

January 3, 2013	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 44- No. 1
Records	Sun.-Dec. 30	Sun.- Dec. 23	Year Ago
Bible Class	429	374	NC
Worship a.m.	605	697	634
Worship p.m.	291	NC	350
Wed. p.m.	NC	NC	231
Contribution	\$24,723.07	\$42,033.37	\$35,669.54
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized**

**Mother Frances Hospital:** Doris Neal, rm. 5525, leg infection | **Roberta Tindall**, room 573, flu. No visitors at this time. | **Health South:** **Ronnie Brown**, son-in-law of the Melvin Crows | **Park Place:** **Joe McBee**, Room 113 | **Providence Park:** **James Phillips**, Room 501 | **Mary McFadden**, Room 220 | **Atria:** **Norene Ingram**, rm 156

**Updates**

**Dub Fielden's**, brother-in-law of Phil Marts, heart surgery was postponed. | **Tim Holt** is now home after surgery. | **Curt Jordan** had hand surgery 12/31. | **Thelma Nolley** is now home. | **Sondra Ramsour** had knee surgery. | **Cathy Stowers** will have thyroid surgery 1/17. | **Sylvia Tharpe** will have eye surgery in February. | **Kathie Thompson** is now home after surgery. | **Pat Wilson**, sister of Phil Marts, will begin chemo in January.

**West Erwin Family**

Ernest Bradley | Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Bettye 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

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Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Prayer	James Hardin
Scripture	Alan Fisher
Dismiss	Phil Marts
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Jim Armstrong

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Dick Higginbotham	Jeff Horton	Roger Howell
Jasper Huff	James Hughes	Greg Jones
J Jones		Kyler Whatley

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	Jim Boyd
Scripture	Jeff Horton
Dismiss	Jim Carty

**GREETERS**

Todd & Kenna Kempton  
Carroll & Cherrie Magee  
Pete & Alisa Leung  
Info Center: Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy

**PICK UP CARDS for 1/6**

Caleb Heath, John Park, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith, Luke Wallace

**SOUND BOOTH for 1/6-1/13**

Alex Mullins/ Mark Frick

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 1/6:**

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**When All of Life Becomes Prayer**

As we embark upon a new year together, I wonder what sort of resolutions have been made among us? I wonder what sort of changes those of us who call the West Erwin Church of Christ our "home" have in mind to make in the year 2013?

The beginning of a new year grants us an opportunity to reflect. An opportunity to consider the previous year. Who we are. Where we are at in life. What we are doing well. And what areas of life we are failing in.

Not everyone takes advantage of this fresh start. To many January 1<sup>st</sup> is no different from December 31<sup>st</sup>. Certainly we have the opportunity to make changes every day. Every moment. But sometimes, taking advantage of an opportunity to draw a line in the sand and say, "From this point forward things are going to be different" proves monumental.

So here's my question: What if we became known as a people of prayer? What if prayer was definitive rather than supportive? What if a life of prayer characterized you and me?

It seems to me that the Apostle Paul leads us to a reality of all of life encompassed within prayer (1 Thess 5:17). To a point in time when all of life becomes prayer. When prayer and connectedness to God becomes such a natural assimilation of who we are that we become a people of prayer.

Could we integrate a commitment to prayer and to being a people of prayer into our thoughts and actions this new year as a church? Would you commit with me to praying bold prayers? Prayers from the heart. Prayers of reliance and praise and submission. Could we dedicate intentional effort to being men and women, individuals and families, who live lives characterized by prayer?

Because only when all of life becomes prayer will we begin to see the Kingdom break in all around us in epic, radical, profound ways.

Glory to God!

Jason

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Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
	June-Aug 6:00 P.M.
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Jan. 28 Bible Quiz  
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### TRANSITION...

As we begin this new year, I am reminded of the incredible journey we have taken together and we look forward to what God has in store for us on our new journey together with the West Erwin Family. As we begin this time of transition, please keep us & our new ministry area in your prayers. We need your help not only for your prayers but also for your interest and abilities in ministering together.

How you might ask? When Moses was asked to lead God's people he responded with an excuse about why he couldn't... God simply said... not good enough. God has called us to be about doing the work of His Kingdom. He has called you. Maybe its time to get out of your comfort zone and get busy serving the Lord in many of the ministries West Erwin has to offer. We never have too many teachers. We never have so many volunteers that we turn people away. It's time... time to say lets get this thing going. God only wants the ordinary... you and me. Would you consider? Pray for how God might use you... and then just do it! God will bless you and this church.



### HAVE A STEADFAST NEW YEAR

It is time to start another new year. I pray that we will have a blessed 2013 and that we grow spiritually in our walk with God. I wish you the best with any resolutions you might want to make for yourself. I think it is good practice to identify areas that need improving and sincerely get to work on them. For myself, I just want to be more steadfast in my walk. I want to get to the end of the year and look back, and feel that I did a good job in serving His kingdom. Steadfast is good. Steadfast is what is pleasing to God. Micah says that God delights in steadfast love (Mi.7:18). Barnabas encouraged the church at Antioch to "remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose" (Acts 11:23). Paul encouraged

the church at Corinth to be "steadfast and immovable" so that they could attain their resurrection and victory with Jesus (1 Cor.15:58). Paul told the church at Colossae to be "stable and steadfast" so that they would not shift from the hope they had received through the gospel (Col.1:23). The Hebrew writer says that God's promises will serve us as a "steadfast anchor of the soul" (Heb.6:19). James tells us that those that remain "steadfast under trial" will receive the crown of life (James 1:12). Steadfast is good. Steadfast is the way we should love. Steadfast strengthens our purpose in life. Steadfast helps us face the realities of life, and steadfast will fuel our hope for Jesus' return. Steadfast is what will get us through the trials in life. I do want to wish you a "Happy New Year", but I also pray that you have a "Steadfast New Year". When we live for Jesus, we can have both.

(2 Timoteo 2:22). Quizá los últimos días has andado detrás del pecado, te has creído lo suficientemente fuerte y has estado en lugares que tú muy bien sabes que no deberías estar... Quizá has estado jugando poco a poco con fuego sin quemarte y eso te ha hecho creer que el pecado no puede en contra de ti, sin embargo sin que te des cuenta poco a poco estas siendo arrastrado al campo de batalla del enemigo en donde te querrá rodear y cuando lance su ataque final te querrá herir de muerte... No permitas que el enemigo te engañe haciéndote creer muy fuerte, tú al igual que yo somos vulnerables, tenemos una tendencia a pecar y por muy fuertes que creamos que somos, podemos caer en cualquier momento. (Santiago 4:7). Humillarse delante de Dios tiene que ver con reconocer nuestra debilidad al pecado y nuestra dependencia total de Dios... ¿Quieres realmente ser fuerte ante el pecado?, entonces humillemos delante de Dios, obedezcamos su Palabra y si su palabra nos motiva a huir de todo aquello que nos incita a pecar. ¡Dios te bendiga! Nos vemos el domingo si Dios lo permite.

### Escritos de Israel

#### Sobreviviendo a la lucha diaria.

Todos los que hemos recibido el amor de Dios en nuestra vida y que ahora vivimos para Él debemos estar conscientes que nos encontramos en una lucha diaria. Todos los días libramos una batalla en nuestra vida, entre querer agradar a Dios y querer satisfacer nuestros instintos pecaminosos sean estos de cualquier tipo... La Biblia dice: (1 Pedro 5:8). No importa lo fuerte que creas que eres, ni la enorme capacidad que creas tener para poder resistir al enemigo, no se trata de ti, ni de lo bueno que seas para esto o aquello, se trata de que al igual que todos los humanos eres de carne hueso y con una naturaleza que te lleva fácilmente a pecar. Por esa razón el Apóstol Pedro nos recomienda: "¡Estén alerta!", eso nos debería llevar a pensar que en cualquier momento el enemigo puede lanzar sobre nuestra vida uno de sus ataques para hacernos caer... Por esa razón también la Biblia nos dice: (1 Corintios 10:12). No se trata de creerse muy fuerte ante el pecado y por esa razón ir en busca de él, en la Biblia leemos que Dios nos motiva a huir del pecado, a alejarnos de él y no a buscarlo:

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Ladies are invited to a wedding shower honoring  
**Mallori (Philpot) Kissinger**  
Sunday, January 13  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond & JCPenney

### Friends & Family Day at North Tenneha

North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to Friends & Family Day on Sunday, January 20. Bible class starts at 9:00 a.m. and morning worship begins at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m.

### Baptism

**Mason Starkey**, son of Patrick & Belinda Starkey, was baptized a couple weeks ago. Mason is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and his address is 1822 Old Oak Dr., Tyler TX 75703. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Mason, and are so proud of you!

### Welcome, New Members!

**Jason & Mandy Sherrod & Katie** (6 years)  
239 Hillside Circle, Lindale, TX 75771

### Philip & Ellen Matthews

5801 Sheffield, Tyler, TX 75703  
ellmatt56@gmail.com | 903-574-0831

**Yolanda Yanez** was baptized last week. She & her husband **Pablo** have 4 children: **Deisy** (4<sup>th</sup> grade) **Ana** (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), **Carlos** (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) & **Nayely** (3 year). Their address is 916 Trezevant, Tyler, TX 75702.

Join us for a  
retirement reception  
honoring

**Don Crawford**

Sunday, January 6  
3:30-4:30 p.m.

West Erwin Family  
Life Center



### 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.

### 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. The meal for January 9 is Bruno's (Italian).

Ladies are invited to  
a bridal shower honoring  
**Paige Lemons**  
Sunday, January 20  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
Selections at Dillard's & Target

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Wed. p.m.		NC	360
Contribution	\$31,242.52	\$24,723.07	\$28,312.77
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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**Updates:** **Charlotte Cawyer** had a cornea procedure Wed. in Dallas. | **Mary McFadden** is now home. | **Aubrey Morman** will have skin cancer surgery 1/15. | **Garrett Smith** had neck surgery 1/8. | **Sharon Steadman**, daughter of the Bradleys at Rosewood, had brain surgery at M. D. Anderson 1/11. | **Cathy Stowers** had shoulder surgery 1/11. | **Sylvia Tharpe** will have eye surgery in February. | **Pat Wilson**, sister of Phil Marts, is undergoing chemo. | **Tony Wingate** will do five days of chemotherapy at Baylor in Dallas beginning 1/10.

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### SERVING COMMUNION

Lee Kellenberger Matt Kelly Todd Kempton  
Odie Kennedy Matthew Kimball Jamon Kirby  
Robert Lee Pete Leung

### EVENING ASSEMBLY

Prayer Gene Chandler  
Scripture Jasper Huff  
Dismiss Will Christian

### GREETERS

Elmer & Nila Miles  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Lee & Camille Mink

Info Center: Ron & Pam Lott  
Carlos & Emma Morgan

### PICK UP CARDS for 1/13-1/20

Caleb DuPree, Toby Marse, Matthew Christian, Ross Harris, Braden Lockhart

### SOUND BOOTH for 1/13

Alex Mullins/ Mark Frick

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 1/13-1/20:

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### The Word of Life

How much of your day is committed to reading Scripture?

What role does a consideration of God's Word play in comprising your life?

For some, being led and counseled and nourished by Scripture is a normal, healthy discipline practiced each and every day. But if I were to speculate, for many this is not the case.

It is interesting that we will readily testify to a perceived reality of God's Word as a foundational part of who we are as believers, and yet what we generally mean by "foundational," is our understanding of Scripture, rather than its message spoken routinely into our lives.

In gratitude the Psalmist acknowledges, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

In reliance he confesses, "I have hidden your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you" (Psalm 119:11).

In order for Scripture to be "a lamp to our feet and a light to our path" and so that we might have the philosophy of God's Word such that it is wholly "hidden within our hearts" (with the goal of fidelity to God) – continual, intentional time must be invested into facilitating our Father ministering to us through His Holy Word. Certainly He ministers and speaks to us through His Spirit and through life, but Scripture, if it is to be all that our God intends in our lives, is to be unequivocally formative and central.

And as we read the Bible, what is our purpose? What is our aim? What is our goal? Because how we approach Scripture is crucial. Do we read God's Word so that we might master it? Or so that we might be mastered? Do we study so as to gain support of our presuppositions? Or so that we might be filled by God?

At the beginning of the year many make renewed commitments to read and study Scripture. I want to encourage you in this. However my prayer is that we would not only be committed to being a people of Scripture, continually fed by Almighty God through His Holy Word, but also, in our study, have the paramount agenda of closeness and faithfulness to God.

Because if I understand anything from our Lord it is this: *He honors genuineness. And He honors faithfulness.*

Glory to God!

Jason

**The Church With Heart**

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## GETTING TO KNOW ERIC & JEAN...

We are excited to have Eric, Jean, Wes & Cade Thornton to minister together with us @ West Erwin. Eric & Jean & the boys are currently still living in Longview as they are putting their house on the market as well as looking for a place to live in the Tyler area.

Eric grew up in Lamesa, Texas and attended Oklahoma Christian on a Golf Scholarship. He has done Youth Ministry internships in Wichita Falls and at West Erwin as well as serving as Youth Minister in Weatherford and Longview. Eric has a passion for Youth Ministry and loving teens. He loves Dr. Pepper, Texas Tech and is a sports fanatic.

Jean grew up in Lawrence, Kansas and graduated from Friends University with a degree in Music Theater. After college she pursued a professional singing career in Nashville and has several Demo CDs. Jean teaches High School Spanish @ Whiteoak High School. Jean is passionate about being a mom and raising Wes & Cade. She also loves coffee!

Wes is 2 years old and Cade is 8 months old.

Please keep the Thomtons in your prayers as they get settled in over the next months and begin their ministry with us.



### I Am Rich and I Need Nothing

Can you imagine a life where you needed nothing? Everything was taken care of, all your needs were met, and you were not dependent on anyone else, including God. The church at Sardis felt that way. Their confidence was up, they were proud of their wealth, and their material way of living. They were missing what God was offering them. Consider the angel's words to them, ... *For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev.3:17).* When we pursue the physical and

ignore the spiritual, we put ourselves at odds with God. Imagine their shock at being pitied. Pity was reserved for the poor, not for the successful. But, when we serve someone or something other than God, pity is our reward. Should we expect anything else? When our loyalty to God fades, we put ourselves in dangerous territory. God wants dedication, God wants commitment, and God wants to reign supreme in our lives. He wants his children dependent on Him for their success, not to chase what the world offers. It was not their wealth that got them in trouble, it was their heart. We do not have to live in poverty to be saved, but we do need to realize where our blessings come from. We must never forget; we are always in need of the savior!

## Escritos de Israel

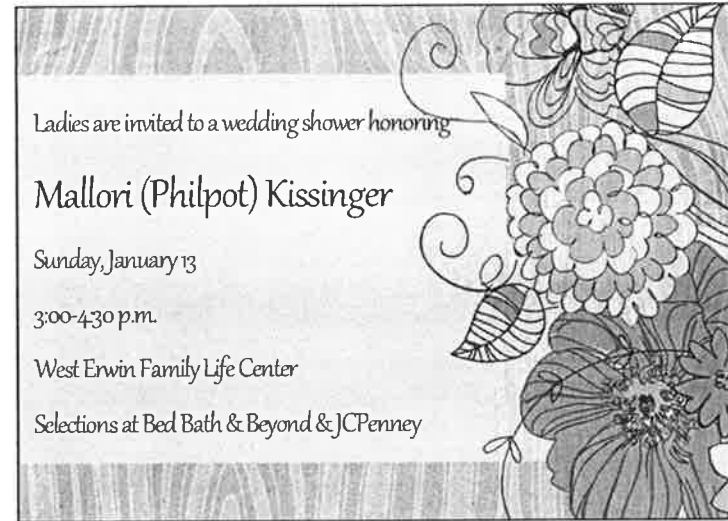
### Llamado a Hacer el Bien

*Buscad lo bueno, y no lo malo, para que viváis; porque así Jehová Dios de los ejércitos estará con vosotros, como decís. Aborreced el mal, y amad el bien, y estableced la justicia en juicio; quizá Jehová Dios de los ejércitos tendrá piedad del remanente de José. Amós 5:14-15 (RVR 1960).*

Con tan solamente mirar los noticieros de hoy sabremos cuanto mal hay no tan solamente a nuestro alrededor sino por todo el mundo. Creo que esto se debe a que nos hemos apartado de nuestros principios y hemos abrazado principios humanos acerca de la ley y orden. En todo el mundo hay grupos luchando por los derechos que aparentemente son violados. Por ejemplo, se lucha mucho por los derechos de los encarcelados mientras se ignoran y violan los derechos de las víctimas. Se lucha por los

derechos de aborto mientras se ignoran los derechos de una criatura que aún no ha nacido.

Así como estos supuestos derechos hay varios otros que son controversiales tanto a nivel secular como eclesiástico. La Biblia nos enseña que debemos no tan solamente seguir lo bueno sino también procurarlo. Nosotros entendemos que nos somos merecedores de nada por cuanto nos hemos apartado de nuestro Dios siguiendo nuestros propios deseos y deleites. Gracias a Dios que en su infinita misericordia El envió a Jesús a tomar nuestro lugar y hemos sido declarados limpios del pecado por el sacrificio que Jesús hizo en la cruz. Es por este sacrificio que hemos alcanzado su misericordia y su bendición. Todos los días debemos rogar a Él nos cubra con su bendición y que nos ayude a buscar el bien y luchar por aquellos derechos no que tenemos ni merecemos sino que nos han sido concedidos dentro de su gracia.



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### New Books

New books have been added to the Adult Library and they can be found on the "New Book" shelf. Be sure to utilize our Adult and Children's Library. They are located in the hallway between the children's classrooms and the Small Auditorium.

### Thank You

To our West Erwin family, We thank you for the calls, cards, food and the poinsettia. Everything was great. West Erwin is a good family who work together well.

### Clinton & Louise Culpepper With Sympathy

Lella Stripling, grandmother of Daniel DuPree, passed away Wednesday. Services were Saturday at Bullard Church of Christ. Services are pending for Wilmer Little, former West Erwin member. Our love, prayers and sympathy are with these families.

### Bible Class Handouts

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### Lost & Found

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### Wednesday Night Meals

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### Congratulations

Andrew Joseph Morrison graduated from Abilene Christian University on 12/14/12 with a B.B.A. in Accounting and Finance, Summa Cum Laude; Valedictorian (4.0 GPA); the Dean Adams Honor Man Award and membership in Alpha Chi National Honor Society and Beta Gamma Sigma Business Society. PaPa Jim Armstrong had the honor of participating in the hooding ceremony at the request of Andrew. Andrew's parents are Julie & Tony Morrison of Argyle, Texas. Congratulations, Andrew, and his proud grandparents, Jim & Carol Armstrong!



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Bible Class	424	405	465
Worship a.m.	644	628	645
Worship p.m.	390	367	NC
Wed. p.m.	292	242	356
Contribution	\$26,787.36	\$31,242.52	\$23,572.53
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:** Hospitalized  
**ETMC:** Suzie Roden, flu and pneumonia | **Hospice of East Texas:** Roberta Tindall | **Park Place:** Joe McBee, Room 113 | **Providence Park:** James Phillips, Room 501 | **Atria:** Norene Ingram, rm 156

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Scripture Chad Chauncey  
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Odie Kennedy Matthew Kimball Jamon Kirby  
Robert Lee Pete Leung

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**

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Scripture Greg Jones  
Dismiss Ken Culpepper

**GREETERS**

Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy  
Ron & Jean Parish  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui  
Info Center: Scotty & Darlene Rouse  
Gaylan & Margie Seagler

**PICK UP CARDS for 1/20**

Caleb DuPree, Toby Marse, Matthew Christian, Ross Harris, Braden Lockhart

**SOUND BOOTH for 1/20**

Corey Coleman/Joey Marse

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Adoration, Praise, Relevance, and Commitment**

If I were a relatively unchurched individual and we were talking about the relevance of faith, how would you convince me of the commitment that you have to Christ?

Our first response is generally either one of orthodoxy or orthopraxy? "Orthodoxy" meaning "right doctrine." "Orthopraxy" meaning "right practice." Whichever one we begin with in our explanation (either orthodoxy or orthopraxy) we generally follow with an invested pursuit of the other (which makes perfect sense by the way).

But if I were a person who had little to no previous exposure to the Christian faith, and you and I were going to walk through the commitment that you have to Christ, to the Christian faith, to the church family that you have invested yourself into and who has invested into you, and if you were going to speak to the impact faith has upon every aspect of your life - What would you share with me?

Perhaps you'd begin with a desire to be faithful to God. Faithful to His Word. Faithful to your calling. Faithful to the relationship that He grants through Jesus. Surely you'd tell me of the change salvation brings to your life. A change of heart. A change of priorities. A change of perspective. Maybe you'd speak to me of transformation. The continual transformation that you experience day after day. The transformation that you've witnessed in the lives of others.

When speaking specifically to the concept of commitment to our Savior and to His people, in order for faith to be seen as real and relevant to others (whether to those who are churched or unchurched) it must come from deep within us.

We sing the song *Listen to Our Hearts*, "How do you explain? How do you describe? A love that goes from East to West? And runs as deep as it is wide?" And then, as the chorus declares to our God, "So listen to our hearts. Hear our spirits sing. A song of faith that flows. From those you have redeemed. We will use the words we know to tell you what an awesome God you are, but words are not enough, to tell you of our love, so listen to our hearts."

The adoration and praise of the Father; a life that adores and praises our Father; a church that adores and praises our Father; is undeniable, relevant, and real when it comes from deep within.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### WINTERFEST

This weekend 18 of us from West Erwin will be attending Winterfest in Arlington. Keep us in your prayers!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Jan. 28 over Matt. 1-521. Study sheets are available. We will have a study session on Wednesday night, Jan. 23 from 7:00-8:00.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 18-20	Winterfest
Jan. 20	Small Groups Meet
Jan. 23	Bible Quiz Study Session
Jan. 27	High School Devotional
Jan. 28	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
Jan. 28	Bible Quiz @ Shiloh Rd.
Mar. 29-31	LTC

### FROM THE MIND OF ERIC...

So, first off, thanks to Danny for introducing my family to you last week in this column. The only correction I'll make is that

our youngest son is named KADE, not Cade, but I'll let it slide... this time. Rather than reintroduce my family and I to you a second time in my words, let me tell you a little about my thoughts on ministry (youth ministry specifically). I love teenagers. Sometimes people accuse youth ministers of just being too immature to be a preacher, or of not having any loftier goals that to "play" with kids. I don't feel like either of those apply because I feel called by the Lord, not myself, to work with teenagers. Part of connecting with teens is relational, and that means just spending time with them, and letting them know that "hey, I care about you wayyy beyond the walls of this church, and I'm interested in YOU, whether or not you're into what I'm into." And as for myself, I don't feel like I'm on a "totem pole of rank" in the ministry world, and that I can "move up" from youth ministry. I know Danny doesn't feel that way either, because we LOVE teenagers, and are beyond blessed to be able to do what we do. So parents, please get your kids to read this article, and by doing so, help me begin imprinting on their hearts that God has brought me here for them, for your families, and that Jean and I are excited about this new adventure we're embarking on together!



### O They Tell Me of a Home

I know that those words make you think of that great hymn. It is one of my favorite songs. Since I started work here, I have come across many that have no home. I have never known the feeling of having no bed, no place of warmth, no kitchen to make a hot meal, and no place to take a hot shower. I have stayed at church camps that are more comfortable than having no home. Having no home is tough physically, but worse than that is having no home spiritually. Just as many of the homeless have made bad decisions that have led to their

homeless state, it also takes bad spiritual decisions to be spiritually homeless. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth, *Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord (2 Co.5:8)*. Paul realized that no human condition could be worse than not having a home with the Lord. I love that phrase, "at home with the Lord". It makes me think of security, comfort, happiness, confidence, and love. It tells me that my journey with Christ will be worth every sacrifice I made, every problem I faced, and every struggle I overcame. It tells me nothing on earth will be worth more than my home with the Lord. O they tell me of a home.... What do those words bring to your mind? Does it give you peace of mind or does it make you feel a little "homeless"?

### ESCRITOS de Israel

#### La prioridad de Cristo para su iglesia (Jn. 17:1-26).

*El pecado divide. Fue lo que separó a la humanidad de Dios en el huerto, y sigue fracturando las relaciones. Es también la razón por la que el Señor considera tan importante la reconciliación. Él quiere restablecer su relación con la humanidad; pero los deseos que Él tiene para sus hijos no terminan con la experiencia de salvación. También quiere que su iglesia sea un ejemplo de unidad para el mundo... La última vez que Jesús oró por sus discípulos antes de ir a la cruz, pidió "que todos sean uno", así como el Padre y el Hijo son uno (v. 21). Pese al hecho de que no podremos alcanzar la unidad perfecta con Dios hasta que llegemos al cielo, si tenemos ahora la capacidad de andar en armonía con Él, viviendo en obediencia al Espíritu Santo que mora en nosotros...*

*El otro aspecto de la unidad que Dios desea para nosotros, es la unidad de unos con otros dentro de su iglesia. Siempre tendremos diferencias en cuanto a preferencias, y en cómo interpretamos ciertos pasajes de la Biblia, pero nuestra identidad común en Cristo está basada en las verdades fundamentales de la fe, tal como están reveladas en la Palabra de Dios. La unidad por la que Cristo aboga, es posible solamente cuando cada miembro de su cuerpo anda en obediencia al Espíritu Santo, para que todos puedan alcanzar los propósitos de Dios y reflejar el carácter de Cristo en su conducta... Pídale al Señor que le dé el deseo de buscar unidad. Cuando esté tentado a exigir que las cosas se hagan a su manera, recuerde lo que está en juego. La armonía en la iglesia le permite a Dios hacer su trabajo con efectividad, pues ella da la clase de testimonio que dirige al mundo perdido hacia Cristo. Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el domingo.*



### 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.

### Friends & Family Day at North Tenneha

North Tenneha Church of Christ invites you to Friends & Family Day on Sunday, January 20. Bible class starts at 9:00 a.m. and morning worship begins at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided at 12:30 p.m.

### Thank You

The outpouring of your love at my retirement reception was overwhelming. Nancy and I were so moved by the kind and generous words that were handed to us over and over. What a blessing! Thank you all for making it such a special occasion. What a great family we have at WE!

**Don Crawford**

### Involvement Forms

If you are a new member and have not filled out an Involvement Form, please pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer. We use these forms to keep our database current with members' contact information, as well as each person's interest and willingness to serve in our different ministries. Please fill one out and mail to the office at 420 West Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Lindsay Kelly at lkelly@westerwin.org. You may also email Lindsay to receive an electronic version of the form that you can print at home.

### New Books

New books have been added to the Adult Library and they can be found on the "New Book" shelf. Be sure to utilize our Adult and Children's Library. They are located in the hallway between the children's classrooms and the Small Auditorium.

