Jesus answered, 'It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left Him until an opportune time" (Luke 4:3-13).

Much could be said about this event in Jesus' life and ministry. The fact that it occurred (when you consider Matthew's account) immediately following the baptism of Jesus is significant. Jesus' discipline and complete and total reliance upon God in fasting during this time powerfully speaks to us. Jesus' response to each test while abiding in God's Word is crucial. Certainly Satan's distortion of Scripture in Jesus' testing is something that should be emphasized. But what I'd like for us to consider are the reasons behind the specific ways in which Jesus is tempted/tested.

"If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Notice Satan's condescension: "If...." Did Satan know that Jesus was God's Son? Absolutely. Did Jesus know? You better believe it! Was there anyone else present for this conversation besides the two of them? No. So why begin with question? He's testing Jesus' character! And why bread? Because of Jesus' hunger? Yes. But even more so, if ever there was going to be a moment where Jesus was susceptible and fragile in His humanity this would have been it. Our Lord, however, stood firm. And why the temptation of the kingdoms of the world? Power. Prestige. Authority. Ego. The temptation of salvation while falling from the pinnacle of the temple? Along those same lines: Pride. Arrogance. Ability. Worth. The writer of Hebrews acknowledges that Jesus was "tempted in every way, just as we are - yet was without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). And we see this reality clearly lived out in our Lord's life in His testing. But in doing so, do we see our own humanness as we are tempted by Satan every day as well?

John the Apostle writes, "For everything in the world - the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes, and the boasting of what he has and does - comes not from the Father but from the world" (1 John 2:16). Precisely the three areas in which our Savior was tempted.

We are in such dire need of salvation. So God sent us Jesus. But He sent Christ not only to save us, but to show us. To show us how to live victorious in our salvation.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

END OF SUMMER

A very special THANKS to all the teens who participated in the Worship Service Sunday night: Barrett Carter, Justin Parrish, Jacob Reeves, Matthew Kimball & Bowen Reeves. You guys did a great job! Thanks to Jeremy Evans for delivering the message. Thanks to all the parents for helping with the devo Sunday night and all the summer trips. It has been a great summer!

ONE CHURCH

Mark your calendar for Sunday, Aug 26 for our combined worship assembly with our Hispanic brothers & sisters. Andres Saucedo will be preaching that day. We are proud of Andres and really blessed to have him grow up in the youth group! We will have a lunch together that day in the FLC and be dismissed for the day. There will not be a

worship service that evening. Plan to be present!

KARING KITCHEN

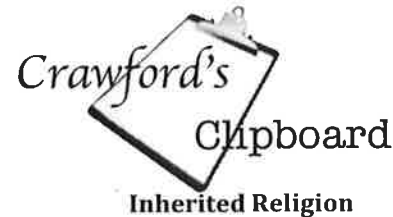
Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Karing Kitchen. Keep praying for this ministry. West Erwin will host again on Sept. 10.

GUYS & GIRLS CLASS

Beginning in October, we are planning to have Guys & Girls classes for the Teens. More details to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 19	Small Groups Meet
Aug. 26	One Church
Sep. 2	Out To Eat
Sep. 9	Middle School Devotional
Sep. 10	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Sep. 23	High School Devotional
Oct. 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 16-18	ZEW Retreat



For the past few decades I have thought that inherited religion was enemy #1 because there was no personal depth and commitment to GOD of your own. Your parents were believers and you were going through the motions.

Today our young adults are going off to college unprepared to meet the new #1 enemy --- Islam. Arabs dollars (your petrodollars) are being pumped into academic organizations to soften the brains of our college students toward fundamental Islamic dogma. Arabs are soaking millions into our universities to

spread anti-American and anti-Israel sentiment. King Fahd has donated \$20 million to set up a Middle Eastern Studies program at the U of Arkansas; \$5 mil to Berkeley; \$22.5 mil to Harvard; \$28 mil to Georgetown.....and the list goes on and on. Muslims are there to inject their Islamic line of thinking into the minds of our children. If you think it's not close.....\$1.5 mil to Texas A&M. We pump their gas; they pump their ways into the heads of our most impressionable minds of university students. And what college administration wants to bite the hand of the fat cat Arabs with the deep pockets? They are whittling away at the social conscience of our nation through our own universities. How can we as parents combat the Islamic indoctrination of our children?

It must take place in our home and in our churches. Teach them to be on their guard. The enemy is near.

ESCRITOS de Israel

El Cuidado de Dios por sus Hijos

"¿No se venden cinco pajarillos por dos cuartos? Con todo, ni uno de ellos está olvidado delante de Dios. Pues aun los cabellos de vuestra cabeza están todos contados. No temáis, pues; más valéis vosotros que muchos pajarillos." (Lucas 12:6-7). Como padres estamos siempre alertas para suplir o ayudar en nuestros hijos en la necesidad. Esto es más evidente en la cultura hispana ya que nuestros lazos familiares son más fuertes que los de otras culturas. Tendemos a criar a nuestros hijos de tal manera que aun cuando ya son mayores tienen algunas dificultades haciéndose independientes. Esta forma de vivir tiene sus ventajas y también tiene sus consecuencias. La mayor ventaja que sobrepasa toda desventaja es el poder permanecer unidos como familia aun cuando ya nos hemos independizado. Traigo este punto para mostrar de qué forma Dios está al tanto de nuestras necesidades, tanto materiales como espirituales (Efe. 1:3).

Aquellos que ya tenemos nuestros hijos y nietos a edad de adultos sabemos que este amor sigue creciendo y no importa

cuán "viejos" sean nuestros hijos para nosotros siguen siendo nuestros niños. Estas son ligaduras que no rompemos porque nuestros hijos sean mayores de edad. Cuando llegan los nietos seguimos la misma tradición y también estamos pendientes a sus necesidades como si fueran las nuestras. Este comportamiento se sigue repitiendo de generación en generación. Nuestro Dios también está pendiente a todas nuestras necesidades (Mt. 6:25-32). Él se preocupa porque tengamos todo lo esencial para poder vivir un día a la vez. Es esto tan importante que en varios lugares de las escrituras nos dio ejemplo de cómo Él se preocupa por nosotros. Amados, si estás en necesidad no pienses ni por un momento que Dios te ha abandonado (Heb. 13:5). Él está a tu lado y dispuesto a concederte para tus necesidades diarias. Permítele que entre en tu hogar y supla todas tus necesidades, tanto materiales como Espirituales.

Dios te bendiga.



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Young At Heart

The Shiloh Road Prime Timers invite the Young At Heart (55+) to hear Willie Franklin on Thursday, August 23 at 6:30 p.m. They will be "stacking" tacos with all the "fixin's." Please sign up at the Information Center as they would like a count. We will not have our regular Young At Heart meeting this month at our building.

Thank You

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank so much for the lily you sent for the funeral of Clarice Faubus (Jeremy's grandmother). Your thoughtfulness was appreciated.

The Family of Clarice Faubus

Longview Lectureship

You are invited to the 20th annual Longview Church of Christ Bible Lectureship August 24-26. See the flyer at the Information Center for more details.

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class

Mark your calendars for the Ladies Bible class on Wednesday nights! The study will be "God, Pass By Me: Seeing God's Glory" by Casandra Martin. There is room for one more group leader – if you would like to volunteer, please email Joy Rousseau at joy@arpisd.org. Please sign up for your copy of the study at the Information Center in the foyer. More details such as location & format will be available soon!

End of Summer Celebration

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 29! Jason Reeves will be closing out our Summer Speaker Series. We will have an end of summer celebration in the Family Life Center after services and we would like to serve homemade ice cream! If you would be able to make some for that evening, sign up at the Information Center in the foyer.

Upcoming Events

August 19: Missions Report for p.m. service
August 26: ONE CHURCH- combined worship service with our Hispanic brothers & sisters/ catered lunch/no evening service

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, August 20. We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Involvement Forms

We have started to update the database with Involvement Form updates, but have not updated everyone's yet. If you get called or asked to help in a ministry that you did not sign up for this time, just let the ministry leader know or call the office. Thank you for taking the time to fill the forms out. If you haven't yet, there is still time! Call or email the office for a copy or pick one up at the Information Center.

Recent Baptisms

Alexa Faraimo was baptized a few weeks ago. Her address is 18234 FM 850, Arp, TX 75750. Alexa was one of our graduating seniors this year and will be attending Texas A&M in the fall. Congratulations, Alexa!

Jacob Reeves was baptized Sunday, August 12 by his dad, Jason. Jacob is entering the 7th grade. His address is 3417 Harwood, Tyler, TX 75701. We are so proud of you, Jacob!



We welcome you both to the West Erwin family!

Room for Rent Needed

A graduate student at UT Tyler is looking for a room to rent from a Christian family. A home close to UT's campus would be ideal. His name is Amos Hayes & his phone number is 903-918-7190. Contact Jon Murry for more information.

With Sympathy

Services for Con Sweet were Friday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with the family.



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Records	Sun.-Aug. 26	Sun.- Aug. 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	450	458	418
Worship a.m.	665	711	671
Worship p.m.	NC	352	400
Wed. p.m.	NC	296	319
Contribution	\$22,677.10	\$24,214.70	\$30,846.93
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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REEVES RHETORIC

Getting Our Hands Dirty

How well do we minister to the needs of others? Be honest. And when I say, "We" I mean "Us." As believers in Christ, and as His church, do you and I minister as well, and as effectively, as we could? Or as we should?

I'll give you a minute to think about it. Take your time....

Because really, when you get right down to it, whatever our initial gut-level response to such questions reveals where we are at with such things. Ministry is messy. There's no way around it. It just is. But are we so changed by the message of Jesus (as individuals and as a church) that we are willing to get messy? Because good intentions and 50 cents will get you a coke (at least it used to).

In order for us to be involved in one another's lives to the extent that God desires and to the extent that Christian community is designed, care and concern are elementary. Compassion is required. And a big-picture of the Kingdom is paramount. Does that describe your heart? My heart? For others?

In order for us to be involved in one another's lives there is such a foundational need for vulnerability. And if we would be honest with ourselves for a moment, most of us don't do vulnerable well. Do we?

I can't help but believe that this is a crucial element we are missing in effective ministry to others (both those who are church-ed and those who are unchurch-ed). Maybe it's the crucial element we're missing. I can't help but think that the world would be more Godly and less worldly if we saw the world through the eyes of God, and if we were so prompted by His love and moved by His compassion to act, rather than do nothing.

If I say that a person is: "Not afraid to get their hands dirty," what am I saying about them? I'm saying that they're not afraid to get involved. Right? That they're not afraid to step in. That they're willing to at least try.

And what I can't help but think is that we need more in the Kingdom who aren't afraid to get their hands dirty for the cause of Jesus.

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

ONE CHURCH

One Church was a great day! It was really good to hear Andrew Saucedo preach Sunday morning and worship together with our Hispanic brothers & sisters. Jesus' prayed in John 17:21... "that all of them may be one..." The greatest threat the Kingdom faces is not from the political realm but rather the believers not being united. Paul said it well in Gal. 3:26-28 "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." May we glorify God by being united.

OUT TO EAT

Teens & families... Join us Sunday night after church as

we go out to Ken's Pizza across from the mall. We will be finished by 8:00. Please bring \$6 for supper.

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Karing Kitchen. Keep praying for this ministry. West Erwin will host again on Sept. 10.

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RETIREMENT

Among retirees what is considered formal attire?
Tied shoes

Why do retirees count pennies?
They are the only ones who have the time

How many retirees does it take to change a light bulb?
Only one, but it may take all day.

BE PREPARED

If you are not registered to vote in the coming presidential election make it your priority for the month of September.

Escritos de Israel

La santificación: El gran plan de Dios (Jer. 29:11)

El Padre celestial tiene un plan grandioso para la vida de cada uno de sus hijos, y puede resumirse en la palabra *santificación*. Si usted nunca ha estado seguro del significado del término, no es el único; muchas personas no tienen clara su definición. Pero los creyentes debemos entenderlo, pues esa palabra nos define. En su forma verbal --*santificar*-- el término significa "*hacer santo*" o "*apartar*". Por eso, cuando algo es santificado, es apartado de su uso común anterior y dedicado a propósitos sagrados. El Antiguo Testamento menciona varias cosas que el Señor santificó entre ellas: el séptimo día y a la tribu de Leví como sacerdotes, e incluso consagró lugares como el lugar santísimo dentro del tabernáculo (**Gé 2:3; Nm 3**). El Padre celestial sigue santificando a las personas en el presente.

Antes de que alguien ponga su fe en el Salvador, está

muerta espiritualmente y, en realidad, es enemiga de Dios (**Ef 2.1-3; Ro 5.10**). Pero en el momento que decide confiar en Jesucristo, sus pecados son borrados y es adoptado en la familia de Dios (**Jn. 1:12-13**). Esa persona es apartada como un hijo de Dios, con un propósito sagrado. Esto significa que los creyentes no estamos aquí para ir tras nuestro beneficio personal, sino para servir al Señor y darle honra y gloria. Como miembros de la familia de Dios llamados a reflejar su gloria, a los creyentes se les conoce como "*santos*". Se nos ha dado este nombre --que comparte su raíz con *santificación*-- no porque estemos sin pecado, sino porque vivimos una vida congruente con Aquel a quien representamos, de manera que cada día nos esforzamos para vivir para aquel que nos llamo y nos salvo (**1 Ped 1:15-16**). ¡Esforcémonos a vivir la vida conforme al estándar de Dios!
¡Dios te bendiga!



Thank You!

A few weeks ago, we made the announcement that **Don Crawford** had made it known to the Elders that he is planning to retire at the end of this year. While we would rather him remain a vital part of our West Erwin ministry team, we could not fault him for wanting to move on to the next phase of his life. He has served the Lord well for many years.

The elders appreciate his nearly 12 years of service to so many in our community and to the West Erwin family. We look forward to continuing to worship with Don and Nancy and having Don teach his class. Maybe we can persuade him to fill in for Jason occasionally. Thanks Don, for all you have done for so many and all you mean to us. --- The elders

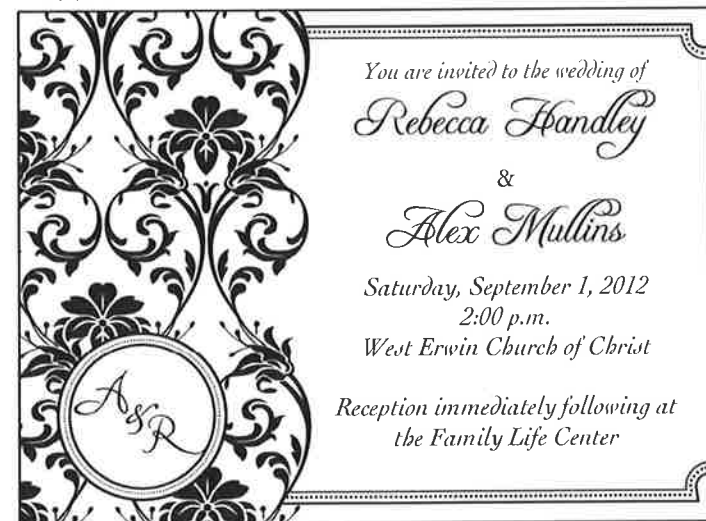
The children and grandchildren of Clinton & Louise Culpepper cordially invite you to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary that began on August 31, 1946. This celebration of their many years of love and devotion to each other, will take place between 2-4 p.m. on September 8th 2012 in the Family Life Center at West Erwin Church of Christ. No gifts please, just your presence.

Omen Road Reunion

Plans are underway for the first ever "Omen Road Kids" Reunion. If you were an Omen Road Kid, the parent of an Omen Road Kid or have contact info for anyone who would be interested, please contact Kathey Riley Longino, klonginotx5@gmail.com, 512.897.0871 or look up Kathey Riley Longino on Facebook. You can also contact Jon Carole Gibreath at jon.c.gilbreath@facebook.com.

Baby Table Shower

Mark September 16 on your calendars for a table shower for **Mandi & Tres Lowrance**, who are expecting their 2nd baby boy, Sutton Blake! Since he already has big brother Ryker's 'hand me downs', diapers & wipes are appreciated!



Please join us for a baby shower honoring mommy-to-be

Chanse Lott

As they prepare for the birth of *Emmalyn Kate*

Saturday, September 15, 2012
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
at the home of Julie Ables
3026 Concord Place
Tyler, Texas
Registry: Babies R Us, Cole & Co.,
Storkland, Target

Caregiver Connection Series

Beginning September 5, there will be a Caregiver Connection Series from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at West Erwin Church of Christ in room 403 of the Office Complex. This is a free event brought to us by the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County. Topics include: Understanding & Recognizing Dementias, Considerate Communication for the Memory Impaired, Safety Issues at Home and When Home is No Longer Safe, Financial Planning: Preserving Family Assets and Legal Planning & Decisions to Consider. The dates of each session are September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3 & 10. Please RSVP to Nora Gravois at 903-509-8323 or nora@alzalliance.org. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center and you may also pick up a flyer there.

Thank You

Thank you for the cards, prayers and food. We appreciate all of you. **Thelma Nolley**
Thank you all so much for the prayers. I sincerely appreciate it. **Bill Hawkins**

Senior Game Day

We will not have senior game day on Monday, September 3, because of the Labor Day Holiday. We will resume game day the following Monday.

Sunday Evening Worship

Beginning September 2, our Sunday evening services will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will meet at this time from now until the end of May.

Ladies Wednesday Morning Class

Our ladies Wednesday morning Bible class will begin September 5 at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 of the office complex. Jenny Melville will be teaching. Make plans now to be present!

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Mike Watts	Wade Weathers	Wynne Weathers
Charlie Weeks		Charles Westerfeld

EVENING ASSEMBLY

Prayer	Joey Marse
Scripture	Lee Kellenberger
Dismiss	Lee Mink

GREETERS

Mark & Melissa Frick
Tom & Beverly Hale
James & Ann Hardin

Info Center: Gary & Janis Heath
Riece Gibson

PICK UP CARDS for 9/9-9/16

Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf, Ross Harris, Braden Lockhart, Davis Carnathan

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REEVES RHETORIC

A Few Personal Questions

Whether you realize it or not, you are the face of Christ to everyone who knows you. When you placed faith in Him, you took on the role of Jesus revealing. This might come as a surprise to you. You may have thought that it was all about salvation. You may have only understood it to be about your own personal relationship with God. Far from it. Think it through. How selfish would that be? That we could somehow be content to keep God hoarded to ourselves. Surely we're not that self-absorbed. Surely we don't ever think that way. Do we?