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### New Youth Minister

We are excited to have Eric, Jean, Wes & Kade Thornton to minister together with us at West Erwin. Eric & Jean & the boys are currently still living in Longview as they are putting their house on the market as well as looking for a place to live in the Tyler area. Eric grew up in Lamesa, Texas and attended Oklahoma Christian on a Golf Scholarship. He has done Youth Ministry internships in Wichita Falls and at West Erwin as well as serving as Youth Minister in Weatherford and Longview. Eric has a passion for Youth Ministry and loving teens. He loves Dr. Pepper, Texas Tech and is a sports fanatic. Jean grew up in Lawrence, Kansas and graduated from Friends University with a degree in Music Theater. After college she pursued a professional singing career in Nashville and has several Demo CDs. Jean teaches High School Spanish at Whiteoak High School. Jean is passionate about being a mom and raising Wes & Cade. She also loves coffee! Wes is 2 years old and Cade is 8 months old. Please keep the Thornton's in your prayers as they get settled in over the next months and begin their ministry with us. Their current address is 2298 Lansing Switch Rd., Longview, TX 75602. We look forward to getting to know the Thorntons better!



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Worship p.m.	381	390	NC
Wed. p.m.	358	292	336
Contribution	\$21,613.12	\$26,787.36	\$23,572.53
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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 Scripture Will Christian  
 Dismiss Leon Welborn  
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Tony Adams

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 Clifton Lindsey Ron Lott Tyler Lott Carroll Magee  
 Stan Mallory Joey Marse Phil Marts Lee Mink

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 Dismiss Frank Debenport

**GREETERS**  
 Dannie & Sue Skipper  
 James & Connie Sublette  
 Billy & Lynda Terrell  
 Info Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn

**PICK UP CARDS for 1/27-2/3**  
 Luke & Logan Metcalf, Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Davis Carnathan

**SOUND BOOTH for 1/27-2/3**  
 Paul Lewis/Jonathan Stone

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 1/27:**  
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### REEVES' RHETORIC

#### Hide and Seek with God

Jeremiah 29:11 is a verse of Scripture that speaks to the hearts of many (it is Tiersa's absolute favorite verse of Scripture). "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."

However I wonder how familiar we are with verse 13? "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13).

Perhaps we recognize the words. But are we aware of the context in which they are found?

They are words spoken by God through the prophet, communicated to His people as they find themselves living in a world contrary to their calling.

Seeking God. Pursuing God. Searching for God. In a world that is unfair, consumed with self, and spinning out of control. Does that sound anything like our calling today?

"You will find me," God declares, "when you seek me. When you actively look for me. When you search for me. With all of your heart and with all of your soul. With everything that you are. Then, and only then, will you find me."

Are we seeking God? In our lives. In our worship. In our hearts. In our motives. In our families. Are we seeking Him? Do we long for Him? With all our hearts? With all our souls?

Did you ever play hide and seek as a child? Sure you did. Sometimes you were the one hiding. Sometimes you were the one seeking. But what about now? Do you ever find yourself doing the same thing? Do you find yourself seeking God one moment and hiding from Him the next?

Our calling is greater than that.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. We serve @ 6:00. Preparation will begin @ 4:30 and we are finished cleaning up by 7:00. This is a wonderful ministry opportunity to serve our community. Join us!

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Jan. 28 over Matt. 15-21. Study sheets are available. Meet at the Shiloh Rd. church @ 6:45. We should be finished at 7:45. Parents can pick you up there.

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

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### LTC

LTC practices are beginning this Sunday. Chorus will meet at 4:00. Drama will meet soon. Puppets will begin next Wednesday, Jan. 30. Keep watching for more details!

### IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 27 LTC Chorus Begins  
Jan. 27 High School Devotional  
Jan. 28 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

Jan. 28  
Jan. 30  
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Mar. 29-31

Bible Quiz @ Shiloh Rd.  
LTC Puppets Begin  
Super Bowl Party  
LTC

### FROM THE MIND OF ERIC...

What a great weekend the WEYG high school had this past week at Winterfest! Winterfest is a conference put on for and by the churches of Christ each year, once in January in Arlington, TX and then again in Feb. in Gatlinburg, TN.

This year's theme was "The Way". Each session focused on the different aspects of the names of Christ. Friday night we talked about him as The Way, The Truth, and The Life. Saturday morning we discussed him as The Vine, The Good Shepherd and The Gate. Saturday night we looked at him as The Light, and Sunday morning as The Resurrection & Life, and the Bread of Life. We were challenged, encouraged, and reminded of the amazing lordship of Christ in our lives. When we discussed Christ as the Gate and Shepherd, I was reminded that Jesus is the GOOD Shepherd, not just A shepherd. He is wholly devoted to His own sheep, and in fact was willing to die for them (us). He knows them and they know Him. He cares about each and every one. Aren't you excited, to serve THAT shepherd!



### If You're Happy and You Know It

That's one of my favorite old VBS songs. I like the idea of God's children expressing joy at their relationship with Him. Paul's letter to the church at Philippi overflows with joy and thanksgiving, yet he wrote this letter while in prison. We could learn some lessons about joy if we look at what brought Paul joy while imprisoned. In Philippians 1:4, he took joy in their partnership with the gospel. Doing the Lord's work, while enjoying the companionship of other Christians, is a true source of joy. The key is working together! In 1:18, Paul rejoices in the preaching of the gospel. Is there someone whose spiritual condition concerns you? Take joy in proclaiming Christ to them. It is what they need. In

1:25, Paul rejoiced in the progress of the Philippian's faith. Seeing and helping someone grow in their faith is a great blessing. In 2:2, Paul took great joy in the unity and love of the church in Philippi. Does that give you joy here at West Erwin? Are you willing to do all you can to make that happen? In 3:1 and 4:4, Paul urged the church to rejoice "in the Lord". We are to take great joy in Jesus' next coming. We are to take joy in our worship together and our fellowship together. We are to take joy in our time of prayer together. All the things that we do to keep us "in the Lord" should bring us joy. Living for Jesus should be joyous for us. Our walk will not always be a time of celebration; a Christian will experience times of sorrow and sadness, but what we have in Jesus will allow us to overcome those times. We live for Heaven and the world does not understand that, so take Paul's encouragement and, "Rejoice in the Lord always!"

### Escritos de Israel

#### La doctrina de Jesús (Jn. 7:15-18).

La palabra de Dios en repetidas ocasiones hace énfasis en la doctrina de Cristo, por lo tanto cada estudiante sincero de la biblia debe poner la atención debida ya que el ignorarla nos puede extraviar y dejar fuera de Dios, la pregunta es; ¿Por qué la doctrina es tan importante? ¿Por qué poner mucha atención a la doctrina de Cristo? ¿Por qué debemos guardar la doctrina de Cristo? La doctrina de Cristo es de suma importancia porque es la enseñanza de Dios, así lo declaro Cristo (V. 16). Así que al ignorarla no se está ignorando a Cristo solamente sino a Dios de quien viene la doctrina, y al ignorarla nos desunimos de Dios (2 Jn.1:9). Jesús al comenzar su ministerio terrenal, escogió a doce hombres a los cuales les declaro la voluntad del padre y ellos permanecieron en la

doctrina de Cristo y la enseñaron a la iglesia desde su comienzo (Hech. 2:42). Cuando Pablo dejo a Timoteo en Éfeso fue con la finalidad de que vigilase la pureza de la doctrina de Cristo, para que nadie enseñara otra cosa diferente (1 Tim. 1:3). Hoy en día muchas personas han cambiado la doctrina de Cristo por el conformismo, se acoplan con una forma de adoración anti escritural porque se sienten bien haciéndolo de la manera que lo hacen aunque esa forma de adoración vaya contraria a las enseñanzas de Cristo que debemos seguir (Heb. 1:1-2). Pero las escrituras nos enseñan que debemos tener mucho cuidado de no desviarnos porque nos alejamos de Dios. Por lo tanto nuestro deseo es seguir la autentica enseñanza de nuestro Señor.

### Congratulations!

Congratulations are in order for **Anna Chandler** who graduated from The University of Texas at Tyler with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. Way to go, Anna!



Gwen and I want to thank so many for the visits and cards we received during my surgery and hospital stay. We were overwhelmed by the expressions of concern for our well-being. I am doing as good as could possibly be expected and we attribute this to the prayers that have been offered for my health. We are proud to call West Erwin our church home. Love,

**Gene & Gwen Chandler**

Thank you all for the calls, visits and prayers during my surgery, both hospital stays and recovery. It is truly a blessing to be a part of such a loving congregation.

**Tim Holt, Sr.**

Once again we have been blessed with the love and affection of our West Erwin family by your visits, cards, phone calls, goodies and prayers during the holiday season and my recent 94th birthday. Our spirits were lifted and greatly appreciated.

**Wini & Dan Cullinan**

### Involvement Forms

If you are a new member and have not filled out an Involvement Form, please pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer. We use these forms to keep our database current with members' contact information, as well as each person's interest and willingness to serve in our different ministries. Please fill one out and mail to the office at 420 West Erwin, Tyler, TX 75702. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Lindsay Kelly at lkelly@westerwin.org. You may also email Lindsay to receive an electronic version of the form that you can print at home.

### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Alice Thompson** on the recent loss of three family members, sisters-in-law Virginia Brown & Ethel Brown and nephew, Donald Chandler. Our love and prayers are with Alice and her family.

### Sheets & Thread Needed

The Benevolence Center is in need of any size of gently used sheets. Gently used sheets are preferred as they are softer for the bandages that are made out of the sheets. They are also in need of any color thread that you could donate.

### Senior Game Day

Our Senior Game Day has resumed! The game days will now be held on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. They will meet in room 403 of the office complex. Our first game day was January 22. All seniors are invited to join!

### 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!

### 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. The meal for January 30 is Mexican Food.

### Congratulations

West Erwin members, Jim & Lydia Gipson, are the proud parents of a New York State Senator! Terry Gipson, formerly of Tyler, was recently elected to the office of New York State Senator. The swearing in took place on Jan. 9, 2013 in front of his peers, family, and friends in the Senate chamber of the capitol building in Albany, NY. Terry, the son of Jim and Lydia Gipson of Tyler, TX, won a historic election for a seat in the New York State Senate. He is the first Democrat to occupy the seat since Former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt held it



over one hundred years ago. Gipson, a 1981 John Tyler High School, attended Tyler Junior College, and graduated from Texas Tech and Penn State University. Terry and his wife Michelle now reside in Rhinebeck, New York. However, Gipson has never forgotten his Texas roots, "I have always been grateful for the opportunity to grow up in Tyler. It has always remained a place near and dear to my heart. The things I learned there continue to influence my life and will guide me as a State Senator" said the newly sworn in Legislator. Gipson, also a small business owner, will serve a two-year term in New York's highest Legislative chamber.



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Bible Class	408	450	439
Worship a.m.	654	651	389
Worship p.m.	387	381	392
Wed. p.m.	335	358	311
Contribution	\$24,760.84	\$21,613.12	\$23,325.04
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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 Scripture Jamon Kirby  
 Dismiss Daniel DuPree

**GREETERS**  
 Bill & Barbara White  
 Dale & Dot White  
 Chris & Barbara White  
 Info Center: David & Ginny Wicks

**PICK UP CARDS for 2/3**  
 Luke & Logan Metcalf, Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Davis Carnathan

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Ten Words

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Ten words. That changed everything.

In an instant, everything changed. It was all in God's divine plan. All in His divine providence. All founded in His divine initiative.

Decades later (and especially a century later), the incarnation would be at the center of debate. There were many who questioned the validity of the Word becoming flesh. It wasn't entirely Christ's deity that was under scrutiny. It wasn't solely His humanity that was doubted. It was the mental gymnastics required to accept that He was both. Divine and human. Simultaneously. Upon initial consideration, can we blame them? We have the benefit of 2000 years of theology. But the reality that Christ was 100% God and 100% human, you have to admit, is a doctrine that must be based solely upon faith. Because it makes no earthly sense.

But He was. Christ was with God in the beginning (John 1:1). And then He became (John 1:14). He became, He took on flesh, and He lived and walked and ministered among us. The incarnation is intended to blow our minds. And it should! That God was willing, that Christ was willing, to "take on the nature of a servant" and be made "in human likeness" and to become "obedient to death - even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:1-11) should amaze us! It is certainly designed to.

And the amazement of the incarnation must not end there. Because the wonder of it all is that Christ is "incarnate" in us (if we can use that terminology). God is revealed "in the flesh" when His people live out our calling as those who belong to Him.

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Colossians 1:27). Verse 27 comes at the conclusion of an entire section of Paul's letter to the Colossian church which centers upon the incarnation of God in Jesus. He then transitions to the incarnation of Christ, in us!

That a holy God would, through His perfect Son, reside within an unholy and imperfect people should amaze us! It is certainly designed to. Our reality as those who have been sanctified by the Spirit purposes you and I to reveal His deity in our humanity. In our divine and human nature(s). Christ is us, the hope of glory.

"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us" (John 1:14). Ten words. That changed everything. Ten words. That change us still.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny

### THANKS!

Thanks to the crew who handled the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. You guys are amazing! Please continue to pray for this ministry.

Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish and Kevin Sustaire for helping Eric with the devo this past Sunday night.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Feb. 25 over Matt. 22-28. Study sheets are available.

### SUPER BOWL PARTY

All Middle & High school students and their families are invited to join us for the Super Bowl Party this Sunday night in the FLC. We will be done when the game is over. Each Student or Family needs to bring a finger food. Join us for a fun evening!



### LOOKING TO IMPROVE

It is hard to pass a mirror without looking at yourself. You want to know how you look and if everything is in place or not. If something is wrong, it gives us a chance to fix it. It's a chance to restore our appearance. That is why I love James' analogy about looking in the mirror. *For if anyone is a bearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like (James 1:23, 24).* This verse makes me think of the dangers of missed opportunities. Just as a look in the mirror gives us a chance to fix what is wrong with our appearance, a lesson from God's word that is merely

### Escritos de Israel

#### Uno propone y Dios dispone (Ge. 11:1-9).

Seguramente tú has experimentado en algún momento de tu vida como Dios tiene el control de todas las cosas. Repetidas veces hacemos planes y Dios los cambia por completo. El hombre después del diluvio se multiplico y se mantenían unidos y tenían los mismos idiomas todos, hicieron planes juntos para hacer una enorme torre tan grande que llegara al cielo (V.4), aparentemente los planes eran buenos por que iban a ponerla como señal por si fueran esparcidos volver a encontrarse por la torre. Pero los planes del hombre no son los planes de Dios (V. 5). Dios no miro bien los planes de ellos y para solucionar el problema les dio un idioma diferente a cada uno y al no entenderse mutuamente si esparcieron por diferentes partes de la tierra (V. 8).

### LTC

#### LTC practices are underway...

Chorus will meet Sundays at 4:00.

Drama will meet Sunday Feb.10 @ 3:00.

Puppets will meet Wednesdays @ 7:00.

**REMINDER: Last Call for Housing Reservations!**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb. 3** Super Bowl Party  
**Feb. 10** LTC Drama Meets  
**Feb. 25** Bible Quiz @ West Erwin  
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**Mar. 29-31** LTC

listened to and not allowed to take root in our hearts will soon be forgotten. It will never have a chance to grow and have an influence on our lives. We won't get the chance to "touch up" that problem and we won't get the chance to "restore" our spiritual reflection. We missed it, and we have no guarantee of getting it back. James continues, *But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing (James 1:25).* God's word brings us freedom from sin. Upon our obedience to the Gospel, he fixes us, he gives us new life, and if we do and not just hear, we receive great blessings. The blessing comes from the doing. We are better when we serve, when we reach out, and when we step out in faith. We are better when we put God's words in action. When we start living like that, we truly reflect Jesus. When we reflect Jesus, we have never looked better!

Tal como Dios cambio los planes del hombre en ese tiempo, de igual manera lo hace con nosotros, nosotros siempre estamos pidiendo y suplicando a nuestro favor, haciendo planes a nuestro favor y son pocas las veces en las cuales tomamos en cuenta a Dios, por esa razón Dios cambia los planes del hombre (Stg. 5:1-6; 4:13-16). Por lo tanto es muy importante obedecer a Dios primero y el prosperara nuestros planes (Ro. 8:28). Dios siempre desea y busca nuestro bien, pero también desea que todos nosotros le busquemos a el primero antes que todas las cosas (Mt. 6:33). Así que la próxima vez que tú hagas planes pon a Dios en ellos, de lo contrario Dios cambiara tus planes como lo hizo con los hombres que construían la torre. **Dios te bendiga.**

### Attention New Members!

If you have placed membership recently and have not had a picture taken for our church directory, please visit the sound booth after any service time on Sunday for your picture to be taken.

### Sheets & Thread Needed

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### New Addresses

Norene Ingram  
Atria | 5317 New Copeland Rd # 156  
Tyler, TX 75703

### Tyler & Evelyn Lott

11171 Triple Crown, Flint, TX 75762

### Welcome Home Soldiers!

If you have a family member who will be coming home from the military, there is a welcoming service available called Welcome Home Soldiers.



This group will go to any Tyler or Longview airport as well as houses, church buildings restaurants, schools or wherever the family requests they go. This service is provided free of charge to all branches of the military and soldiers do not have to be coming home from a war zone to be welcomed. There is a flag line and lots of clapping & cheering to welcome our soldiers home. Each soldier also receives a gift. If you have a family member you'd like to welcome home, contact Anne DeLaet at 903.279.7301 or 903.707.2201.

### Save the Dates!

We will be doing a 4-night Marketplace Vacation Bible School this year! The dates will be June 23-26. Mark your calendars!

Please join us for

*Friendship Day*

February 17

- Regular Bible Classes at 9:00
- Catered Lunch after a.m. services at the FLC
- No Evening Worship
- Small Groups Meet That Evening

Pick up a card at the Information Center!

### Super Bowl Party

All teenagers & their families are invited to a Super Bowl party at the Family Life Center on Sunday, February 3 after evening services. Don't forget to bring finger foods!



### Senior Game Day

Our Senior Game Day has resumed! The game days will now be held on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. They will meet in room 403 of the office complex. Our first game day was January 22. All seniors are invited to join!

### Wednesday Night Meal

February 6: Bruno's (Italian Food)

Join us as we shower

*bride to be*

*Wendy Culpepper*

Bride-elect of Eamond McAuley  
Sunday, February 3, 2013  
3:00-4:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Kohl's, Target & Bed Bath & Beyond

### Thank You

Thank you for the cards, calls and prayers during my illness. Your cards brought a smile to my heart, your calls lifted me up and your prayers renewed my strength. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness. In Christian love, **Nella Ware**

To my brothers & sisters in Christ, I wish I could thank each of you personally for the cards, calls, visits and of course the Tuesday meals. Knowing you were remembering me in your prayers was so important. As I near the end of the long treatments, I hope you will continue to do so. In Christ,  
**Evelyn Messer**

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Records	Sun.-Feb. 3	Sun.- Jan. 27	Year Ago
Bible Class	475	408	472
Worship a.m.	685	654	726
Worship p.m.	354	387	413
Wed. p.m.	355	335	355
Contribution	\$27,406.21	\$24,760.84	\$28,742.80
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:** Hospitalized:ETMC: Helen Boyd, ICU rm. 3375 | Children's Hospital in Dallas: Kalli Huff | Baylor in Dallas: Tony Wingate, undergoing chemo | Updates: Tommy Boudreau had cataract surgery 2/5. | Cindi Costner, daughter of Anna Nunn, is now home. | Dub Fielden, brother-in-law of Phil Marts, is in rehab after surgery. | Greg Groom, son of Allene Smith & Ira Groom, will have surgery 2/7 in McKinney. | Barbara Henderson will have a skin graft 2/15 in Dallas. | Sara Laminack daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan, was not able to have surgery. The tumor was larger than expected. It was inoperable and had very aggressive growth. Please pray for God's power, strength & peace. | Linda Marts is home after surgery. | Charles Rachul will have surgery on 2/13 at Zale Lipshy in Dallas for thyroid cancer. | Edie Strickland is now home after gallbladder surgery. | Sylvia Tharpe will have eye surgery in February. | Mike Watts will undergo surgery for prostate cancer on March 18. | Louis Welch, West Erwin visitor, suffered a broken hip. | West Erwin Family: Linda Boudreau | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Bettye Sue Harris | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Thelma Nolley | James & Frances Phillips | Sue Ramsour | Brice Sustaie | Arlene Thomas | Sylvia Tharpe | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | 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: John Cliver, son of Ruby, esophageal cancer | Ella Cliver | Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter, in Michigan | Jeff Moore, leukemia, 6- year-old son of a co-worker of Laurie Stone | Brian Ralson husband of a co-worker of Jerry Frick | Pat Wilson, sister of Phil Marts

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 Roy Morgan Kenneth Muncy Bryce Murry  
 Ron Parish Jimmie Philpot

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 Prayer Bob Hackett  
 Scripture Cody Frick  
 Dismiss Tom Hale

**GREETERS**  
 Arnold & Agnes Ables  
 Wayne & Bitsy Berryman  
 Carolyn Womack  
 Info Center: Fred & Sandra Wingate

**PICK UP CARDS for 2/10-2/17**  
 Clay Mitcham, Nathan Turner, John Park, Caleb Heath, Wesley Smith

**SOUND BOOTH for 2/10-2/17**  
 Todd Kempton/Daniel DuPree

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 2/10:**  
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 Nursery p.m.: Joanna Stamps | Toddlers p.m.: Trish Stancill

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Friendship Day 2013

Friendship Day will soon be here! February 17<sup>th</sup>. One week from Sunday.

Friendship Day generates an opportunity for us to invite and encourage others to come and worship with us at WE. It provides an avenue that we might ask others to come and share the Lord with us. It creates an atmosphere of energy as we are all striving together toward a common event and common goal. And it uplifts us as God works in the hearts of those who call this church their "home" and as He ministers to the hearts of those who are visiting with us on the day.

On February 17<sup>th</sup> we will also unpack a vision for the West Erwin Church of Christ that we pray will grant us renewed focus as we each minister courageously and effectively in the Kingdom of God.

I ask you to continue to pray for our day together. To pray that the goodness of God and wonder of His Kingdom would be evident in all that we are about on Friendship Day. I ask that you encourage others to come and share in our worship, as we praise our Father together, and as we connect and fellowship with one another.

There are cards available at the Information center (please take as many as you'd like this Sunday) that provide the schedule of the day, as well as contact information. Classes @ 9am. Worship @ 10am. Lunch provided in the Family Life Center immediately following worship. No evening services. Small groups meeting that evening. All with the intentional goal in mind of revival and blessing. Striving to live closer to our God.

I leave you with these words from AW Tozer, "Revival and blessing come to the Church when we stop looking at a picture of God and look at God Himself. Revival comes when, no longer satisfied just to know about a God in history, we meet the conditions of finding Him in living, personal experience."

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Super Bowl Party Sunday night! We had a great time together.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Our next quiz will be Feb. 25 over Matt. 22-28. Study sheets are available. Study sessions will be Sunday, Feb. 10 & 24 at 5:00.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTINAL

All middle school students are reminded about the devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. Invite a friend to join us for a fun evening! We will be finished at 8:30.

### LTC

#### LTC Practice Schedule:

Chorus will meet Sundays @ 4:00.

Drama will meet Sundays @ 3:00.

Puppets will meet Wednesdays @ 7:00.

**REMINDER: Friday, Feb. 22 will be the last day to submit Pre-Convention Events as well as Scholarship Applications.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

Feb. 10

LTC Drama Meets

Feb. 10

Middle School Devotional

Feb. 17

Feb. 22

Mar. 2

Mar. 4

Mar. 29-31

Friends Day

LTC Pre-Convention Deadline

Bible Quiz @ West Erwin

West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen

LTC

### FROM THE MIND OF ERIC...

LTC, LTC, LTC... it has begun hasn't it folks? The convention is less than two months away, but we are now in full swing here at WE practicing and preparing. From dramas, to puppets, chorus, Bible quiz and individual events, there's a lot going on in preparation for our 3rd-12th graders. And with over 90 of them participating this year, it's the largest family involved event that West Erwin does together. And that to me is the coolest part.

There are multiple things about LTC that make it a great thing for our church family. It helps instill Biblical values and standards in our children from a young age that carries with them through high school. However, as we all know, simply "coming" to a worship service or participating in events doesn't necessarily draw us closer to Christ. So we'd like to ask you to pray for our teens and their coaches during this LTC season. Not that they might draw high marks from the judges at the convention, but more importantly that this experience would foster a desire in their hearts to be drawn closer to Christ and to the hope, grace, and deliverance we share in Him. We covet your prayers!



### Now You See Him, Now You Don't

Peter wrote his letters to give hope and encouragement to those that were facing persecution because of their faith. He was speaking of Jesus when he wrote, *Though you have not seen him, you love him (1 Peter 1:8)*. Those he wrote to were in the same position as us; they did not have the opportunity to see Jesus in the flesh. Yet they loved him, even as much as those that knew Jesus. They loved him because they believed the story of Jesus, and they loved him because of the conviction of the apostle's testimony. They loved him because of the hope that Jesus brought into their lives. Consider the rest of

the verse, *Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls (1 Peter 1:8-9)*. God wants all mankind to have the joy of salvation in their lives and to see and accept Jesus for who he is and the part he plays in God's plan. For some, the only way they see Jesus is seeing how Christians reflect Him. As Christians, it is our responsibility to show Jesus to others. We need to understand the importance of a steady, consistent, faithful walk with Jesus. The world needs to see us as a people that have a strong faith in the Lord. They need to see us as a joyous people because of what Jesus brings to our lives. They need to see us as a people that are confident in life with the ability to handle the "rough spots". They need to see us as being like Jesus all the time and not just at worship times. When others are looking for Jesus in you, do they see Jesus all the time, or is it a "Now you see Him, now you don't"?

### Escritos de Israel

**Las cosas que buscamos no son las que nos satisfacen (Ecl. 1:1-11).**

Después de que Salomón se dedicó a buscar y adquirir cosas para el provecho de sí mismo, en este precioso libro tenemos las palabras con las que describe en cortas palabras la respuesta a su búsqueda y dijo: "Vanidad de vanidades todo es vanidad" **V.2...** pareciera que la vida del hombre en esta tierra es buscar y adquirir, comprar y tener más y termina su carrera y su vida dándole la razón a Salomón. Nos afanamos toda una vida en el trabajo y finalmente decimos ¿Por qué no aproveché mi tiempo, dinero, juventud etc? **(V.3)**. Hoy en día hay generaciones que una tras otra han muerto en busca de superarse en las cosas materiales y aun no obtienen lo que quieren, el hombre se afana en los negocios, en el trabajo y en diferentes métodos para salir adelante y si adquiere algo no está satisfecho porque quiere más.