If we are truly "converted" in the biblical, transformative sense of the word, how is it that we can find it so very easy, so very often, not to share this way of life that allegedly defines us as a people? If we are truly followers of the Way, if we are "all in" and Jesus defines our way of life, how is it that there is any doubt that we live our lives near Him? When others look to faith, lived out in us, do they fall in love with the One we call Lord?

Allow me to ask a few personal questions: How has your spouse's journey of faith been impacted recently because of your love of God and others? Does she (or he) genuinely see Jesus living in you? Is it evident to them that the Spirit is at work in transforming your heart? What about your children? How has their commitment to the Kingdom been influenced in recent history due to the way that they've seen you honor our Father? Tell me, if I were to have a conversation with your friend Ben from work that you have \$1 tacos with every Wednesday, would he say that he is closer to God because of the relationship the two of you share?

If the answers to these questions lack zeal or conviction or clarity, then allow me to probe a bit deeper into the faith you profess in Jesus....

Is it that your faith is not genuine? I realize the question may sting a little. But it's a valid question to ask, is it not? Might it be that you're faking it? Even if others are fooled, can you at least admit to God that you've been playing church?

If not, is it that your faith is simply not a priority? This is perhaps a more palatable explanation. Could it be that somehow what you feel inside doesn't translate into life or into action? But if this is the case, can what is within you really be referred to as faith?

Or, is it that you don't really believe Jesus to be relevant? Maybe relationship with God through Christ is all in your head. Salvation is a system of do's and don'ts. Covenant is an intellectual exercise. Rather than the paradigm of life God desires.

I wonder... do others go out of their way to spend time with you because it is evident that you spend time with Jesus? Do they gravitate toward you (and in turn, the Kingdom) because they sense something in your life that they are lacking? Do you reveal Christ in living your life? Do you speak hope in a world riven with despair? If the answers to these questions are "No," my next question is: "Why not?"

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

FOOD FOR THOUGHT...

Being young means that you still have plenty of time to make the decisions that you can be proud of for the rest of your life. If you live carelessly today, you will pay for the results for much longer than you think. Live today, happy and productive, so that you can do the same tomorrow.

What a great opportunity you have this school year to make a difference in somebody's life!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVO

All of those in the middle school group are invited to the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend to join us!

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Sept. 10. We serve at 6:00 and finish cleanup by about 7:00. Come early and help us serve the community.

GUYS & GIRLS CLASS

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I've heard tell of a sign along the Alaskan highway that reads: CHOOSE YOUR RUT CAREFULLY.....YOU'LL BE IN IT FOR THE NEXT 150 MILES.

Most of us don't have a clue that we are in a rut. Nor do we know just how deeply we have become entrenched in them. Routines have a good side. They keep us from forgetting things. And they make us look pretty good on the

outside.....lots of activities.

For many of us those activities are all church related. Unfortunately, a rut of religious activity can numb the soul and give us a false sense of religion. It happened to the Pharisees. Jesus told a group of them that they were like white-washed tombs.....they looked good on the outside but on the inside they were full of dead men's bones.

One of the best examples that Jesus gave us was to live life away from ruts. Take new paths sometimes. Take time to think through your life. Do something different and pray that GOD will equip you to glorify His name. Getting out of your rut may be that thing that opens up a new and exciting "rest of your life."

Escritos de Israel

La inversión más grande en la vida (Hech. 26:13-18)

¿Cuál es la inversión más valiosa que una persona puede hacer en la vida? ¿Se trata de una inversión que produce enormes dividendos? ¿O de una carrera lucrativa? Para algunos, la familia podría ser la respuesta, mientras que otros pudieran elegir dar tiempo y dinero a la iglesia. Todas estas cosas son buenas, pero el Señor le mostró a Pablo lo que Él considera que era el mejor uso de nuestras vidas: ayudar a alguien a llegar a conocer a Cristo para que sea salvo, es el mayor logro posible.

Cuando usted se convierte en un instrumento en las manos de Dios invitando a alguien al reino de Cristo, usted marca la diferencia en el destino eterno de esa persona, y además contribuye a que Satanás reciba un golpe devastador. Imagine la derrota que sufrió cuando Pablo entregó su vida al Señor Jesús. Lo mismo es cierto para cualquier nuevo creyente:

Todos los planes del diablo para esa persona son frustrados. Cuando una persona comienza a vivir en la voluntad de Dios, no se sabe hasta dónde llegará el Señor en lo que hará en y a través de ella.

Además de esto, cada vez que usted le presenta al Salvador a alguien, está realizando el trabajo de la iglesia. Jesús dijo a sus seguidores que hicieran discípulos a todas las naciones (Mt 28.19). Esta gigantesca tarea se lleva a cabo con una persona a la vez, cuando cada uno de nosotros hace su parte para compartir el evangelio.

El plan de Dios para la extensión de su reino es muy sencillo: una persona le habla a otra del Salvador. Recuerde que el destino eterno de alguien está en juego. El gozo que usted tendrá cuando vea a esa persona en el cielo, será muy superior a la incomodidad que pudo haber sentido al compartir el evangelio. ¡Dios te bendiga!

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Baptism

Anne Kimball was baptized a few weeks ago by her uncle, Jon Murry. Congratulations, Annel! We are so proud of you! Anne's address is 1313 Graham Dr., Tyler, TX 75701. Welcome to the West Erwin family!



The children and grandchildren of Clinton & Louise Culpepper cordially invite you to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary that began on August 31, 1946

This celebration of their many years of love and devotion to each other, will take place between 2-4 p.m. on September 8th 2012 in the Family Life Center at West Erwin Church of Christ. No gifts please, just your presence.

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Baby Table Shower

Mark September 16 on your calendars for a table shower for Mandi & Tres Lowrance, who are expecting their 2nd baby boy, Sutton Blake! Since he already has big brother Ryker's 'hand me downs', diapers & wipes are appreciated!

Caregiver Connection Series

Beginning September 5, there will be a Caregiver Connection Series from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at West Erwin Church of Christ in room 403 of the Office Complex. This is a free event brought to us by the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County. Topics include: Understanding & Recognizing Dementias, Considerate Communication for the Memory Impaired, Safety Issues at Home and When Home is No Longer Safe, Financial Planning: Preserving Family Assets and Legal Planning & Decisions to Consider. The dates of each session are September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3 & 10. Please RSVP to Nora Gravois at 903-509-8323 or nora@alzalliance.org. There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center and you may also pick up a flyer there.

It's a Girl!

Please join us for a baby shower honoring mommy-to-be

Chanse Lott

As they prepare for the birth of Emmalyn Kate

Saturday, September 15, 2012 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

at the home of Julie Ables 3026 Concord Place Tyler, Texas

Registry: Babies R Us, Cole & Co., Storkland, Target

Thank You

Thanks to all for the prayers, cards and calls through our daughter-in-law's illness. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful church family and our love & God's blessings to each one of you. Jo & Art Rowland

Senior Game Day

Join us for Senior Game day every Monday morning! We meet in room 403 of the Office Complex from 10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

Sunday Evening Worship

Please remember our Sunday evening services now begin at 5:00 p.m. We will continue to meet at this time through the end of May.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals are back! Join us at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights at the Family Life Center for dinner! The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The meal for September 12 is Mexican Food. Indicate on your attendance card on Sunday if you plan to join us.

Welcome to Our Church Family!

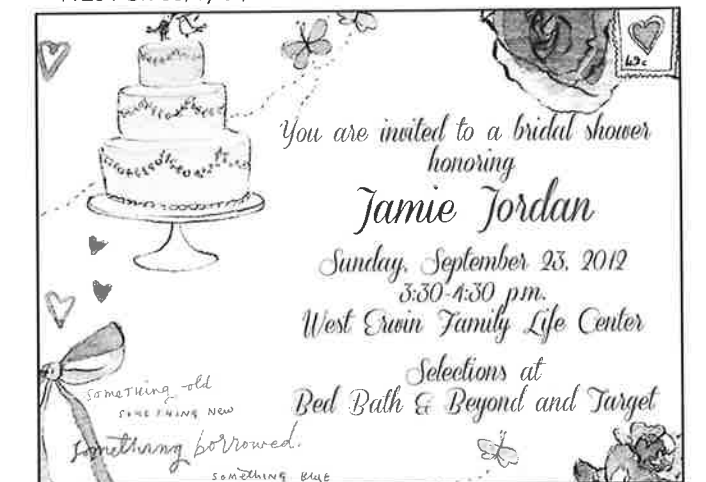
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Bible Class	473	409	446
Worship a.m.	703	681	673
Worship p.m.	372	332	NC
Wed. p.m.	379	340	317
Contribution	\$21,851.37	\$24,772.75	\$28,157.98
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Good Shepherd, Longview: John Reynolds, brother of Chris, motorcycle accident | **Mother Frances: Paul Boles,** father of Judy Hamm. ICU with bleeding ulcer | **Mary McFadden,** broken hip (No visitors at this time) | **Park Place: Joe McBee,** rm. 113 | **Health South: Mildred Simpson,** mother of Ruth Ellis, knee replacement | **Clairmont: Bettye Sue Harris** | **Reunion Plaza: Peggy Garner,** rm. 111 | **Providence Park: Norene Ingram** | **Janice Hardaway,** room 613 | **James Phillips** | **Winona Shankle** | **Olympic Center: Craig Thorne,** son of Bettie Thorne **ETMC: Carla Haddock,** daughter of Bettie Thorne | **Updates: Carolyn Carruth** had double knee replacement surgery on 9/6 in Kansas. | **Dorcas Chance,** friend of Cawyer's, will have surgery to remove a kidney on September 12 at Scott & White in Temple. | **Bill Hawkins** had a pacemaker implanted Wednesday. | **Renna Oaxaca,** sister of Shirley Chandler, was diagnosed with cancer & will undergo more tests. | **Betty Price** had oral surgery this week. | **Tommy Price** had hip surgery 9/9. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culppepper | Sean Denman | Bill Hawkins | Ralph Henderson | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Teree Loveless | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Frances Phillips | Kathy Portwood | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Tom Ramsour | Brice Sustaire | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | 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: Frances Davis,** grandmother of Donella Jackson | **Sara Laminack,** daughter of the Daniel Morgans

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REEVES RHETORIC

Disconnected Frustration

Are we faithful to God because our innermost desire is to be faithful to Him? Are we faithful to God because we experience a closeness and tranquility with Him that we have come to conclude exists in no other? Are we faithful to God because unfaithfulness would create angst and turmoil in our divine connection to Him? Are we faithful to God because faithfulness pleases Him?

I am seldom more frustrated than when my cellphone drops a call. I was driving back to Tyler from Waco yesterday afternoon, trying to talk to Tiersa, when my phone disconnected the call about ten times in a two minute time period. I seriously, seriously thought about tossing the phone out of the window!

There is a disconnect that exists between religion and faith. There is a smugness and ego that Satan utilizes to lull Christ followers into thinking that somehow we've arrived. Somehow we've got it all together. Somehow we've got it figured out (and think that through... somehow we can have God figured out?!). That somehow if we're "following the rules" (our understanding of the rules) we're living up to God's desire for our lives. This immature perspective of faith is ultimately fueled by Satan. Because if he can con us into thinking that relationship with God is a system of belief, or a structure of "do's" and "don'ts," we will never reach our potential as those who have been forever transformed by the message of Jesus. As those who are continually transformed by the Spirit of Christ.

Relationship is deeper. Love and adoration in a relationship come not from that which is external, but rather, from that which is deep within the heart. The same is true of any relationship. But especially in our relationship with God. Genuine. Whole-hearted. Deep faith. Abiding faith. Maturity of faith is what we're after.

This disconnect not only negatively impact us. How can we communicate the relevance of Christ to others if its relevance is lost on us? And if the unchurched have one complaint it is that the church is not relevant. Is it possible that we have some responsibility in that?

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

TO CHEW ON...

You have heard the expression... "Actions speak louder than words..." No where is that more significant than the Christian walk. Our light shines. The Church needs us to reflect her in a good light... Your example matters.

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." 1 Tim 4:12

THANKS!

Thanks to Diane Weathers for helping with the middle school devo this past Sunday night.

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday night. This ministry continues to impact our community... Thanks for serving.



Memory Lane

I have two sisters. At the end of September we are planning a trip through our past. We want to visit all our old home places, schools, and family cemeteries along the way. We want to relive old times and visit with the only surviving member of the generation before us.

I've already been reminiscing. I can remember when gasoline was 23 cents a gallon and haircuts were \$1.50, and watermelons were 5 for \$1. Life seemed simpler then. Or, were we just naïve?

Escritos de Israel

La Autoridad de Jesús (Mateo 28:18-20).

La autoridad de Jesús ha sido retada por varios grupos religiosos a través de los años. Aun por los mismos de su nación de entre los cuales algunos lo tienen como profeta pero no hijo de Dios. Uno de los movimientos más populares de esta época tiene a Jesús como profeta pero niega en lo absoluto que Jesús sea hijo de Dios, que haya muerto por el pecador, y que haya resucitado. Este mismo movimiento niega que la Biblia sea la palabra de Dios y solamente aceptan la ley de Moisés y su propio libro. Aunque otros movimientos lo nieguen nosotros aceptamos que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios (Lc. 3:22). Que murió en la Cruz por nuestros pecados, que resucitó al tercer día, y que ha de volver a buscar a su pueblo (Apo. 1:7). No le servimos a Jesús porque Él sea popular sino porque le amamos y se ha revelado a

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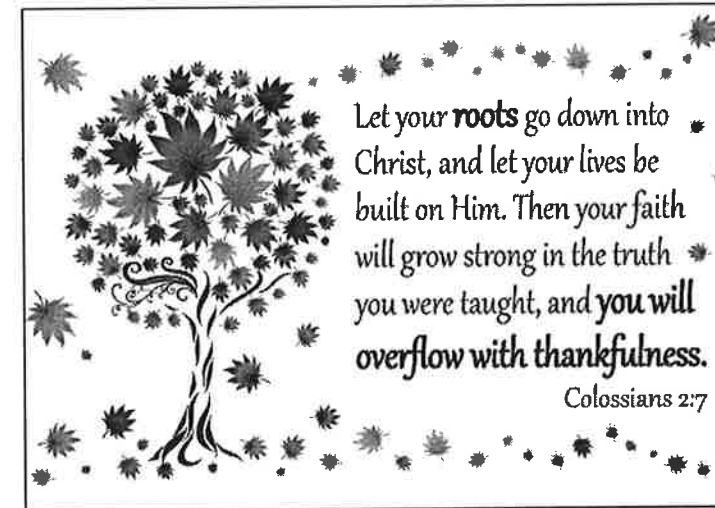
Fifty or sixty years later and most of the names and faces that filled our lives and were in the news are gone. Memories of friends are etched on black granite walls. Words of warning in the Scriptures have been forgotten. Words like: beware of those who claim to heal the brokenness of a nation by announcing "peace, peace when there is no peace" (Jere 8:11), how easy it is to block out thoughts of the Lord's predictions about "wars and rumors of wars," how easily we fall to false prophets.

Who knows what another fifty years will bring. Will our children be looking back reminiscing about what we consider modern times? Will they notice the casual look on our faces yet realize the ragged edge we were living on in our "relaxed America"? If indeed there is an America fifty years from now?

nuestros corazones.

Creemos que la Biblia es la palabra de Dios escrita por varios hombres de diversos antecedentes (2 Ped. 1:20-21). Son estos los escritos que nos ayudan a conocer mejor a Dios y a dirigir nuestras vidas cada día. La autoridad de Jesús viene directamente del cielo, lo vemos en su bautismo cuando descendió el Espíritu Santo en forma de paloma sobre y se escuchó la voz que decía "este es mi hijo amado en quien tomo contentamiento" (Jn. 3:16-17). Jesús es la autoridad divina quien nos ha sacado del mundo de pecado, hecho de nosotros nuevas criaturas, nos ha enseñado, nos ha enviado a hacer discípulos por todo el mundo (Mt. 28:18-20). Jesús es nuestro Señor y Salvador con toda autoridad divina.

Dios te bendiga.



Let your roots go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:7

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New Address

Caylee & Jordan Reid's new mailing address is P.O. Box 4112 Surf City, North Carolina 28445.

Baptisms

Madison (6th grade) & Macie (5th grade) Robertson were baptized last Sunday after evening worship. They are the daughters of Darrell & Melinda Robertson and their address is 2525 Shiloh Rd. #406, Tyler, 75703. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Madison & Macie!

Senior Game Day

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With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Joey Marse on the loss of his grandfather, **Theo Stone**. Our love & prayers are with the family.

Upcoming Showers

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September 16: Baby Boy Table shower for Mandi Lowrance, expecting second baby boy, Sutton Lake. Diapers & wipes appreciated!

September 23: Wedding shower for Jamie Jordan, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West Erwin Family Life Center. Registry: Bed Bath & Beyond and Target

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers, cards & beautiful plant that was sent for the loss of our mother. Your love & concern has been a comfort to our family.

Dorothy Watts & the Branch family

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the flowers, cards, visits and prayers. During this difficult time, it warms our hearts knowing that we are being lifted up in prayer. Thank you for your generosity and love! In Him,

The Ciaschini Family

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you so very much for the flowers and making us feel so loved. Mother & Daddy loved you all and cherished each and every friendship. What joy and peace we felt as you honored our mother with your sweet words and presence as we honored her life. You, our West Erwin family, will always hold a special place in our hearts. Love,

Cecile & Freeman Carpenter & family

Dear church family, We are overwhelmed by your outpouring of love. Thank you for the many calls, cards, visits, gifts, food and most of all your prayers. To our small group, we appreciate the gift cards so much. We are home and healing well. God is good to us. He is caring for us through you. We love you all! Love,

Davy & Sonja Carter

Welcome, New Members!



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 Odie & Dolores Kennedy
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REEVES RHETORIC

A Community of Refugees

"They devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the Apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as they had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:42-47).

God creates humanity in His image. Spiritually. He created you and me, in His spiritual image. No one can be you but you. You are unique in the way that you reveal faith to others. Pretty profound stuff if you ask me....

God exists in community. Father, Son, and Spirit. We too are created to exist in community. With God (the Father, Son, and Spirit) and with one another.

A mark of Christian maturity is how we go about intentionally ministering to others. Specifically, how we minister to the spiritual needs of each and every person of whom we come into a close proximity. How we minister to those who are "churched" (those who are a part of faith). And how we minister to those who are "unchurched" (those who have little or no experience in faith). However a crucial demographic that we are to be so very intentional in our ministering, is those who are "dechurched." And what I mean by "dechurched" is that we are intentional in our ministry to those who have had bad experiences in organized religion. That we are intentional in our care and in our nurture and in our ministry to those who have come to have a invalid poor opinion of Christ, because of a valid poor opinion of those who wear His name.