La razón por la que el hombre está insatisfecho y el obstáculo por el cual el hombre no prospera es porque se ha equivocado en su búsqueda, aun el cristiano ha fracasado en la búsqueda del bienestar y la satisfacción y todo esto es por una sola razón... ha buscado las cosas en todos lados menos en Dios, *¿qué quiero decir con esto? Que el hombre no tiene temor de Dios. (Pro. 1:7)*. En Dios es donde están escondidos todos los tesoros y las bendiciones y el hombre insensato por eso no las encuentra y seguirá en busca de esas cosas por que desprecia la sabiduría de Dios porque no está comprometido a él para servirle... si tu estas en busca de la verdadera satisfacción no solamente material sino también la espiritual, es fácil y sencillo que la puedas encontrar, creyendo a lo que nos dice Dios y obedeciéndolo **(Mt. 6:25-34)**. Busca primero el reino de Dios y Dios te dará lo demás como un regalo a tu obediencia. **Dios te bendiga y que puedas encontrar la verdadera satisfacción en tu Dios.**

### Welcome, New Member!

Vickie Norman

1928 N. Border, Tyler 75702 | 903.283.2050

ishvickie@sbcglobal.net

Welcome to the West Erwin family, Vickie!

### Sheets & Thread Needed

The Benevolence Center is in need of any size of gently used sheets. Gently used sheets are preferred as they are softer for the bandages that are made out of the sheets. They are also in need of any color thread that you could donate.

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### Welcome Home Soldiers!

If you have a family member who will be coming home from the military, there is a welcoming service available called Welcome Home Soldiers. This group will go to any Tyler or Longview airport as well as houses, church buildings, restaurants, schools or wherever the family requests they go.

This service is provided free of charge to all branches of the military and soldiers do not have to be coming home from a war zone to be welcomed. There is a flag line and lots of clapping & cheering to welcome our soldiers home. Each soldier also receives a gift. If you have a family member you'd like to welcome home, contact Anne DeLaet at 903.279.7301 or 903.707.2201.



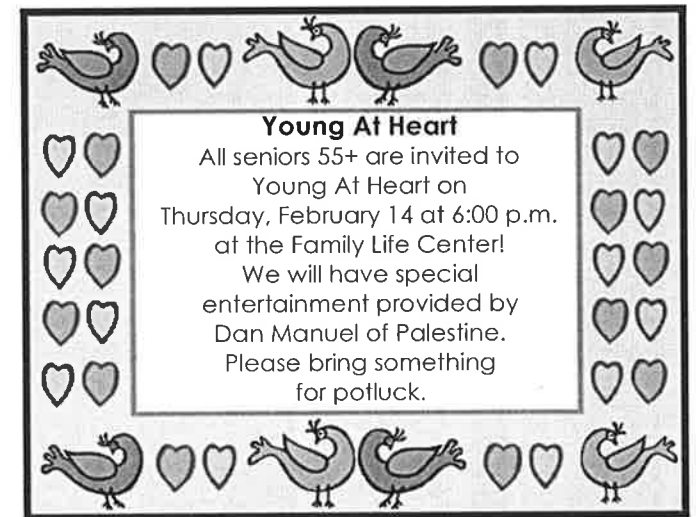
### Save the Dates!

We will be doing a 4-night Marketplace Vacation Bible School this year! The dates will be June 23-26. Mark your calendars!



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### Young At Heart

All seniors 55+ are invited to Young At Heart on Thursday, February 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center! We will have special entertainment provided by Dan Manuel of Palestine. Please bring something for potluck.

### Senior Game Day

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### Wednesday Night Meal

February 13: Burgers, Fries & Pies

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### With Sympathy

Services for **Bobbie Stone**, Jonathan Stone's mother, will be Friday, February 8 in Prague, OK. | Services for **Nathaniel Norman Sr.**, father-in-law of Vickie Norman, will be Friday at North Star Missionary Baptist Church. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with these families.

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Worship a.m.	572	685	650
Worship p.m.	355	354	411
Wed. p.m.	347	355	349
Contribution	\$19,217.72	\$27,406.21	\$24,322.32
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Faith and Affirmation

"The tongue has the power of life and death" (Proverbs 18:21).

Nathaniel Hawthorne came home from his job at a custom house (a building housing the offices that process legal paperwork) devastated that he had just been let go. When he broke the news to his wife, however, she responded with joy! "Now you can write your book!" Puzzled, he asked, "And what shall we live on while I'm writing it?" Mrs. Hawthorne walked over to a drawer in the kitchen, slowly reached inside, and then retrieved a stack of money she had been saving unbeknownst to him. "I always knew you were a man of genius. And that you'd one day write your masterpiece." And because of the faith and affirming words of Mrs. Hawthorne toward her husband, every library in the world has a copy of *The Scarlet Letter*.

Faith and affirmation. I wonder if you realize how much power God has given you? I wonder if you realize that you have the ability to turn the tide in someone's life through faith and affirming words? Not solely faith in God (certainly that's where it begins as God works in our hearts) but by placing faith in others. By telling them, showing them, that you believe in them. By affirming to them that you believe they can accomplish great things.

Isn't that what God has done for us through Jesus? "I believe in you Jason," the Gospel declares. But what about us? Do we speak a word of hope into the lives of others? Whether to the children that we tuck in bed every night in our all too comfortable homes, or to the man who sleeps in his car at the corner of Elm St. and Bonner Ave. Do we demonstrate faith in them and affirm them in such a way, that they begin to believe that God has something more in store for their lives than what they can presently see?

James, the brother of Jesus, affirms to us, "Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do" (James 2:18). Later on he confronts us, "With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men... my brothers, this should not be" (James 3:9-10).

With our words we build up. With our words we tear down. With our actions the Kingdom is furthered. And with our actions the Kingdom is hemmed in.

"The tongue has the power of life and death" (Proverbs 18:21).

You have the power of life and death....

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### THANKS!

Thanks to David & Sharon Hammond, Randy Turner & John Shaw for helping with the Middle School Devo this past Sunday night.

### BIBLE QUIZ

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9pm. Sign up on Sunday so that we can get an accurate head count. Please bring \$3 for dinner and bowling (yes, that is \$3 total!) Encourage your high schooler to join us that night, they won't regret it!

### LTC

**LTC Practice Schedule:**  
**NO PRACTICES THIS SUNDAY FOR FRIENDSHIP DAY...**

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### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Feb. 17</b>	<b>Friends Day</b>
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>LTC Pre-Convention Deadline</b>
<b>Feb. 23</b>	<b>Boles Home Kids &amp; Paintball</b>
<b>Feb. 24</b>	<b>"Gathering" at Marshall PM</b>
<b>Feb. 25</b>	<b>Bible Quiz @ West Erwin</b>
<b>Mar. 4</b>	<b>West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen</b>
<b>Mar. 29-31</b>	<b>LTC</b>



### I Am the Greatest

I remember the stir it caused when Muhammad Ali said those words. He reinforced his point by saying that he was the greatest even before he knew he was the greatest! While much of what Ali said was to promote an upcoming fight and to bring some color into a struggling sport, I always wondered how much was hype and how much was ego. In the world of sports, writers are always trying to label someone as the greatest. I never liked the pressure society has put on our young in the quest for greatness. Unfortunately, it is not just sports where the world has put out the wrong message. The world's standard of greatness is usually measured in money, stature, self-importance, and

appearance. Jesus gave the true standards and they differ from the world's view. Jesus said, *But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be your slave (Matt.20:26-27)*. Jesus is calling us to put aside our own interests for the benefit of others. Servants are not over others, they are among them. Servants do not force their leadership, but by their example and love, they can motivate others to strengthen their personal commitment to God. Servants do not magnify their own importance, but they magnify the importance of others. Servants do not bring glory to themselves, they bring glory to God. Servants follow the example of Jesus who said about himself, *even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many (Matt.20:28)*. When we sacrifice and serve others, we look like Jesus, and we never looked greater!

## Escritos de Israel

### LA PRIORIDAD DE CRISTO PARA SU IGLESIA (Jn. 17:1-26).

El pecado divide. Fue lo que separó a la humanidad de Dios en el huerto, y sigue fracturando las relaciones. Es también la razón por la que el Señor considera tan importante la reconciliación. Él quiere restablecer su relación con la humanidad; pero los deseos que Él tiene para sus hijos no terminan con la experiencia de salvación. También quiere que su iglesia sea un ejemplo de unidad para el mundo. La última vez que Jesús oró por sus discípulos antes de ir a la cruz, pidió "que todos sean uno", así como el Padre y el Hijo son uno (v. 21). Pese al hecho de que no podremos alcanzar la unidad perfecta con Dios hasta que llegemos al cielo, si tenemos ahora la capacidad de andar en armonía con Él, viviendo en obediencia al Espíritu Santo que mora en nosotros.

El otro aspecto de la unidad que Dios desea para nosotros, es la unidad de unos con otros dentro de su iglesia. Siempre tendremos diferencias en cuanto a preferencias, y en cómo interpretamos ciertos pasajes de la Biblia, pero nuestra identidad común en Cristo está basada en las verdades fundamentales de la fe, tal como están reveladas en la Palabra de Dios. La unidad por la que Cristo aboga, es posible solamente cuando cada miembro de su cuerpo anda en obediencia al Espíritu Santo, para que todos puedan alcanzar los propósitos de Dios y reflejar el carácter de Cristo en su conducta. Pídale al Señor que le dé el deseo de buscar la unidad. Cuando esté tentado a exigir que las cosas se hagan a su manera, recuerde lo que está en juego. La armonía en la iglesia le permite a Dios hacer su trabajo con efectividad, pues ella da la clase de testimonio que dirige al mundo perdido hacia Cristo. **Dios te bendiga.**

### Welcome, New Members!

#### Joshua & Heather Barton

**Triston (2), Aaron (1)**

501 Briar Sq. | Overton, 75684

903.952.8409

Julie Sanders

Brianna (14), Timothy (12)

P.O. Box 7060 | Tyler, 75711

903.390.2576 | Julie.sanders\_45@yahoo.com

#### Eric Mosley & fiancée, Stacey Diggs

Eric: 5918 Pine Cone Lane, Tyler 75707

Stacey: 5207 Hollytree Apt. 1507, Tyler 75703

#### Louis West

18633 Paradise Lane, Flint 75762

903.825.2808

**Sydney Parrish** was baptized Feb. 3! She is in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Whitehouse High School. Sydney is the daughter of Jeff & Melissa Parrish, granddaughter of Tommy Parrish and Don & Nerene Ingram, and great granddaughter of Norene Ingram. We are so proud of you, Sydney!

**We welcome you all to the West Erwin family!**

### Attention New Members!

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### Arms Of Hope

Arms of Hope will be here March 25! Please place any of the following items in your Sunday morning Bible Class before then: Tide PODS laundry detergent, cereal, spaghetti sauce, sugar, toilet paper.

### Set Up Help Needed

If you would be able to help set up for Friendship Day, please be at the FLC Saturday, Feb. 16 at 9:00 a.m.



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### Wednesday Night Meal

February 20: BBQ

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### Teachers Needed!

The team that teaches the West Erwin Kids sacrifices hours in preparation and actually teaching the children. So much of their "free time" budget is sacrificially used up for the cause. Believe it or not, these teachers are the same people who are willing to contribute their time to LTC. They can't do both. So, if you are able, please consider teaching a children's class just for the spring quarter- from March thru May. If you can help, please call Nancy at 903-316-1973.

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### Thank You

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, during my hospital stay. Your calls and cards have brightened every day since coming home. God bless you all. In Christian love,

**Edie Strickland**

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Bible Class	485	398	522
Worship a.m.	741	572	837
Worship p.m.	NC	355	NC
Wed. p.m.	362	347	331
Contribution	\$28,040.21	\$19,217.72	\$25,115.81
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Preoccupied With Preoccupation

Recently in our Wednesday evening class we discussed these words of the Apostle Paul from Philippians 4, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:11b-13).

In an extremely genuine and experiential way, the Apostle unveils his secret. The secret to life. The secret to a life that can weather the storms. The secret to being content. To being satisfied. The secret to joy in life. The secret? Jesus.

So many are preoccupied with preoccupation. What I mean by that is it is so remarkably easy for us to con ourselves into thinking that existence is life. That the things that constitute our day somehow constitute life. The full life that Christ offers. Aren't our lives bigger than that? Jesus would put it this way, "Aren't you much more valuable than those things?" (Matthew 6:26).

So many of us grew up singing the song: "I'm all wrapped up, tied up, tangled up in Jesus" but now find ourselves "all wrapped, tied up, tangled up in life." But in reality it's not life. It's existence.

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When the believer finally let's go of the preoccupation and reaches to "Him who gives me strength," it is then and only then that contentment will become an ever present reality.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### IMPORTANT DATES

**Feb. 22 LTC Pre-Convention Deadline**  
**Feb. 23 Boles Home Kids & Paintball**  
**Feb. 24 "Gathering" at Marshall PM**  
**Feb. 25 Bible Quiz @ West Erwin**  
**Mar. 4 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen**  
**Mar. 29-31 LTC**



### Why I Love Being a PaPaw

Suzie and I have had two of our Houston grandsons with us this week, and trust me, we can feel it! Still, we would not give anything for the experience. I've heard some grandparents say they can't explain why it is so special being a grandparent. For me, it takes me back to that time when we were raising our own children and I can't remember a time in my life when I felt more useful and needed. All the things I tried to pass on to my children (at least the things I'm able to remember), I also try to give to my grandchildren. For instance, I love spending time with them, even if it is nothing more than a trip to the grocery store, a quick trip to the park or watching that Veggie Tales one more time. Our time is a precious gift we give, and it is an

important gift to our children's lives. Is there anything more nourishing to a child's development than time abundantly given to them by their parents? Children learn quickly when their parents become selfish with their time. I also love the fact that I get to worship with my grandchildren. It is such a blessing to see them being raised with a spiritual emphasis in their lives. They will grow up knowing who Jesus is, and that brings peace to my heart. I also love the fact that they get to see me involved in the work of the kingdom. Blessings abound for children when they have parents that truly love the church and are actively involved in its work. Through the church, your children will develop relationships that last a lifetime. Through the church, your children will interact with many great saints that will love them as their own. Through the church, your children will learn the truths about service, sacrifice, and love for others. Life is good as a PaPaw, and the Church is a great part of that.

## Escritos de Israel

### Cuando Dios enciende un fuego debajo de ti (Hechos 8:1)

No era el propósito de Jesús que sus discípulos se asentaran cómodamente en Jerusalén y se quedarán allí. Él les había pedido "...que se predicara en su nombre el arrepentimiento y el perdón de pecados en todas las naciones, comenzando desde Jerusalén" (Lucas 24:47). Es decir, que sólo tenían que quedarse en Jerusalén el tiempo suficiente para ser llenos de poder y luego deberían llevar el evangelio al mundo entero. Sin embargo, ellos "...volvieron a Jerusalén... y estaban siempre en el Templo, alabando y bendiciendo a Dios" (Lucas 24:52-53). Es bueno esperar en Dios para recibir la dirección y el poder para llevar a cabo sus instrucciones, pero no conviene querer repetir experiencias anteriores. "...Recibiréis poder... y me seréis testigos en Jerusalén, en toda Judea, en Samaria y hasta lo último de la tierra" (Hechos 1:8).

¿Qué hizo Dios para sacarlos de su comodidad? ¡Encendió un fuego debajo de ellos! "...Hubo una gran persecución contra la iglesia que estaba en Jerusalén... Pero los que fueron esparcidos iban por todas partes anunciando el evangelio" (Hechos 8:1-4). Todos estamos convencidos de que el evangelio ha de ser predicado a toda nación, pero muy pocos estamos dispuestos a dejar nuestro lugar e ir a otro. No nos importa orar, ni siquiera pagar, pero no queremos salir de donde estamos. Sin embargo, cuando Dios tiene una misión para ti, hará lo que sea necesario para que te muevas. No va a consentir que te pierdas tu destino, así que permitirá ciertas pruebas que te harán mover del lugar en que te encuentras. No puedes volver a vivir el pasado, ni enmarcarlo. Y no puedes guardarte para ti solo las bendiciones de Dios. Si Él ha encendido un fuego debajo de ti, te está diciendo: "¡Es hora de moverse!" Dios te bendiga.

## Directory Update

Please update your directories! New cell phone numbers are listed below:

Mike Watts: 903-530-1866

Dorothy Watts: 903-530-2605

Remember that our online directory is updated weekly with any changes the office receives.

## Arms Of Hope

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## Camp Deer Run

It is time for parents of Camp Deer Run Pee Wee Campers to register their children. It will be June 17-20 for ages 5-8. The cost is \$70. Visit the website at <http://campdeerrun.com/summer-camp/day-camp/>. Transportation will be provided for the first 13 who bring proof of registration to Nancy.

## Bible Class Workshop in Longview

The Longview Church of Christ invites ladies to a Bible class workshop on Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. RSVP by Feb. 16 at 903.236.0988 or emailing [longviewcofc@att.net](mailto:longviewcofc@att.net). See the flyer at the Information Center in the foyer for more details.

~~Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!~~

No bulletin is large enough to contain all the good things I would like to say to you, good friends, at West Erwin Church. You flooded our daughter Debbie's room with Christmas, birthday and Valentine cards. Thanks so very much for your concern. She is growing stronger and we hope to bring her to Texas someday soon. Thank you for all the cards and prayers on behalf of my illness. The beautiful card the Ladies Class sent brightened my day. I have been through many health trials the last eight months, but I still have God's help and unlike Job, I have many wonderful and caring friends and thank you for your constant support. We are so very

blessed to count your our friends. Our Love to all,

**Helen and Jim Boyd**

It is such a blessing to be a part of this loving, caring family. Your prayers, calls, visits, cards & food have uplifted me. Thank you so much for your encouragement.

**Linda Marts**

Thank you to everyone who helped set up for the Friendship Day luncheon. Special thanks to David Hammond for organizing everything. You are all appreciated!

## Senior Game Day

Our Senior Game Day is in full swing! The game days are now held on Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. They meet in room 403 of the office complex. All seniors are invited to join!

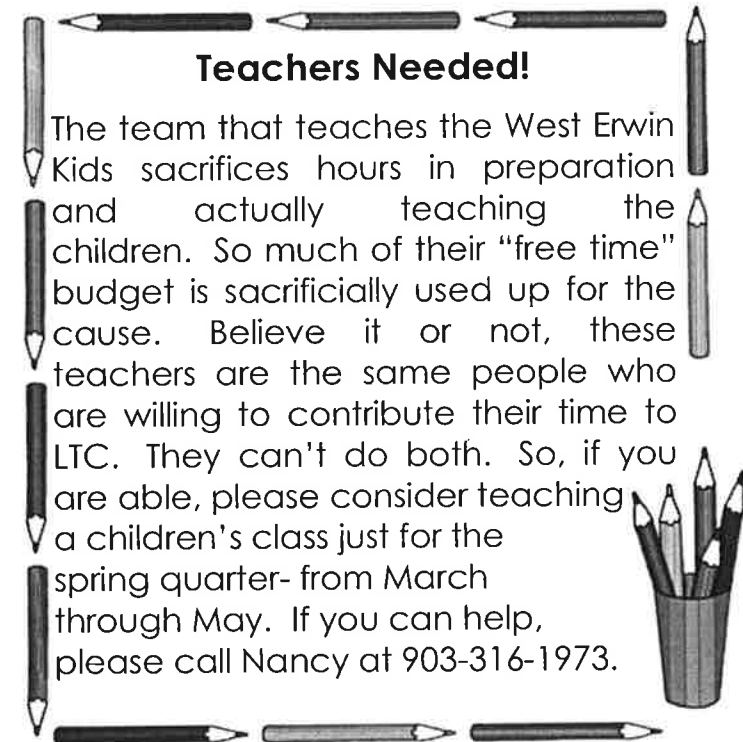
## Wednesday Night Meal

February 27: Mexican Food

The food is served at 5:30 p.m. Please indicate on your Sunday attendance card if you plan to join us for dinner on Wednesday nights!

## Teachers Needed!

The team that teaches the West Erwin Kids sacrifices hours in preparation and actually teaching the children. So much of their "free time" budget is sacrificially used up for the cause. Believe it or not, these teachers are the same people who are willing to contribute their time to LTC. They can't do both. So, if you are able, please consider teaching a children's class just for the spring quarter- from March through May. If you can help, please call Nancy at 903-316-1973.





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Bible Class	448	485	435
Worship a.m.	629	741	694
Worship p.m.	368	NC	364
Wed. p.m.	318	362	350
Contribution	\$226,93.44	\$28,040.21	\$23,191.00
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:** Hospitalized: Dallas: Charles Rachui will be undergoing surgery to insert tubes for drainage in his incisions. He will probably be hospitalized for four or five days. | **Mother Frances:** James Phillips, rm. 398 | **Updates:** Barbara Henderson had a skin graft 2/15 in Dallas. | **Charlotte Hopkins** had a temple artery removed, they are awaiting the results. | **Brett Finley**, son-in-law of Carolyn Womack (husband of Kelly), is in hospice in Houston. | **Ruth Moore** had extensive surgery on her left hand Feburary 22 at Mother Frances. | **Melanie Murry** is now home. | **Danny Shelton** is now home. | **Marcus Turner** is being treated for staph infection. | **Mike Watts** will undergo surgery for prostate cancer on March 18. | **Jan White**, sister-in-law of Bill White, is undergoing chemo in Kansas City, Missouri. | **West Erwin Family:** Linda Boudreau | Helen Boyd | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Bettye Sue Harris | Clay Kirby | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Penny & Wade McDonald | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Thelma Nolley | James & Frances Phillips | Sue Ramsour | Thomas Smith | Brice Sustaie | Arlene Thomas | Sylvia Tharpe | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | 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:** John Cliver, son of Ruby, esophageal cancer | **Jim & Helen Boyd's daughter**, in Michigan | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan | **Jeff Moore**, leukemia, 6- year-old son of a co-worker of Laurie Stone | **Pat Wilson**, sister of Phil Marts | **Mattie Smithey**, sister of Fern Bench

### SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Clifton Lindsey  
Scripture Chris Ables  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Jim Boyd

### SERVING COMMUNION

John Portwood, Jr. Wendell Potter Brant Prestidge  
Chris Reynolds Danny Riley Scotty Rouse  
Gaylan Seagler Keith Skender

### EVENING ASSEMBLY

Prayer Gene Chandler  
Scripture Charles Melville  
Dismiss Melvin Maples

### GREETERS

Melvin & Nina Crow  
Don & Mary Jo Crowder  
Clinton & Louise Culpepper  
Info Center: Ken & Cathy Culpepper

### PICK UP CARDS for 2/31

Ethan & Logan Stone, Braden Lockhart, Josiah Power, Luke Wallace

### SOUND BOOTH for 2/31

Alex Mullins & Mark Frick

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 2/31:

Nursery a.m.: Sonja Carter & Jessica DuPree  
| Toddlers a.m.: Amber Chauncey | Nursery p.m.:  
Jan Cook | Toddlers p.m.: Wendy Culpepper

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



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### REEVES' RHETORIC

### Jesus Doesn't Answer

"Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'Yes, it is as you say,' Jesus replied. When He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He gave no answer. Then Pilate asked Him, 'Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?' But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge - to the great amazement of the governor" (Matthew 27:11-14).

Pilate is amazed. He's dumbfounded. His gears are seriously jamming. Jesus won't defend Himself against His accusers. He answers Pilate when he asks, "Are you the king of the Jews?" But he won't answer those who oppose Him. And Pilate doesn't get it. He can't fathom why in the world Jesus doesn't answer them. But that's precisely why. Because His Kingdom is not of this world. And so He refuses to answer.

Jesus doesn't answer because He is in complete control. Of Himself. Of the situation. It may seem as if things are spiraling out of control, but they are far from it. God is sovereign. Jesus doesn't answer because "as a sheep before his shearers is silent he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7). Jesus is fulfilling the plan of God, the purposes of God, in every way. And He knows it. Through His actions He's fulfilling prophesy. Intentionally. Jesus doesn't answer because His critics wouldn't listen even if He did. Would it change their minds? Their hearts? No. And so He doesn't answer.

One more crucial reason that I believe Jesus doesn't answer is because He knows who He is as He stands before the Father. He is complete. He is whole. He is without blemish. Without defect. Without fault. And ultimately, it matters not what the critics think of Him; of who they believe Him to be. What matters is that He fulfills the will of the Father in His life. Beyond that, does anything else really matter?

Who we are in the Father's eyes matters more than everything else. When it is all said and done, it's really all that matters.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. If you want to come help, we start prep work @ 5:00, serve @ 6:00 and are finished cleaning up by 7:00. Join us as we serve the community.

### BIBLE QUIZ

Thanks to Clifton & Kristi Lindsay for helping with Bible Quiz this year. Congrats to our students who studied through the book of Matthew. We will have a study session for those doing Bible Quiz for LTC on Sunday, Mar. 10 at 5:00.

### THANKS!

Thanks to all the teens and adults who helped host the Boles Home kids this past Saturday for a fun day of fellowship and paintball.

### LTC

#### LTC Practice Schedule:

Chorus will meet Sundays @ 4:00.

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All Day Puppet Practice on Sunday, Mar. 17.

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Final Meeting on Sunday, Mar. 24.



### No Power? No Problem!

We had some excitement around here Tuesday. A tree fell across our power line and we lost power for most of the morning. It was hectic with all the people involved in the repair. We had 4 electrical trucks, a hazard containment truck, trailers for the guys cutting up the tree, city crews getting the tree out of the road and all kinds of emergency vehicles. In the middle of it all, we had Frances trying to work in the dark. It was the last thing I expected when I showed up for work that morning. But through it all, even with no power, we still had a job to do. There were still the sick, the needy, and folks that were counting on us being here. It was so like everyday life. You never know what you

will encounter from day to day. If an emergency happens, you quickly realize where your priorities lie. All those things that seem so pressing and so large suddenly seem insignificant when the realities of life hit you. You realize how important family is when one is faced with death. You realize how difficult love is when faced with divorce. You realize how important home is when faced with bankruptcy. You realize the importance of friendship when faced with loneliness. The lesson in this is that we must work on all the truly important things in life everyday. Don't take your family for granted; God gave you each other for life. Don't forget to tell those around you how much you love them; there is no guarantee of tomorrow. Don't forget a home is more than just the walls that surround you; home is the way you love, support, and count on each other. Life is richer when we live to strengthen the important things.

## Escritos de Israel

### Las personas más felices de la tierra.

Un periódico inglés hizo esta encuesta a través del periódico a sus lectores; *¿Quiénes son las personas más felices de la tierra?*

Y estas son las respuestas que ganaron:

- 1- Un artista que contempla un trabajo bien hecho.
- 2- Un niño que construye un castillo de arena.
- 3- Una madre que después de un día ocupado, baña a su bebe.
- 4- Un doctor que ha terminado una operación difícil y peligrosa y que ha salvado una vida.