To facilitate a community of Christian "refugees." Where Christian refugees feel safe and protected. To foster a community where Christian refugees are healed and empowered.

A community of refugees.... Sounds an awful lot like the Kingdom of God!

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

NO PAIN, NO GAIN

It happens every day—to someone. It's not always the same, but it occurs repeatedly. It comes in all shapes and sizes. You get a bad grade on a test. You try to find a date and come up empty. You try out for the soccer team and get cut. You apply for college and don't get in. Your dad gets cancer.

Pain. Disappointment. Hurt. Brokenness. Sadness. When pain comes, it's hard to maintain our balance. Pain confuses us. Disarms us. Depresses us. Pain makes us mad. It is like a huge fog that encompasses us. We get mixed-up. Bleary. Hazy. Fuzzy. Bewildered.

It happened to Jesus. He knew that his death was coming soon, so he went to a garden to pray with his closest friends. He was in such emotional pain that he prayed, "Father, if it's possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. But let your will be done rather than mine." At that moment, our Messiah was in pain, and the pain was crushing his heart.

The next time you hear someone say, "No pain, no gain," remember what Jesus did for you. His pain is our gain. He was

beaten, ridiculed, excruciated. And when you bring your pain to him, you can be sure he understands. Matthew 26:36-56

From: God's Word for Students

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Some Things Are Just Wrong!

The part of Daniel that I did not get to last Sunday evening comes from chapter 1:3-17. Nebuchadnezzar hand-picked the strong, smart, good-looking young men to take under his "training" program from among the Jews in Jerusalem. Daniel and his three friends were included. He took them into the royal palace to get them acquainted with the good life. They ate and drank from his table. Nebuchadnezzar wanted them to look like Jews but act like Babylonians so

they would persuade the masses.

Daniel refused to eat the meat, not because he was a vegetarian, but because His GOD had said no to eating meat that had been offered to idols and that meat had been. Daniel did not complain about his name being changed to Belteshazzar, but his GOD had said "No" to eating the meat, so Daniel and his friends refused.

GOD says there are some things that are just wrong. Sexual immorality - wrong. Homosexuality - wrong. The shedding of innocent blood - wrong. Daniel said, I will not defile myself because my GOD has said "NO."

Oh to see such conviction and courage again!

Escritos de Israel

¡PERMANECIENDO EN EL PRIMER AMOR!!!!

"Pero tengo contra ti que has dejado tu primer amor" (Apo. 2:4). Qué fácil es olvidarnos de esos preciosos momentos iniciales de nuestra relación con el Padre, ese momento del primer amor, donde somos tan tiernos y dulces con El, porque como llegamos casi todos en momentos y situaciones un poco difíciles, somos dóciles y frágiles a su verdad, a su presencia, pero una vez ha reparado nuestras alas, cogemos vuelo y lo miramos de lejos. Y es tan fácil que esto nos suceda, es como cuando estamos enfermos y dejamos que la mamá se nos acerque, nos arrulle, nos consienta, nos cuide, pero una vez estamos sanos, eso nos parece cosa de bebés, y nuevamente nos alejamos; la conocemos y sabemos de la bendición que es ella para nuestras vidas, pero no la disfrutamos. La historia se repite y al igual que a los Efesios que conocían la doctrina,

Eran teológicamente sanos y sabían discernir entre la verdad y el error, pero ya no disfrutaban de la Presencia personal de Dios, del Dios que los salvo y los amaba, ellos conocían el hecho de su salvación, mas habían perdido el Gozo de su salvación. Hoy día nos sucede a nosotros lo mismo, las situaciones y los afanes de la vida nos ahogan, y no disfrutamos de la presencia del Señor, hemos dejado el primer amor. Cultivemos esos fervientes afectos que nacieron en nuestros corazones cuando conocimos del Señor. Que seamos como los pámpanos que están pegados a la vid (Jn. 15:1-7), para que permanezca en nosotros la sencillez, delicadeza y ternura de nuestros primeros tiempos. No dejemos apagar ese primer amor, y si es que ya se apago, y simplemente estamos defendiendo una verdad y no la estamos disfrutando y viviendo, incomodémonos y volvamos a sumergirnos en amores con El, hasta que nos deleitemos en su presencia y rescatemos, lo más valioso que hemos abandonado.

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Baptism



Congratulations to **Cristina Chavez**, wife of Jose Chavez, as she was baptized last week. Her address is 1607 N. Confederate Ave., Tyler, TX 75702. Welcome to the family, Cristina!

Prayers for the Cooks

Please keep **Tom & Donni Cook** in your prayers as they will be traveling to the Ukraine on behalf of the Missions Committee. They will be checking on the work being done with Eastern European Mission. They plan to leave September 24 and return October 4.

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Upcoming Shower

September 23: Wedding shower for Jamie Jordan, 3:30-4:30 p.m., West Erwin Family Life Center. Registry: Bed Bath & Beyond and Target

Thank You

To our West Erwin family, We want to thank everyone that came to our wedding anniversary party. It was great to see all our friends and some we hadn't seen in a long time. We also want to thank everyone for the cards we received. We do appreciate our church family.

Clinton & Louise Culpepper

The family of Walker Weathers appreciates your kind expression of sympathy and the gifts of your steadfast love and friendship. "And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, tho those who are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the lovely basket of flowers for my mother's funeral. Thank you for the cards and condolences during this time. But, especially thank you for lifting us up in prayer. God has blessed us richly with wonderful Christian family and friends. We love you,

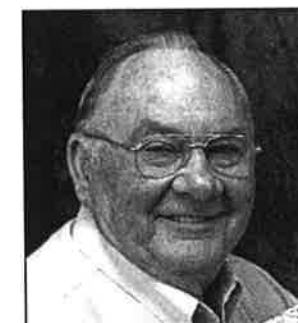
Kim & Terry Frick

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you all for the prayers and well wishes. I appreciate being prayed for.

Jerri Handy

New Maintenance Director

We have a new man on staff for all of our maintenance needs! **Cal Wilkinson** has taken the position and has been on the job for a couple of weeks. Cal has already been doing a great job and we are glad to have him as a part of our team! Cal is replacing **Harvey Strickland**, who served in this position since 2006. We would like to express our wholehearted thanks for all the great work Harvey has done for the West Erwin Church of Christ in the last six years. Harvey has consistently shown himself to be loyal and hard working, an integral part of the team, and a friend to our staff. Harvey has been a great personality around the office and his sense of humor will be missed!



Harvey Strickland



Cal Wilkinson

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REEVES RHETORIC

You Are Not Alone

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like Him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love” (1 John 4:16b-18).

There's a lot that has brought the Apostle John to this point in his first letter. There are those who feel as if they have the market cornered on God and who readily belittle others who they consider as "less spiritual." John writes to encourage those who are taking criticism and who are truly seeking to have high view of God and humble view of themselves.

The theme of "love" is a thread that runs throughout John's literature. John assures that the very nature of God is love. The Apostle affirms that love is not only the foundation of our relationship with the Father, but is foundational in our relationship with others. With both those whom we agree and those we do not.

Everything of course is encompassed within Jesus' beautiful message: "God so loved..." (John 3:16).

But here in 1 John, the Apostle moves from "love" to "fear." "There is no fear in love." "Perfect love drives out fear." The connection to love (and context of John's message) is enveloped in relationship. Relationship with God. And relationship with others. And what I believe our Father through His servant John hopes to communicate with us in this is that for those who are in a right relationship with God fear is not a part of the equation. The perfect love of God revealed in the Gospel of Jesus drives it away. However, if we were to be honest, we each, very often, have our fears. And even though John is speaking of eternity and how there is no fear ("condemnation" to use Paul's word – cf. Romans 8:1) for those who are in Christ Jesus, I wonder what might be weighing on your heart and mind right now?

I wonder: What is it that you're afraid of? What is it that is causing you concern right now? What is it that is weighing you down? What is it that is keeping you up at night? What is it that is dividing your attention? What are your fears?

Because the message of Jesus can be summed up in these words: "You are not alone."

Jon Walker in his book, *Costly Grace*, writes: "Fear whispers in our ear that we face danger alone, that God is unaware of our plight and that Jesus is unavailable in our time of need" (p217).

You are not alone. You can trust God. You can trust our Father. You can trust Him.

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Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny*

BIBLE QUIZ

We are gearing up for East Texas Bible Quiz! This year we will be studying the Book of Matthew. The Quiz Dates are Oct. 21, Dec. 2, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25.

We are working on the study sessions and will get you detailed information & study sheets very soon.

COMBINED DEVO

All of those in the high school group are invited to the devo this Sunday, Sept. 30. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished at 8:30. Invite a friend to join us!

GUYS & GIRLS CLASS

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FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday, Oct. 28 is the date for our annual Fall Festival. Teens: The sign up list will be out soon for hosting the booths. We will also need bags of wrapped candy & cookies. This year we are asking each child to bring a package of Baby Wipes. This is a special project to help Boles Home.

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Control vs Controlling

There is a big difference in being in control, out of control and being controlling. We often say, "That person is out of control." We're usually talking emotionally. Being in control has everything to do with being self-controlled. To be punctual, we must be in control of the use of our time. To be a good listener, we must be in control of our thoughts and our tongue. To see a job through, we must be in control of our determination. The Bible encourages us to be in control of ourselves and even says that GOD gives us a spirit of self-control (2 Tim 1:7). The writer of Proverbs says, "a

wise man keeps himself under control" (Prov 29:11). Controlling others is not our business. Surely I have enough trouble controlling myself without trying to control all those around me.

You can see this play out in Matt. 26. Jesus is in the garden when a detachment of soldiers came to arrest him. Peter makes an attempt to protect Jesus by swinging his sword at the man closest to him. Jesus stopped him and said, "Do you think I cannot call on my Father and He will at once put at my disposal more than twelve legions of angels?" Jesus admitted that the Father had given him all authority in heaven and earth. He could have easily controlled them all. Yet, it was in his self-control that kept him from being controlling.

Every day, life on this earth comes down to the question, "Who's in control here?"

Escritos de Israel

La tragedia de una vida desperdiciada (Lc. 12:15-21).

La muerte es inevitable. Quizás usted conoció a alguien que murió de una manera inesperada. La parábola de hoy es una advertencia al respecto. Habla de un hombre que tuvo comodidades y riquezas, pero solamente durante su vida terrenal. La muerte le vino sin aviso, y el hombre no pudo llevarse nada consigo. Dios lo llamó necio por haber vivido concentrado en él mismo. Aunque rico a los ojos del mundo, este hombre no tuvo ninguna relación con Dios, ni invirtió nada en el reino de Cristo. Todos los tesoros que almacenó no le sirvieron de nada cuando murió. Y por no tener al Señor Jesús, estaría separado de Dios para siempre. Cuando pienso en las decisiones de esta persona, me vienen a la mente dos preguntas en las que todos

debemos reflexionar.

Primero, si usted muriera hoy, ¿iría al cielo? La salvación es un regalo para quienes ponen su fe en Jesús como el sacrificio aceptable por su pecado. Él es el único camino —de nada sirven las excusas ni aun la creencia sincera en otros "caminos". Jesús ha prometido que cuando un creyente muere, inmediatamente va a la presencia de Él (2 Co 5:6). Segundo, ¿es el egoísmo lo que le motiva a acumular riquezas para sí mismo? ¿O su motivación es impulsar el reino de Dios? Como el hombre de esta parábola, no sabemos cuándo moriremos. Lo que sí sabemos es que la muerte es inevitable. Aunque la muerte es un tema desagradable, la eternidad es muy larga y digna de nuestra atención. Definitivamente, asegurarse de la salvación y de invertir en el reino de Dios. El Señor te bendiga.

With Sympathy

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New Address

Mark & Martha Waggoner: 2421 Copeland Rd., Tyler, TX 75701.

Church Directory Updates

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Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, I am so happy to be at home! I just want to thank all of my family and church family for being there for me since January. The visits, cards, food and especially your prayers has gotten me this far. I have a ways to go but I know the Lord will be with me all the way. Keep me in your prayers. I love you all. God bless!

Janice Hardaway

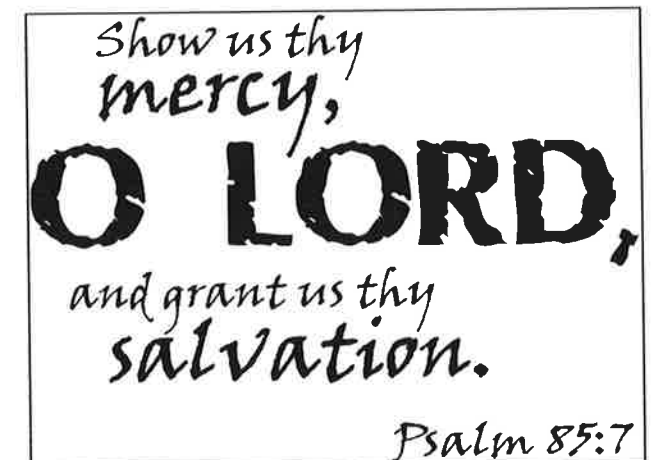
Dear West Erwin church family, We are so thankful for all the cards, calls, prayers and visits while Con was in the hospital. We also want to thank the ministers and staff for helping with Con's memorial service and express a special thank to those who provided food for us after the memorial. Con truly loved his West Erwin family and we appreciate all the ways in which you ministered to us during his illness and death. In Christian love,

The Family of Con Sweet

**Dewayne, Cynthia & Darren Manning
Jeff & Carys Stiefer & family**

Dear West Erwin, It isn't what you have in your pocket that makes you thankful, but what you have in your heart. West Erwin will always be in my heart and in my family's heart. Growing up at West Erwin, watching my Daddy, Fernen Carpenter, serve as elder with my Momma (Tillie Carpenter) by his side was such a blessing. Thank you for honoring Momma with your flowers, plants, cards and attendance to her funeral. She is finally HOME.

**Mark & Angel (Carpenter) Gregory
Lauren & Riley Long
Landon Gregory**



Welcome, New Members

Myron & Elizabeth Granberry

724 Jeffery Dr., Tyler, TX 75703

903.561.6230 | mg1940@suddenlink.net

Tye & Julie Power

Josiah (7), Eowyn (5) & Judah (1)

327 Brazos, Chandler, TX 75758

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We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!

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Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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	Tony Adams
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Dismiss	Blake Lockhart

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Joey & Mindy Marse
 Carlos & Emma Morgan
 Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy
 Info Center: Ron & Jean Parish
 Bob & Barbara Paul

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Caleb Heath, John Park, Wesley Smith, Toby Marse,
 Corey Prestidge

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REEVES RHETORIC

Christ-Defined or Situation-Defined?

Those of you who have raised children know very well the up and down emotions of a child. They can be crying one moment and laughing the next. Hungry and dissatisfied and throwing a "wall-eyed fit," and then minutes later content and satisfied and happy as they could possibly be (I don't know exactly what "wall-eyed fit" means but I've come to understand - it's not good!). The emotions of a child run the gauntlet readily.

But aren't we sometimes equally as susceptible to running the gauntlet? Don't we often allow the situations we find ourselves in at times to take control of our emotions? Don't we at times allow external situations to overwhelm how we feel about everything else?

Sometimes what upsets us is a very real and present stress. The loss of a job. The loss of a loved one. An uncontrollable plummet of emotions. But at other times (and more often than not) it's something minor that sends us into orbit. Traffic lights when we're running behind. Formatting a Word document on a computer different than you're accustomed to. Trying to navigate through traffic when the GPS is telling you to go down a road that is blocked off due to construction. (I just thought I'd throw three recent personal examples out there...). ☺

Our current situations will continue to define our happiness until we are Christ-defined rather than situation-defined.

Haven't you seen Christians who right in the very middle of the crisis of a lifetime reveal such a trusting faith in Jesus? Maybe you've experienced it yourself. The peace that transcends all understanding as the Father brings comfort amidst turmoil. Tranquility in the middle of anxiety.

However beyond the tragic is the everyday. And I believe that one of the many things we struggle with as a people is the ability to calmly, rationally, objectively engage life. And as believers we ought to do better at this.

Paul writes in Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again, 'Rejoice.'" Where is the Apostle when he writes the letter to the Philippians? Prison! Rejoice? Have joy? You better believe it! But only, in Christ. And only when Christ-defined rather than situation-defined.

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Jason

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Short and Sweet

Short and sweet.....that's how we like sermons (sorry Jason), weddings, and funerals. But when it comes to life, brevity is not our desire. We all hope for the three score and ten (from Ps. 90:10) while we are young, but it's not so encouraging when we are already in our sixties. The fact remains; nobody knows for sure how long he or she will live.

GOD warns us in Scripture: "You are mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes"

(James 4:14). He says life is like a puff of smoke or a cloud of dust.

So...why do we wait to do things we have intended to do for a long time? It may be now or never. Always wanted to play the piano ----- take lessons. Always wanted to speak Spanish ----- order that Rossetta Stone. Always wanted to see the Pacific Ocean ---- do it by train! Always upset about the potholes in your street, or the loooooooong traffic lights that must go through the entire sequence before you can go ---- go to your town meeting. Always wanted to read the Bible through ---- start with Genesis today. Always known you need to be baptized into Christ ---- do it today. Don't wait for the perfect moment! Tomorrow may even be too late.

Escritos de Israel

Aprendiendo de los errores (Pro. 24:32).

Todos los seres humanos nos equivocamos, absolutamente todos pecamos y cometemos errores, es importante que a pesar de que nos equivoquemos, saquemos una lección de eso. Vamos a considerar tres cosas muy importantes que tenemos que tener en cuenta cuando nos equivocamos. *Lo primero* y principal, el más importante, es clamar por el perdón de Dios, (Sal. 51:1-2) Dios está siempre dispuesto a escucharnos cuando clamamos humillados ante él, con un corazón arrepentido. David fue un rey que tuvo muchos errores, y pecados terribles, como son el adulterio y el homicidio, pero aun así, Dios dijo: -David, hombre conforme al corazón de Dios-, ¿Por qué?, porque David después de cometer eso tan terrible, sintió el profundo pesar del pecado en su corazón, y con lagrimas humillado ante Dios. Cada vez que te equivoques, cada vez que cometas pecado, cada vez que tomes una mala decisión, clama a Dios como lo hizo David y pídele que te perdone, el lo hará. *Lo segundo* que tenemos que tener en cuenta, es aprender de nuestros propios errores.

Seamos prudentes, esta palabra quiere decir "parar y pensar",

paremos y pensemos. Analicemos la situación y veamos qué fue lo que nos llevo hasta allí, que actitudes estuvieron mal, para evitarlas la próxima vez, de los errores se aprende. Examínate cada día a ti mismo, a la luz de la palabra de Dios. (2 Corintios 13:5). *Lo tercero* que vamos a tener en cuenta, es aprender de las experiencias de los demás, un sabio dijo "guarde en mi corazón lo observado y de lo visto saque una lección", que importante es esto, observar a los demás. Si conoces una persona que ha cometido un determinado pecado, o que ha tomado una mala decisión y viste en su vida las consecuencias de sus acciones, no esperes a hacer lo mismo, aprende de eso que has observado y saca una lección para tu vida, para no cometer el mismo error. Recuerda, Dios no quiere que te equivoques, pero el error es humano, y seguramente alguna vez cometeremos alguna falta, cuando lo hagas, recuerda primeramente clamar a Dios por su perdón, no te quedes nunca en esa condición, humíllate ante Dios y ruega siempre cada día por su perdón, examínate a ti mismo y aprende de lo observado. (Salmos 51:10). ¡Dios te bendiga!

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Young At Heart in October

All seniors 55+! Make plans now for our annual Area Wide Hot Dog Supper on October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Entertainment will be provided by "Class Reunion Quartet." We hope to see you there!

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Upcoming Area Events

Ladies' Day: The Graceton Church of Christ invites you to their Ladies' Day 2012 on Saturday, October 6. The title is "What the World Needs Now is Women of God." The speaker is Ruth Hale from Southwest Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. See the flier at the Information Center.

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Baptism

We rejoice with Tim McCellon who was baptized September 30. His address is 812 Palmer Ave., Tyler, TX 75701. Welcome to the family, Tim!



Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate all you have done for us the past few months through my knee replacements and now Marcus having lung cancer. For all the cards, visits, delicious food, calls of concern and for each of you who are praying for us, we so deeply thank you. Please continue to pray for Marcus as he goes through cancer treatment.

Sheryl & Marcus Turner

A special thanks to our West Erwin sisters for contributing the beautiful quilts for EEM. This past week, 152 articles of blankets, quilts, knitted scarves, baby caps and book bags were delivered to EEM for the Ukraine, Romania & Estonia. Our next work day at Shiloh is Oct. 6 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. We hope you can come!

To my wonderful church family: Thank you for all the calls, visits, and cards Cal and I received this past week during my heart attack and then my heart procedure. I definitely felt the prayers said in my behalf and knew I was loved and in good hands. Thank you,

Jo Ann Wilkinson

Dear Church Family, We just wanted to take a moment and tell you how much we appreciate the kindness your church family has shown us. At a time when everywhere we have turned, a door has been slammed in our face, you have shown us nothing but love. And from the bottom of our hearts we thank you. God Bless You,

The Dodson Family (W.E. visitors)

Celebration of Life

As many of you already know, my wonderful, funny husband, James Ellis, passed away last Tuesday. It was sudden and we were stunned. The love already shown to our girls and me has been healing and almost unbelievable. What would we do without you all?! If you knew James even a little, then you would know he was a humble and simple man who worked hard and loved his family. He never stood on formality. We have chosen not to have a funeral because that's not what he would have wanted. We will be hosting a Celebration of Life Memorial on Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. Jamie, Michelle and I ask that you keep that date open and honor James by celebrating his life with us on that day.

Ruth Ellis

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Bible Class	394	445	455
Worship a.m.	686	689	648
Worship p.m.	428	326	394
Wed. p.m.	355	371	371
Contribution	\$22,791.97	\$49,239.80	\$46,870.96
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized/Rehabilitation: **Mother Frances:** | Sam Mink, father of Lee, ICU with Guillian-Barre Syndrome | Dawn McKay | **Good Shepherd:** John Reynolds, brother of Chris | **Health South:** Arlene Thomas | **Park Place:** Joe McBea, Room 113 | **Clairmont:** Bettye Sue Harris | **Providence Park:** James Phillips | **Norene Ingram:** Mary McFadden, Room 220 | **Garden Estates:** Winona Shankle | **Reunion Plaza:** Peggy Garner **Hospice in Menard, Texas:** Elgene Potter, sister-in-law of Wendell | **Hospice at Greenbriar Nursing Center:** Marjorie Cox | **Updates:** Tommy Price is home after hospitalization. | The doctors of Sharon Rhodes, aunt of Ron Lott, have found tumors on her brain. | **West Erwin Family:** Ernest Bradley | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Ralph Henderson | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Teree Loveless | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Penny & Wade McDonald | Dawn McKay | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Betty Willis | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** Sara Laminack, daughter of the Daniel Morgans

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Following Jesus. Hearing His Voice.

We've spoken a lot lately about simplifying. Focusing on what really matters. Removing the clutter from our lives. Freeing ourselves from the noose that we've slipped into. "Throwing off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily trips us up and running this Christian race well" (to paraphrase Hebrews 12:2).

We're unpacking some key spiritual disciplines on Sunday mornings together. We're seeking to practice the presence of God and striving to live lives that reflect the Lordship of Jesus in very real and very practical ways. Discipline is key. And as we've set things into motion over the last few weeks, we'll consider in the weeks ahead not only the familiar disciplines of prayer and study and Christian community, but also the not so familiar disciplines of fasting and silence and contentment.

Jesus says, "The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice" (John 10:2-4).

I can't read these words of Jesus in John 10 and not think of what the writer of the Hebrew letter reveals to us as he states, "Therefore brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body... let us draw near to God...." (Hebrews 10:19-22a).

Jesus is the way to God. In Him we have access to God. In Him we are brought near to God. It's a close, intimate, spiritual connection and relationship.

But... can we hear our Savior's voice?

Tuning in to God. Getting rid of the static of our lives and hearing our Savior's voice. "He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out." How can we follow Him well, if His voice is drowned out by all the noise we are allowing in?

Glory to God!

Jason

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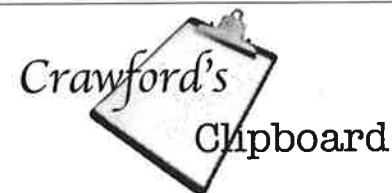
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Arms of Hope

The Medina Children's Home and Boles Children's Home are asking us to participate in their "Change for Children" campaign once again. The cans are available in the foyer. We only have 30 cans! Please return them by December 9th. The change you collect will make a difference in the lives of children and single mother families in their care. Thank you for your help!

Escritos de Israel

El alto costo de resistir a Dios (Jonas Cap #1).

Cuando Jonás huyó del Señor, probablemente pensó que había escapado de una tarea indeseable. Pero la rebeldía nunca hace que la vida sea mejor o más fácil. Pronto se encontró en una situación aún menos agradable: un desesperado viaje dentro de un pez. En la historia se destacan dos cosas: **La determinación de Jonás de escapar.** El renuente profeta abordó una embarcación que iba en dirección contraria. Quizás usted ha tenido el mismo problema que Jonás: los planes de Dios no coinciden con los suyos. Podemos vivir tranquilamente y en dulce comunión con el Señor hasta el día en que Él nos pida que hagamos algo que no nos guste. Es cuando se prueba nuestra devoción a Dios.

Si usted se resiste, Él dejará que una tormenta haga estragos en su alma, hasta que se someta a su autoridad.

Where Does Evil Come From?

What is the source of all evil? Did Jesus not tell us that evil comes from the beliefs stored up in our hearts (Mt 15:18-20)? It's true! Everything you and I do is a reflection of what is in our hearts. All our deeds come from beliefs we have stored inside. Selfishness, anger, violence, greed, compassion, mercy, and love.....they all come from what we have stored inside us. The only way to get rid of destructive thoughts and motives is to root them out of your mind and replace them with truths that GOD has guaranteed to work. (Rom 12:2) (Phil 4:8-9)

La persistencia de Dios de perseguirlo. Como profeta, Jonás tenía que hablar en nombre del Señor, un compromiso que Dios toma en serio. Usted notará en el pasaje de hoy, ciertas acciones que el Señor tomó para ayudar a Jonás a cumplir con su obligación. Dios "hizo levantar un gran viento en el mar" (v. 4) y "tenía preparado un gran pez que tragase a Jonás" (v. 17). Si nos resistimos a Dios, Él pondrá presión sobre nosotros para captar nuestra atención y traernos otra vez a Él. Eso muestra lo importantes que somos para él. La rebeldía tiene un precio elevado. Perdemos no solo la paz y el gozo, sino también oportunidades para servir a Dios en el futuro. Las consecuencias pueden llegar hasta la eternidad. Usted no querrá estar delante de Cristo, sabiendo que la desobediencia le condujo a la pérdida de recompensas eternas.

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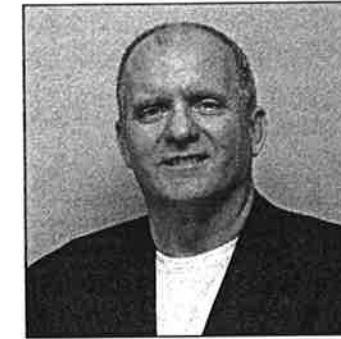
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Baptisms

Miguel Santibanez, son of Jesus & Rogelia, was baptized last Saturday. He is in the 8th grade at Dogan Middle School. His address is 11204 CR 35, Tyler, 75706. | **Suzy Brioso**, daughter of Jose & Cristina Chavez, was baptized last Monday. She is in 8th grade at Hogg Middle School. Her address is 1607 N. Confederate Ave, Tyler, 75702. We welcome you both to the West Erwin family!



New Minister



We are happy to announce the hiring of **Donnie Carnathan** as our new Involvement Minister upon the retirement of Don Crawford at the end of the year. Donnie comes to us from Lake Houston Church of Christ in Humble, Texas,

where he was the Youth & Family Minister. Donnie & his wife, Suzie, recently moved to the area to be closer to two of their three children, our own members, Michael Carnathan & Lindsay Kelly. Donnie's first day will be October 15. We believe Donnie & Suzie will be a great fit at West Erwin. We hope you will take the time to get to know them better as they become a part of our West Erwin family.

Contact Info for the Carnathans:

15610 Regian Drive, Lindale, 75771

Home: 903-881-5953

cells: Donnie: 713-299-5864 | Suzie: 713-299-6018

Drc71@hotmail.com | smcarnathan@hotmail.com

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for Sunday night, October 28 for our annual Fall Festival! We are asking for cookies and bags of wrapped candy. There will be a sign up sheet at the Information Center in the foyer if you are able to bake cookies for that night. We ask that you specify the kind you would like to bake as well as how many dozen. We are also asking that each child that attends the Fall Festival bring a package of baby wipes that will be collected & donated to Boles & Medina Children's Homes (Arms of Hope).



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Wednesday Night Meal

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Worship a.m.	639	686	707
Worship p.m.	360	428	357
Wed. p.m.	359	355	393
Contribution	\$23,080.08	\$22,791.97	\$24,544.35
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Mother Frances: Sam Mink, ICU | Dawn McKay, ICU | Melissa Parrish, surgery | Children's Hospital, Dallas: Kalli Huff | Hospice at Greenbriar Nursing Center: Marjorie Cox | Park Place: Joe McBee, Room 113 | Providence Park: James Phillips | Norene Ingram, Room 601 | Mary McFadden, Room 220 | Garden Estates: Winona Shankle | Updates: Ernest Bradley has a broken arm. | Wanda McCune, daughter-in-law of Carolyn, will have shoulder replacement surgery Oct. 22. | West Erwin Family: Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Teree Loveless | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Dawn McKay | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaire | Arlene Thomas | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Betty Willis | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Sara Laminack, daughter of the Daniel Morgans | Danny Wright, nephew of Mary Adams, stage 4 brain cancer | Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter, in Michigan | Sharon Rhodes, aunt of Ron Lott, tumors on her brain

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 Braden Lockhart, Ross Harris, Davis Camathan, Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf

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REEVES RHETORIC

A Win/Win Situation

If at the end of the day I were to ask you to give me an itemized itinerary of the events of your day and how they unfolded, you'd readily be capable of describing how the day progressed. For me, most mornings the alarm clock goes off at 6:45am. (Some of you you're thinking: "I only acknowledge one 6:45 during the day and it's not 6:45AM!") For others of you, your routine may be that you get up even earlier.) By 8am all the kids are sitting in their desks at school. And by 8:15am I'm either in the office or at a coffee shop depending upon the day. Now that's only an hour and a half's time frame, but a whole lot more went into that hour and a half than that, right? I failed to mention whether or not the kids were in a good mood by the time we walked out the door or if I had to referee. Whether or not we left in plenty of time or had to break several laws of man and a few laws of physics to get them to school before the tardy bell rang (not that I ever do that!). I haven't told you about all the things on my mind during that hour and a half either. Concerns. Commitments. Complications. From the things on my to-do list that I just need to get done, to things that I have no idea what to do about and am still waiting to see how God works through them.

My reason behind this is to acknowledge to you that as much as we are striving to simplify, as much as we are striving to keep the main things the main things, we live lives that involve some degree of complication. Some complications we can actively do something about. But the reality is, for other complications, we're in a holding pattern.

Process these words of the Apostle Paul, "But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not 'Yes' and 'No.' For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not 'Yes' and 'No,' but in Him it has always been 'Yes.' For no matter how many promises God has made, they are 'Yes' in Christ." - 2 Corinthians 1:18-20a

What Paul assures is that everything in life is a "Yes" when we're in Christ. Everything is a "Yes!" That somehow amidst good and bad, calm and chaos, triumph and tragedy, when we are in Jesus, it's all a "Yes." It's not that it's all easy. It's not that it always makes sense. But somehow when we see life through eyes of faith everything is a "Yes" because God is God. And in Jesus, we are His people. And because we are His, everything is a "Yes." So you got a promotion? It's a "Yes" in Christ. So you lost your job today? It's a "Yes" when you're close to our Savior. The cancer is in remission? It's a "Yes" in Jesus. Your counts are looking like the cancer has returned? It's a "Yes" when in relationship with God.

Somehow when we are in Christ Jesus, everything is a "Yes." If you are being faithful to God, it's a win/win situation. No matter how that hour and a half looks. No matter what complications you're in the middle of. No matter how promising or how bleak a circumstance. In Him it has always been (and always will be) "Yes!"

Glory to God!

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Resource Room Work Night

Monday night, October 22, there will be a work night for the West Erwin ladies in the Resource Room beginning at 5:30 p.m. There are many projects to be done with Children's Education and with the Card Ministry, so come early and stay late, or come late and stay a little while. Call 903-316-1973 for more information."

Senior Game Day

Seniors 55+: Join us for Senior Game day every Monday morning! We meet in room 403 of the Office Complex from 10:00a.m.-1:00 p.m. Please bring a sack lunch. We look forward to seeing you!

Wednesday Night Meal

October 17: Burgers | 5:30 p.m. | FLC

Fall Festival

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Thank You
"Thank you" does not seem adequate enough to show our appreciation for all the visits, cards and food that have been brought so many times through the years. The flowers sent to our mom's funeral were beautiful. The encouragement you have provided to our family has meant so much and we are blessed by the many prayers offered up on our behalf. Mom loved her West Erwin family and we are thankful to each of you for the love shown to us during our time of loss. May God bless each of you in the way you have blessed each of us. Love,

Thank You

Tommy Parrish
Jeff & Melissa Parrish & Family
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Pray For Our National Election

It is critical that Christians pray for the upcoming presidential election. GOD is the power. Prayer is our communication to HIM. So we pray HIS will not ours.

2 Chronicles 7:14 says humble yourself, seek His face, turn from your wicked ways and GOD will hear and forgive and heal our land.

Psalm 125 says, "as the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord surrounds His people." Pray that our nation seeks truth and will not be shaken.

Pray that the Lord will defeat those who have no regard for Him.

Pray that GOD will put His hands on the man of His choice to lead this nation.

Ephesians 4:8 - Pray that our people will be able to discern what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy for this coming election.

John 16:33 - Pray for peace in this troubled world and take heart that our Lord has already overcome it.

Psalm 18:31-36 - Pray that GOD'S choice for president will have strength and courage and an unusual ability to govern this nation.

Hebrews 11:32-34 - Pray that GOD'S man will have a great faith to persevere as the men of old.

2 Corinthians 12:9 - Pray that the Lord would empower and enable our president through any weaknesses that may be present.

May the United States of America be a blessing to our Creator!

dará; medida buena, apretada, remecida y rebosando darán en vuestro regazo... (Lc. 6:38): este es el gran principio contra las malas rachas.

¿No es esto asombroso? Dios tenía a la mano todas las opciones posibles para recuperar las cosas que había perdido. Tenía toda la sabiduría y el poder a su disposición. Sin embargo, de todas las opciones posibles, Él escogió el principio de dar. Dios dio algo que no podía ser reemplazado: su Hijo unigénito. Luego respaldó ese regalo con su propia fe. Y cuando el principio de dar y recibir había cumplido su propósito, Dios Padre todopoderoso no sólo recibió a su Hijo unigénito, sino también a millones de otros hijos con Él. No se desespere por sus pérdidas, redímalas como Dios redimió las de Él. Dé, y ponga en práctica el principio más poderoso del universo a trabajar a su favor.

(Ro. 5:15) Pero el don no fue como la transgresión, porque si por la transgresión de aquel uno muchos murieron, la gracia y el don de Dios abundaron para muchos por la gracia de un solo hombre, Jesucristo.

Dios te bendiga y nos vemos el domingo.

Escritos de Israel

Como transformar las pérdidas en victorias

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Si usted está pasando por una mala racha y necesita que alguien le diga cómo cambiar las cosas, busque a Dios. Él es experto en la materia. Él ha sufrido las mayores pérdidas que jamás alguien haya sufrido. Dios perdió a Lucifer, el ángel de mayor rango y el más ungido. También perdió como un tercio de todos los ángeles cuando Lucifer se rebeló. Luego perdió al hombre y a la mujer que había creado; y como les había dado dominio sobre la tierra, también perdió ese dominio. Esa fue una gran pérdida de bienes raíces. No obstante, Dios no es de los que pierden. Él es el mejor ganador de todos los tiempos. ¿Sabe por qué? Porque Él sabe cómo transformar las pérdidas; sabe cómo poner en práctica el principio de dar y recibir para transformar las pérdidas en ganancias. **Dad y se os**

Celebration of Life



The family of **James Ellis** invites you to a Celebration of Life on Sunday, October 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the West Erwin Family Life Center. The family would like to joyfully celebrate their wonderful husband & father by sharing memories & stories of life James lived.