Alguien también señaló que no se lista a los millonarios, no se lista a los reyes o magnates. Sin importar cuánto el mundo quiera obtener riquezas y posesiones, estas no son las cosas que la gente en su sabiduría considera como la calidad fundamental de la felicidad. Hoy la felicidad es esa calidad elusiva que más se ha buscado y que muy poco se disfruta. Hace ya mucho tiempo atrás Salomón enfatizó la sencillez de la respuesta a nuestra pregunta cuando dijo: *"Yo he conocido que no hay para ellos cosa mejor que alegrarse, y hacer bien en su vida; y también es don de Dios que todo hombre coma y beba, y goce el bien de toda su labor" (Eclesiastés 3:12-13).*

## IMPORTANT DATES

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Mar. 10 Middle School Devotional  
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Mar. 29-31 LTC

### ALWAYS IN GOD'S TIME

This week, Jean and I were reminded that things always happen in God's timing and not our own. For 3 years, she's been trying to get a job in Hallsville ISD, where we were living in Longview. And for 3 years, they've had no openings. So, now we've made the move to Tyler, and are excited about her finding a job at one of the schools here. And on Tuesday, something happened we certainly didn't expect. Hallsville contacted Jean, and they have ONE opening in their entire high school, and it's for a Spanish teacher. Now that we're not looking, they are. I was reminded that our "wants" are not our "needs", and God's desires for us don't always match up with what we desire... and that's a good thing. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

## Senior Adults Night

Glenwood Church of Christ invites our Young At Heart (55+) to their Annual Senior Adults Night on Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m. The music will be provided by Misti Plank. Join them for food & fellowship!

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## With Sympathy

Services for **Dorothy Woods** were Monday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love and prayers are with her daughter, Maxine Ray, and the entire family.

## Directory Update

**Ruth Bell** is back in Tyler and worshipping with us again! Please update your directories with her address: 906 McClenny Dr., Tyler, TX 75703.

## Arms Of Hope



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## Wednesday Night Meal

March 6: Bruno's

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## Acappella in Longview

Come hear the world-class contemporary gospel-singing group, Acappella in Longview on Sunday, March 17 at Pine Tree Church of Christ. The concert is free & open to all. See the flyer on the Information Center in the foyer.



## Thank You

Thank you for all the food, cards and words of comfort after the loss of our mother and grandmother, Roberta Tindall. The plant sent to her funeral was beautiful. It is of great comfort to know that you are thinking and praying for us as we grieve. Roberta loved West Erwin and we are blessed to be a part of this church family.

**Nerene & Donny Ingram**  
**Melissa Parrish & Family**  
**Jennifer Riley & Family**

Words are not adequate to express the depth of my love and appreciation to each of you who sent a card, made a phone call or said a prayer on my behalf. Thank you. A special thanks to Stan and Ernestine for coming to Dallas to be with my family during my surgery.

**Charles Rachui**

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, food and visits we received during Jonathan's mother's illness and death. Thank you for the floral arrangement that was sent to the service. It was a comforting reminder of our church family from home who were praying for us. We love you and are blessed to be a part of the West Erwin family.

**Jonathan & Laurie Stone**

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Worship a.m.	695	629	696
Worship p.m.	371	368	387
Wed. p.m.	333	318	323
Contribution	\$26,322.23	\$22,693.44	\$32,353.16
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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 Don & Norma Durham  
 Alan Fisher & Mark & Melissa Frick  
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**PICK UP CARDS for 3/10-3/17**  
 Caleb DuPree, Toby Marse, John Park, Ross Harris,  
 Caleb Heath

**SOUND BOOTH for 3/10-3/17**  
 Corey Coleman/ Joey Marse

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 3/10:**  
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Giving Up Our Rights

"Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3).

"He must become greater, I must become less," John the Baptist (John 3:30).

"Paul, a servant of God...." (Titus 1:1).

Humility is elusive, because just when you think you've got it... you don't!

For some humility is a gift. It comes extremely naturally. To very few humility is second nature (my grandmother is like this). However, for most, humility is a daily choice that runs contrary to our nature. A decision that is willfully made. Day after day. Moment by moment. To humble ourselves and be ever so willing to become obedient to death, even death on a cross (connect Philippians 2:8 with Luke 9:23) whether that cross is physical or metaphorical. To give up our rights and die to ourselves so that Christ might be lifted up and exalted through us.

When someone is being questioned in regard to a crime by a governmental official they will first be advised of their rights before any questioning begins. The Miranda warning reads, "You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say may be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to have an attorney present prior to and during any questioning. If you cannot afford an attorney, the court will appoint one to you. Should you choose to begin answering questions, you have the right to terminate the interview at any time. Do you understand you're rights?" When the answer comes back, "Yes." The next questioned asked is, "Will you voluntarily waive your rights and answer some questions?"

In Christ, humility demands that we give up our rights. We give up our rights to be first. We give up our rights to be center stage. We give up our rights to be heard. To be proven right. To be exalted. In order that He might be first. Center stage. Heard. Proven right. And exalted. The cross of Jesus requires that we give up our rights, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. That we would willfully empty ourselves of self. And that in turn, we would be filled by Him.

Glory to God!

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### THANKS!

Thanks to all who helped with the Karing Kitchen this past Monday. We had a great turnout and made a difference in peoples lives!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All middle school students are invited to the devo Sunday night, March 10<sup>th</sup>, in the FLC. Please bring \$3 for supper and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished by 8:30.

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### HOW DO YOU

How do you communicate to God your love for him? Sometimes we think the only answer to that (whether we would EVER say this or not), is to come and "clock-in" at church every time the doors are open. However, God showed his love for us through sacrifice. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." What is it that you sacrifice for God? Think about it from the perspective of what it is you DO, rather than what it is that you don't do or refrain from. If unselfish sacrifice is just one of the ways God showed his love for us, then what do we unselfishly sacrifice in our lives for Him? Our time, our resources, our desires, our money, our homes? Do you unselfishly love people, give up your own desires for them, all in the name of our Lord? My honest answer is that a lot of the time, I don't. But, think about what life might be like if you did... isn't that a better place than the one we're in now?



### You Can Run But You Can't Hide!

Well, I have another grandson story for you. Last Friday, Owen and Reed were at our house playing. They were in the back yard when they saw Lindsay drive up. Lindsay saw them look at her, and then they high-tailed it to the woods behind our house. Come to find out, Owen told Reed they needed to hide so he would not have to go home! Even funnier, when you looked out toward the woods, you could see two little faces above the mound they were hiding behind. They were standing out like sore thumbs. They wanted so badly to see if they were getting away with it, they couldn't even stay hidden! While this behavior sounds typical for a child, we are no different if we think that our sins go unnoticed. We try to

hide them, but we can't. We make excuses, but they don't work. We try to justify them, but it only sounds good to us. We even try to blame others, but it comes off empty. And then to top it off, just as Owen and Reed tried to hide behind that mound, we think the front we have put up will keep our deeds from the sight of God. When we start thinking that no one knows, and when we start thinking that we are above our sin, then it is us that are acting pretty childish. We can fool man sometimes, but we never fool God. The Hebrew writer tells us, *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account (Heb. 4:12)*. When we keep our sins to ourselves, it eats away at our very soul. Even though it can be painful, we need confession, we need to make amends if we can, and seek forgiveness. You can run from your sins, but you can't hide from them.

### Escritos de Israel

#### La confianza en Dios.

*"Entonces ella fue e hizo como le dijo Elías; y comió el, y ella, y su casa, muchos días" (1 Rey. 17:15).*

Meditando sobre este tema haciendo un poco memoria de nuestra vida. Es fácil confiar en Dios y hablar de su misericordia y poder cuando estas por encima de la ola. Es sencillo cantar el domingo cuando sabes cuánto te queda en tu cuenta bancaria, y que vas a poder pagar todas tus deudas, y aun sabes cuánto vas a ahorrar para cambiar tu automóvil. Es cómodo adorar a Dios y servirle cuando el éxito te acompaña y la fama te saluda con respeto... Pero en estos días de crisis, todo se hace mas cuesta arriba. La fe se debilita, el ánimo decae y parece que no hay respuesta a nuestra oración. Cuando la inseguridad y la inestabilidad tocan a la puerta de tu casa ya no es tan simple adorar y agradecer a Dios,

Pero es en este momento cuando debemos pensar en esta historia de esta viuda increíble...Había sequia desde hacía tres años. No había comida, ni agua y la gente moría de hambre. Para colmo esta mujer era viuda y bajo su responsabilidad tenía un niño. Esa mañana iba a recoger leña para cocer su último pedazo de pan con su hijo y dejarse morir. Ya no tenía esperanza, ya se había terminado todo lo que tenía... Fue esa mañana que un hombre desconocido le pide que le haga de comer a el primero y que tuviera confianza en que Dios premiaría su confianza. Lo único que tenía era un puñado de harina... y esta mujer decidió confiar en las palabras de aquel profeta y coció el pan y se lo dio...sin dudar esa mujer confió en Dios, y el milagro no se deajo esperar, desde que el profeta comía el aceite y la harina aumentaba y no menguaba, desde entonces esa mujer se dio cuenta de que Dios si responde y que nuestra confianza está segura en EL.

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### Senior Game Day

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### New Baby

**Emma Catherine Rutherford** was born March 2 to Britney & John Rutherford. The proud grandparents are Matt & Rhonda Haws. Congratulations!

### Arms Of Hope

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### Thank You

Thank you for all the food, cards, flowers and especially your prayers during my recent illness and recovery. Jon and I feel so blessed to be a part of such a caring family at West Erwin.

**Melanie Murry**

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### Wednesday Night Meal

March 13: NO MEAL (Spring Break)

Don't forget to....



Spring Forward!

Set your clocks ahead ONE hour this Saturday night!

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Worship a.m.	611	695	626
Worship p.m.	367	371	343
Wed. p.m.	345	333	338
Contribution	\$27,596.55	\$26,322.23	\$20,956.53
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE: Hospitalized: Updates:** Carolyn McCune will have knee replacement surgery on 4/11 at Spine & Joint. | **Thelma Nolley** is now home. | **Charles Rachui** is now home. | **Charles Starr** will have heart surgery 3/15 at ETMC. | **Mike Watts** will undergo surgery for prostate cancer on March 18.

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**PICK UP CARDS for 3/17**

Caleb DuPree, Toby Marse, John Park, Ross Harris, Caleb Heath

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**The Imagery of Forgiveness**

Psalm 103:12, "As far as the east is from the west, has He removed our transgressions from us."

Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow."

Micah 7:19, "You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl our iniquities into the depths of the sea."

Jeremiah 31:34, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

God reveals relationship in vivid metaphor. Sin removed as far as the east is removed from the west. The stark contrast of scarlet and snow. Sins plummeting to the depths of the sea. An all-powerful, all-knowing God choosing to forget, and remember our sins no more.

The imagery of forgiveness.

Our Father forgives. He heals. He restores. He delivers. He rescues.

Through divine prerogative and divine covenant and divine eyes He sees us not for our sin, not for our shame, not for our rebellion, but for who we are through Jesus.

He sees us clearly and in such a way we often find it difficult to see ourselves. As whole. As holy. As righteous. As forgiven.

Galatians 3:27, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ."

He sees us through Jesus.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### THANKS!

Thanks to Mike & Kristi Harris, Shaun Stamps, and Randy & Stacy Turner for helping with the Middle School Devo this past Sunday night!

### LTC

#### LTC Practice Schedule:

Wednesdays- 7:00-8:00 – Puppets

Sunday, Mar. 17

11:30-2:30 – Puppets (Lunch \$3)

2:30-3:45 – Drama

3:45-5:00 – Chorus

5:00-6:00 – Bible Quiz

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Mar. 29-31

Apr. 15

July 4-13

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Small Groups Meet

LTC All Day Drama

City Wide Choruses & Final Mtg.

LTC

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### CHANGING OF THE SEASONS

Can you believe that this week has been Spring Break for all our teens? I know the weather doesn't always seem to cooperate with that idea, but spring is upon us. There's proof at my house, new buds on the trees! What I like about spring is that growth and new life that takes place. It means Easter is just around the corner (and for us, the LTC finale!). It means getting our shorts out of the drawers they're packed away in and putting away our coats. It means the Rangers are back (although as a fan, I must say I'll have to start this year "cautiously optimistic"). As a youth ministry, we're entering into a new season as well, a season of transition. We're praying that it will be one of excitement, discipleship, and growth. We want to be intentional about the things we do. Please be praying about how you can join us on this journey and let's step into this new season together, expecting great things!

morals. Life is better when we live it in the name of Jesus. **We see Jesus' choice to die.** Jesus chose to do his Father's will by going to the cross. We too, have that choice to make. In order to gain Heaven, we must die to self, we must die to sin, and we must willingly and totally surrender our life to God. Our nature makes this difficult. **We see Jesus' love for others.** Jesus healed Malchus' ear out of his love for man. He prevented his disciples' arrest out of his love for them. He washed the feet of Judas, the traitor, out of love. Our love for others is shown by our actions, not our talk. It is shown by our willingness to sacrifice for others. **We see Jesus' obedience.** In spite of the hardships he was to face, in spite of the suffering he was to bear, and in spite of a world where many would not take advantage of His sacrifice, Jesus said, "Thy will be done!" To become more like Jesus, we need to be more about "the will of our Father".

*comieres el trabajo de tus manos, Bienaventurado serás, y te irá bien". (Sal. 128:2). 4- en ser hijos del Dios todo poderoso. "Bienaventurado el pueblo que tiene esto; Bienaventurado el pueblo cuyo Dios es Jehová" (Sal 144:15). 5- en obedecer la voluntad de nuestro Padre. "Sin profecía el pueblo se desenfrena; Mas el que guarda la ley es bienaventurado" (Pro.29:18). 6- en dar a los que tienen necesidad. "Peca el que menosprecia a su prójimo; Mas el que tiene misericordia de los pobres es bienaventurado" (Pro. 14:21). 7- tener un corazón tierno y noble al cual la palabra pueda moldear. "Bienaventurado el hombre que siempre teme a Dios; Mas el que endurece su corazón caerá en el mal" (Pro. 28:14). ¿En qué cosas estamos nosotros buscando la felicidad? Dios quiera que la busquemos conforme a los términos de Dios y no conforme el hombre.*

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### EEM Dinner

The Eastern European Mission Dinner will be April 4 at KE Bushman's in Bullard. All of the information is on the sign up sheet that is at the Information Center in the foyer. Please sign up before March 31 as they need a head count.

### Camp Deer Run

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### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Phillips family on the death of **James Phillips**. Services were Wednesday at Lloyd James. We are so thankful for the many years of service James devoted to West Erwin as a deacon. Our love and prayers are with the family.

**Sherry Peek**, former West Erwin member and one of our devoted Benevolent Center volunteers, passed away this last week. Our love & prayers are with the Peek family.

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March 20: Burgers, Fries & Pies

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### Thank You

Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits and food. The graft appears to be taking. Please continue your prayers. Thank you for all your prayers and care.

**Barbara Henderson**

Dear West Erwin, Thank you for your cards, calls, food and prayers during my recent surgery. Your acts of kindness are truly appreciated. It is a blessing to be a member of such a church family. Sincerely,

**Freida Starr**

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### Learning from the Garden

Our goal as Christians is to become more like Jesus. Taking a look at Jesus' betrayal and arrest can give us some traits of Jesus that we need to copy in our own lives. **We see Jesus' courage.** When all his followers had left him, Jesus never faltered, he never waived. He knew the difficulty of the task he was given, yet he never questioned his Father's will. He never made excuses; He never blamed anyone for his lot. He continued his walk and finished his job. **We see Jesus' authority.** His capture, His surrender, His arrest, were all done by His consent. We too need to live with the authority that God has given us. We don't have to live like others in the world. We don't have to compromise our

### Escritos de Israel

#### Acerca de la felicidad.

Si le preguntamos a alguien que tiene un millón de dólares ¿qué es la felicidad? El pudiera decir que la felicidad es tener dos millones de dólares. Si le preguntamos a un niño de 9 años, el diría que la felicidad es tener 10 años. Si le preguntamos a un candidato, el diría que la felicidad es ganar las próximas elecciones. Si le preguntamos a un atleta, nos diría que la felicidad sería ganar las competencias. Cada una de estas cosas son fugaces, pero Dios sabe como producir la felicidad duradera para cada uno de nosotros. Se puede encontrar la felicidad en las siguientes cosas:

- 1- En ser corregidos por Dios. "He aquí, bienaventurado es el hombre a quien Dios castiga; Por tanto, no menosprecies la corrección del Todopoderoso" (Job. 5:17).
- 2- en tener hijos. "Bienaventurado el hombre que llenó su aljaba de ellos; No será avergonzado" (Sal. 127:5).
- 3- en trabajar honestamente. "Cuando

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Bible Class	420	386	460
Worship a.m.	665	611	695
Worship p.m.	323	367	357
Wed. p.m.	309	345	288
Contribution	\$23,059.86	\$27,596.55	\$28,515.57
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:** Hospitalized: Hospice of East Texas: **Thelma Nolley** | ETMC: **Cindi Costner**, daughter of Anna Nunn, Room 6812

**Updates:** **Art Rowland** is having a heart cath 3/22 at ETMC. If there is a blockage, the doctors will try and do what is necessary at that time. | **Charles Starr** is doing well after heart surgery and will be in ICU for a short time. | **Mike Watts** is now home after surgery. | **Carolyn McCune** will have knee replacement surgery at Spine and joint 4/11. | **Cathy Stowers** will have thyroid surgery on 4/18 at Southwest in Dallas.

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Citywide Worship Service  
LTC Chorus 5:00  
Worship 6:00

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Gary & Janis Heath  
James & Sue Hughes  
Info Center: Roger & Glenda Howell

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Luke & Logan Metcalf, Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Davis Carnathan

**SOUND BOOTH for 3/24-3/31**

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REEVES' RHETORIC

Heaven Came Down

My kids know my whistle. I don't necessarily whistle all that loudly or all that long. But if I want to get their attention amidst distraction, I just whistle. When we're all in the Family Life Center on Wednesday evenings and there are people talking and kids everywhere and I need to get one of my boy's attention in the sea of children on the basketball court, I just whistle, and their heads turn. Not in a fearful way or a worrisome way. They just know my whistle. When we're at home and they're playing outside with other kids, and in one of their friend's back yard, and Tiersa and I need them to come home, I just step out on the front porch and whistle, and I soon hear a, "Coming!..." from a few houses down. The whistle is sort of like "Heads up!" or "Hey, look this direction!"

John the Baptist came proclaiming the Kingdom is at hand! The Kingdom is close. The Kingdom is near. Heads up! Pay attention! It's near! The Kingdom is near! And then, the Kingdom (the reign and rule of God) is made a reality in Jesus.

As the old hymn declares, "Heaven came down and glory filled my soul."

The Kingdom of heaven. The reign of God as His Spirit rains down upon human hearts through divine will. The Kingdom of heaven. Heaven coming down. Glory filling our souls.

That's our reality. Here's my question: *What was John's role?* What is John the Baptist's task in this? Fulfilling the will and purpose of God? Yes. "A voice of one calling in the desert, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for Him' (Mt 3:3)? Absolutely. But ultimately, John's God-ordained position is to announce. To call attention. "Heads up!" "Hey, look this direction!" (cf. Jn 1:29,35). "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near!" (Mt 3:2). The Kingdom is near! Heaven is coming down!

Calling people wherever they were in life to come, and to be a part of the Kingdom.

Our role, our task, our purpose is the same.... To call people wherever they are in life to come, and to be a part of the Kingdom of heaven.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### MISSIONAL

Missional is of those trending “church” words right now (even though it’s been around for quite some time). Simply put, it means to live out our lives called by God every day in our work, in our relationships and in service. It’s about the missionary nature of God (as shown very clearly through the life of his Son), and the missionary nature of the church. It means that the church building isn’t the primary connecting point for those outside of the church (or at least it shouldn’t be), it is **US, YOU AND I**, the living, breathing church that sees them on a day-to-day basis. Finally, it is about *missio dei*, a centuries old latin term meaning “mission of God.” Many times we wrongly assume that the primary activity of God is just the church, rather than recognizing that God’s primary activity is in the world, and we (the church) are God’s instrument sent into the world to participate in His redemptive mission.

Don’t you love all this? Isn’t this how you already feel about the church, or at least something we can agree on in the context of scripture? So why did churches need a word like “missional” to bring us back to God’s primary desire for the work of the church to be? Everything we do as Christians should be an extension of our faith, living it out, trying to impact the world for His Name’s Sake. Jesus was “missional” before “missional” was cool. I want to be like him.



### Goats are Springing Up!

Our neighbors across the street raise goats. This weekend, their herd grew. Baby goats were everywhere. I still don’t know the final tally, as some did not make it, but the goat number in our sub-division took a climb. This morning, as I pulled out to come to work, I could see some of the older babies, jumping around and trying to play with each other. It was a sight; I had to sit there in my truck and enjoy the show. They went from babes on the ground, to their mom’s having to nuzzle them to stand, to trying to play on shaky legs. They are **growing**. It’s the cycle of life; there is birth, growth, maturity, then departure. It is the same in the Christian cycle of life too, though with a difference. As a Christian, we should never stop growing.

We should **grow in generosity**. *One gives freely, yet grows all the richer, ... Whoever brings blessing will be enriched(Pro.11:24-25)*. As a church, we should **grow in the Lord**. Paul said, *in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord (Eph.2:21)*. We should **grow up to be like Jesus**. *Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ (Eph.4:15)*. Paul followed that thought by writing that we should **grow in our love**. *From whom the whole body, ... when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love (Eph.4:16)*. We are to **grow in grace and knowledge**. *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Peter 3:18)*. Our growth comes from our relationship with Christ. As we come to know Him better, we realize there is always room to grow!

del mundo sean avergonzado...

Eres perfecto para que El te use, no por tu perfección, sino porque en tu imperfección el sabe moverse con todo su poder... Una y otra vez Dios ha demostrado la grandeza de lo débil, de lo poco, de lo insignificante, de lo pobre etc... Estando Jesús sentado en el templo y miraba como la gente echaba las ofrendas, avergonzó a los ricos y utilizo a una viuda pobre para darles ejemplo (**Mr. 12:41-44**). Los Ricos estaban echando a las ofrendas del dinero que les sobraba, pero la viuda pobre hecho solo dos monedas y dice Jesús que ella hecho mucho más que los ricos. Jesús midió esta acción no por lo que salió de la bolsa sino por lo que quedaba en la bolsa. Mientras los ricos se despojaron de lo que no necesitaban, ella lo dio todo aun lo que necesitaba. Tú también con lo poco puedes ser ejemplo de otros y hacer la diferencia en la iglesia. **Dios te bendiga.**

### Escritos de Israel

**Tú eres perfecto para que Dios te use.**

*Sino que lo necio del mundo escogió Dios, para avergonzar a los sabios; Y lo débil del mundo escogió Dios, para avergonzar a los fuertes” (1CORINTIOS 1:27)*

La manera en que el mundo piensa está lejos de la manera en que Dios piensa y se mueve, y es por eso que muchos nos sentimos descalificados. Pablo dijo que Dios a propósito busca, lo débil y despreciado, por cuanto de esa manera El puede recibir mayor gloria. Porque solo así el mundo sabrá que solo Dios pudo haberlo hecho...Si hoy se siente limitado, frágil, débil, usted es la mejor materia prima para que Dios se mueva en esta tierra, a través de usted Dios puede obrar... No deje que los estándares del mundo limiten lo que Dios quiere hacer a través de su vida, déjelo que se mueva por medio de usted, para lo que lo sabio y lo fuerte

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### Arms Of Hope

Arms of Hope will be here March 25! Please place any of the following items in your Sunday morning Bible Class before then: Tide PODS laundry detergent, cereal, spaghetti sauce, sugar, toilet paper. Please place these items in your classrooms by March 24.



### With Sympathy

Memorial services for **Sandra Turner** will be at a later date. She was the daughter of Wanda Cook and sister of Tom Cook and Judy Mitcham. Our love, prayers and sympathy are extended to the Cook & Mitcham families.

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Please check the Lost & Found cabinet in the foyer. There are many Bibles, glasses, umbrellas and other unclaimed items.

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March 27: BBQ

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## Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the concern during my illness with calls, food & visits. It has been so nice to see everyone again. In Christian love,

**Charlotte Hopkins**

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, calls and food after the loss of my mother. I'm overwhelmed by the love shown to my family these past two weeks. A special thanks to Jason & Donnie for the beautiful words that made Mother's service more bearable. I love you all.

**Maxine Ray & family**



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Bible Class	474	420	473
Worship a.m.	665	665	736
Worship p.m.	451	323	417
Wed. p.m.		309	333
Contribution	\$24,026.17	\$23,059.86	\$23,854.00
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### "Q" Time

I wonder what is important to you?

Sometimes life gets in the way and what is urgent gets in the way of that which is important. The lines between what is urgent and what is important are often blurred. A deadline that must be met. A project that is past due. A meeting that needs to be attended. A person that requires your attention. Are these urgent or important? It very often might be that they are indeed both.

Our priorities are easily revealed. And it's not as if the urgent mustn't sometimes temporarily outweigh the important. But the amount of time and attention we give to any particular person or practice tends to grant us insight into that which comprises our priorities.

We may say that our family is a priority to us, but if what our children see in us is that we are capable of granting all sorts of time and energy toward other people and other endeavors, and little time toward them, what does it communicate to them in regard to where they rate on our scale of priorities? We may say (and even believe) that we love our spouse more than any other person on the face of the planet, but if we spend more time on the golf course or more energy at the office than we'd ever think about affording to them, what is communicated to them as to how intentional we are in validating the relationship that we share? And what about God? Where does He fit in? We say that God is first in our lives? Is He really? How much focus is centered upon God during the course of your week? Take church attendance out of the picture. What attention does He receive?

Somehow we've found it extremely easy to con ourselves into believing that right theology equals right relationship. The truth is, if our theology was right, we would find it all together impossible to think this way.

John Stott in his work, "The Living Church," describes how on his calendar he would mark the letter "Q" on one specific day each month (Stott passed away in 2011). The "Q" stood for "quiet." Once a month, on a day that he had designated and planned long beforehand, he would go to a quiet place. Away from the office. Away from the busyness of life. Away from interruptions. And he would spend 10 to 12 hours that day, by himself, "quiet," with God. One day a month with no agenda, other than "quiet" time with God. Prayer. Study. Closeness. Intimacy with God. What does that say about Stott's priorities? What does it say about his desire to be with the Father?

What if you were to plan a "Q" day each month? Or a "Q" hour each week? Or "Q" time each day?

What would it say about your priorities? How might it impact your walk with the Lord?

Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### LTC

The time has finally arrived! LTC is almost done... This weekend about 90 kids and 150 adults from West Erwin will be attending the LTC Convention at the Anatole Hotel in Dallas. We will be joining about 6000 others from over 100 churches to be a part of an amazing weekend. All of this could not have happened without many adults who have put it together. You guys are awesome! Also, a huge thanks to the kids who have worked really hard on preparing their part for this weekend.

What takes place this weekend really is just the icing on the cake... the months leading up to this are the real benefit. Our young people have studied, practiced, worked as a team, served, encouraged and lead others. The relationships built, the new friends gained and God being glorified are the real benefits!

Keep us in your prayers this weekend.

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Mar. 29-31</b>	<b>LTC</b>
<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>Combined Devotional</b>
<b>Apr. 14</b>	<b>Sunday with Brad Herrub</b>
<b>Apr. 15</b>	<b>West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen</b>
<b>Apr. 21</b>	<b>LTC Celebration</b>
<b>May 2</b>	<b>Mayor's Prayer Breakfast</b>
<b>May 3&amp;4</b>	<b>24 Hours of Prayer</b>
<b>May 19</b>	<b>Baccalaureate &amp; Senior Devo</b>
<b>July 4-13</b>	<b>Nebraska Mission Trip</b>

## CARE FOR THE SAKE OF CARING

We've had multiple losses in our church family in the last several months, and it reminded me of the value we have in the lives of others, especially in times of crisis, or even when there isn't one yet. Here's some thoughts...

### Care when there isn't a crisis.

There's nothing better than taking someone out for a coke "just because" or a dropping a simple card in the mail that conveys your love for them. Think of this as "preventative care" for the people in your life—even when they aren't in a crisis, they know you care.

### Drop everything in an emergency.

Sometimes it's difficult to tell when something is truly an emergency but when a major crisis or catastrophe hits, drop everything to be there. When you show up in a difficult situation it will be remembered forever. The opposite is also true: If you don't show up, that will be remembered too.

### Just be there.

It isn't always easy to know what to say—even when people look at you like you should. Don't underestimate the power of the "be with" factor. Sit with them. Do more than just offer to help with whatever they need—anyone can do that. Sometimes, just getting there and being present in those moments will mean more than anything.



### Believe, Connect, Serve

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world (James 1:27). When we do this, we follow the steps of Jesus in helping those in need. James says that true religion is not found in religious language or empty worship, but in selfless acts of service. Jesus cared for those in need and I wanted to thank you for following His example. A woman that had come for clothes told me that the Benevolent Center was a special place for her. I asked her why and she said, "Here, nobody looks down on us. Ya'll are so nice and friendly. It is like you are being touched by God". Thank you for the smiles, hugs, and the help you give others. Thank you for passing out food,

sorting through tons of clothing, making the quilts, cooking food, honoring prayer requests, and showing Jesus through your actions. Thank you for caring about the orphans. This picture shows what was collected for the Arms of Hope. By showing Jesus, we see the beauty of Believe, Connect, and Serve!



## Escritos de Israel

**Participantes de una herencia eternal (Col. 1:12-14).**  
Si usted es un hijo de Dios jamás debe decir; yo no soy nada, no tengo nada. Porque usted está lleno de amor de Dios y es bendecido por El. Usted es un participante de una herencia de Dios para sus hijos. Para todos los que le creen. El poder de las tinieblas ya ha sido quebrantado en su vida y lo tiene que desechar cada día por el conocimiento que Dios nos da. Ya no estamos más en el reino de las tinieblas en donde pensábamos todo lo peor de nosotros mismos, ahora estamos en el reino de su amado hijo, un reino de luz y en este reino no entra la maldición. Ya Dios nos traslado y nos ha redimido de toda clase de maldición, ahora somos libres y bendecidos. Por lo tanto nosotros tenemos que vernos reflejados en la vida de Cristo porque fuimos creados para tener victoria en él y no derrota. Cuando Dios creó a Adán y Eva los puso en el

huerto para que Señoreara y tuviera dominio sobre todas las cosas en la tierra. Nosotros también hemos sido creados para eso, así como Cristo resucito por la gloria del padre, también nosotros hemos sido resucitados para que tengamos la victoria por Cristo nuestro Señor. A través de Cristo hemos recibido una herencia eterna, si estamos haciendo su voluntad seremos bendecidos con esa herencia. Cualquier cosa que antes lo dominaba, ahora es dominada por que Cristo esta en usted, no es por nuestra naturaleza humana, ni por nuestra propia fuerza sino por Cristo a quien servimos. Cristo nos ha redimido de la maldición de la ley y de toda maldad que nos dominaba. Y también la palabra de Dios nos dice que todos nosotros hemos alcanzado la bendición de Abraham y es por fe que recibimos esas promesas de Dios. Su hijo nos ha hecho herederos de la herencia eterna en los cielos. ¡Dios te bendiga!

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## Congratulations!



**Toby Kennedy** received an award from the Andrews Center for his benevolence work with our Benevolent Center, PATH and other volunteer efforts. He received the award at a banquet at Harvey Hall on March 25. Way to go, Toby! We are so proud of you!

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Tony & Mary Adams on the loss of Tony's mother, **Maxine Adams**. Services were last week in Henderson. | Services for **Thelma Nolley** were Thursday at Memorial. Our love & prayers are with these families.

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## Baptism

Congratulations to **Favian Vega** who was baptized March 18! His address is 9331 Cedar Vale Dr., Tyler, TX 75708. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Favian!

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Bible Class	327	474	441
Worship a.m.	675	665	727
Worship p.m.	240	451	NC
Wed. p.m.	365	348	371
Contribution	\$20,982.27	\$24,026.17	\$27,978.76
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Sticks and Stones

"Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me."

That old adage may bring some comfort to a little boy who has just gotten his feelings hurt at school, but it doesn't hold a whole lot of water in the real world does it?

Words are powerful. They are powerful. And among all of God's created, human beings are the only ones who communicate with words.

Trevor Hudson articulates well, "Our words, whether spoken or written, enable us to reveal or hide ourselves, to build or to break community, to help or to hurt our neighbor. When used carefully, words facilitate self-disclosure, foster communion, and release healing. When used carelessly, they create confusion, generate conflict, and cultivate chaos. Well aware of this immense potential that inhabits our words, the writer of the Proverbs exclaims without exaggeration: 'Death and life are in the power of our words (Proverbs 18:21).'"

I wonder how acutely aware you are of the power of your words? I wonder if you are intently cognizant that enveloped within the things you say lies the power of "death and life"?

How many relationships have been devastated by the speaking of hurtful words? How many loved ones have been injured, wounded deeply, distanced, through selfish, harsh, or uncaring words?

On the other hand, how many lives have been forever wonderfully impacted through encouraging words? How many have been healed through the kind words of a friend? How many believers has God empowered to accomplish great things for the Kingdom through the comforting, assuring words of a God-sent encourager?

The power to speak death. The power to speak life.

"Out of the overflow of the heart," our Savior affirms, "the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45).

And so consider the words that you speak, and the words that you have spoken.

What do your words say about your heart?

Are there any fences that need to be mended? Or relationships that need to be healed?

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### LTC

What an amazing weekend! While LTC is a crazy & hectic weekend... the blessings from that time together are immeasurable. Over 240 of our folks joined in with an additional 6000 others from all over Texas, Ok., Arkansas, New Mexico & Louisiana. Our young people prepared for months in using their gifts and developing their skills to express their faith in many ways. Our families worked together and really got to know each other & were encouraged by each other. Mark your calendar for Sunday, April 21, for our LTC Celebration. Our young people will lead the evening worship time and you will have a chance to see some of what they accomplished. A very special thanks to all of those who helped lead West Erwin's LTC this year. It could not have happened without the dedication of so many adults who helped in so many different ways... A very special thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish & their team for making sure we all had something to eat through the whole weekend!

### COMBINED DEVOTIONAL

All of those in Middle & High School groups are invited to the Devo this coming Sunday night after church. Please bring \$3 for supper & wear tennis shoes. We will be done @ 8:30.



### Praying Like Paul Did

I am excited about our upcoming 24 Hours of Prayer. It is a powerful thing when the church devotes itself to prayer. As we get ready for this effort, I would like you to read Philippians 1: 3-11. In this passage, we see how Paul prayed for the church at Philippi. This is the kind of prayer I need for my life. This passage makes me want to pray better for my brothers and sisters. I can do that by getting to know them better, and then my prayers will be a better reflection of what they need. I need to trust more so I can share my sorrows as easily as I share my joys. I need more humility and compassion as I deal with my brothers and sisters because of what we share in Christ. I need to love better, so I can gain

### Escritos de Israel

#### La presencia de Dios en las pruebas (Ge. 37:12-36)

Hay circunstancias en la vida que están claramente fuera de nuestro control y por tanto, no podemos detectar ni un destello de alivio para el futuro. En momentos así, ¿de qué podemos estar seguros?

• **De que Dios está con nosotros en las tribulaciones.** Nuestro Padre celestial nos consuela por medio del Espíritu Santo. El Señor quiere que estemos conscientes de su presencia constante para que la conciencia de su amor y su poder nos ayude a sentirnos seguros. Dios entiende lo que es sufrir, ser rechazado, o perder a un ser querido. Comprende las tentaciones y los obstáculos que enfrentamos. Él se ha kasignado a sí mismo la tarea de llevar las cargas de sus hijos (Sal 68.1-9), y brindar paz a nuestros corazones afligidos. El Dios que camina con nosotros no puede ser Obstatulizado o limitado por nada, y por eso no tenemos

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 7 Combined Devotional  
Apr. 14 Sunday with Brad Herrub  
Apr. 15 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen  
Apr. 21 LTC Celebration  
May 2 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast  
May 3&4 24 Hours of Prayer  
May 19 Baccalaureate & Senior Devo  
July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip

### SACRIFICE... WHO ME?

"To raise children who become adults with the moral strength to resist the defilements of the age requires an extraordinary degree of sacrifice from parents, and even then there are no guarantees. But what choice do we have? To surrender our children's hearts and minds?" - Rod Dreher

Do you as a parent of a teenager in 2013 agree with this statement? I believe it to be one of fact rather than one of this man's opinion. It seems that any way you slice it, unless we as the adults and parents are ready to make sacrifices in our own lives in order to place our children in positions to have Godly "moments" like our church family and our youth ministry, our children will choose the world 9 times out of 10 when deciding what THEY want to do. So, the question is, are you willing to make sacrifices in your life on the prayer that it makes a difference for Christ in the life of your child?

the strength that love brings to my life; the strength to help the lost, the strength to be a better spouse, the strength to be more like Christ, and the strength to be full of grace when I deal with others. I need to yearn for my brothers and sisters as Paul did. When we love like that, our lives become involved far beyond the boundaries of the church. We grow together, we serve together, and we become accountable to each other. I need to step out on faith more, knowing that God has promised me the power to live stronger and knowing that he will provide. I want the will to change and do more of what I know to be right; to be a good representative of the church, to be a good example to others, and to take a stand for the good news of Christ. Would you be willing to pray like Paul did? Would you be willing to put in the effort to learn what your church family needs in your prayers? I need it, you need it, and the church needs it!

#### razones para temer (Mt 19.26).

• **Dios tiene un propósito al permitir las pruebas.** Esto se ve claramente en la historia de José, cuyos hermanos lo vendieron como esclavo. Dios había previsto que esos años prepararan al joven para que se convirtiera en primer ministro de Egipto. José no podía ver el propósito de Dios -al igual que nosotros la mayoría de las veces-, pero conocía el carácter del Señor y confiaba en Él. La fe de José fue recompensada cuando fue capaz de salvar a su familia (Gn 45.1-8).

Estamos llamados a vivir una vida de fe. Eso significa que debemos creer las promesas de Dios, aun cuando nuestras circunstancias nos desconcierten. Cuando los problemas le rodeen, recuerde esta verdad: Dios nunca le desamparará ni le dejará (He 13.5), y los buenos propósitos de Él siempre se cumplirán (Pr 19.21). **Dios te bendiga.**

## Gospel Meeting at University

University Church of Christ invites you to a gospel meeting April 7-10 with Israel Rodriguez from Brownsville. Sunday service times are 9:30 a.m, 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The rest of the week the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. See the flyer at the Information Center in the foyer.

## Hymn Fest

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It is time for parents of Camp Deer Run Pee Wee Campers to register their children. It will be June 17-20 for ages 5-8. The cost is \$70. Visit the website at <http://campdeerrun.com/summer-camp/day-camp/>. Transportation will be provided for the first 13 who bring proof of registration to Nancy.

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Wanda Cook, Tom Cook & Judy Mitcham on the loss of their daughter/sister, **Sandra Turner**. A memorial service was held Monday. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the Cook & Mitcham families.

Services for **Opal Cooper**, former West Erwin member, were Thursday at Memorial Funeral Home. Our love & prayers are with the family & friends.

## Young At Heart

All seniors 55+! Please join us Thursday, April 11 for our monthly Young At Heart potluck dinner at the Family Life Center at 6:00 p.m. We will be having special professional entertainment so you don't want to miss it!

## Thank You

Dear church family,  
Thank you all for the many things you did to cheer up James while he was a resident in Providence Park nursing home. You sent many cards, some were able to come visit him. James liked visits and he missed seeing his brothers and sisters in Christ. Some called, some prayed for him and with him. Every act of care and concern for James was dear to his heart, our children and me. The flowers you sent were beautiful and lifted our spirits. Thanks to all who served as pallbearers. Thank you to Donnie & Don for your remarks. Love to all,

Frances Phillips & family

## Wednesday Night Meal

April 10: Bruno's Italian Food

## Charity Golf Tournament

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## Series at Broadway

The Broadway Church of Christ invites you to join them for a series of Gospel lessons focused on Christ, The Hope of the World. Jim Laws will be speaking. It will be held April 14-17. Sunday meeting times are at 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. The meetings on the week nights will be at 7:00 p.m. See the flyer at the information Center in the foyer.

## Attacks on Christianity & The Church

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## CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- If God is your Co-pilot - swap seats!
- Don't give God instructions -- just report for duty!
- 1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

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Records	Sun.-Apr. 7	Sun.- Mar. 31	Year Ago
Bible Class	447	327	334
Worship a.m.	648	675	621
Worship p.m.	344	240	245
Wed. p.m.	324	365	347
Contribution	\$25,912.40	\$20,982.27	\$21,126.04
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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Arnold Ables Cameron Ables Chris Ables  
Cody Ables Wayne Berryman Jim Boyd  
Dennis Brand Jason Browning

#### GREETERS

Carroll & Cherrie Magee  
Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
Melvin & Donna Maples  
Info Center: Lee & Camille Mink

#### PICK UP CARDS for 4/14

Caleb DuPree, Matthew Christian, Clay Mitcham,  
Bowen Reeves, Nathan Turner

#### SOUND BOOTH for 4/14

Daniel DuPree / Todd Kempton

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 4/14:

Nursery a.m.: Lynda Terrell | Toddlers a.m.: Marisa Suggs | Nursery p.m.: Jill Smith | Toddlers p.m.: Lisa Snell | Nursery 6:00 p.m. Session: Joanna Stamps | Toddlers 6:00 p.m. Session: Trish Stancill

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#### REEVES' RHETORIC

#### Getting Off the Ladder

When we are children, we think about what we will become and who we will become. We dream about who we will be. What we will do. The things we will accomplish.

It's doubtful that we've all become cowboys, astronauts, and racecar drivers. We learn to adapt. We change our minds. We face setbacks.

All of this thinking, however, is on a physical level. No matter how high we climb the ladder our view is seriously impeded until we begin to see life through spiritual eyes. Only when we get off the ladder and begin to ascend the mountain of God does the view ever change. Only when we ascend the mountain does our perspective change.

The Psalmist exclaims to God, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well" (Psalm 139:13).

The Apostle Paul pens, "It is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose" (Philippians 2:13).

And in Ephesians 2:10 he affirms, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Regardless of vocation. Regardless of situation. Regardless of circumstance. Regardless of victory or defeat. To begin to see every moment of life as God-ordained. Christ-centered. Spirit-filled. And Kingdom-embracing.

God meets His people not at the top of the ladder, but upon the mountain (Hebrews 12:22).

Too often we assess our value as to where we are on the ladder (physical), rather than how we are living up to our calling as believers (spiritual).

When we get off the ladder and begin to climb the mountain of God it is then that we not only begin to become acutely aware of our calling in life, but it is then, and only then, that we begin to achieve the very things that our Father has created us and purposed us to do.

Glory to God!

Jason

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SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible Class ..... 9:00 A.M.	Benevolence Center - Food.....8:30 -10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	& 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
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### SPECIAL DAY

Brad Harrub of Focus Press will be here this Sunday. Please make plans to be a part of the sessions Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Young people especially need to make plans to be here for the evening sessions as Brad will deal with the subjects: "Is Genesis a Myth" & "Intelligent Design."

### THANKS

Thanks to Jeff & Melissa Parrish and Mark Frick for helping with the devo this past Sunday. Thanks to the kids for helping us do some housekeeping!

### KARING KITCHEN

West Erwin will host the Karing Kitchen this coming Monday night. This is a great opportunity to serve the community! Come and join us!

### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

West Erwin will help host the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 2. I need about 12 men who would be willing to get up really early and help! If you are interested, please sign the list at the Information Center.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Apr. 14 Sunday with Brad Harrub  
Apr. 15 West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen  
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### More, More, More

Contentment in life has always been hard for mankind to achieve. God has promised us his blessings in life, but man has always had an appetite for more. There can be dangers in the desire of more. I have seen man's desire for: **More power.** We have seen some severe accidents dealing with nuclear powered reactors that have resulted in loss of life. It is easy to become overconfident and complacent in our own abilities. **More affluent lifestyles.** Some people want this even if they don't have the resources to provide it. As a result, they rely on extended credit and they sink deeper in debt. This idea has even permeated our government. **More freedom.** This quest has led our society to a place where moral conduct and decency have taken a backseat to

### Escritos de Israel

**¿Usted dijo «iglesia»? "Sobre esta roca edificaré mi iglesia". Mateo 16:18.**

Siendo la principal piedra del ángulo Jesucristo mismo, en quien todo el edificio, bien coordinado, va creciendo para ser un templo santo en el Señor. **Efesios 2:20-21.** En el lenguaje corriente, este término designa igualmente un edificio o una comunidad de cristianos. Sin embargo, la palabra griega 'ekklesia' del Nuevo Testamento transcrita por 'iglesia' designa en primer lugar el conjunto de personas que, en un momento dado, viven en la tierra y han puesto su confianza en Jesucristo para ser salvadas. Está compuesta por todos los verdaderos cristianos, que son "piedras vivas" unidas a la piedra del fundamento. *¿Quién la construye?*

May 3&4 24 Hours of Prayer  
May 19 Baccaleaureate & Senior Devo  
July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip  
July 20-26 New Orleans Mission Trip  
**SPIRITUAL FOOD POISONING**

I shared this on Tuesday morning with the staff, but some of you may have noticed my absence on Sunday. I came down with a MUCH stronger case of food poisoning that I've had in a long, long time. I felt awful, and in one of those moments, I started thinking about the idea of poisoning. How do you feel when people verbally "throw up" all over you with angry, hurtful, undeserved words? How do other people feel when you do that exact thing to them? "If anyone considers himself religious but does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless" - James 1:26. If we could keep these thoughts in our hearts as we go about your busy schedules and have contact with so many people, think about how much of a different impact we could have on them. Consider each encounter a divine appointment from God, not just an interruption to be tolerated. Even when we're frustrated, worn out, or feel terrible, remember that the words we use and, as my wife reminds me, even the tone we send those words with, can either be a light unto someone's path or the sharpest sword.

immorality and perversion, all in the name of "personal freedom". This freedom has ruined many lives, even those of the young. **More entitlement.** This has led us to a time when many do not feel responsible for their own actions. The cost of bad behavior is only an insincere apology. Many feel that the good life is "owed" to them with no concern for who has to pay for it. People abandon their spouses and children, all because they think they are "entitled" to a life without responsibility. We must be careful, because wanting more can come at a cost we may not be able to pay. Paul wrote this about contentment, *for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me (Phil.4:11b-13).*

Jesús mismo: "Edificaré mi iglesia" (Mateo 16:18).

"Nadie puede poner otro fundamento que el que está puesto, el cual es Jesucristo" (1 Corintios 3:11). La función de los que la componen es adorar a Dios y ser sus testigos. "Como piedras vivas, sed edificados como casa espiritual y sacerdocio santo, para ofrecer sacrificios espirituales aceptables a Dios" (1 Pedro 2:5). En segundo lugar, vista en su aspecto universal, la Iglesia abarca a todos aquellos que creen en Jesucristo, desde el día de Pentecostés hasta el arrebatamiento de los creyentes, cuando vuelva el Señor Jesucristo, a quien esperamos. Por último, en un aspecto restrictivo, la Iglesia local está formada por el conjunto de todos los verdaderos creyentes en un lugar geográfico. Sólo Jesús conoce a todos los que le pertenecen, los cuales forman su Iglesia, "un templo santo en el Señor" (Efesios 2:21). **Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el domingo.**

*Trey and Sara Laminack*  
*Benefit Dinner @ Auction*  
*Saturday, May 4, 2013*

6:00pm - Reception & Auction  
7:00pm - Dinner & Program  
Saturn Road Church of Christ Family Center

Tickets \$25 - Contact Rebecca Elkins  
rebecca.elkins@verizon.net  
(972)754-6303  
(Child care is not available for this event.)

Sara is the daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan who we have been praying for as she battles cancer. If you cannot attend the event, you can send donations to: Trey and Sara Laminack Cancer Benefit, 1102 Havencrest Court, Garland, TX 75040.

### Upcoming Area Events

Daingerfield Church of Christ invites you to Hymn Fest April 20 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It will feature Vocal Union. | Edgewood Church of Christ invites you to a Gospel Meeting April 21-24 with guest speaker Ken Hope. | Franklin Church of Christ invites you to their 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Gospel Singing on Friday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. featuring For His Glory as well as congregational singing. Refreshments will be provided. See the flyers at the Information Center in the foyer.

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin:  
Thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits and prayers during my surgery. Your outpouring of love is appreciated more than you know. We are blessed to call West Erwin home and honored to worship with friends and family.

We would like to thank West Erwin Church of the beautiful flowers sent to Opal Cooper's funeral. Thank you also to those who attended the visitation and funeral service. She loved her church family at West Erwin. Again, thank you for all your acts of kindness and your prayers.

**The Opal Cooper family**

Thank you for all of your loving expressions of sympathy when Freeman died. My family and I appreciate your prayers, cards and the many hugs given to us at the visitation and graveside service. Freeman and I considered our years with the West Erwin church family a wonderful time of blessing from our Lord. My love to all of you.

### LTC Celebration

Please make plans to be present Sunday night, April 21 as we congratulate the kids who participated in Leadership Training for Christ. We will have an evening service followed by a LTC presentation & video.

### New Baby

Congratulations to Cal & Jo Ann Wilkinson on the birth of a new grandbaby! **Jaxson William Hennington** was born April 5 in Colorado and weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz. and was 20 inches long. Everyone is doing fine.

### Wednesday Night Meal

April 17: BBQ

### Charity Golf Tournament

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### With Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Charles and the Harris family on the loss of **Bettye Sue Harris**. She passed away April 9. Services pending. Our love and prayers are with the family.

### Send a card!

Elvira Hadley, mother of Lorraine Whaley, could really use some encouragement after being hospitalized. She is now home. Send her a card if you get a chance! **Elvira Hadley**, 2014 Buena Vista #D, Duarte, CA 91010.



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bridal shower for  
*Stacey Diggs*  
Bride-elect of Eric Moseley  
Sunday, April 28 | 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at  
Bed, Bath & Beyond &  
Target

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Prayer	Bob Hackett
Scripture	Joey Marse
Dismiss	Bill Mullins
Presiding At The Lord's Table	Scotty Rouse

**P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Led by the young men involved in Leadership Training for Christ

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Jay Bynum	Jim Carty
Donnie Carnathan	Bud Cawyer
Michael Carnathan	Gene Chandler
Barry Ciaschini	Chad Chauncey

**GREETERS**

Joey & Mindy Marse  
John & Virginia Pike  
Tommy Parrish

Info Center: Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot

**PICK UP CARDS for 4/21-4/28**

Caleb Heath, John Park, Wesley Smith, Nathan Turner, Josiah Power

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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.

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**A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE...**

to tragedy. In light of the events during the Boston Marathon this past week, I asked myself, if found in the face of unspeakable evil or unexplainable sadness, how should I as a Christian respond? We must never lose sight of the fact that we are a people on a mission – the mission of glorifying God by making disciples of all nations. Experiencing tragedy is common to all people. What is not common to all people is the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. We must, therefore, live our lives in a way that shows that hope both in how we respond to tragic situations and how we faithfully proclaim God's glory in the midst of them. It is precisely during these times that we can most clearly put on display this hope that the world does not know. So, in the midst of our suffering and pain, we must be sure not to lose sight of our mission, making known God's glory. And, when others see that difference in our lives and ask us about it, we must be ready to "give an answer" by telling them "the reason for the hope that [we] have," doing so "with gentleness and respect" (1 Peter 3:15). How do we respond to tragedy in light of the Gospel? In a word, TOGETHER. We are ALL the body of Christ.



### Dealing with Others

Our day with Brad Harrub last Sunday stirred some thoughts with me on the way we deal with the world on faith issues. We deal with misconceptions; the world does not grasp that we serve a holy God. They don't understand it, and they don't see the importance of that fact. Words like grace, mercy, and sacrifice mean nothing to them. To them, God is someone to reach out to only in emergencies. Faith means something when it is valued, and it is difficult to reach those who don't value faith. It does not make them bad, it does not make them outcasts, it just makes them wrong in their thinking of Jesus. How do you reach them? Just as Jesus did; you love them, you have compassion on them, and you deal

with them in patience. You provide them with a good example and you pray for soft hearts. We deal with fragile faiths. Many do not base their belief in God on scripture, but on feelings and what others have told them. Even those in the church have their times of doubt and fear. We should expect the same from the world. Faith comes from study, prayer, and seeking God. We can't expect spiritual strength from those that don't look to God on a daily basis. We deal with selfish thinking. Some see God as a way to get what they want in life. They take advantage of good hearts for selfish gain. Jesus dealt with this in John 6. When Jesus faced it, he did not condemn and he did not look down on them. Instead, he felt compassion for their souls and saw the opportunity to teach. When dealing with others, it matters what our motives are. The more we think like Jesus, the better we will be.

### Escritos de Israel

#### Los altibajos de la vida

Mas tenga la paciencia su obra completa, para que seáis perfectos y cabales, sin que os falte cosa alguna. (Santiago 1: 4).

Se hacen muchas referencias a la inestabilidad de la vida. Nos referimos a esto como los 'altibajos'. Aun cuando reconocemos que ocurren estos cambios, sabemos que los mismos no deben influenciar en forma negativa nuestra vida en el Señor. Aunque parezca incomprendible, los bajos nos deben de acercar más a Dios. Nuestra confianza debe de permanecer en El en todo momento (Fil. 4:10-12). En las bajas, el momento de prueba, de espera, de dificultad, y de muchas lágrimas es cuando más firmes debemos de permanecer.

Es aquí donde por medio de la paciencia el creyente alcanza nuevas victorias. Aquellos altibajos de nuestras vidas vienen para completar en nosotros las cosas que nos faltan en la vida y para complementar esa plenitud de vida en Cristo nuestro Señor (Stg. 1:2-4). Después de levantarnos firmes de esos altibajos de la vida, nuestras vidas serán más consistentes en el Señor y completas.