A New Day

As I walked along life's busy highway,
I ventured aside onto a byway.
At first it seemed like a good place to be,
Then a mountain rose up in front of me.
Though I tried to find the trail going round,
The pass was quite narrow and closed I found.
I couldn't turn back, nor ahead could see,
Then a voice from above said, Follow me.
He showed me a road winding high above
That sometimes is steep, but guarded with love.
He said, You've the strength and courage to climb,
Be patient and take one step at a time.
Now I take His hand, and He leads the way.
With Him to guide me I never can stray.
Each day dawns anew much brighter by far,
While the nights are clear with a twinkling star.
His grace and His love are a mighty force
To keep me safe as I travel the course.
Gladly I'll walk in His light every day.
And humbly with hope in His care I'll stay.
F.L. Booth, Church of Christ in Zion, IL

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Bible Class	365	407	464
Worship a.m.	613	639	640
Worship p.m.	308	360	394
Wed. p.m.	NC	359	380
Contribution	\$32,875.10	\$23,080.08	\$46,608.90
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
Benevolence Center - Clothing.... 8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin – Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809

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Prayer Scotty Rouse
Scripture Dannie Skipper
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Charles & Linda Westerfeld
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Chris & Barbara White
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David & Ginny Wicks

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SOUND BOOTH for 10/28

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REEVES RHETORIC

A Kingdom Not of this World

Covenant with Christ radically shapes our worldview. Covenant overcomes our culture. In order for us to be as missiologically effective as Kingdomly possible we have to transcend our biases. To overcome our presuppositions. To place Christ at the center of our life and paradigm of life. To see others not for where they are but for where they could be. To view each and every person on the planet as created in the image of God. As valuable. Not only valuable to God. But valuable to us. This way of thinking is not of this world. It is altogether other-worldly. It is Kingdom thinking. Kingdom processing. And it runs contrary to our natural tendencies. Left to our own devices we create a religiosity that places ourselves at the center, rather than Jesus. If and when we do, suddenly God likes all the things we like and hates all the things that we hate. Suddenly God accepts all of those we accept and rejects all of those whom we reject.

Our Master however calls for radically different senses. To have "eyes that see and ears that hear." To consciously acknowledge and actively participate in the Kingdom of God. Conquered and empowered by the Gospel of Christ. Congruent with the Holy Spirit. It is a Kingdom in which we as believers are to pledge our complete and total allegiance. A Kingdom not of this world. A spiritual Kingdom. As a viable part of this Kingdom we therefore view life and all that it contains through the lens of faith. We willfully engage life desiring unity with God and His Word and His Spirit. Intentionally striving to get in Jesus' Way, and at the same time, to get out of His way. To anticipate the breaking in of the Kingdom. To see every facet of life from the perspective of the Messiah. To be so in tune with the voice of God that His counsel and direction are unmistakable and undeniable. To be one, in harmony, in unison, and in sync with the magnificent, spiritual, harmonious, powerful, radical Kingdom of God.

In *The Pursuit of God*, A.W. Tozer asks (and answers), "Why do the ransomed children of God (that's us) know so little of the habitual, conscious communion with God which Scripture details and offers? The answer is our chronic unbelief. Faith enables our spiritual sense to function. Where faith is defective the result will be inward insensibility and numbness to spiritual things. This is the condition of vast numbers of Christians today. No proof is necessary to support that statement. We have but to converse with the first Christian we meet or enter the first church we find open to acquire all the proof we need. A spiritual Kingdom lies all about us, enclosing us, embracing us, altogether within reach of our inner selves, waiting for us to recognize it. God Himself is waiting for our response to His presence. The eternal will come alive the moment we begin to reckon its reality."

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LTC SIGN-UP

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Violence

The entire planet seems to be exploding with violence. The hostility and hatred in the world is ready to flare into a full-scale disaster. It's in our nation. It's in our city, our neighborhoods, and our schools. You can't leave anything unlocked. Home security systems are no longer luxury items. The most frightening part is that so much of the violence comes from young teenagers.

From a prison cell himself, the Apostle Paul pens these words:

"mark this: There will be terrible times in the last

days. People will be

lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive,

disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love,

unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers

of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure

rather than lovers of GOD --- having a form of godliness but

denying its power."

The hope for Christians is that Christ is coming back. He's gone to prepare a place for those who love and serve Him. A place where there will be no violence. We must persevere! We must trust! We must hold fast to His great promises!

ojos, reservarse algunos animales para ofrecerlos en sacrificio al Señor parecía una idea mejor que la de Dios. El pecado de Saúl nos parece evidente, pero con frecuencia no estamos conscientes de la manera como reaccionamos a sustituciones similares. Quizás Dios le está llamando a servir de una forma particular, pero, por temor, decide servir en un área menos difícil. O tal vez dedica mucho tiempo a su trabajo, para que el Señor no note que está descuidando a su familia. A veces, hemos mezclado tanto nuestros planes con los de Él, que ya no somos capaces de ver la diferencia. Al ofrecer un "mejor" plan, estamos resistiendo callada y sutilmente el llamado de Dios de vivir plenamente dedicados a Él. No hay manera de que nuestro plan sea mejor que el que Dios tiene para nosotros. Quienes tratan de alterarlo tienen vidas sin poder, porque la obediencia a medias es desobediencia.

Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el domingo.

Escritos de Israel

La obediencia a medias es desobediencia (1 Sam. 15:1-26).

Cuando Dios le llama a hacer algo específico, ¿cómo responde usted? La mayoría de nosotros no le levantaría el puño y le gritaría: "¡No voy a hacerlo!" En vez de eso, luchamos con la idea durante algún tiempo. A veces discutimos, diciéndole todas las razones de por qué no surtirá efecto el plan de Él. Otras veces, empezaremos a dudar de que escuchamos bien, y luego negaremos que incluso nos llamó. O podríamos reaccionar como Jonás, y simplemente correr en la otra dirección (Jon. 1:2-3). Pero hay otra respuesta que muchas veces es tan sutil, que ni siquiera la reconocemos como desobediencia. Sustituir el plan de Dios por el nuestro es una manera de parecer obedientes, evitando así hacer lo que no nos gusta.

Fue así como respondió Saúl a la orden del Señor. A sus

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Anniversary Celebration

Waterview Church of Christ in Richardson, TX, is celebrating their 50th Anniversary December 1-2. See the flyer on the Information Center in the foyer for more information.

Ladies Day & Luncheon

The Winnsboro Church of Christ invites you to their Annual Ladies Day & Luncheon on Wednesday, November 14 with featured speaker Nell Ellenburg. See the flyer at the Information Center.

New Address

Brenda Browning

3723 Colony Park Dr. | Tyler, TX 75701

LTC Sign Up

Mark your calendars for November 4! It will be our Leadership Training for Christ sign up night. We will be meeting at the Family Life Center after evening services. See Danny Snell for more info.

Calendars

November calendars are now available for you to pick up at the Information Center in the foyer.

Happy Anniversary

Congratulations to **Ella & Ernest Bradley** on celebrating their 72nd Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 21!



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Thank You

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Jqn & Milburn Cook

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Worship p.m.	412	308	369
Wed. p.m.		NC	349
Contribution	\$28,999.65	\$32,875.10	\$20,922.50
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: ETMC: Archie Kennard | Mother Frances: Jeri Cannon, mother of Sheri Gruver | Dawn McKay, ICU | UT Health Center: Phyllis Holleman, pneumonia | Park Place: Joe McBee, Room 113 | Providence Park: James Phillips | Norene Ingram, Room 601 | Mary McFadden, room 220 | Garden Estates: Winona Shankle | Hospice at Greenbriar Nursing Center: Marjorie Cox | Health South: Sam Mink | Updates: David Byas, son-in-law of Bettye Price, has mass in his lung. | Evelyn Messer is now home. | Tommy Price is recovering from a fall. | West Erwin Family: Ernest Bradley | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Bettye Sue Harris | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Teree Loveless | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Dawn McKay | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Arlene Thomas | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Betty Willis | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Archie Kennard | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: Family of Kelly Garrett, friends of Garrett & Jill Smith | Jean Kuykendall, sister-in-law of Carolyn McCune, cancer | Sara Laminack, daughter of the Daniel Morgans | James Liles, friend of Scott Baker | Danny Wright, nephew of Mary Adams, stage 4 brain cancer | Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter, in Michigan | Sharon Rhodes, aunt of Ron Lott, tumors on her brain | Brandy Strap, friend of Scott Baker

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 Ken Culpepper David Demic

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REEVES RHETORIC

An Awareness of Holiness

"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as He who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: 'Be holy, because I am holy'" (1 Peter 1:13-16; cf. Leviticus 11:44-45).

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness and into His wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

I wonder if a greater awareness of the holiness of God might equip us to be more cognizant of our own holiness? I wonder if willful, intentional contemplation of the holiness of our Father might assist us in realizing our own holy status in Christ Jesus? Certainly we are only made holy in Christ, however we are called to holy living. To a holy way of life. All of life is sacred for those who believe. The Apostle Peter is calling for conviction. He is calling for commitment. Half-hearted Christianity doesn't cut it. "Just as He who called you is holy, be holy in all that you do." We recognize our failings. We acknowledge we are spiritually bankrupt outside of covenant. However just as the Father is holy, we are to be holy. What if holiness were in our thoughts? What if holiness were upon our hearts? What if holiness were a viable part of our vocabulary and conversations? What if a sustainable facet of our faith was the practice of holiness?

Father we pray for an awareness of holiness. To be aware of your reality and your presence in our lives. And to be aware that we have been (and are continually) made holy in Jesus. Our hope is that we would be altogether incapable of being men and women who give little consideration to your character and nature, your purpose and our calling. Our prayer is that we would be a holy people. Light in a world of darkness. Our desire is that we would be like you. That we would reflect your holiness. That holiness would be such an integral part of who we are and so very definitive in what we reveal to the world around us that there would be no doubt as to who we are and whose we are. In the name of the Holy One in whom we place all hope, and all confidence, Amen.

Glory to God!

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

FALL FESTIVAL

What a fun time we had Sunday night at the Fall Festival. Thanks to all the teens and adults who helped set up Saturday and run the event Sunday night. A special thanks to Lisa Snell for coordinating the set up on Saturday. Thanks to Dale & Carolyn Blackstone and their crew for once again feeding us so well!

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BIBLE QUIZ

We are gearing up for East Texas Bible Quiz! This year we will be studying the Book of Matthew. The Quiz Dates are

Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 28 & Feb. 25.

Our 1st Quiz will be over Matthew 1-7. Read, Read, Read! We will meet again Sunday, Nov. 4 for lunch and study. We will have the Quiz @ 2:00. West Erwin will host that day. Please bring \$6 for Pizza Buffet. We will provide transportation to & from Mazzios.

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Displaying a United Front

It's a huge problem when trying to rear children. It undermines one parent while exalting the other and children learn to work that at a very early age.

GOD designed marriage as a union of two bodies, two minds, and two spirits. United they will stand. Divided they will fall. (Matt 12:25)

Absalom was proof that a divided house could not stand. He murdered his brother for raping his sister and then ran away. David allowed him to return. It

seemed all was well, but Absalom wanted more than just being David's son. He led a rebellion against his own father by undermining his authority and brought GOD'S kingdom to the very edge of annihilation.

Everybody knows that families are supposed to present a united front. Everybody knows families could avoid a load of problems by displaying a united front. So why is it so difficult? It's all the work of Satan.....divide and conquer. Resist him and he will flee from you.

What about nations? What will it take for us to live up to our name, "United States of America?" When was the last time a united front was displayed? Under the leadership of David both Northern and Southern kingdoms were united and GOD blessed them everyone. Think and pray on such things.

Escritos de Israel

El significado de La santificación (Jer. 29:11)

El Padre celestial tiene un plan grandioso para la vida de cada uno de sus hijos, y puede resumirse en la palabra *santificación*. Si usted nunca ha estado seguro del significado del término, no es el único; muchas personas no tienen clara su definición. Pero los creyentes debemos entenderlo, pues esa palabra nos define. En su forma verbal --*santificar*-- el término significa "*hacer santo*" o "*apartar*" (Hech. 13:2). Por eso, cuando algo es santificado, es apartado de su uso común anterior y dedicado a propósitos sagrados. El Antiguo Testamento menciona varias cosas que el Señor santificó entre ellas: el séptimo día y a la tribu de Leví como sacerdotes, e incluso consagró lugares como el lugar santísimo dentro del tabernáculo (Gé 2:3; Nm 3).

El Padre celestial sigue santificando a las personas en el presente. Antes de que alguien ponga su fe en el Salvador, está muerta espiritualmente y, en realidad, es enemiga de Dios (Ef 2.1-3; Ro 5.10). Pero en el momento que decide confiar en Jesucristo, sus pecados son borrados y es adoptado en la familia de Dios (Jn. 1:12). Esa persona es apartada como un hijo de Dios, con un propósito sagrado. Esto significa que los creyentes no estamos aquí para ir tras nuestro beneficio personal, sino para servir al Señor y darle honra y gloria. Como miembros de la familia de Dios llamados a reflejar su gloria, a los creyentes se les conoce como "*santos*" (2 Cor. 1:1). Se nos ha dado este apelativo --que comparte su raíz con *santificación*-- no porque estemos sin pecado, sino porque vivimos una vida congruente con Aquel a quien representamos (1 Cor. 6:11). *Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el domingo.*

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Tanyon & Ashley Reeves & daughters Kayson, Brynlee & Adelyn placed membership with us last week. Their address is 19945 CR 4119, Lindale, 75771. We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

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Thank You

Jamie, Michelle and I would like to thank you all for surrounding us with your love and compassion during these past few weeks. This has been one of the most difficult times in our lives and you have made it bearable. Most of us live as though we have all the time in the world, never giving much thought to what it would be like to live without your spouse or parent. So...in memory of James, go right now and hug your husband or wife or dad. Take their face in your hands and tell them you adore them. Don't wait.... Thank you again for loving us and praying for us.

Ruth, Jamie and Michelle Ellis

West Erwin Family, Once again, thank you all so much for the calls, visits and most of all prayers on my behalf while I was in the hospital for my heart procedure. God is so good and I am so blessed.

Jo Ann Wilkinson

New Baby!

Emmalyn Kayte Lott was born to Brandon & Chanse Lott on October 20 at 1:41 p.m. She was 7 pounds 7 ounces & 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are Ron & Pam Lott. Congratulations to the entire Lott family on their new addition!



Just For Laughs! *A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. Proverbs 17:22*

- A little child in worship service for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so everyone could hear: "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."
- After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up." "That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?" "Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."
- A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service: "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."
- A boy was watching his father, a preacher, write a sermon." How do you know what to say?" he asked. "Why, God tells me." "Oh, then why do you keep crossing things out?"
- A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mother and whispered, "Mommy, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"
- The Sunday School Teacher asks, "Now, Johnny, tell me frankly do you say prayers before eating?" "No sir," little Johnny replies, "I don't have to. My Mom is a good cook."
- A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up, "Grandpa, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago." "Oh," she paused, "Grandpa, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed, honey," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"

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Bible Class	471	442	468
Worship a.m.	691	675	701
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Wed. p.m.	202	NC	367
Contribution	\$29,240.37	\$28,999.65	\$34,948.93
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 Scripture Ira Wilson
 Dismiss Tony Adams

GREETERS
 Wayne & Bitsy Berryman
 Bud & Charlotte Cawyer
 Milburn & Jan Cook
 Info Center: Chad & Amber Chauncey
 Ruby Cliver

PICK UP CARDS for 11/11
 Ethan & Logan Stone, Caleb DuPree, Clay Mitcham,
 Nathan Turner

SOUND BOOTH for 11/11
 Alex Mullins/Mark Frick
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:
 Nursery a.m.: Camille Mink | Nursery p.m.: Debbie Jones | Toddlers a.m.: Kim Lemons | Toddlers p.m.: Mary Lockhart

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

STAFF	
Don Crawford - <i>Involvement Minister</i>	Jason Reeves - <i>Preaching Minister</i>
Nancy Crawford - <i>Children's Education Coordinator</i>	Israel Sandoval - <i>Hispanic Minister</i>
Danny Snell - <i>Youth Minister</i>	
MISSIONS	
B.I.C.A. E.E.M. Focus Press India West Africa World Bible School World Radio	
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REEVES RHETORIC

Making Room for Others

“The church would be great if it weren't for all the people.”

“Leave the church and get closer to God.”

“Jesus, Yes. The church, No.”

I understand where those who make such declarations are coming from. Or at least, I grasp what would evoke such statements.

Most often they originate from a moment of frustration. At times, after years of effort. These words are spoken out of angst and anguish. Out of the burden and desire to unreservedly worship and praise and serve a perfect God in our complete and total imperfection. These feelings and emotions are generated out of a belief that we make faith much more complicated than it was ever intended to be.

However when we look intently to the paradigm of the Kingdom, we become acutely aware that we need one another. We cannot be all that God intends for us to be without Kingdom relationships. Without Christian community. We are greatly impeded in our ability to live up to our potential as believers without journeying through life together. Without loving one another. Encouraging one another. Challenging one another. We cripple the communal design of the Gospel and Kingdom when we do not develop intentional Christ-following, Kingdom-centered relationships. Much of our journey of faith is based upon our own individual relationship with God. Our own willful choosing to be His people every moment. However, without Christian community we hobble our spiritual development and Kingdom impact.

What is needed is grace. Not only God's grace to us, but His grace from us. God's grace in us, freely given to others. Openly extended to others. We have to make room. To allow room. Each of us do. To make room in our hearts for others. The problem is that we are seldom aware of our own Pharisical tendencies. Relationships are not always easy. But they are always healthy when they are focused upon Christ. And when focused upon the greater purpose of the Kingdom.

Glory to God!

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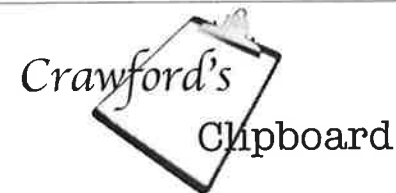
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AREA WIDE JR. HIGH DODGEBALL

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HOPE

Hope is what everybody looks for especially when his or her situations are bleak and lifeless. Whether it is an individual, a tribe, or a nation, whether it is death that has come in like a ruthless thief to snatch away a treasured presence, whether it is a nation of people in a downward spiral.....hopelessness always casts a spell of darkness and loneliness too powerful for spoken words.