Es necesario pasar y vencer estos momentos para formar nuestro carácter. Solo así podemos ser de ayuda y consuelo a otros que la experiencia de los bajos no los dejan mirar hacia arriba y ver que la cima que les espera... No pierdas pues el premio por causa de los altibajos de la vida, sino que debe asegurar tu corona de vida eterna a través de estos altibajos. Dios te bendiga, nos vemos el próximo domingo, Si Dios nos permite.

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### Upcoming Area Events

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Please update your directories!

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April 24: Burgers, Fries & Pies

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The Arms of Hope Annual Dallas Charity Drive Golf Tournament will be Monday, April 29 at Firewheel Golf Park in Garland on the Lakes Course. Register at armsofhope.org. See the flyer at the Information Center in the foyer.

### Send a card!

Elvira Hadley, mother of Lorraine Whaley, could really use some encouragement after being hospitalized. She is now home. Send her a card if you get a chance! **Elvira Hadley**, 2014 Buena Vista #D, Duarte, CA 91010.

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May 3-4, 2013

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Wed. p.m.	346	299	345
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 Scotty Rouse  
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Together We Will Say: "Amen"

"To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen" (Jude 24).

Whoah! Read it again! What powerful words from our friend Jude as he gives all glory to God in the wonderful doxology that concludes his letter. He ascribes praise to the One who gives us strength. Praise to the One in whom we stand pure and holy and righteous. Praise to the One who alone deserves it. Who alone is worthy of (and in possession of) glory, majesty, power, and authority.

Jude (the brother of Jesus, and whose name is derived from the tribe of Judah) places and envisions God high and exalted, and we as those who praise His high and holy name together. "Before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen."

In one week we will come together for 24 continual hours of prayer as a church family. 24 hours of prayer. 24 hours of praise. 24 amazing, humbling, gut-wrenching, Spirit-empowering hours of pouring our hearts out to the Father together.

And together, we will say: "Amen."

Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8am through Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> at 8am. 24 Hours of Prayer. See any of our ministry team to sign up for a block of time. 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 during this holy time of prayer. And what better way to wrap up 24 Hours of Prayer than by having breakfast (and coffee) together on Saturday morning at 8am in the FLC?

Be planning. Be preparing. Be anticipating. And be praying.

Glory to God!

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### I FORGOT ALL ABOUT THAT

By the time you're reading this, Jean and I will be all moved into our new home in Lindale. Over are the days of commuting from east of Longview, and we are VERY thankful for that! When you are in one place for a while, you forget about some of those things you have, some of those things in storage or at the bottom of boxes or the back of closets. Pictures, decorations, books, random electronics, pets, (just kidding), and many other things which had begun to collect dust and slip from memory. Out of sight, out of mind. When it's not directly in front of us, we forget about it a lot of the time. When it comes to our Father, sometimes we become complacent and forget we worship a God who is infinitely creative. What do you do when that happens? One way to get out of the slump is to admit to God where you are. He knows already, but it's often helpful to say it aloud. Be honest and self-aware. Can you face reality and admit you're in a spiritual slump? Another help can be changing things up a bit. Grab a different Bible translation. Read a book of the Bible you always thought was challenging. When we're changing things on a regular basis, it's hard to become stuck in a rut. Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, listen when God pulls on your heart. Those moments don't happen for no reason, so don't ignore them.



### Taking Shortcuts

Lindsay told me of a shortcut to take on my way to work. It does not save me much distance, but it does allow me to miss three red lights. As with most shortcuts, it comes at a price. The good side is that now instead of seeing Lowes, Wal-Mart, shops, and restaurants; I see some cows, barns, pastures, and tree-limbed covered roads. The price I pay? The time I was saving missing those red lights, I now spend driving slowly through that country road enjoying the scenery. Taking that shortcut is nice for me, but sometimes taking shortcuts in life can be risky, especially when we are dealing with spiritual matters. For instance, how about raising children? It makes a difference when parents take the easy way out. Parents that let their

children grow up with a steady diet of junk food, TV, video games, and worthless movies will pay the price down the road. How about marriage? Your spouse notices it when you take shortcuts in your communication, your leisure time together, and those special occasions. It might not seem so bad at the moment, but years of this neglect will take a toll on a marriage. What about your faith building? There is no quick and easy way to grow your faith. When we neglect the daily discipline of seeking Jesus, we become spiritually weak. The risk is that it could come at a time when our temptations demand that we be at our strongest. Our faith, our marriages, and our family are the most precious things we have in life. In order to sustain them, it takes our greatest efforts. They ensure the quality of our life and they deserve the best we can give. Watch out for shortcuts, they can be costly!

### Escritos de Israel

#### Un gran ejemplo para el creyente (1 Tim. 4:12-13).

El domingo pasado, mientras miraba la participación de cada uno de los jóvenes en la presentación de LTC. Vino a mi mente el pasaje en cuestión, porque cada uno de los jóvenes que participaron en este evento son un verdadero ejemplo para cada uno de nosotros y para los demás jóvenes que aun no lo han hecho. Cada uno de los jóvenes tiene un talento especial y tienen mucho que aportar para las generaciones venideras, al poner en práctica esas enseñanzas de la palabra de Dios y al traernos un mensaje especial en cada una

de las participaciones de LTC.

Algunos nos trajeron un mensaje a través del canto, lecturas, títeres, drama, poemas, arte etc. Cada una de esas presentaciones tenía un mensaje poderoso para todo cristiano y ese mensaje era "Caminar la segunda milla". Y lo hicieron con mucho valor y destreza y dedicación, aquí es donde los jóvenes han sido un gran ejemplo para nosotros los adultos y de todo corazón felicitamos a los jóvenes y los animamos para que sigan dándonos ese ejemplo y que en los años por venir ellos sean los líderes que nos van a presidir y predicar de la palabra a los ancianos y a las generaciones venideras. **Dios los bendiga Jóvenes y nos miramos el domingo.**

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### Thank You

Dear West Erwin, Thank you for your cards, phone calls, visits, food and prayers during our time of illness. Your love and prayers were appreciated. Please continue to pray for us. It is a true blessing to call West Erwin home. In Christian love,

**Gerald & Martha Boykin**

Thank you to everyone who has sent cards to my mother. She is improving and my sister is starting chemotherapy. We appreciate your thoughts & prayers.

**Lorraine Whaley**

### Farewell to Dear Friends

Over the years the West Erwin church has been blessed with some amazing people who have made an impact on the church body. But occasionally someone comes along that really stands out in making a profound difference. In March of 1990, such a couple became a part of the West Erwin family: Roy & Fern Bench. Over these past 23 years their light has shone



bright & pure in such a way that no one who has ever known them will ever forget them. Ladies Bible Class, Conquerors Class, Small Groups, Leading Singing and Prayer Warriors are just a few of the ministries that they were not only involved in but were "all in." We cannot begin to imagine how many prayers that they have fervently offered on our behalf. You will probably never know a more Godly, sweet & caring couple than these 2. From the Purple Barney stuffed animal that they brought to our 4 year old Shannon when she was in the hospital to the weekly hug & kiss on the cheek that Fern brings every Sunday on the way out of worship. We will sorely miss you as you move to Henderson. Our loss is their gain. Thank you Roy & Fern for blessing us like you have.

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**PRAYER & CARE: Updates:** David Byas, son-in-law of Bettye Price, is in hospice in Valley View. | **Garland Latham is now at Park Place, room 112.** | **Adrienne Rowland**, granddaughter of Art and Jo Rowland, has improved. | **West Erwin Family:** Ernest Bradley | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Penny & Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Cathy Stowers | Brice Sustaire | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Delle Bullard | Kalli Huff | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | **Family & Friends:** **John Cliver**, son of Ruby, esophageal cancer | **Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong | **Lana Hadley**, sister of Lorraine Whaley, breast cancer | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan

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Scripture Don Durham  
Dismiss Daniel DuPree

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Mike & Dorothy Watts

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Outside the Box

This Sunday we begin a weekly study of the book of James. I believe that James is an often overlooked letter. For whatever reason, it doesn't seem that much of our conversation centers on this letter from Jesus' brother. And I really don't know why....

We often speak of reaching out to the lost. We often consider how we might impact the world around us. We often engage in discussion as to how the relevance of Christ might be readily evident in us as His people. And yet, somehow, no dialogue from the book of James.

James is a letter of faith. It is a letter of action. It is a letter of practicality. And it is a letter of relevance. Isn't that the answer to communicating the message of the Gospel in what many anthropologists are calling a "post-Christian" culture?

Faith. Action. Practicality. Relevance.

I'm excited about our journeying together side-by-side through this powerful, wonderful, often overlooked, letter.

James will ask, "Are you facing difficulties in life? Does everything seem to be coming apart at the seams?" And then contend, "Let me point you to the One who is bigger than all of that!"

James will probe, "Oh, you think you're a follower of Jesus because you believe? Big, whoop-de-do! Faith is more than belief. It is opening your eyes and doing something that's beyond yourself."

James will question, "Who are you fooling? You claim to be a disciple of our Lord and yet still have areas of your life that you've failed to give Him Lordship over? Does that really sound like discipleship to you?"

We're going to call our study: "Outside the Box." Because James opens our hearts and minds to a whole other world. A radical faith that simply cannot be contained.

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### 24 HOURS OF PRAYER

This weekend is our 24 Hours of Prayer. Make plans to be a part of this concentrated effort to pray for the many hundreds of requests our church family have submitted. If you didn't get to sign up, come on anyway and be a part.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

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### MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

A special thanks to all the men who helped us prepare breakfast for hundreds who came together to pray at the Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 3&4 24 Hours of Prayer

May 13  
May 19  
June 24-27  
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### THE POWER TO DO STUFF

*"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." -- Ephesians 3:17b-18a*

These words were written by the Apostle Paul as part of a prayer for the people who made up the Church at Ephesus. What I appreciate most about these words, is how they funnel the church together in unity as they find their power in the love that they have received in Jesus. This is a great lesson for us as a church, our power to do stuff, really is not our power, but it is given to us through the Holy Spirit, and it is rooted and established by the love that Jesus has shown us. I am reminded that our power to do stuff has to be rooted and established in the inescapable love of Jesus. When it is, it brings unity and power to what God would have us accomplish for His Kingdom. What an opportunity we have to show others how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ. May we never let "stuff" get in the way of that message as we continue to seek after the lost, and strengthen the saved.



### Keeping the Fire Going

One of the joys I learned from my mom is the peace I get from an afternoon of burning. Michael, Matt, and I dug up a stump a few weeks ago, and last Saturday I proceeded to burn it. I started the fire and fueled it with limbs and such that I had been picking up around the house. Saturday night at bedtime, the flames were gone, but the stump was smoldering on hot coals. When I went to work this morning (Monday), that stump was still smoldering on hot coals and it was half gone. It wasn't a huge blaze, but it was still working on that stump. How many times have you heard the analogy of your spiritual condition being compared to a fire and that you should always keep your fire blazing? I find that hard to do. Sometimes, I feel good

if I can just want to keep my coals hot. I know that if my coals are hot, my fire will never die. It does not matter how many disappointments come my way, how many people take advantage of me, or how many times I let others down; if my coals are hot, I will be fine. Keeping the coals hot takes effort. It comes with study, prayer, and service and I believe it takes a healthy dose of all three. Study helps us understand God's love for mankind and his desires for us. Prayer brings us closer to Him and it strengthens us. Our service brings us the immediate rewards of seeing our faith in action. When we open our hearts to serve and take that step to minister to those in need, it is then we most look like Jesus to the world. Servants don't stand out like the flames; they look like the coals, working beneath the fire and sustaining the blaze. How are your coals? Are they keeping your fire going?

### Escritos de Israel

#### ¿Hemos de Crecer?

*"...para que ya no seamos niños fluctuantes, llevados por doquiera de todo viento de doctrina, por estratagema de hombres que para engañar emplean con astucia las artimañas del error, sino que siguiendo la verdad en amor, crezcamos en todo en aquel que es la cabeza, esto es, Cristo, de quien todo el cuerpo, bien concertado y unido entre sí por todas las coyunturas que se ayudan mutuamente, según la actividad propia de cada miembro, recibe su crecimiento para ir edificándose en amor." (Efesios 4:14-16).*

Previo a nuestro nacimiento espiritual en el reino de Dios, la primera y gran necesidad que enfrentamos cada uno de los creyentes, es crecer en el conocimiento de

nuestro señor Jesucristo.

Y para esto tenemos La Biblia, la cual con toda claridad nos habla a nosotros de este tema tan importante...En el pasaje citado en este día encontramos al mismo apóstol Pablo como exhorta a la Iglesia a no ser niños fluctuantes que son movidos de un lugar para otro por toda clase de enseñanza. La firmeza espiritual es de suma importancia para el crecimiento de todo creyente y mientras estemos en esta vida es menester que prestemos cuidadosa atención a la palabra de Dios. Hay muchos engañadores, no tan solamente en nuestros días sino en todos los tiempos es por eso que es tan importante que nosotros busquemos la dirección espiritual que Dios nos da por medio de su Santo Espíritu. **Dios te bendiga y nos vemos el domingo.**

## Upcoming Gospel Meeting

Emory Church of Christ invites you to their Gospel Meeting May 5-8. All the speakers at the meeting were once preaching school students that were sponsored by Emory Church of Christ. | The Church of Christ at East Cotton Street in Longview invites you to their Gospel Revival Meeting May 13-17 at 7:00 p.m. It will be followed by their Annual Homecoming on Sunday, May 19. See the flyers for both of these events at the Information Center in the foyer.

### With Sympathy

Memorial services for **David Stevens**, brother of Bettye Price, will be at a later date. He passed away Sunday in Temple. Our love & prayers are with Bettye & the family.

### Thank You

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ, Thank you to all that filled our needs during this difficult time. Your kind words, visits and prayers lifted us up. It truly touched our hearts to see all of you at visitation and at the funeral. The flowers were beautiful and will be a reminder of your love for us.

**The Harris Family**

## Wednesday Night Meal

May 8: Mexican Food

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### Connect Online!

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## Baptism

**Walter Mendez** was baptized recently! His address is 2111 N. Teneha Ave., Tyler, TX 75702. He has a wife named Luz and a young daughter. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Walter!

## Young At Heart

All Seniors 55+ are invited to Young At Heart on Thursday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Come for a potluck dinner and for game night!



## "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 with Him.*

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

-Author Unknown

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Bible Class	466	453	434
Worship a.m.	664	667	659
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Wed. p.m.	NC	342	315
Contribution	\$21,744.98	\$22,082.56	\$36,441.03
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 Kevin Cooper Melvin Crow Don Crowder  
 Ken Culpepper David Demic

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 Prayer Bob Hackett  
 Scripture Randy Farrar  
 Dismiss Tom Hale

**GREETERS**  
 Dale & Dot White Bill & Barbara White  
 David & Ginny Wicks  
 Info Center: Fred & Sandra Wingate  
**PICK UP CARDS for 5/12**  
 Davis Carnathan, Matthew Christian, Caleb DuPree,  
 Ross Harris, Caleb Heath  
**SOUND BOOTH for 5/12**  
 Jonathan Stone / Joey Marse  
**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 5/5:**  
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 DuPree | Toddlers a.m.: Kim Frick & Emily DuPree |  
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### As Winter Gives Way to Springtime

I've been doing a lot of running on the road lately. During the week I'll run from the FLC, through downtown, cut over to College Ave., down to Bergfeld Park, around the park a time or three, and then Broadway all the way back to downtown.

This time of year the Azalea District is beautiful. It's the second week of May and everything is green and in bloom. As I ran this morning both the weather and the scenery were absolutely perfect.

A few months ago however, the Azalea District didn't look like it does now. The trees were lifeless. The grass was brown. The flowers were nonexistent. Dead leaves covered the ground. Harsh wind and cold rain was more the norm than sunshine.

I wonder where you are spiritually right now? Which one of these contrasts portrays your heart before God as you read this? Or are you somewhere in between?

As winter gives way to springtime the weather will often go back and forth. Warm for a few days and then another cold snap. Nourishing, healing rain and then, an unexpected freeze that sends many out to cover their azaleas (or roses, this is Tyler you know).

Too often we waver in our faith and faithfulness. Teeter-tottering between winter and spring.

Through Jesus we are called to spiritually live in the springtime. As we thrive in Christ. As we grow spiritually. As we are spiritually filled and nourished by Him. Leaving winter behind.

What's holding you back?

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### MOTHER'S DAY - NO DEVO

Sunday is Mother's Day. That's especially important to a youth ministry, because the family unit is still the core of everything we're working to support and strengthen. So tonight, there will be no youth ministry event or devo. We want to encourage all of our families to spend tonight together after our worship service. Have dinner together, share a movie, a laugh, or a memory, and honor the mother in your life.

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### SENIORS

Please remember to get your senior info sheets and picture turned in by THIS Sunday, May 12, so that you can be included in next week's Senior Bulletin.

### SENIOR DEVO & BACCALAUREATE

All teens & families are invited to the Senior Devo at the FLC after Baccalaureate on May 19.

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### Getting On My Children

I remember when my children messed up and the situation called for their father to step in and "get on them". I don't know if today's generation still uses that term, but I grew up with it, both the receiving and the giving. I would always end with a review of their wrong deeds and then I would close with a reminder of those deeds with an image of what future punishments awaited if they continued. I imagine my kiddos got pretty tired of those lectures. I want to compare my method with Paul's closing of his second letter to the church at Corinth. Paul had addressed many serious issues in his letters to them. He could have given more instruction on any of those huge issues, but he chose to remind them of their blessings as Christians. *Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with*

*you (2 Cor.13:11).* This is great instruction for any church. **Rejoice!** The world needs to see Christians rejoicing over what God has done for them. We need to remember that any sorrow and grief we bear is only temporary. What we gain for eternity is great cause for rejoicing. **Restore!** The church should be in constant restoration. Everyday we should work on restoring our spiritual strength, our relationships, and any member that has strayed. Stronger members make for a stronger church. **Revive!** We should always be aware of when our comfort is needed. Whether it is a phone call, card, visit, or a meal, it is important that others know you care. Caring brings revival! **Reunite!** Sometimes we have to agree to disagree. If it is done in love and respect, peace is kept and love remains intact. Paul closes the letter by stating the rewards of living right. *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all(13:14).* Paul did a better job of closing the discipline talk than I did. He did not leave them with the picture of sins and punishments, but chose to remind them of their blessings. That is how to "get on" someone and encourage them too!

## Escritos de Israel

### ALABANZA EN TODO TIEMPO

*Así que, ofrezcamos siempre a Dios, por medio de él, sacrificio de alabanza, es decir, fruto de labios que confiesan su nombre. (Hebreos 13:15)*

Los salmos nos instan a alabar y exaltar el nombre de nuestro Dios. Esta alabanza, para que llegue al trono de Dios debe de salir de lo más profundo del corazón y expresada por nuestros labios. Un corazón agradecido sabe darle a Dios toda honra y gloria. Todos experimentamos ocasiones en que el corazón se encuentra dolido y al parecer la alabanza no quiere fluir. En estos momentos reconocemos que Dios siempre está en control; entonces, recordamos que tenemos que alabarle en todo

momento y abrimos nuestros labios para sacrificar alabanza. Nos dice en el Salmo 50: 'El que sacrifica alabanza me honrará' y en el Salmo 34 el Salmista expresa "bendeciré a Jehová en todo tiempo"- sin excepción.

Una alabanza que se expresa con una sonrisa es símbolo de gozo y agradecimiento. Una alabanza que se expresa cuando las lágrimas corren por nuestras mejillas es símbolo de un sacrificio lleno de fe y esperanza. Dios es digno de toda honra y gloria en todo momento y en toda circunstancia. En las tristezas y en las alegrías, siempre debemos recordar que Dios está en control de todo por eso, si estamos alegres cantemos alabanzas a nuestro Dios (Stg. 5:13). **Dios te bendiga i nos miramos el próximo domingo.**

### A Tribute to Mothers

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

### With Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Ruby Cliver on the loss of her son, **John Cliver**. Services are pending. | **David Byas**, son-in-law of Bettye Price, passed away this week. Our love and prayers are with these families.

### Lost & Found

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### Baptism

**Makaylen Vega** was baptized May 4! Her address is 14171 Selkirk Dr, Flint, TX 75762. She is the wife of Favian Vega. We welcome you to the West Erwin family, Makaylen!

### New Address

As we mentioned in our bulletin a couple of weeks ago, **Roy & Fern Bench** have moved to Henderson. Their new address is: 104 Westview St., Henderson, TX 75654.

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Bride-elect of  
Jared Hodges  
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Please bring the couple a copy  
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## News & Notes

This issue of our weekly bulletin will highlight our high school graduating seniors. We are very proud of their accomplishments and how they have impacted our church family. Please keep them all in your prayers as they start a new chapter in their lives.

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Services for Delle Bullard were Thursday at Lloyd James. Our love & prayers are with the family.

### Wednesday Night Meal

May 22: Burgers, Fries & Pies

### Thank You

To our family in Christ at West Erwin, Once again you have truly excelled in the grace of giving. There are no words to adequately express our appreciation for your rich generosity shown to our daughter Sara and her family in their time of need. We are humbled and overjoyed. Because of what God has done through you, these two things are certain: "God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of this, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else." (2 Cor. 9:8-12).

Daniel & Carol Morgan

### New Baby



**Gemma Grace Lyons** was born May 10 and was 7lbs 12 oz and 21 inches long. She was born in Denton to Jordan "Bubba" & April Lyons. The proud grandparents are Danny & Lisa Snell and the proud aunts are Shannon & Jordan.

### Church Directory

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.

### New Address

**Brandon, Chanse & Emmalyn Lott**  
 3301 S. Broadway, Apt. E11 | Tyler, 75701

Ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring

**Kelsi Wicks**  
 Bride-elect of  
 Jared Hodges  
 Sunday, May 19  
 2:30-4:30 p.m.  
 West Erwin Family Life Center  
 Selections at Target &  
 Bed Bath & Beyond  
 Please bring the couple a copy  
 of your favorite recipe!

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**Sean Denman** is the son of Steve & Diane Denman & graduate of Lindale High School. He was a member of the Lindale Eagle Band for four years and was on the soccer team for two years. He has participated in trips with the West Erwin youth group to New Orleans, Nebraska, Joplin, New Mexico and Middle School Madness. He has participated in LTC since 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and has volunteered at Karing Kitchen & the Benevolent Center. He says God has helped him become a better person. He plans to go to Tyler Junior College after graduation.



**Jessica DuPree** is the daughter of Daniel & Kim DuPree and an early graduate of Whitehouse High School. She is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in her current class of 350 students. She has been on the All A Honor Roll her entire school career. Jessica was a 2-year member of the Whitehouse Drill Team where she served as an officer, was Sophomore Sweetheart, and earned First Lady of the Year



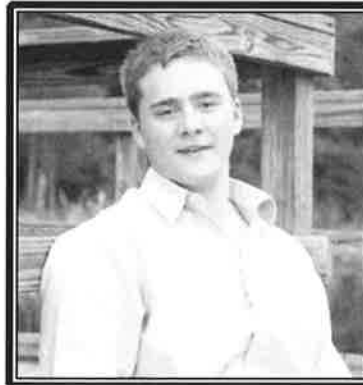
2013. She participated in many other organizations and was chosen for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award. She is a 9-year participant of LTC and has been an active member of the West Erwin youth group. She has helped with Bible Hour, Tots for Christ and has gone to Nebraska each summer. Jessica states, "God has blessed me with great Christian role models throughout my life. I know I can always trust in Him, and I hope to grow in my faith through this next chapter of my life." She will be a pre-dental student at Texas A&M University in the fall and will major in Biology. She plans to be an active member of the Aggies for Christ.

**Mikayla Gallegly** is the daughter of Jeanie Gallegly Ates & Terrance and granddaughter of Harold & Shirley Denman. She's a graduate of Lindale High School and was a member of the National Honor Society for two years. She was an active member in the Lindale Eagle Band & wind ensemble for four years where she played trumpet and received numerous awards & medals and has gone to state three years. She was a member of the Choir where she competed in solo & ensemble in the State Competition. Mikayla



has tutored other students in Math and has won numerous awards for her artwork. She is a member of the Spanish Club and SADD. She has participated in LTC for 10 years and gone on trips with the West Erwin youth group to New Mexico, Nebraska & New Orleans. She has helped the youth group with various service projects as well as volunteered at the Benevolent Center and Karing Kitchen. She has also volunteered numerous hours at St. Paul's Children's Clinic in Tyler. She says, "I believe God has sped me into a loving person who treats everyone equally. He has made me a strong and hard working individual." She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and be in the choir & band.

**Ryan Haws** is the son of Matt and Rhonda Haws and graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. He has participated in the Young Republicans, FFA and Young Life at school. In addition to that, he has completed the Young life Wilderness Trek in Colorado and numerous other Young Life camps, Bible studies and activities. He says, "I have been blessed with a great group of friends and family who have prepared me for the next phase of life I am about to enter. God has also given me a great Church family that has guided me through my life and has exposed me to the proper influences." He plans to attend TJC and working at Haws Roofing Co.



**Krista Huff** is the daughter of Rachel Huff and Jerry Huff and a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School where she is a member of National Honor Society. Krista is graduating within the top 20 of her senior class of 600+ students at #15. She participated in HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) and played violin in the orchestra for 6 years at both Hubbard Middle School and Robert E. Lee. Krista has participated in LTC for 6 years and volunteered for Karing Kitchen on occasion. She also

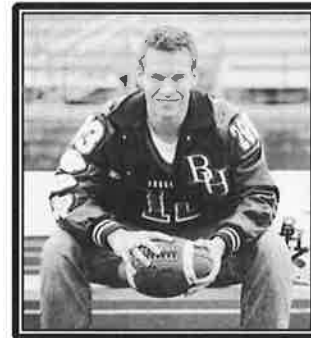


has assisted in the Toddler Nursery and Bible Hour, as well as various other children's Bible classes. She says, "God has shown me that He is always with me, even in my darkest hours. God has also instilled in me a deep sense of compassion for those who are hurting, and a will to help them in any way I can." Next year she plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University and majoring in Nursing.

**Jordan Snell** is the daughter of Danny & Lisa Snell, granddaughter of Harvey & Edie Strickland, and is a graduate of Whitehouse High School. She has participated in band for four years and received sweepstakes all four years and also made the Varsity Honors Band for two years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society. She is graduating in the top ten percent of her class has received an academic scholarship based on her SAT/ACT scores. She participated in LTC for 10 years and went on multiple mission trips with the West Erwin youth group to Joplin, Nebraska & New Orleans, as well as backpacking in New Mexico. Jordan also helped with different service projects, including Christmas shopping for families, yard work, babysitting and Habitat for Humanity. She says, "God has shaped my life in many ways. My parents have been a great example in showing Christ in all they do and also through the different mission trips, I have grown closer to God." She plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major in Biochemistry. After completing her Bachelor's Degree, she plans to attend dental school.



**Will Weathers** is the son of Wynne & Kristi Weathers and a graduate of Brook Hill School. He is the quarterback for the Brook Hill Varsity football team where he won state his senior year and was named Homecoming King. Will helped the Salvation Army during the holiday season by being a bell ringer to raise money for needy families. He went on a mission trip to the Bahamas with his school to help orphans while learning more about Jesus. Will also helped get a group of friends together to volunteer at the East Texas Food Bank. He says, "God has shaped me by providing me with a great family that supports me in everything I do." He plans to go to Abilene Christian University to play football and pursue a career in the medical field.



**Jeffrey Scarborough** is the son of Karl & Tara Kilgore & graduate of Lindale High School. He was the defensive lineman for two years/ & offensive lineman for two years on the Lindale Eagles football team and was co-captain his senior year. Jeffrey was a member of The Fellowship of Christian Athletes for four years. As a member of the football team, he volunteered time reading to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders at the elementary school. Along with school activities, Jeffrey participated in LTC for 10 years. He participated in The Back Country Trek one year and the Nebraska Mission Trip three years. He says, "God has always led me down the right path and made me into the person that I am today." Next year he plans on attending Tyler Junior College and eventually transferring to a four-year university to major in architectural engineering.



**Cade Suggs** is the son of Stuart & Marisa Suggs and a graduate of East Texas Christian Academy. He was awarded district MVP in baseball and first team all-state/academic all-state in baseball. Cade was the Vice President of the National Honor Society. He has helped with VBS and was a member of the West Erwin youth group. He says, "God has helped me to be an example for Him and to show Him in all I do." Cade plans to play baseball at UT Tyler while pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.



**Katherine Weathers** is the daughter of Wade and Diane Weathers and a distinguished honor graduate of Whitehouse High School. She was a member of National Honor Society and served as historian her senior year. She was a member of the yearbook staff for three years and Ad Editor her senior year. Katherine was a homecoming queen nominee and was named "Miss Whitehouse



High School" and "Most Spirited" by the senior class. She has attended West Erwin her whole life and participated in LTC. Katherine says "God has blessed me with a strong, Christ-centered family that has helped lay down the foundation of my relationship with Him and prepare me for my future." She plans to attend Texas A & M University in the fall.

**Drew Harris** is the son of Keith Harris and Tina Harris and is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. His school accomplishments include committing to school the past two years to work on getting good grades and he had a good basketball season his freshman year. He spent his junior year in an Outdoor Adventures class with Coach Pool, who has helped him through a lot. Drew committed his life to Christ when he was



baptized and has attended and participated in LTC for four years. He helps his father with unlocking the church building and preparing the trays for communion since he was little. He says, "I've struggled with life in the last couple of years when my grandmother Louise died. God has shaped me to be stronger and a more independent person, because when I think of Louise, I remember how strong of a Christian she was. So I feel at home and safe when I think of her because I know she's in a better & happy place & I want to be with her again. God has used her in my life as an example." He plans to attend Blinn College and hopes to transfer later to Texas A&M University and major in Agriculture & minor in business.

Congratulations, Seniors!

Class of  
2013



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Records	Sun.-May 19	Sun.- May 5	Year Ago
Bible Class	442	466	454
Worship a.m.	649	664	707
Worship p.m.	381	389	346
Wed. p.m.	312	NC	287
Contribution	\$29,734.01	\$21,744.98	\$23,682.94
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE: Updates:** Ruth Bell will be having eye surgery Friday. | Oscar Brown, Alice Thompson's brother, is in Hospice of East Texas. | Sarah Buckingham, 8-year-old niece of Mandy Sherrod was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease. | Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. | Elizabeth Lewis is having reoccurring health issues and was scheduled to see a specialist in Dallas on 5/23. | Sara Laminack, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan, will have surgery on May 31. | Charles Payne had arm surgery May 13 at ETMC. | R.J. Wayne, nephew of Mandy Sherrod, has Celiac Disease and will undergo surgery next month. | Jeff Willis, son of Joe & Betty Willis, had a scan that revealed another tumor and he had surgery 5/14 to remove it. | **West Erwin Family:** Davy Carter | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Penny & Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Cathy Stowers | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Kallie Huff | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | **Family & Friends:** Sue Ealy, sister of Carol Armstrong | Lana Hadley, sister of Lorraine Whaley, breast cancer | Lauren Payne, West Erwin visitor, requests prayers for better decision making

**SERVING SUNDAY**

Call to Worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Frank Debenport  
Scripture David Demic  
Dismiss Ron Lott  
Presiding At The Lord's Table David Hammond

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Daniel DuPree Don Durham Randy Farrar  
Cody Frick James Gullion Cooper Goodson  
Ernie Gordon Wyatt Gruver

**P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Ralph Henderson  
Scripture Drew Harris  
Dismiss Greg Jones

**GREETERS**

Scott Baker Jim & Helen Boyd  
Jason & Cody Browning  
Info Center: Jay & Debbie Bynum

**PICK UP CARDS for 5/26**

Toby Marse, Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitcham, Braden Lockhart

**SOUND BOOTH for 5/26**

Corey Coleman/ Cal Wilkinson

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 5/26:**

Nursery a.m.: Debbie Jones & Justin Parrish | Toddlers a.m.: Kim Lemons & Kinsey Lockhart | Nursery p.m.: Mary Lockhart | Toddlers p.m.: Wendy McAuley

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



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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Bold Prayers**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Glory to God!

Jason

From the Heart of Tyler

STAFF	
Donnie Camalhan- Benevolence Minister	Israel Sandoval- Hispanic Minister
Nancy Crawford- Children's Education Coordinator	Danny Snell- Youth & Family Minister
Jason Reeves- Preaching Minister	Eric Thornton- 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 Ray Varinoy Fred Wingate	
Ron Lott Bill Mullins Leon Welborn	

ASSEMBLIES	
SUNDAY	WEDNESDAY
Bible Class ..... 9:00 A.M.	Benevolence Center - Food.....8:30 -10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	& 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY	WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

The dates for Middle School Mystery are June 24- 27. Deadline for signing up is June 19. Cost will be \$75. Mark your calendars & Plan to attend!

### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Each summer, West Erwin teens participate in some great mission opportunities. 2 such opportunities are the Nebraska Mission Trip (July 4-13) and the New Orleans Mission Trip (July 20-26). All of those who are currently in high school and those who are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this summer are eligible to participate. You will need 20 service hours before we leave so look for opportunities to serve! Deadline for signing up will be Sunday, June 2. All of those going to Nebraska will need to meet this Sunday @ 4:15 to split into classes and begin working on their lessons.

### OUT TO EAT

Join us this Sunday night after church as we all go out to eat together at Ken's Pizza on S. Broadway. All teens and their families are invited.

### YOUTH GROUP 101

All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents are invited to a special series of classes designed to prepare and welcome you into the Youth Group. We will meet in the Jr. High Classroom on Wednesday, May 29 & June 3 from 7:00-8:00. It is very important for you to plan to attend.

### IMPORTANT DATES

May 26	Out to Eat
June 2	Promotion Sunday
June 2	All Church Evening Meal
June 10	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen
June 24-27	Middle School Mystery
July 4-13	Nebraska Mission Trip
July 20-26	New Orleans Mission Trip

### PLACING BLAME

When things like the tragedies in Oklahoma this past week occur, a lot of times people are tempted to look at God, themselves, or others and place blame. That's exactly what Job's friends did, and the text is not kind to them for it, because Job is described as "blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil." Or the disciples, who asked Jesus whether a blind man's plight was the result of his sin or his parents' sin. Jesus, somewhat incredulously, responds, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." It wasn't Job's fault he lost his family, possessions, and health. It wasn't the blind man's fault he could not see. The Bible teaches that we don't know exactly why suffering happens in every situation, and we shouldn't claim to, but that we are to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, and that when God wrapped himself in flesh and walked among us, God suffered too.



### REMINDERS

As I get older, I need more and more reminders to help me in my forgetfulness. My office looks like a commercial for sticky notes. I wanted to take a course in Memory 101, but I could not remember where the course was offered. Anyway, you get my point. God knows our limitations and He has always wanted his children to remember the great things He has done for them. One of the memory pegs He has given me is the wind. Consider these words of Jesus to Nicodemus, *The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit (John 3:8).* We would be hard pressed to explain where the wind comes from, but nobody can deny its existence. It's

the same when the world looks at those who live by the Spirit. They know there's a difference in the way we live, but they probably can't explain the why. They don't understand how the Spirit helps us. Romans 8 and 12 give us a great picture of how we depend on the Spirit in our walk with Christ. How does the Spirit help us? The Spirit gives us life and peace (8:6). Through the Spirit, we are children of God (8:16). The Spirit helps us with our spiritual strength and intercedes for us in our prayer life (8:26-27). The Spirit helps us in our serving, our teaching, the way we encourage, our giving, and our ability to lead. The Spirit helps with our willingness to show mercy and cheerfulness, and with our ability to love and show honor to others (12:3-11). The next time you feel the wind blow in your face, remember the power of being led by the Spirit, and remember the goodness of God!

### ESCRITOS de Israel

#### Has un memorial del pasado (Efe. 2:11-12)

Con la llegada del "MEMORIAL DAY" el próximo lunes, para miles de estadounidenses es tiempo de nostalgia y de recordar a sus seres queridos que murieron en servicio a la nación, por lo tanto el último lunes de mayo se ha determinado día festivo en memoria de todos los caídos. Este día es aprovechado por muchos para hacer diferentes actividades en familia o para hacer cualquier otra actividad. Sin embargo como día de memorial, puede ser muy apropiado para los hijos de Dios hacer memoria en ciertas cosas o tiempos que han marcado nuestras vidas:

- Como el tiempo en que vivimos fuera de Cristo, recordando este tiempo podemos apreciar el sacrificio de nuestro Señor (Efe. 2:11-12).

- *El tiempo en que fuimos bautizados en Cristo Jesús (Ro. 6:3-4). Este tiempo lo recordamos como un momento especial ya que fue allí cuando Dios nos traslado del reino de las tinieblas a la luz admirable (Col. 1:13).*
- *Recordamos que en este tiempo presente ya no tenemos ninguna condenación si andamos conforme al Espíritu (Ro. 8:1), por que Cristo nos rescato de la condenación.*
- *Recordamos que tenemos una promesa fiel de parte de nuestro Dios si somos fieles a Dios (Ro. 14:8-9) sea que vivamos o que muramos somos de Dios, gracias a Cristo nuestro señor.*

Ahora tenemos algo más que recordar este Memorial Day, recuerda lo que Cristo ha hecho en tu vida y lo que hará en el futuro y vive agradecido con él. **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**

### Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for VBS! This year will be four nights, June 23-26. It will still be marketplace style as we've done in the past and we are in need of different "shop keepers." Contact Nancy Crawford if you can be a shop keeper. Group leaders are needed for each age group from 3 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We'd like to have 2 leaders for each group. Please call Marsha Richardson if you can be a group leader at 903.570.5865.

### Wednesday Night Meal

May 29: BBQ

This will be the LAST Wednesday night meal as the cook teams take a break during the summer months. A big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped prepare, cook, clean & coordinate our Wednesday night meals!

### Sunday Evening Time Change

Reminder! Beginning Sunday, June 2, the Sunday evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. The evening service time will stay at 6:00 through June, July & August.

### Thank You

Dear Church family,  
Thank you so much for all of your sweet cards and prayers and for helping me take care of my family after I had surgery. You have been such a blessing to me. Sincerely,

**Ginger Pippin**

Thanks to everyone for the prayers, calls and the many cards sent to me & my family during the recent deaths of my brother, David Stevens and my son-in-law, David Byas. It's comforting to know that my church family is always there.

**Love, Bettye Price & Brenda Byas**



### New Address

As we mentioned in our bulletin a couple of weeks ago, **Roy & Fern Bench** have moved to Henderson. Their new address is: 104 Westview St., Henderson, TX 75654 and the new phone number is 903-392-2148.

### Office Schedule

The church office will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day.

### In Memory of American Heroes

#### The American Hero

The American Hero always comes through  
To capture our hearts with a spirit so true  
Some proudly are soldiers who march in harm's way  
Insuring our freedom, courageous they stay  
While others come forth as civilians so brave  
Determined in purpose, so steadfast to save  
We should always keep clear a place in our heart  
For each has a value beyond precious art  
Their duty to country will not be surpassed  
Please honor their courage, for some it's their last  
We live in a world which can be hard to bear  
Thank God for these people, how greatly they care  
Do ponder new heroes and what they will face  
And pray for their safety no matter their place  
Our heritage brings out the best, we all know  
Our great book of heroes is destined to grow  
-Roger Robicheau

### Mark Your Calendars

Make plans for a sandwich supper after services on Sunday night, June 2 at the Family Life Center! Please bring sandwiches, chips & cookies.

### Contact Info Updates

**Nita Kennedy**

3110 Towne Park Dr. # 1104 | 903-581-2644

**DeAnna Rainer**

903-747-7026

### Congratulations!

We rejoice with Don and Nancy Crawford as they are grandparents again! **Gatlin Lowell Crawford** was born to Ben & Leana on May 20. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and was 21" long. Mom & baby are doing great!

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Records	Sun.-May 26	Sun.- May 19	Year Ago
Bible Class	450	442	438
Worship a.m.	656	649	654
Worship p.m.	310	381	423
Wed. p.m.	370	312	298
Contribution	\$38,816.60	\$29,734.01	\$56,291.92
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**Family & Friends**

**Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong | **Lana Hadley**, sister of Lorraine Whaley, breast cancer

**With Sympathy**

Services for **Audie Golden**, brother-in-law of Rita Sitton, were last Saturday at Burks-Walker-Tippitt.

**SERVING SUNDAY**

Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
Prayer Howard Dickson  
Scripture Mason Reeves  
Dismiss Phil Marts  
Presiding At The Lord's Table James Hardin

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Bob Hackett Tom Hale David Hammond  
Drew Harris Mike Harris Gary Heath, Sr.  
Gary Heath, Jr. Ralph Henderson

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Ken Culpepper  
Scripture Jeff Horton  
Dismiss Jamon Kirby

**GREETERS**

Ruby Cliver | Gene & Gwen Chandler  
Barry Ciaschini & Bud & Charlotte Caywer  
Info Center: Milburn & Jan Cook

**PICK UP CARDS for 6/2-6/9**

John Park, Wyatt Parker, Josiah Power, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith

**SOUND BOOTH for 6/2-6/9**

Daniel DuPree / Todd Kempton

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 5/26:**

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Anyone**

"Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink" (John 7:37).

Anyone. Anyone who is thirsty. Anyone. Anyone who thirsts. Anyone who has become dissatisfied with a lifeless life. Discontent with existing but not living. Anyone.

Jesus stands on the last and greatest day of the Feast of Tabernacles and declares that for those who are spiritually thirsty, living water is a present reality.

During the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles there were two primary ceremonies. One was the Festival of Lights in which lamps were lit all around the Temple courtyard on the final night commemorating the restoration of the Temple by the Maccabees during the intertestamental period. It is as the light of these lamps floods the Temple grounds that Jesus stands and exclaims, "I AM the Light of the World." Earlier on the final day of Tabernacles was the water libation ceremony in which water would be poured out before the people upon an altar symbolizing the water from the rock in the desert wandering (Exodus 17) through which God saved and provided for His people. It is during this ceremony that Jesus stands and declares, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture reveals, streams of living water will flow" (John 7:37-38).

A few chapters earlier in the Gospel of John, Jesus had spoken similar words to the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink the water I give them will never thirst again" (John 4:13-14).

"This water" (I envision Jesus motioning toward the well). Physical water. The water of this world. Or "living water." The choice is ours.

Why do we continue to believe that this world has anything to offer that satisfies? Why do we find ourselves returning to the well of despair? The well of heartache? The well of futility? Rather than drinking deep from the well of life? The living water of the Kingdom of Jesus.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8a).

"As the deer pants for streams of water so my souls longs for you O God. My soul thirsts for the Living God" (Psalm 42:1-2a).

Living God. Living water. Life that is life. Life that is filled. For anyone who is thirsty. Anyone.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### YOUTH GROUP 101

All 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students and their parents are invited to a special series of classes designed to prepare and welcome you into the Youth Group. We will meet in the Jr. High Classroom on Wednesday June 3 from 7:00-8:00. It is very important for you to plan to attend.

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### THE LAST THINGS WE NEED TO WORRY ABOUT

I can understand what Danny is going through right now. When I left Lake Houston, I was leaving behind 20 years of working with youth. I knew that I would miss them, so anytime we had an event coming up, in order to make sure they attended, I would remind them that this would be the "last time" we would be able to do this together. I was not above using the old sympathy ploy on those young hearts. While our last days together were emotional at times, it was not the most serious of "last" things we would face together in this world. Consider these important lasts. **The last day;** Jesus said, ... *the word I have spoken will judge him on the last day (Jo.12:48)*. On that Day of Judgment, we will be judged by how we dealt with Jesus. Did we do our

### Escritos de Israel

### Nuestra patria celestial

*"Mas Nuestra ciudadanía está en los cielos". (Filipenses 3:20)*

Los cristianos no somos ciudadanos de este mundo. La palabra griega para "ciudadanía" en el versículo de hoy se refiere a una colonia de extranjeros. En una fuente secular, se emplea para describir una ciudad capital que mantenía en un registro el nombre de sus ciudadanos. En realidad, somos ciudadanos inscritos de otro lugar: "El cielo". Nuestros nombres están allí, nuestro Padre está allí, nuestros hermanos y hermanas están allí, y nuestra herencia está allí; es nuestra patria.

### IT'S HERE!

Summer is finally upon us! Honestly, for me (Eric), it's hard to believe and doesn't really feel real yet. I remember when I interned here a decade ago, I'd been at West Erwin about 2 weeks by the end of May, and had just gotten settled, and then we were off and running. My experiences interning in college are what excited me about youth ministry. To get to see these teens experience Christ in a different way than they are exposed to him during the year. To see the high school students serve on the mission trips, and then come home and want to know how they can continue all of this here in Tyler. We've been in prayer about this summer, and are just so excited to see what it has in store for this ministry. Our prayer is that hearts can be rejuvenated, that desire can be ignited, and that we can all be reminded about what being the hands and feet of the church is really all about. And selfishly, I'm excited because it's when I really get to know these kids. It's going to be a great summer!

best in following his example? Did we love like Jesus, serve like Jesus, obey and submit like Jesus, and were we concerned for the lost as Jesus was? **Many who are first will be last (Matt.19:30)**. Jesus warned that we should not be too haughty about our position in life. Don't let your pride get in the way of following Jesus. We are all sinners and when we quit depending on Jesus, Satan will take advantage. **The last state is worse than the first; For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world..., they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worst for them than the first(2 Pet.2:20)**. I am amazed at how people walk away from the blessings of Jesus, even while knowing their life would be better with Christ. Satan then uses their guilt, shame and pride to keep them away. Overcoming these "lasts" are matters of faith, so make sure you grow a faith that will "last".

Los israelitas llevados al cautiverio babilónico nos dan un paralelo histórico con la iglesia contemporánea. Su patria seguía siendo la Tierra Prometida aunque vivieron durante tantos años en una sociedad extranjera. Pero cuando llegó el momento de regresar, muchos se habían arraigado de tal modo en la cultura babilónica que no quisieron irse. Cuando el Señor dice que es el momento de ir al cielo, luchamos contra eso como si fuera lo peor que pudiera ocurrirnos porque este mundo ha llegado a ser todo para nosotros. Por eso siempre se nos debe recordar que nuestra ciudadanía está en el cielo. **Dios te bendiga y nos miremos el próximo domingo.**



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### Sunday Evening Time Change

Reminder! Beginning Sunday, June 2, the Sunday evening services will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 5:00 p.m. The evening service time will stay at 6:00 through June, July & August.

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the lovely mix floral spray of flowers for Delle's funeral. You truly were her church family. Thanks,

**Family of Delle Bullard**

West Erwin Church family, Thank you for the Bible. I plan to use it as I grow in my faith throughout this next chapter of my life. I am very grateful to have your support and to be a part of the West Erwin church family. Thank you! Sincerely,

**Jessica DuPree**



### Mark Your Calendars

Make plans for a sandwich supper after services on Sunday night, June 2 at the Family Life Center! Please bring sandwiches, chips & cookies.

### Promotion Sunday

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Arms of Hope says **THANK YOU** for your donations of Tide PODS, cereal, spaghetti sauce, sugar & toilet paper!

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Records	Sun.-June 2	Sun.- May 26	Year Ago
Bible Class	414	450	425
Worship a.m.	668	656	691
Worship p.m.	327	310	352
Wed. p.m.	332	370	287
Contribution	\$21,520.44	\$38,816.60	\$22,562.31
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

#### Hospitalized

**Children's in Dallas:** Kalli Huff | **Mother Frances:** Don Crowder, ICU, breathing problems, had a heart cath Wed. | **ETMC:** Davy Carter

#### Updates

**Sara Laminack's**, daughter of Daniel and Carol Morgan, surgery went well. They believe they were able to remove all the cancer. | **Jeff Willis**, son of Joe & Betty Willis, is undergoing treatment for lung cancer at Baylor in Dallas.

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**Sarah Buckingham**, 8-year-old niece of Mandy Sherrod | **Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong | **R.J. Wayne**, 6-year-old nephew of Mandy Sherrod

#### With Sympathy

**Oscar Brown**, brother of Alice Brown, passed away Wednesday.

#### SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship Danny Snell  
Prayer Robert Lee  
Scripture Lee Kellenberger  
Dismiss Bill Mullins  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Pete Leung

#### SERVING COMMUNION

Bob Hackett Tom Hale David Hammond  
Drew Harris Mike Harris Gary Heath, Sr.  
Gary Heath, Jr. Ralph Henderson

#### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Clifton Lindsey  
Scripture Odie Kennedy  
Dismiss Blake Lockhart

#### GREETERS

Chad & Amber Chauncey | Kevin & Allison Cooper  
Melvin & Nina Crow  
Info Center: Ken & Cathy Culpepper

#### PICK UP CARDS for 6/9

John Park, Wyatt Parker, Josiah Power, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith

#### SOUND BOOTH for 6/9

Daniel DuPree / Todd Kempton

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 6/9:

Nursery a.m.: Sue Skipper & Lesly Sandoval | Toddlers a.m.: Jill Smith & Jackson Smith |  
Nursery p.m.: Lisa Snell | Toddlers p.m.: Joanna Stamps

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



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#### REEVES' RHETORIC

#### Stubborn People, Humble Goats, and the Kingdom of God

You have to admit that we can be pretty stubborn sometimes. Right? Or at least, let me confess: "I can be pretty stubborn sometimes."

Webster's defines "stubborn" as: "inflexible, determined to have one's own way." I wonder how often our unwillingness to be flexible or our determination to have things our own way has negatively impacted the relationships we share with others. And I wonder, how our stubbornness has often undermined the God that we purport to belong to.

What place does arrogance or stubbornness or inflexibility or the attitude of "my-way-or-the-highway" have in the Kingdom of God? None.

Jesus says, "If someone wants to steal the shirt right of your back, willingly give the thief your coat as well." "And if someone manipulates you and coerces you into going a mile out of your way for their own selfish benefit, go even further for the sole purpose of Kingdom revealing" (Matthew 5:40-41 in my own words).

The Apostle Paul places it in these terms, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests (how selfish would that be), but look also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus..." (Philippians 2:4-5).

Egoism. Stubbornness. Inflexibility. These are not the Kingdom. The Kingdom is: "Righteousness. Peace. And joy in the Holy Spirit" (see Romans 14:17).

In any given situation you are not the most important person. Neither am I. Jesus is!

Stubbornness damages the Kingdom. Every time.

During the Reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Zwingli and Luther and had come to an impasse. Both were perplexed as to how there could be unity between the two of them with their differences. Until one day Zwingli observed two goats approaching one another from opposite directions on a treacherous, narrow mountain path. A wall of rock on one side, and a thousand foot cliff on the other. As they approached one another, the two goats lowered their heads, as though they were about to crash into one another, but then the one going up the mountain trail lay completely flat on the path and allowed the one descending the mountain to step on top of him. After he had safely passed, the one who had humbled himself then continued his climb.

I wonder what you and I might learn from that?

Glory to God!

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### MIDDLE SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

All middle school students are invited to the devo Sunday night, June 9<sup>th</sup>, in the FLC. Please bring \$3 to eat, and wear tennis shoes. We will be finished by 9.

### GOOFY GAME DAY

Our first Goofy Game Day for our middle school students will be Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the FLC from 1-4pm. Make sure you wear tennis shoes, and come ready to have a great afternoon!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

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total of 30 hours (trust me, you'll need that 10 hours in the classroom) Deadline for signing up will be Sunday, June 2. All of those going to Nebraska will need to meet this Sunday @ 5:00 to work on classes and lessons.

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### SUMMER IS "LOUD FAITH"

We use a really neat curriculum here put out by a company called D6. D6 stands for Deuteronomy 6:5-7 which commands dads and moms to take everyday opportunities to impress God's Word upon the hearts of their children. The concept behind D6 is foundational to raising our children for Christ. As a church, we want to come alongside parents, not take their place, and REINFORCE what we hope and pray these students are already being taught in the home. The same basic lessons are taught each Sunday morning in our middle school, high school, and Danny's Sunday morning adult class as well, so that families share a basis for what they learned that day. We pray that in using this approach, our families can live their faith out loud together, and give them one more tool for those God conversations.



### GO, GO, GO, COOK!

My oldest son, Matthew, brought his family up for a visit this past Memorial Day weekend. His youngest son, Jackson, is to the stage where his brain is working faster than his tongue. It has caused him to stutter some. We were getting ready to eat breakfast, and there was something Jackson was missing on his plate. I told him we did not have any, and his reply was, " PaPaw, just go, go, cook!" His solution to his problem was simple for him; just go! I think that sometimes in the church, when we are faced with a problem, we need to take Jackson's advice. Just go and take care of it. Here is some "go" advice from Jesus. *Leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother...(Matt.5:24).* How many times

have you seen disagreements linger within the church because someone did not want to go and resolve the matter? *Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners"(Matt.9:13).* Jesus went to the people that we have a hard time dealing with; those that are hurting, different, and more importantly, those that are lost. *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...(Matt.28:19).* Making disciples requires us to make contact; knowing each other, sharing in our service, praying for each other, and building each other up. *"Your faith has saved you; go in peace" (Luke 7:50).* Living without peace is no life at all. We can see that our faith is the catalyst for peace. Once we have peace with God, peace in life will follow. Our faith should be active and evident to all. Sometimes we need to step out in faith, trust that God will help, and then just go!

## ESCRITOS de Israel

### El aprendizaje del maratonista.

**Hebreos. 10:36** "por que os es necesaria la paciencia, para que habiendo hecho la voluntad de Dios, obtengáis la promesa".