Escritos de Israel

La libertad se encuentra en Cristo (Gal. 5:1)

Hay mucha gente la cual tiene tiempo de estar en los caminos de Dios pero, siguen aferrados a viejas ataduras. Hay ofertas las cuales quieren apresarse tu economía, Hay gente la cual quiere encadenar tus proyectos, Hay preocupaciones las cuales tienen como propósito cautivar la paz que Cristo te dio. Todos los días hay situaciones, gente y adversidades que se levantan en contra tuya con el simple objetivo de encadenarte de manera que te dejan inmóvil, paralizado y sin fuerzas para continuar adelante. ¿Quiénes son aquellas personas a las cuales sigues atado hasta este día? ¿Cuales son aquellos hábitos y costumbres a los que todavía sigues aferrado? ¿De qué o quién te has dejado encadenar?... Pedro fue apresado por los soldados romanos con el propósito de que no continuara haciendo lo que Dios le había encomendado a hacer (Hech. 12:6);

tal vez gente, frustraciones, la depresión, deudas y muchas cosas más te han sujetado con cadenas hasta este día de modo que te han imposibilitado seguir haciendo aquello que Dios te llamó a hacer pero, hoy quiero decirte de parte de Dios que es tiempo de que sueltes las ataduras que te mantenían inmóvil porque ya Cristo las rompió. Si Cristo pagó por tu Liberación (Hech. 20:28) ¿qué motivo hay para que tú sigas siendo esclavo de lo mismo? Hay mucha gente la cual tiene tiempo de estar en los caminos de Dios pero, siguen aferrados a viejas ataduras, siguen encadenados a un pasado que les tortura, a actividades que les destruyen y lo más triste de todo es que piensan que eso es llevar su cruz. Hoy es el día en el cual debes levantarte y renunciar a toda amistad, relación, hábito y costumbres que te mantenían atado a una vida infértil, estancada y sin fruto. Mientras le sigas dando poder a lo que te ata continuarás siendo esclavo de lo mismo de siempre pero, en el momento que te determines a soltar las ataduras experimentarás la Libertad de Cristo Jesús. **Dios te bendiga.**

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For the Christian, Matthew 28:6 brings hope back into life. The words, "He is not here! He has risen just as he said" fills that emptiness once again. There is nothing like it! When Christians gather together to worship and lift their voices in praise to the risen Redeemer it paralyzes the darkness. Our illnesses don't seem so final. Our fears fade away. Our grief diminishes. Our drive to push forward is rejuvenated.

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Thanksgiving Schedule

Mark your calendars for Wednesday night, November 21! We will not be having our regular classes, but everyone will meet in the Family Life Center for a devotional followed by pie & coffee. Please make plans to join us!

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Thank You

The family of Peggy Garner thanks you with deep appreciation for the floral arrangement sent for her funeral. Sincerely,

Mona Lee & Pat Garner



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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REEVES RHETORIC

Kingdoms in Conflict

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked Him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My Kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my Kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." – John 18:33-37

There is a collision between Christ and Culture. When we respond to the call of Jesus and cling to the Kingdom of God it is required of us that we release the kingdom of this world. The Kingdom of God and the kingdom of the world are in conflict with one another. They are opposed to one another. Jesus declares, "My Kingdom is not of this world." And only to those who are of the Kingdom does the Kingdom make sense.

So why is it that so much of what occupies our thoughts is worldly? Why is so very much of our focus upon the temporal? Why do we give the worldliness of this world such an audience? And how can Jesus so readily be relegated to an afterthought?

Do we separate life into eternal Kingdom and temporal kingdom compartments? Do we elevate the eternal when we look to the day to day? What I mean is that as we go about our day-to-day living are our minds and hearts in tune with what really matters? Because in the grand scheme of it all, only the things of God matter. Right? Why is it then that we spend so much energy focusing upon the minutia of the kingdom of this world, rather than the wonder of the Kingdom of God?

"You are right in saying that I am a king," Jesus affirms.

But the question remains: *Is He really your King?*

Glory to God!

Jason

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

THANKS

Thanks to all who came to the Area Wide Dodgeball night. We had a good turnout with Shiloh Rd., Pinetree & Winnsboro. Thanks to David & Sharon Hammond, John Shaw & Marc Philpot for helping host the evening.

ZEW RETREAT

ZEW Retreat is this weekend! Please be at the church building @5:00 Friday. Bring money for Supper... Dairy Queen & Sonic. Check the weather for appropriate clothing.

KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen on Monday, Nov. 19. This has traditionally been our Thanksgiving Meal but we have decided to do Burgers and fixins instead. We serve at 6:00 and usually finish cleaning up by 7:00. Join us as we serve the community.

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GUYS & GIRLS CLASS

Teens: Join us on Wednesday nights for some great classes! Bring a friend!

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Nov. 18	Bible Quiz Study Session
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Looking Back

There is value in looking back. Moses told the people to look back at the way GOD had led them and do not forget what GOD had done for them. In communion we look back to the cross, but we also look ahead to the time when Christ will come again to gather His people.

With my retirement in view I look back and see what all GOD has done during my time at West Erwin. I see how GOD used small things to accomplish great things and I thought.....that's how He has always

worked.....Moses, Gideon, David, Rahab, a boy with a few loaves and fishes....on and on it goes. So as a farewell bulletin article let me remind you that no work is small if it's GOD'S work. No gift is small if it is given in faith. No act of kindness is small if it is done to the glory of Christ. Let HIM who works work through you and never discount the small things.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Get ready for Donnie's Desk (or whatever he calls it). You have always been a great encourager regarding my articles so be sure to keep it up with Donnie.

Algunos se engañan a sí mismos al pensar que su pecado no perjudica a nadie, pero el pecado siempre termina haciendo daño. En contraste con la egolatría, la Biblia dice que debemos ser humildes y altruistas (**Fil. 2:3-4**), amar a quienes nos maltratan (**Mt. 5:44**), y mostrar misericordia a quienes tropiezan repetidamente (**1 P. 4:8**). Esas virtudes ayudaron a Pablo a estar contento en cualquier circunstancia. En cambio, algunos creyentes toman todo lo que oyen y ven y lo filtran en su mente para ver si los hiere de alguna manera, lo que resultará en inmediata inestabilidad y ansiedad. Cuando otros lo maltratan, la humildad lo ayudará a mantener el equilibrio. **Dios te bendiga.**

Escritos de Israel

LA FUENTE DEL CONTENTAMIENTO He aprendido a contentarme, cualquiera que sea mi situación. (Filipenses 4:11)

El existencialismo, la actitud mental dominante de la psicología contemporánea, se ha infiltrado no solo en nuestro país, sino también en muchas iglesias. Da a entender que todo hombre tiene el derecho a hacer cualquier cosa que lo haga sentir bien. Pero una manera equivocada de pensar como esa se origina en el orgullo ególatra. Es la persona egoísta la que dice: "Si lo hace sentir bien pero me hace daño a mí, no puede hacerlo. Pero si me hace sentir bien pero lo daña a usted, puedo hacerlo de todas maneras".

Thank You



A special "Thank You" to **Sharon Beaver** for the hours and hours she has spent brightening up our hallways and classrooms with the beautiful bulletin board decoration.

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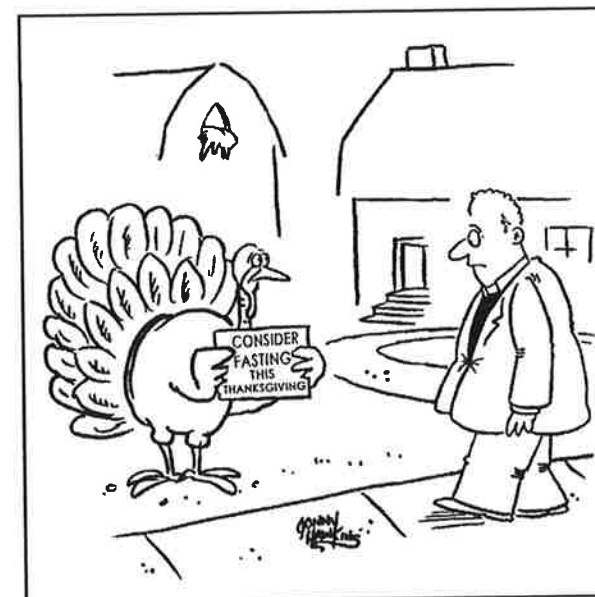
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Thanksgiving Humor



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Thanksgiving Week Schedule

Mark your calendars for Wednesday night, November 21! We will not be having our regular classes, but everyone will meet in the Family Life Center for a devotional followed by pie & coffee. We will not have our usual Wednesday night meal that night. The church office will be closed at noon Nov. 21 and will be closed all day the 22 & 23.

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Thank You

Thank you to those of you who provided and served the meal for our family before Peggy's funeral. It was delicious and the facility was great for all the kids! Thank you also for the beautiful floral arrangement. Peggy would have loved it all.

Mona Lee & Pat Garner

Thanksgiving Day Is Near

by Margaret Cagle

I have a wonderful feeling

As I greet this time of year.

November days are here again,

And Thanksgiving Day is near.

Orange pumpkins make their way

Into our many market places.

We'll bake many pumpkin pies

To be in our guests' good graces.

Turkey farms are gearing up

For the biggest sale of the year.

Many families look forward

To seeing grandparents so dear.

As we all gather together

For a special Thanksgiving dinner,

Let's thank God for salvation

He provides for each lost sinner.

Let us thank God for our bounty,

For so much food on the plate.

He is ever worthy to be praised

For His blessings are so great!

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Bible Class	425	443	406
Worship a.m.	373	667	591
Worship p.m.	353	304	NC
Wed. p.m.	NC	NC	372
Contribution	\$24,520.25	\$23,709.44	\$23,877.33
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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 Alan Fisher

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 Davis Carnathan

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REEVES RHETORIC

Words of Glory

"Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God that God should repay him? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen." – Romans 11:33-36

This section in Romans 11 is called a "Doxology." *Words of (ology) glory (doxa)*. They are words that give glory to God. Praise and honor to God. We at times will sing a song with the same title: *Doxology* – "Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."

As the Apostle is writing the letter, considering the wonderful plan of God revealed in the Gospel of Christ, he **pauses to give glory to the Father. His words become poetic. And He sings a song of praise to the Lord for the wondrous things He has done.**

You have to be feeling pretty good about life to all of the sudden start singing. Don't you? Tiersa's grandpa, Leon Bowen, whistled when he was in a good mood. He would whistle church hymns. Just thinking about him whistling brings a smile to my face.

I look forward to the holidays every year. Maybe you do too. Food. Family. Friends. Coffee. Lots of coffee! Even among the busyness of the season, there's plenty of time to relax and enjoy. Tiersa and I will make the rounds. We'll catch up with extended family. Sit down face to face with friends we only "see" the rest of the year on Facebook or talk to on the phone. I love the holidays!

However for many, the holidays can be extremely difficult. Painful even. Strained family relationships. Trying to please everyone (which is an impossibility). Balancing time with others so that no one gets their feelings hurt. Financial stresses. Loneliness. Missing loved ones who have passed on.

My hope is that we would be very aware of how we might minister to those who are struggling in any way, especially at this time of year. And if we find ourselves struggling, that we would turn to God. That we would allow our Father to minister to us. And that we would *praise Him from whom all blessings flow....*

Glory to God!

Jason

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GREAT RELATIONSHIPS

I want to start my first article by saying "Thank You" for the warm welcome you have extended Suzie and I. We appreciate the many well-wishes that have been extended to us and for all the invitations into your homes. I pray that this will be the start of a great relationship between us as we share in the Lord's work here at West Erwin. As long as God's people hold to God's principles, we should never be lacking for great relationships within the church. Paul gives us some guidelines for maintaining great relationships. While Paul was giving encouragement to Titus in his ministry, his instruction would benefit us all in any relationship we are trying to cultivate. Paul wrote to Titus, *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, as to show true humility toward all men* (Titus 3:1-2). On paper, it looks so simple, but in life we sometimes struggle with these traits. Have you ever broken a law such as

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TEEN HOLIDAY PARTIES

The Jr. High Party will be Friday, Dec. 7 @ the home of Wade & Dianne Weathers. Please bring a wrapped \$5 fun gift. We will have more details in class Sunday.

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speeding or maybe a little creative bookkeeping on a tax return because of a little selfishness? Have you ever passed up an opportunity to do some good for others because you did not want to stop and take the time to help? Have you ever slandered someone in a moment of weakness and desire for revenge? Have you ever failed to be peaceable when your temper has gotten the best of you? How many times have you struggled with your humility and looked down on others because they were different from you? Paul gives us some help for these struggles in the next few verses. *At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived, and enslaved... We lived in malice and envy, ... hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us... He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:4-5).* When you catch your relationships slipping away from you, remember where you came from and what you were without the influence of Christ and the Holy Spirit on your life. Remember who saved you and the fact that Christ did it out of his love and kindness for you. Love and kindness are the foundation for great relationships and Christians should specialize in relationships.

Escritos de Israel

Contentos y confiados

Sustenta mis pasos en tus caminos, para que mis pies no resbalen. (Salmo 17:5)

Los cristianos que son espiritualmente estables tienen un testimonio que honra a Cristo. Esa es la clase de testimonio que tenía el apóstol Pablo. Atado en cadenas como preso del Imperio Romano, seguía contento y confiado en el Señor (Fil. 4:11, 13). Pero muchos creyentes no están contentos hoy, el materialismo es uno de los factores que ha venido a matar la paz y la felicidad y contentamiento de los hijos de Dios. En realidad, a los incrédulos les resulta difícil entender cómo un cristiano que cree en un Dios Todopoderoso

puede vivir como si Dios fuera débil,

Por lo consiguiente a muchos les resulta difícil poder llevar una vida consagrada a Dios y vivir como viven los cristianos. Tal vez haya ocasiones en las que usted se sienta aplastado, débil y sin poder mantenerse firme. Usted sabe lo que es perder su equilibrio espiritual. Nos enfrentamos a las tentaciones y las pruebas de esta vida (Mt. 5:10-11). No obstante, es esencial que seamos espiritualmente estables no solo por nuestro propio bienestar, sino también por nuestro testimonio cristiano ante el mundo perdido. Así que cerciórese de que está dependiendo de Dios, no de usted mismo, para mantenerse firme (Mt. 5:12). ***¡Dios te bendiga nos vemos el domingo!***

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Special Contribution

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Young At Heart Christmas Lights Tour

The Young at Heart group will be taking a bus to see the Christmas lights in Marshall on December 10. Please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer if you'd like to ride.

Sermons Online

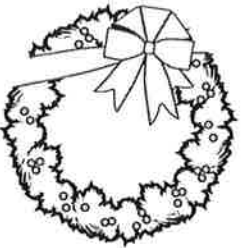
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Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family, What a blessing it has been for Archie and I to be a part of this wonderful congregation for so many years. Thank you for your concern and prayers for Archie during his long illnesses and passing away. Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement. It was so pretty! Also, thanks to all who had a part in preparing the lunch for us before the funeral. It was delicious. West Erwin is so special to us and we love you dearly. May God look down on each of you and bless you.

With Our Love,

Faye Kennard, Joni Smith and Family

I want to thank everyone for their kindness and expressions of concern for me. First, thank you for the prayers of my brothers and sisters in Christ. For the cards, phone calls, food and compassion shown to me, I am thankful. It means so much to know that others care. God bless you all.

Aubrey Morman

To our church family, we would like to thank you for your prayers, cards and phone calls. We love you all.

Joe & Betty Willis

Young At Heart

Seniors 55+! Please join us Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center for our Young at Heart Meeting. We will be having a holiday dinner with the main course & dressing provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad and/or dessert. Each person should also bring a wrapped, white elephant gift.

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REEVES RHETORIC

Acknowledging Our Brokenness

Last week our focus Sunday evening was upon the Bread of God. We began with the manna from heaven in Israel's wilderness experience (Ex 16). We then transitioned to the call of the Ezekiel, as the Prophet eats the scroll of the Word of the Lord (Ez 2:8-3:4). The scroll tasted sweet as honey, like manna. Our next stop along the way together was the Psalms, where we read from Psalm 19:7-10 and connected to David's praise that "the Law of the Lord" and "the precepts of the Lord" are "sweeter than honey." Our final text came from John 6 where Jesus explains that He is the Bread of God, that gives life to the world.

Our emphasis was upon being sustained by God. Being filled by God. Being satisfied by God. In every way. Recognizing and receiving the daily bread of the Lord (His Word, His Spirit, our experiences, the simple joys of life). Our call was to be filled by Him. Spiritually. And we acknowledged that we are only filled to the extent that we hunger for Him (ref. Mt 5:6).

But I want to flesh this out (see Jn 6) and take it a step further (and if this finds its way into a sermon later on just act like you're hearing it then for the first time)... As we come to the table each week and commune with our Savior and commune with one another and commune with the body of Christ the world over, we break the bread in remembrance of the Messiah (Lk 22:19). Jesus says, "This is my body given for you."

And as we accept the Lordship of Christ we become a part of the body of Christ. When *in Christ* we are *the body of Christ* (1 Co 12:27). As we commune with our Lord each week, we celebrate the Good News of Jesus. And we refocus ourselves upon who the Gospel calls us each to be. But I wonder, do we see ourselves in the bread? (Stay with me for a second....) Because only when we are broken, can God do *in us* and *with us* and *through us* what only He can do. Only when we take ownership of our brokenness can our Father begin to create within us that which is Christ-like. When we accept the Lordship of Christ, as we are baptized into Christ, we acknowledge our brokenness and we come to Him to make us whole. As we break the bread each week, do we recognize our brokenness? As those who are the body of Christ, are we, in that moment, consciously aware that only in Him we are made whole?

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

TEEN HOLIDAY PARTIES

The Jr. High Party will be Friday, Dec. 7 @ the home of Wade & Diane Weathers @ 6:30. Please bring a wrapped \$5 fun gift.

The High School Party will be on Saturday, Dec. 15 @ the Snell's. Details to come.

LTC SIGN-UP

Thanks to all who have turned in their registration forms! We are working on splitting up teams and assigning coaches so we can get an early start in January. The theme this year is "The Extra Mile" from the book of Matthew.

BIBLE QUIZ

Congrats to our young people who have participated in Bible Quiz this fall. We have studied through Matt. 1-

16. You guys did a great job! Our next quiz will be Jan. 28. Study sheets will be available next Wednesday.

SIX FLAGS-HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

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THE POWER OF TOUCH

Suzie and I were in Houston this weekend helping out with my son's children while his mother-in-law had colon surgery. One of my duties was sleeping with his 4-year-old son, Caden. Caden is an overactive sleeper if you know what I mean. Saturday, during nap time, I had to send him to his dad because he was standing up on my legs. Naptime was not a priority for him that day. Saturday night was another restless night for him, but as the night wore on, I felt his little hand on my shoulder and it seemed to settle him down. All through the night at various times, I would feel his hand, making sure I was still there beside him. I guess that touch was a comfort to him.

Touch can be a powerful thing, especially when people felt the touch of Jesus. In John 9, we see where Jesus healed a blind man by making mud and spit and putting it on the man's eyes. Before he healed the man Jesus said, "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (Jo.9:5). Jesus has a way of opening our eyes

to the things we need to see. When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we see how the things we say, do, and think affect his church. We see the church for the treasure that it is.

In Mark 1, we see where Jesus healed Simon's mother-in-law of her fever by his touch. She got out of bed and started to serve those in the house. When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we become true servants of his work. We are healed of the diseases of hate, prejudice, and envy and his traits of humility and love show through. It is then that we reflect the sweetness of a life under the touch of Jesus.

In Mark 4, we see the miracle of Jesus calming the storm through his words. The disciples thought that Jesus did not care that they were in danger. After the miracle, Jesus asked his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" (Mk.4:40) When we allow ourselves to be touched by Jesus, we get through the storms of life. We may still experience the fear, the hurt, the shame, or the sadness, but we will overcome. We have the promise that Jesus cares for us and wants for us to be with him forever. When we are touched by Jesus, we live for heaven and we live with the victory!

Aprendimos cómo afecta el mal ejemplo de aquellos que están en autoridad... **La corrupción es el deterioro o la descomposición de algo, en nuestro caso de los valores del Reino;** cuando esto sucede la persona termina esclava porque la corrupción impregna todas las áreas de su vida... A unos amigos que estaban de vacaciones se les cortó la luz en su departamento. Al regresar luego de 15 días, alimentos en mal estado habían impregnado toda la heladera y al abrir la puerta el olor invadió todo el ambiente. Así es la corrupción, con su influencia impregna (gobierna) todos los ambientes donde hay un corrupto, **porque para que haya corrupción tiene que haber alguien o algo que se haya corrompido...** Eso le pasa hoy a la sociedad, carece de pureza e integridad, pero la Iglesia y cada uno de los creyentes somos columna y baluarte de la verdad y debemos ser el referente incorruptible que marque el rumbo con los valores inalterables e innegociables del Reino de Dios. De esta manera Cristo, manifestado a través de la Iglesia, será la luz, la sal y la esperanza del mundo. **Dios te bendiga nos vemos el domingo.**

Escritos de Israel

La Corrupción, Fuente de Todos los Males.

(2 Pedro 2:19).

La corrupción tiene la capacidad de esclavizar, pero esta esclavitud no viene de repente. Cuando aceptamos ciertas actitudes en nosotros, luego las aceptamos en los demás porque no nos sentimos con autoridad para rechazarlas, y si lo hacemos nos sentimos hipócritas. Luego de tomarnos ciertas licencias caemos en la indolencia y nos volvemos insensibles a Dios y sus reclamos. Pasado un tiempo, la corrupción se naturaliza y llegamos a creer que está bien para comenzar a tener el modo de vida del mundo y no del Reino de Dios... Recuerdo que en una oportunidad, un predicador de una iglesia llegó a una reunión y contó sin ninguna vergüenza que acababa de pasar el semáforo en rojo y que le había dado dinero al policía de tránsito para que no le hiciera la multa. Éramos nuevos en el ministerio y nos preguntábamos si este era el actuar de un siervo de Dios.

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New Phone Number

Cathy Stowers
903-372-7626

Special Contribution

Sunday, December 9, is our annual special contribution. Any amount given over our weekly budget will be used for Missions. 2 Corinthians 8:7 says, "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." Prayerfully consider how much you will give December 9!

Young At Heart Christmas Lights Tour

The Young at Heart group will be taking a bus to see the Christmas lights in Marshall on December 10. Please sign up at the Information Center in the foyer if you'd like to ride.

Table Set Up

Anyone who would like to help set up tables for the All Church holiday dinner, please meet at the Family Life Center Sunday, Dec. 9, immediately after a.m. worship services.



Congratulations!

Ross Weathers is graduating from the University of Texas in Austin on December 9 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. He will be continuing his education at Baylor Law School in February.

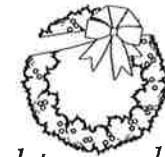


Give it Some Thought:

What can you "cut out" this week to help simplify your life?

Online Resources

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You are invited to an all-church dinner
Sunday, December 9
following evening services
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Young At Heart

Seniors 55+! Please join us Thursday, December 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center for our Young at Heart Meeting. We will be having a holiday dinner with the main course & dressing provided. Please bring a vegetable, salad and/or dessert. Each person should also bring a wrapped, \$10 gift.

A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.
Luke 12:15

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Blankets Needed



The Benevolence Center is in need of any type of blanket, quilts, bedspreads, throws, etc. Many of the people who come to the Benevolent Center do not have heat in their homes. Please bring new or gently used blankets to the Benevolent Center when you can.

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Records	Sun.-Dec. 9	Sun.- Dec. 2	Year Ago
Bible Class	438	459	466
Worship a.m.	654	660	669
Worship p.m.	423	361	407
Wed. p.m.	298	NC	315
Contribution	\$56,291.92	\$22,883.23	\$25,976.64
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

Hospitalized: **Mother Frances:** **Ronnie Brown**, son-in-law of the Melvin Crows | **Park Place:** **Joe McBee**, Room 113 | **Providence Park:** **James Phillips**, Room 501 | **Norene Ingram**, Room 601 | **Mary McFadden**, Room 220 | **Updates:** **Roy Bench** was taken to the ER Sunday with an irregular heartbeat. He was taken home & his medicines were changed. | **Donni Cook** had surgery 12/13. | **Cindie Costner**, daughter of Anna Nunn, had surgery 12/10. | **Louise Culpepper** is having heart problems. | **Kenneth English**, uncle of Diane Denman, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. | **Tim Holt** will have back surgery 12/18. | **Helen McCune**, granddaughter of Carolyn, had ovary surgery 12/12. | **Kathie Thompson** will have hip replacement surgery Dec. 20 at Spine & Joint. | **Kevin Shelton**, co-worker of Chris Reynolds, lost his son in a motorcycle accident. | **Pat Wilson**, sister of Phil Marts, will have surgery 12/13. | **Tony Wingate** is doing well after surgery. | **West Erwin Family:** Ernest Bradley | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Betty Sue Harris | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Arlene Thomas | Sylvia Tharpe | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Betty Willis | Tony Wingate | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | **Family & Friends:** **David Byas**, son-in-law of Bettye Price, cancer | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of the Daniel Morgans | **Danny Wright**, nephew of Mary Adams, stage 4 brain cancer | **Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter**, in Michigan | **Sharon Rhodes**, aunt of Ron Lott, tumors on her brain

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REEVES RHETORIC

The Fullness of Obedience

As I write this article I have eight commentaries, four Bibles, and two hermeneutical texts on my desk to help with one particular verse that I'd like for us to consider today. I seldom refer to quite so many, and generally choose for us to be less technical during our "time" here, but in this case I wanted to unpack one specific verse of Hebrews a bit, only to begin to initiate our thoughts in this direction.

First the context: "During the days of Jesus' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the One who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission. Although He was a son, He learned obedience from what He suffered and, once made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him and designated by God to be High Priest in the order of Melchizedek" (Hebrews 5:7-10).

Jesus' submissiveness and faith is certainly at the center of the Hebrew writer's thesis. The Messiah willfully chooses the cross so that we might be saved. He is our High Priest, interceding on our behalf as both priest and king, without beginning and without end ("in the order of Melchizedek" – see Genesis 14 – Melchizedek means "King of Righteousness").

But the one idea I'd like for us to focus upon is that our Savior "learned obedience" from what He suffered (v8). I understand the author's impetus in that Christ is "made perfect." He is made whole/complete/glorified as He is resurrected by the power of God. Atonement for sin is achieved. Eternity secured. But what does it mean that He "learned obedience"?

Are we to deduce that Christ had not "learned obedience" until the cross?! Absolutely not. So what then does it mean? What if we were to read verse 8 like this: "Christ experienced obedience from what He suffered"? Does that help us in our understanding of what is being communicated? Or, "Christ learned by experiencing the fullness of His obedience"? Does that change our perspective?

Christ's entire life and existence defines discipline and fidelity to the Father. Obedience characterizes the whole of our Savior's existence. We are called to imitate His obedience and discipline as we strive to live called lives (Philippians 2:1-11). And yet what is being communicated to us here in Hebrews 5:8 is Christ's experience of the fullness of His obedience. The Apostle John shares something similar as he describes the Upper Room scene where Jesus washes His disciples' feet, "Having loved His own who were in the world, He now showed them the full extent of His love" (John 13:1). It's not as if He had not revealed His love prior to the moment. And certainly His love will be made manifest the follow morning! But through the servanthood of the Lord in the Upper Room, the Apostle describes the revelation of the Savior's love as it is experienced by His disciples as He washes their feet.

The culmination of the life of Christ, a life lived in complete and total surrender to the Father's will, is revealed as He "humbled Himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:8). As Christ experienced the fullness of His obedience.

Therefore when Jesus calls us as His disciples to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him (Luke 9:23) experiencing the fullness of obedience, each and every day, is what He is after!

Glory to God!

Jason

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Jan. 28 Bible Quiz
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RUNNING THE RACE

Last weekend my daughter-in-law, Rebekah, ran in a relay marathon. She had to run 4.7 miles of the marathon. I was impressed with her effort. It seems that there are different motivations for getting involved in a marathon. Some want to do it because of the competition, some want to celebrate the healthier lifestyle that competing in a marathon brings, and some just want to finish the race on a challenge. Paul compared the Christian life to running a race, so Christians must be motivated to "finish the race" or in other words, remain steadfast in the Lord. How do you finish this race of life? Peter gives us three things in 1 Peter 5 that will help us.

First, it helps to be in a church with strong leadership (5:1-4). There are no perfect elders and there are no perfect members, so we see the importance of working together to accomplish the Lord's work. The relationship between elder and

flock must be grounded in love and trust and it is a unique relationship found only in the church. When that relationship is based on God's word, it is a gift from God.

Secondly, we must show true loyalty to each other (5:5-9). We need to deal with each other from a position of humility and not of judgment. We fight a difficult battle with Satan and our ranks must be unified in the effort. Those that "break ranks" become easy prey for Satan, the "roaring lion".

Third, we need to have sincere love for each other (5:10-14). Peter says to greet one another with the kiss of love (ESV). Peter gives us the key to that love in 1 Peter 1:22, *Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.* It takes a pure heart to love one another as Jesus would have us to do. Sincere love comes from a strong spiritual relationship with the Father. When our spirit improves, our attitudes and opinions of others start improving. Remaining steadfast comes from within and is nourished by a steady diet of prayer, study, and worship.

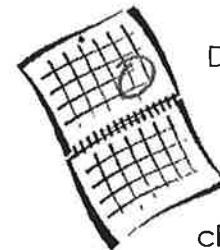
Escritos de Israel

Cuando Dios Suspira

Luego, mirando al cielo, suspiró profundamente y le dijo: «¡Efatá!» (que significa: ¡Ábrete!) (Marcos 7:34).

Tal vez tartamudeaba. Quizá hablaba con un impedimento. Puede ser que, a causa de su sordera, nunca aprendió a articular bien las palabras... Jesús no quiso sacarle partido a la ocasión y tomó al hombre aparte de la gente. Lo miró directo a los ojos. Sabiendo que era inútil hablar, explicó con gestos lo que iba a hacer. Escupió y tocó la lengua del hombre, diciéndole que su impedimento para hablar, sin importar lo que fuera, iba a ser quitado. Luego le tocó los oídos, que por primera vez estaban a punto de oír... Pero antes que el hombre dijera una palabra y oyera un sonido, Jesús hizo algo que yo jamás habría imaginado... Gimió... **Nunca se me ocurrió pensar que Dios pudiera dar un suspiro.**

Pienso en Él como alguien que da órdenes. Es el Dios que resucitó muertos con una orden y creó el universo con una palabra... pero ¿un Dios que suspira? Cuando Jesús miró a los ojos de aquella víctima de Satanás, la única reacción que tuvo fue suspirar. «Nunca debió ser así», fue el significado de aquel suspiro. «Tus oídos no fueron hechos para la sordera; tu lengua no fue hecha para la tartamudez». El desorden de la creación consternó al Maestro... Nuestra esperanza radica en la agonía de Jesús. **Si él no hubiera gemido, seguiríamos en una condición funesta. Si se hubiera resignado considerándolo algo inevitable o se hubiera lavado las manos respecto de todo el asunto, ¿qué esperanza nos quedaría?** Pero esa no fue su reacción. El suspiro santo nos asegura que Dios todavía gime por su pueblo. El gime por la llegada de aquel día en que todos los suspiros cesarán, cuando todo será como debió ser en un principio. **Dios te bendiga; nos vemos el domingo.**



Holiday Schedule

December 23, all adult classes will meet in the small auditorium for a combined Bible class. We will not have evening worship that day. The Benevolent Center will be closed December 24-January 1.

December 26 will be an all-church singing in the auditorium. The church office will be closed December 24-26.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen on Monday, December 31. Come out & serve our community before ringing in the New Year! Be at the Benevolent Center by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help. We serve at 6:00 and are usually finished with clean up by 7:00.

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Congratulations!

Caroline Weathers is graduating from Texas A&M on December 14 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Honors, Summa Cum Laude. She will be continuing her education at Texas A&M pursuing a Master of Real Estate.

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Ladies Bible Class

The Wednesday morning ladies Bible class will be taking a break until February. See Jenny Melville for any additional information.



To My Family: I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus Christ This Year

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting in the snow
I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear.
But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here
For I have no words to tell you, the joy their voices bring.
For it is beyond description to hear an angel sing.
I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place.
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?!
Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing.
For I'm spending Christmas in heaven and I'm walking with the King!



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New Year's Eve Party



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and games. See Kenna Kempton for more details.

New Address

Alex & Rebecca Mullins
1100 S. Wall Ave
Tyler, TX 75701

Wednesday Night Meal

Wednesday night meals are served at the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Please indicate on your attendance card on Sundays if you plan to join us. The meal for December 19 is Burgers, fries & pies.

December 20, 2012 <i>From The Heart of Tyler</i> Vol. 43 – No. 50			
Records	Sun.-Dec. 16	Sun.- Dec. 9	Year Ago
Bible Class	448	438	439
Worship a.m.	704	654	651
Worship p.m.	387	423	368
Wed. p.m.	350	298	367
Contribution	\$45,609.24	\$56,291.92	\$20,113.02
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: ETMC: Thelma Nolley | Tim Holt | Health South: Ronnie Brown, son-in-law of the Melvin Crows | Park Place: Joe McBee, Room 113 | Providence Park: James Phillips, Room 501 | Norene Ingram, Room 601 | Mary McFadden, Room 220 | Updates: Donni Cook's tumor was benign. | Louise Culpepper is having heart problems. | Kenneth English, uncle of Diane Denman, was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. | Tim Holt will have back surgery 12/18. | Curt Jordan will have hand surgery 12/31. | Kathie Thompson will have hip replacement surgery 12/20 at Spine & Joint. | Pat Wilson, sister of Phil Marts, had surgery 12/13. | Tony Wingate is doing well after surgery. | West Erwin Family: Ernest Bradley | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Betty Sue Harris | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Arlene Thomas | Sylvia Tharpe | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Betty Willis | Tony Wingate | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Dorothy Woods | Family & Friends: David Byas, son-in-law of Betty Price, cancer | Sara Laminack, daughter of the Daniel Morgans | Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter, in Michigan | Sharon Rhodes, aunt of Ron Lott, tumors on her brain

SERVING SUNDAY
 Call to Worship Danny Snell
 Prayer Joey Coker
 Scripture David Demic
 Dismiss Fred Wingate
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Todd Kempton

SERVING COMMUNION
 David Hammond James Hardin Drew Harris
 Mike Harris Bill Hawkins Gary Heath, Jr.
 Gary Heath, Sr. Ralph Henderson

EVENING ASSEMBLY
 No P.M. Assembly this week

GREETERS
 Greg & Debbie Jones
 Louis & Jane Jones
 Lee & Janice Kellenberger
 Info Center: Robert & Mary Lee

PICK UP CARDS for 12/23
 Caleb DuPree, Wyatt Parker, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Josiah Power

SOUND BOOTH for 12/23
 Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 12/23:
 Nursery a.m.: Jan Cook | Toddlers a.m.: Wendy Culpepper

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

STAFF			
Don Crawford - <i>Involvement Minister</i>	Jason Reeves - <i>Preaching Minister</i>		
Nancy Crawford - <i>Children's Education Coordinator</i>	Isabel Sandoval - <i>Hispanic Minister</i>		
Donnie Carnathan - <i>Involvement Minister</i>	Danny Snell - <i>Youth Minister</i>		
MISSIONS			
B.I.C.A.	E.E.M.	Focus Press	India West Africa World Bible School World Radio
ELDERS			
Jay Bynum	Phil Marts	Ray Vannoy	Fred Wingate
Ron Lott	Bill Mullins	Leon Welborn	

SUNDAY		ASSEMBLIES	
Bible Class	9:00 A.M.	WEDNESDAY	
Morning Worship	10:00 A.M.	Benevolence Center - Food	8:30 -10:30 A.M. & 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship	Sept-May 5:00 P.M. June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	Bible Classes	7:00 P.M.
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY		WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST	
Benevolence Center - Clothing	8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin – Tyler, Texas 75702-7133 (903) 592-0809	



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
 from the West Erwin Church Office Staff

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YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

TRANSITION

We announced this past Sunday that beginning in January, Lisa and I will begin a time of transition into a new Ministry Role at West Erwin. We also announced that Eric & Jean Thornton will be coming to West Erwin as the new Youth Minister. Eric & I will work together over the next months as Youth Ministers. After that transition time, my role will be more directly involved in Family Ministry. While we are still shaping all the details of that role and the process of this transition, we would appreciate your prayers. I am very excited for our teens and their families to have Eric & Jean aboard. We are also very excited to see what God has in store for us as we begin this new journey. West Erwin is our family and we look forward to this journey together.

THANKS

Thanks to Wade & Diane Weathers for hosting the Middle School Party last week. Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish, Kevin & Shelly Sustaire and J Jones for helping with the High School party.

BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Jan. 28 over Matt. 15-21. Study sheets are available. We will have a study session on Sunday Jan. 13.

SIX FLAGS-HOLIDAY IN THE PARK

We are planning to go to Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags on Thursday, Dec. 27. All teens & their families are invited to go with us. Cost is \$30. Please sign up and pay by Dec. 16. After that date, it will be by spot availability only. We are planning to leave @ 9:00 and go to the mall and eat lunch and then to Six Flags for the remainder of the day. We plan to be home by 10:30.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec. 27 Holiday In The Park @ Six Flags
Dec. 31 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 18-20 Winterfest
Jan. 28 Bible Quiz
Mar. 29-31 LTC



WHO CAN UNDERSTAND?

Like everyone else, I struggle with getting a grip on the tragedy of last week. I have heard many say that it is time to get God back in the schools. Many are using this time to further their thoughts on gun control. Many are saying that we need more help with the mental health issues that are growing everyday. There is talk of arming our teachers and making our schools more secure. When you add to this picture our struggling economy, elected officials that can't seem to work together and a culture that promotes violence; it makes for uneasy times.

I believe this country's problems run deeper than the solutions I have heard offered. In my heart, I believe we need more God in the homes. God can take care of the

broken homes. God can take care of the many problems man has with his thinking. God can take care of the issues of spending and budget controls if one will follow his principals around money. God can take care of the moral problems when one realizes how low man will sink without God in their lives. What I don't understand is why so many people who claim to be believers, just don't listen to God anymore. Can you sense God's frustrations as he inspired the psalmist? *But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. Oh, that my people would listen to me...* (Psalm 81:11-13).

It is my prayer that this country would learn from the failures of nations past. It is time to seek the counsel that has been proven successful since creation and will be proven right for all eternity.

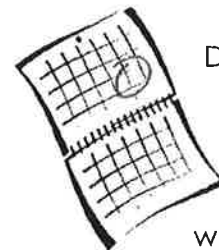
Dios, del Dios vivo" (Sal 42.1, 2).

Él sabía que, aun en esa terrible adversidad, podía contar con la misericordia inagotable del Señor que se derramaba sobre él (Sal. 42: 8)...En todos los salmos, vemos una y otra vez el hambre y la sed del Señor que tenía David. Era esa pasión —no su fuerza, sus dotes carismáticos, o su notable habilidad para comandar un ejército— lo que hizo de él un gran hombre. Y a pesar de que cometió errores graves, la Biblia lo describe como un hombre conforme al corazón de Dios (1 Sam. 13.14)...No basta leer la Biblia, ayudar y dar dinero para la obra de Dios. Él quiere que usted lo conozca personalmente. Si bien las manifestaciones de consagración a Él son importantes, ellas deben ser el resultado de una relación madura con el Señor. Si tratamos primero de conocerlo, lo demás vendrá después. (Mt. 6:33). *Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el domingo.*

Escritos de Israel

La consagración de David (Sal. 42:1-8)

¿Quiere saber quién es Dios, y lo que Él más desea? Es posible que usted haya almacenado un montón de información intelectual acerca de Dios y de la Biblia; eso es importante, pero no es lo principal. Usted puede servir al Señor y ofrendar generosamente a la iglesia, pero lo más importante es la profundidad de su relación con Dios. El conocimiento, el servicio y las ofrendas nunca pueden sustituir a una relación personal con el Señor Jesucristo...El salmista y rey David entendió esta verdad, y ella lo fortalecía en tiempos de dificultades. Cuando su hijo Absalón trató de apoderarse del trono, huyó al desierto, donde escribió estas palabras: "Como el ciervo brama por las corrientes de las aguas, así clama por ti, oh Dios, el alma mía. Mi alma tiene sed de



Holiday Schedule

December 23, all adult classes will meet in the small auditorium for a combined Bible class, followed by our regular morning worship service. We will not have evening worship that day. The Benevolent Center will be closed December 24-January 1. December 26 will be an all-church singing in the auditorium. The church office will be closed December 24-26 and we will not be publishing and mailing a bulletin that week.

Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen on Monday, December 31. Come out & serve our community before ringing in the New Year! Be at the Benevolent Center by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help. We serve at 6:00 and are usually finished with clean up by 7:00.

Save the Date!

The North Tenneha Church of Christ asks you to save the date for February 9 & 10 for a Marriage Conference on effective communication. They will send more information at a later date.



Congratulations

Many of you know Leonard Thompson, a member of our maintenance personnel. Leonard has been cleaning our building for about 45 years. He is also employed by The Tyler Morning Telegraph. They recognized

employee milestones during their annual Christmas party Dec. 9 at the Rose Garden Center. Leonard was presented a service award by Publisher Nelson Clyde for 55 years of service with the Tyler Morning Telegraph! Congratulations, Leonard! Leonard plans to retire from the paper at the end of 2012.

Welcome New Members!

Jason & Cody Browning
 Aaron(10) & Chase (7)

17050 CR 191 South, Flint, TX 75762
 903-238-5751 | jasoncb71@gmail.com

Bible Class Handouts

Our winter quarter Bible class handouts are now available at the Information Center in the Main Foyer. Please pick one up and find a Bible class for you and your family. Bible classes are a great place to learn more from the Bible as well as connect with each other. Contact the church office for more information about our Bible classes!

Lost & Found

Please go by the Lost & Found cabinet located next to the cry room in the foyer. There are several unclaimed items there.



New Year's Eve Party

Come join us for an all-church New Year's Eve Party at the Family Life Center Monday,

December 31 at 7:00 p.m. Bring snacks and games. See Kenna Kempton for more details.

Wednesday Night Meals

Wednesday night meals are served at the Family Life Center at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. Please indicate on your attendance card on Sundays if you plan to join us. We will not have a meal December 26 or January 2, but we will resume meals January 9.

Thank You

The office has received many thank you notes from ladies of the congregation who attended the ladies luncheon last week. They are very thankful for your generosity for the luncheon as well as the poinsettias that were delivered. Your kindness is appreciated!

Dear All, I've appreciated your support in the past concerning my brother's ongoing health problems. He was checked into a skilled nursing facility some two weeks back, and his health had continued to downward spiral. A few days ago he fell asleep, not a coma, but similar to that. My brother passed away. He was a great brother and special friend as well. I will miss him greatly. I just wanted to let you know and to thank you for your prayers and concern. It's hard to pick up the pieces from here forward, but I know Danny would want me to enjoy my life and I know he's in a better place now than what he'd been dealing with. He remained optimistic until the very end, and maintained his sense of humor and caring attitude toward his caretakers and others around him. I couldn't have asked for a better brother.

David Wright, nephew of Mary Adams

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REEVES RHETORIC

One Church

For weeks now, as a church family, we have been building up to our "One Church" bilingual worship service which will come to fruition this coming Sunday morning, August 26th. It has been something that we as a ministry team have been in conversation about since our "One Church" gathering last year. And a time that we have been especially envisioning since the beginning of this year as to what our time together might look like. Having confidence that no matter our plans and discussions, our God will reveal Himself in a wonderful way through our time together in worship, as well as our fellowship at the FLC and beyond.

What an encouraging, amazing opportunity for our English-speaking and Spanish-speaking congregation(s) to come together as *one*. To learn from one another, to encourage one another, and to praise our Father together. And what a phenomenal opportunity to experience, in a very real way, the presence of God, as we acknowledge our oneness of need, our oneness of desire, our oneness of faith, and our oneness of conviction. Our oneness in following the Way of Jesus.

In Ephesians, the Apostle's prayer is that "the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened" (Ephesians 1:18). He reminds us there is "*one* body and *one* Spirit," "*one* hope, *one* Lord, *one* faith, *one* baptism, *one* God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all" (Ephesians 4:4-6).

John records in his Gospel, the desire of our Savior, as He prays we would be one, just as He and the Father are one (John 17:21).

We talk often about unity. About oneness in the Kingdom. About being *one* in Christ. Unity amidst diversity. But I wonder if we'll every fully *get it*, this side of eternity? Too often it proves difficult in the narrowness of our worldviews or presuppositions and, if we're honest, in the shallowness of our hearts, to make room for others. Some do well at this. Others of us need "the eyes of our hearts to be enlightened" a bit.

We'll get a glimpse of oneness in Christ this week. I ask you to be in prayer. And to pray the prayer of Paul for the church then and the church now. That "the eyes of our hearts would be enlightened." To pray the prayer of our Savior. That we would be one as He and the Father are one.

For it is through hearts that are open and willing that our Father does His most amazing work.

Glory to God!

Jason

The Church With Heart

YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

AND SO IT BEGINS...

By next week, all of our teens will be back in school! What a great opportunity! That may seem strange to say... kids usually don't look at school as a great opportunity but rather as ugh...

Whatever class you end up in or whatever students you sit by at lunch... that is another opportunity... An opportunity to be Jesus and make a difference in somebody's life. God puts us where we need to be on purpose. Our challenge is... Am I looking at every situation I am placed in as one that God has a plan for me to make a difference for His Kingdom. If our eyes are not open... we will not see it. Our prayer is that our eyes will be open to what God has in store for you!

ONE CHURCH

Sunday, Aug 26 is our combined worship assembly with our Hispanic brothers & sisters. Andres Saucedo will be preaching that day. We are proud of Andres and really blessed to have

him grow up in the youth group! We will have a lunch together that day in the FLC and be dismissed for the day. There will not be a worship service that evening. Plan to be present!

KARING KITCHEN

Thanks to all of you who continue to support the Karing Kitchen. Keep praying for this ministry. West Erwin will host again on Sept. 10.

GUYS & GIRLS CLASS

Beginning in October, we are planning to have Guys & Girls classes for the Teens. More details to come.

IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 26	One Church
Sep. 2	Out To Eat
Sep. 9	Middle School Devotional
Sep. 10	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen
Sep. 23	High School Devotional
Oct. 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 16-18	ZEW Retreat



Irritations and Pearls

I made a list this week of things that irritate me (you should try it). Misplaced items, biting my cheek while eating, tailgaters, things that don't work when I need them to work (ex. computers, weed-eaters, etc.), long lines, long traffic lights when no traffic exists.

I decided if it were not for irritations I'd be a patient man. But like taxes, irritations never cease. We all have them. We all develop

consistent reactions (wrong as they may be). We are all in a hurry. Maybe my expectations for the day are not realistic? Who gets everything done they want to get done anyway?

Here's how I am trying to work on it.....I'm not really in charge of my day --- GOD is. And HE is a lot more concerned about my character than my accomplishments.

Pearls are the product of irritations inside the shell of an oyster. Even a grain of sand will cause the oyster to release fluids to cover the irritation. The fluids are what develop the pearl. Therefore, no irritation, no pearl.

Escritos de Israel

Mantenga sus Ojos en la Marca

(Lc. 9:57-62)

Cuando yo viví en México mi padre me enseñó una técnica para arar la tierra, en aquel tiempo no se trabajaba con tractores. Todas las personas trabajaban sus tierras de una manera rustica como sus antepasados les habían enseñado y mi padre me estaba transmitiendo su método. La herramienta necesaria eran dos bueyes, un arado, un barzón, una clavija, un yugo, dos coyundas, dos riendas, una garrocha y una estaca de color llamativo. La Azaña comenzaba a las 5 de la mañana con la preparación de los animales, después de que todo estaba preparado nos encaminábamos al campo, al amanecer ya estábamos listos para comenzar. Pero primero; en la mitad del campo en el otro extremo se clavaba la estaca de color llamativo. Esa era la raya principal que iba a dirigir los surcos hacia arriba y abajo.

Cuando el arador iba a comenzar alineaba su yunta y fijaba

firmente sus ojos en la estaca llamada "la marca" y en ningún momento despegaba sus ojos de la marca para que el surco saliera derecho, mientras se mantenía el ojo en la marca todo estaba perfecto, pero cuando había distracción el surco salía curvado. Ésta ilustración nos da pleno entendimiento de lo que dijo Jesús en (Lc. 9:62): acerca de la vida cristiana el dijo: "Ninguno que poniendo su mano en el arado mira hacia atrás, es apto para el reino de Dios". Cuando usted pone su mano en el arado, debe poner sus ojos en la marca y no mirar a la izquierda, a la derecha o atrás de usted. Entonces usted dará en la marca de Dios para su vida (Heb. 12:2). Como cristianos, mientras fijemos nuestra vista en nuestro Señor Jesucristo todo saldrá bien y estará bien, pero si nos distraemos de nuestra vida cristiana todas las cosas saldrán mal, por lo tanto el consejo de Dios es: "No quites tus ojos de la marca".

Dios te bendiga.



SUMMER SPEAKER SERIES 2012

Join us on Wednesday, August 29 as Jason Reeves wraps up our Summer Speaker Series. We will be serving homemade ice cream at the FLC after services. Join us!

Longview Lectureship

You are invited to the 20th annual Longview Church of Christ Bible Lectureship August 24-26. See the flyer at the Information Center for more details. The Angelina Church of Christ in Lufkin is having their Homecoming & Gospel Meeting September 16-19. See the flyer at the Information Center for more details.

With Sympathy

Carolyn Ciaschini passed away Wednesday. Services pending. Graveside services for **Nancy McCoy** will be Saturday, August 25 at 10:00 a.m. at Cathedral of the Pines.

Ladies Wednesday Night Bible Class

Mark your calendars for the Ladies Bible class on Wednesday nights! The study will be "God, Pass By Me: Seeing God's Glory" by Casandra Martin. There is room for one more group leader – if you would like to volunteer, please email Joy Rousseau at joy@arpisd.org. Please sign up for your copy of the study at the Information Center in the foyer. Please plan on making a \$10 donation toward your book cost. More details such as location & format will be available soon!

Senior Game Day

Please join us for games in room 403 of the office complex on Monday, August 27. We will play games from 10am-1pm. Please bring a sack lunch.

Welcome, New Members!

Brett & Nicole Hone

Bella (3 years)

13224 Choice Circle, Lindale 75771

903-561-1602

Ernest & Ella Bradley

Rosewood Estates

506 Rice Rd., Apt. 222, Tyler 75703

903-258-1518

We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

Room for Rent Needed

A graduate student at UT Tyler is looking for a room to rent from a Christian family. A home close to UT's campus would be ideal. His name is Amos Hayes & his phone number is 903-918-7190. Contact Jon Murry for more information.

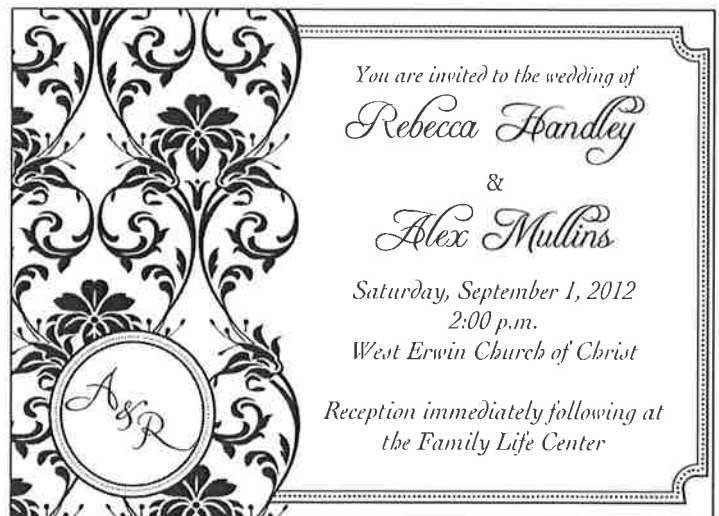
ONE Church

Make plans to be present this Sunday, August 26 for ONE CHURCH. It will be a combined worship service with our Hispanic brothers & sisters followed by a catered lunch in the Family Life Center. We will not have services that evening.



Caregiver Connection Series

Beginning September 5, there will be a Caregiver Connection Series from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at West Erwin Church of Christ in room 403 of the Office Complex. This is a free event brought to us by the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County. Topics include: Understanding & Recognizing Dementias, Considerate Communication for the Memory Impaired, Safety Issues at Home and When Home is No Longer Safe, Financial Planning: Preserving Family Assets and Legal Planning & Decisions to Consider. The dates of each session are September 5, 12, 19, 26 and October 3 & 10. Please RSVP to Nora Gravois at 903-509-8323 or nora@alzalliance.org. Pick up a flyer at the Information Center in the foyer.



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Worship p.m.	352	368	376
Wed. p.m.	296	291	300
Contribution	\$24,214.70	\$24,270.30	\$23,507.96
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: **Mother Frances Continued Care:** Oscar Brown, brother of Alice Thompson | **Health South:** Norene Ingram | Joe McBee, rm. 106 | **Clairmont:** Betye Sue Harris | **Reunion Plaza:** Peggy Garner, rm. 111 | **Providence Park:** Janice Hardaway, room 613 | James Phillips | Winona Shankle | **ETMC:** Craig Thorne, son of Bettie Thorne | **Hospice:** Theo Stone, grandfather of Joey Marse | **Hospice in Burnet:** Sarah Rowland, daughter-in-law of Art and Jo Rowland | **Updates:** Davy & Sonja Carter will undergo surgery August 29. | **Dorcus Chance**, friend of Cawyer's, will have surgery to remove a kidney on September 12 ast Scott & Wite in Temple. | **Frances Davis**, grandmother of Donella Jackson, is having health problems. | **Luan Hannah**, daughter-in-law of Ruth Bell, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. | **Evelyn Messer** will be starting chemotherapy soon. | **Aubrey Morman** received a good report after surgery. | **Tom Ramsour** had a pacemaker implanted Aug. 17. | **Harold Smith**, friend of Cawyer's, is now home from the hospital and will have in-home care and therapy on his legs at home. | **Marcus Turner** will be seeing an oncologist | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Bill Hawkins | Ralph Henderson | Dick Higginbotham | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Wade McDonald † Forest & Mary McFadden | Dawn McKay | Tommy & Kay Parrish | Kathy Portwood | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Jeffrey Scarborough | Brice Sustaire | Marcus Turner | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | 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:** Helen Branch, mother of Dorothy Watts | Kathryn Cooper, grandmother of Leslie Coker | Sara Laminack, daughter of the Daniel Morgans

SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	Clinton Culpepper
Scripture	Bill White
Dismiss	Bill Mullins
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Gene Chandler

SERVING COMMUNION

Danny Riley	Shaun Stamps	Dennis Stansbury
James Sublette	Kevin Sustaire	Billy Terrell
Terry Tindel		Buddy Townsend

GREETERS

Jackson Smith
 Melvin & Nina Crow & Jordan Smith
 Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Jordan Snell
 Info Center: Jeri Church & Ruby Cliver
 Ken & Cathy Culpepper

PICK UP CARDS for 8/26-9/2

Caleb Heath, John Park, Wesley Smith, Toby Marse,
 Corey Prestidge

SOUND BOOTH for 8/26-9/2

Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

Nursery a.m.: Kathy Means | Nursery p.m.: Mary Lockhart |
 Toddlers a.m.: Camille Mink | Toddlers p.m.: Donna
 Maples | Children's Worship: Cooper

Minibus driver for Sunday & Wednesday: Don
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 transportation.