Nuestras vidas constantemente son similares a la de los maratonistas. Como hijos de Dios, el tiempo en la iglesia no nos brinda inmunidad a los problemas, debemos estar pendientes de los detalles pequeños y grandes, porque si descuidamos este aspecto, aun los problemas mínimos nos pueden hacer caer y sufrir una gran pérdida. No importa lo experimentado que sea un corredor, una pequeña piedra en el camino, un paso mal dado, una distracción o miles de otros obstáculos pueden aparecer en cualquier momento, interrumpiendo el paso del

corredor y ocasionando un accidente o un gran daño. Lo mismo ocurre también en nuestros matrimonios, por lo tanto debemos poner mucha atención a los problemas y dificultades grandes o pequeñas de la misma manera, para que estos no nos debiliten o nos derriben. ¡Recuerden! La meta del maratonista no es caerse y perder la competencia, su meta es correr de tal manera que gane el premio y para eso se prepara todos los días, para mejorar su tiempo y su técnica. De la misma manera nosotros en nuestra vida cristiana o nuestra vida matrimonial, recordemos que es como un maratón y no es suficiente con un gran comienzo sino una gran determinación para triunfar. Para esto requerimos de la paciencia, para hacer la voluntad de Dios y obtener la promesa. **Dios te bendiga.**



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Ladies are invited to a shower to celebrate with **Jason & Tiersa Reeves** as they welcome **Shelbi Laine** into their hearts & home!  
Sunday, June 30 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center  
Selections at Babies R Us & Target

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### Summer Speaker Series

Don't miss out on Wednesday nights as our Summer Speaker Series has begun! There are flyers posted with the schedule, or you can pick up a Bible Class Schedule at the Information Center in the foyer. Next week, Jim Martin from Crestview Church of Christ will be the speaker.

## Thank You

Dear West Erwin family, Thank you for the Bible and for everything you have done for me over the years. I have really enjoyed being brought in in this church and am glad that I have had your strong influence growing up. Thank you again for the Bible and I plan on using it as my guide in the next few years and for the rest of my life.

Cade Suggs

## Delay in Mail

Please take note that there have been some changes in the United States Postal Service as well as a distribution plant here in East Texas. Because of those changes, some of you may be receiving your bulletin at a later date than normal. We apologize for any inconvenience but hope to have a solution for the delay soon. As always, visit our website at [www.westerwin.com](http://www.westerwin.com) or "like" our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WestErwin](http://www.facebook.com/WestErwin) so that you may keep up with all the latest news & information about our church family.

## Welcome New Members!

### Phil & Jan Barrows

20550 Bluegrass Circle, Flint, TX 75762

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Cells: P: 503.314.2695 J: 503.718.4046



Phil & Jan come to us from the SW Church of Christ in Tigard, Oregon, where Phil served as a deacon. We are glad they have retired here to East Texas and We welcome them to the West Erwin family!

## Wedding Table Shower

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Bible Class	433	414	434
Worship a.m.	665	668	648
Worship p.m.	302	327	347
Wed. p.m.	331	332	NC
Contribution	\$25,975.22	\$21,520.44	\$28,584.28
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**Prayer & Care**

**Hospitalized/Updates**

**Mother Frances:** Tom Ramsour, gallbladder surgery Monday | **Don Crowder**, is now at Providence Park, Room 416. | **ETMC: Davy Carter** | **Hospice in Ennis: James Wester**, father of Jimmy Wester | **Teague Cox**, 7-year-old friend of the Carnathan's grandson in Houston, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. | **John & Marie Figgins**, cousins of Donnie Carnathan, are both undergoing chemotherapy. | **Leslie Johnson**, daughter of Jo Rowland, is hospitalized in McKinney. | **Mary Wingo**, friend of Bud & Charlotte Caywer had surgery June 7. She will have a brain MRI in July.

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Prayer Stan Mallory  
Scripture Curtis Martine  
Dismiss Bill Mullins  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Ron Lott

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Jim Holleman Dick Higginbotham Tim Holt  
Jeff Horton Roger Howell James Hughes  
J Jones Tyler Whatley

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Melvin Maples  
Scripture Lee Mink  
Dismiss Charles Melville

**GREETERS**

Howard & Linda Dickson | Don & Norma Durham  
Frank & Gail Debenport  
Info Center: Clinton & Louise Culpepper

**PICK UP CARDS for 6/16-6/23**

Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Nathan Turner, Luke Wallace, Davis Carnathan

**SOUND BOOTH for 6/16-6/23**

Cody Frick & Alex Mullins

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 6/16:**

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Nursery p.m.: Kathie Thompson | Toddlers p.m.: Lynda Terrell

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Who "We" Are**

"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ." – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Five times in three verses. "We." This is how "we" live. This is how "we" as people of the Kingdom live. This is the way in which "we" as those who have been saved by the blood of Jesus operate. This is who "we" are. This is what "we" are about.

Yes we live in this temporary world, but how we live is not temporary. We live as those who belong not to this world, but to the eternal Kingdom. We don't "wage war as the world does." We don't allow ourselves to get caught up in a worldly way of life. We don't allow Satan to con us into thinking that other human beings created in the image of God are the enemy. Satan is the enemy! And we don't allow him to dictate to us anything otherwise. We are those who fight the good fight of faith on the side of the one, true living God. And within us lies the capacity to speak and breathe life into the lives of others. We are a part of the Kingdom. And we strive with all that we are to see every single, solitary moment of life through the lens of the Kingdom. So much so that even in our thoughts (much less our actions) we demand obedience to King Jesus.

We are an empowered, eternal, controlled, resolute, disciplined, Kingdom-visioned, God-called, Jesus-sharing, Spirit-filled people. That's what "we" are. That's who "we" are. That's what "we" are a part of.

Aren't we?

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Randy Turner for leading our middle school devotional Sunday night, the Philpot's for providing our dinner, and Shaun Stamps for helping.

### NO ACTIVITY SUNDAY

This Sunday night is our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June, so the church will have small groups after Sunday evening worship. Please join your families in this time of fellowship and fun.

### GOOFY GAME DAY

Our first Goofy Game Day for our middle school students will be THIS Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the FLC from 1-4pm. Make sure you wear tennis shoes, and come ready to have a great afternoon!

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Middle School Mystery is right around the corner, June 24- 27. Deadline for signing up is June 19. Cost will be \$75. Mark your calendars & plan to attend, it's going to be a blessed time!

### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

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those who are currently in high school and those who are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this summer are eligible to participate. You will need 20 service hours before we leave so look for opportunities to serve! You also need 10 hours spend towards your classroom preparation, so that's a total of 30 hours (trust me, you'll need that 10 hours in the classroom).

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### IMPORTANT DATES

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### AND SO IT BEGINS

And just like that, the summer is upon us. We have a group gone this week doing tornado relief work in Moore, OK and another group at a camp for our area-wide churches. Summer is literally the busiest time of the year for youth ministries. In the midst of that, it's easy to get lost in the doing, and not always as easy to remember the "why we're doing." As you encourage our teens this summer, also encourage not just their participation, but more importantly, the faith that they'll be sharing along the way.



### SOMETIMES WHAT WE DON'T DO IS WHAT GETS US

God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah and told him why his people had fallen away from God. In this passage, we see that sometimes the things we don't do are just as harmful as the wrong things we do. Consider God's words:

*The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the shepherds transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit (Jer.2:8).* What made God's children fall away? It was a combination of five things that led to their failure. First, there were **no petitions** for the people. The priests that were responsible for the spiritual well-being of the people no longer cared for the presence of the Lord. Secondly, there were **no**

**precepts** for the people to follow. Those that were to teach, remind, and encourage, no longer knew God. Thirdly, there was **no purity** in their leadership. The leaders rebelled when they should have been helping the rebellious. Next, there was **no perception** of God because they were being fed by false prophets. There was **no spiritual sustenance or strength** being given to them. As a result, there was **no profit** in this kind of life. They were chasing after the worthless things in life. Can you see how this relates to the church today? We all have a part to play. We all have a responsibility to the Lord and to each other. We are stronger when we pray for each other. We are stronger when we study together. We are stronger when we live with God, and realize how the world can tear our families apart. We are stronger when we learn from the mistakes of others and watch out for what we don't do!

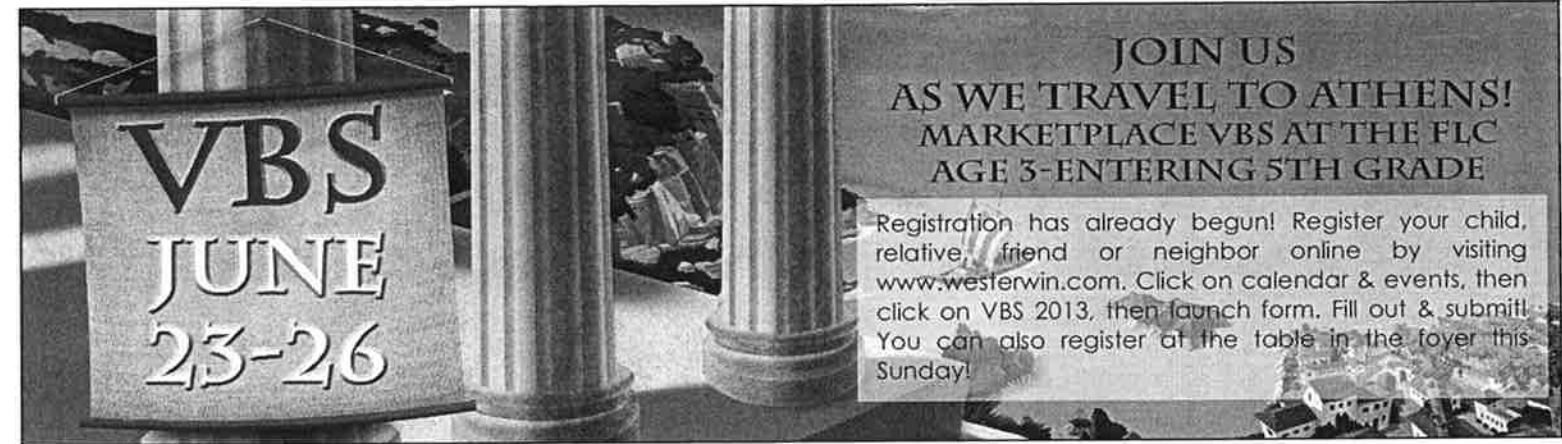
### Escritos de Israel

#### Derrribados pero no destruidos 2 Cor. 4:9.

Hay momentos en la vida en que nos encontramos sin fuerzas, hemos tratado de subsistir a pesar de cualquier circunstancia y eso tiene una gran merito. Hay personas que se rinden al sentirse sin fuerzas, sin embargo hay otras que aun sin fuerzas siguen luchando. Y es que en veces pareciera que lo más fácil es rendirse, sin embargo el rendirse jamás será la mejor opción. El apóstol Pablo nos dice: "Perseguidos, mas no desamparados; derribados, pero no destruidos". Aquí Pablo expresa el sentimiento de muchos que se sienten "Derrribados". Quizás tú sientas que en tu vida todo se va poniendo en tu contra y tú has luchado a pesar de todo y sientes que tus fuerzas se van terminando y te identificas con las palabras de Pablo, sin embargo debes

seguir **LUCHANDO**.

En momentos pensamos que estamos en una gran desventaja, pero la realidad espiritual es diferente, por que cuando tu no dejas de luchar y persistes y decides avanzar en vez de rendirte, ese es el momento cuando Dios te premia dándote la victoria **(1 Cor. 10:13)**. En cada una de nuestras victorias, no las hemos adquirido por que llevábamos ventaja, o porque las circunstancias eran favorables, NO, Nuestras victorias están aseguradas por la presencia de nuestro Dios en nuestras vidas y no importa que tan difícil sea la circunstancia, Dios está allí para pelear por nosotros y darnos la victoria. Por lo tanto. No te des por vencido, sigue luchando porque Dios va contigo. **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**



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### Moved Away

**Glen & Bobbye May** have moved to be closer to their son. We will miss them & hope they return some to visit! Their new address is 10422 Huebner Rd. # 1701, San Antonio, TX 78240.

### Hiring Teachers

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### Directory Update

**Gary & Frances Broome:** 903-871-3882

### West Disaster Update

As of 6-6-13 we have received funds for the West disaster totaling \$98,443. We have distributed funds in the amount of \$13,559. The majority of these distributions were in the form of gift cards (Wal-Mart, Home Depot, etc.) immediately after the disaster when folks were first returning to their homes. We have also paid several utility bills for folks with immediate needs. Our remaining balance in the West account is \$84,884. We are currently in somewhat of a holding pattern until folks hear exact amounts from their insurance companies and how much they may be underinsured. I will continue to update you on the disbursement of these funds. Thanks so much for your generosity!

**Scott Talley**, Executive Minister  
Crestview Church of Christ

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**WHAT MAKES A DAD**  
**GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN,**  
**THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,**  
**THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,**  
**THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,**  
**THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,**  
**THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,**  
**THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,**  
**THE POWER OF THE EAGLES FLIGHT,**  
**THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,**  
**THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,**  
**THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,**  
**THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,**  
**THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,**  
**WHEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,**  
**HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,**  
**AND SO, HE CALLED IT ... DAD**  
**AUTHOR UNKNOWN**

### Thank You

To my church family, Thank you so much for the Bible for graduation. It will help me as I continue to grow in the faith and study God's word. Sincerely,

**Jeff Scarborough**

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the Bible. It will truly come in handy as I continue my walk with Christ in this next stage of my life. I'm truly blessed to be part of a loving and supportive church family. Thanks again. In Christian love, **Cody Frick**



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Worship a.m.	694	665	728
Worship p.m.	326	302	275
Wed. p.m.	NC	331	NC
Contribution	\$21,632.07	\$25,975.22	\$22,377.77
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**Prayer & Care:** Hospitalized/Updates: Health South: Sue Skipper | Providence Park: Don Crowder, Room 416 | ETMC: Davy Carter | Hospice in Ennis: James Wester, father of Jimmy Wester | Hospice, Ohio: Michael Johnston, brother of Cathy Stowers. | Teague Cox, 8-year-old friend of the Carnathan's grandson in Houston, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor & will undergo chemo & radiation. | John & Marie Figgins, cousins of Donnie Carnathan, are both undergoing chemotherapy. | Janice Hardway will have knee surgery on July 2 at Spine and Joint. | Leslie Johnson, daughter of Jo Rowland, is hospitalized in McKinney. | Carolyn McCune wo;; have knee replacement suregery June 27 at Spine and Joint. | Tom Ramsour is now home. | Mary Wingo, friend of Bud & Charlotte Caywer had surgery June 7. She will have a brain MRI in July. | West Erwin Family: Davy Carter | Charlotte Caywer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Penny & Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Tommy Price | Sue Ramsour | Cathy Stowers | Brice Sustaie | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | Ongoing concerns: Darrell & Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Opal Mathews | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Ira & Esther Wilson | Family & Friends: Sue Ealy, sister of Carol Armstrong | Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway, will have treatment for a brain tumor | Sara Laminack | Jeff Willis, son of Joe & Betty Willis

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
 Call to Worship Danny Snell  
 Prayer Roy Morgan  
 Scripture Larry Murphey  
 Dismiss Leon Welborn  
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Dannie Skipper

**SERVING COMMUNION**  
 Jim Holleman Dick Higginbotham Tim Holt  
 Jeff Horton Roger Howell James Hughes  
 J Jones Kyler Whatley

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Prayer Ron Parish  
 Scripture Jimmie Philpot  
 Dismiss Shaun Stamps

**GREETERS**  
 Alan Fisher | Mark & Melissa Frick  
 Riece Gibson  
 Info Center: James & Helen Gullion

**PICK UP CARDS for 6/23**  
 Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Nathan Turner, Luke Wallace, Davis Carnathan

**SOUND BOOTH for 6/23**  
 Cody Frick & Alex Mullins

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 6/23:**  
 Nursery a.m.: Stacey Turner & Jessica DuPree | Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn Welborn & Kayla Gallegly | Nursery p.m.: Jenny Wilson | Toddlers p.m.: Cayla Ables

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



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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Reevaluate. Refocus. Reengage.

I think most families find themselves looking forward to summertime. I know ours does. The kids are out of school. Vacation time is planned. Youth excursions are in the works. Trips to grandma and grandpa's are scheduled. Relationships are renewed. Memories are made.

Bald spots are soon worn in the front yard where first, second, third base and home plate are (this drives my OCD nature crazy but Tiersa assures me that when we're through raising kids I can concentrate on raising grass). Something just seems to be different about summertime. It does for me at least. It's a bit of a reprieve from the busyness (and chaos) of the school year. Maybe it's simply where we are in life. But with where I sit right now it sure seems that even though there's a lot planned for the summer, there's also a whole lot of potential as well.

But the fact remains: "potential" and \$1.25 will get you a Coke. It's not simply that the potential is there. It's what we do with that potential that's important.

One of the things that I dearly love, love, love about Jesus is we way He communicated. With anyone and everyone His timing (and I envision, tone) was perfect. He knew exactly when to turn over tables and precisely when to write in the sand. He knew emphatically what needed to be communicated so as to reflect the Kingdom in the most genuine, brilliant way. Often, His response was not anything at all what we'd expect. But exactly what needed to be said. And I just love that about our Lord!

In Mark 2 when His disciples are questioned as to their fidelity to the Sabbath, Jesus instructs, "The Sabbath was made for mankind, not mankind for the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27). He takes us back to Creation and says the whole meaning, the whole purpose in this, is not that humanity was created for Sabbath, but rather that Sabbath was meant for, it was created for, mankind. Left to ourselves we become enveloped in ourselves. In life. We get lost in our busyness. We hide in our busyness. And in the end not only is God cheated, we cheat ourselves, and we cheat those He has entrusted us with. The potential is there. But are we doing anything with it?

Can you identify some things that need to change in your life or in the life of your family? Some things that are not going the way that God desires or intends? Perhaps the very thing you need to do this summer is first, to slow down. To take a step back. And then, to reevaluate, refocus, and reengage.

Glory to God!

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Middle School Mystery is THIS COMING WEEK, June 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving at 8:30am on Monday morning, and will be heading to... (that's why it's a *mystery*) The cost is \$75. We hope all of our middle school students are joining us for this trip, it's our chance to really bond this summer!

### COMBINED NEBRASKA DEVO

On Sunday night, June 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be a combined middle school and high school devo. The purpose will be to prepare to send off our mission trip participants, and talk about how we can all be a part of this effort. So make plans to join us after evening services!

### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Each summer, West Erwin teens participate in some great mission opportunities. 2 such opportunities are the Nebraska Mission Trip (July 4-13) **and a possible second Moore Mission Trip (July 20-26)**. We are exploring the possibility and needs of returning to Moore, OK instead of our previously scheduled trip to New Orleans. We want to be where the need is greatest. All of those who are currently in high school and those who are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this summer are eligible to participate. You will need 20 service hours before we leave so look for opportunities to serve! You also need 10 hours spent towards your classroom preparation for the Nebraska trip, so that's a total of 30 hours

for that trip (trust me, you'll need that 10 hours in the classroom). So be getting those service hours NOW!

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### IMPORTANT DATES

June 24-27 Middle School Mystery  
June 30 Combined Nebraska Devo  
July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip  
July 20-26 Moore Mission Trip (tentative)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Due to schools extending their school year into June this year, we had a scheduling conflict and had to move the initial date of our Middle School Mystery trip. So Danny and I sat down and realized that it was either, postpone Backpacking until next summer, or not do the MSM trip. And as much as I absolutely LOVE being in nature and the mountains, it was an easy decision. MSM is the only chance we get to spend on the road with these middle school students over the summer. That's where some of the strongest bonds and friendships are formed is on those trips, and we wouldn't want to miss out on this singular opportunity. We are so looking forward to this coming week, and would ask that you all be praying for our students, that they would grow closer to each other, but more importantly, closer to Christ.



### PAYING THE PRICE

This morning I spent one hour on an aerobic machine during my workout. What was my motivation? Was I trying to be healthier for Suzie? Did I want to be around longer to see my grandchildren grow? Was I trying to be fitter and in turn be a better person? All these are good motivations, but the real reason I punished myself was that bag of peanut M & M's somebody gave me for Father's Day. I was weak minded and weak willed and I just could not resist them. As a result, half the bag is gone so I had to pay the price on that infernal machine. Guilt is a real motivator. It is the same way with sin. Sometimes, I am afraid that I don't feel guilty enough about my sin. I need to remember that my sin separates me from God and that separation damages my

relationship with Him (Isa. 59:2). I need the spirit of David and his lament for his sin in Psalm 51. David's example gives us some good insight on how to recover from those moments of weakness that Satan uses so effectively against us. David knew that his sin would always be a problem until he asked God for forgiveness (51:3). David knew who his sin was against and he realized that only God could restore the condition of his heart and spirit (51:4-10). David also knew that the quality of his worship and his service to God depended on his relationship with God (51:14-17). I love and appreciate living under the covenant of grace, but I never want to take advantage of that gift (Ro.6:1). Our sin should make us feel guilty. Guilt helps us with our repentance and it helps us with our remembrance. We need to remember the cross and the price that was paid for us!

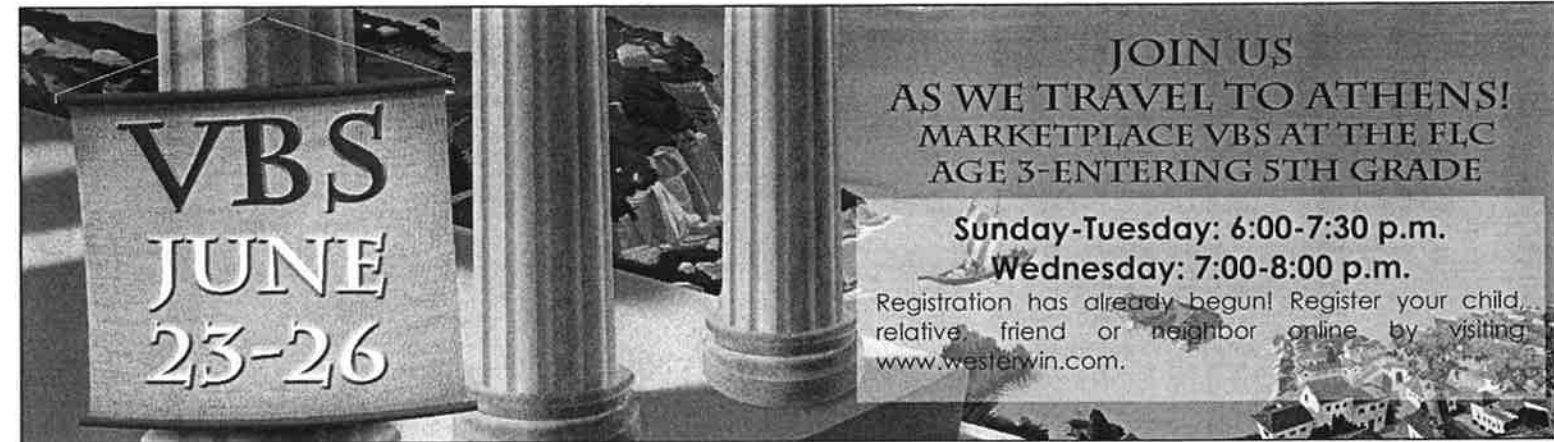
## Escritos de Israel

*Unidos en una misma mente.*

*"Os ruego, pues, hermanos, por el nombre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que habléis todos una misma cosa, y que no haya entre vosotros divisiones, sino que estéis perfectamente unidos en una misma mente y en un mismo parecer" (1 Cor. 1:10).*

*Estamos en pleno verano y las actividades de nuestra congregación ya han comenzado, los jóvenes ya salieron de viaje y otras actividades están a la vuelta de esquina, la escuela bíblica de verano comienza el próximo domingo por la tarde y se extenderá hasta el miércoles para todos los niños de 3 años hasta 5to grado, los niños se gozaran con su actividad, esperamos que cada padre este unido en una misma mente. La reunión de matrimonios también se acerca (Jun. 29) y lo que deseamos es que cada uno de nosotros como congregación estemos en una misma mente para la gloria y honra de nuestro Dios.*

*Los jóvenes saldrán a Nebraska y New Orleans y también esperamos que estemos en una misma mente. los jóvenes de secundaria saldrán a un mystery trip y esperamos estén en una misma mente. Como ven es un año lleno de actividad para nuestros jóvenes, en estos viajes no solo se divierten al estar en compañía de sus amigos de clase, pero también tienen una formación espiritual que les dará las armas para enfrentar al mundo desde otro punto de vista. Nuestras actividades en español también nos benefician al convivir con otros hermanos que nos visitan y nos ayudan los mensajes para crecer espiritualmente, Dios quiera que tanto jóvenes, niños y adultos pongamos en práctica las palabras del apóstol pablo que nos exhorta a estar perfectamente unidos en una misma mente y en un mismo parecer. Dios te bendiga.*



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### With Sympathy

Services for **Earl O'Quinn**, brother-in-law of Matt Haws & former West Erwin member, were this week at Glenwood Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with the family.



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### Thank You

West Erwin church, Thank you so much for your continued thoughts & prayers as we welcomed our beautiful son into this world eight weeks early. Thank you to the Couples for Christ Bible Class for the dining gift cards as they were very helpful during the many trips and hours at the hospital. Our sincere thanks for all. Henry is now home and doing very well! Sincerely,

**Chris & Cassie Hollensead**

### Summer Singing Sessions

This summer we will be having 3 one-hour singing sessions on the last Sunday of each month. The dates are June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the auditorium at 5 PM and sing until the 6 PM service. We will sing some new songs and lots of old ones. If you have a favorite you want sung, write it down and give it to Wayne Berryman. How well you sing matters not. Come and enjoy this old-time singing and fellowship together!



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Worship a.m.	668	694	620
Worship p.m.	429	326	323
Wed. p.m.	360	NC	NC
Contribution	\$21,749.55	\$21,632.07	\$25,864.65
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**You're Blessed When....**

I say it often, and truly believe, if we would live the Sermon on the Mount our world would be turned upside down. That you and I would be altogether incapable of external religiosity because of the inward attention the spiritual kingdom is given in these words of our Savior. When our "righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees" in heart-filled adoration rather than pious observation it is then and only then that the words of His message come to life.

How do you understand the Beatitudes (the Blessings) with which Jesus begins the Sermon (Matthew 5:3-12)? How would you write them in your own words in such a way as to impact you right where you are in life and in such a way that is current and relevant to the world in which you find yourself a part?

- I love the way Eugene Peterson does this very thing, paraphrasing in *The Message*:
- You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and His rule.
  - You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you. Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.
  - You're blessed when you're content with just who you are – no more, no less. That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.
  - You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.
  - You're blessed when you care. At the moment of being "care-full," you find yourselves cared for.
  - You're blessed when you get your inside world – your mind and heart – put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.
  - You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.
  - You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution. The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.
  - Not only that – count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens – give a cheer, even! – for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.

When we internalize the message of Christ and realize that He is speaking to us (and not just "them"), it is then that things begin to change for us. It is then that He changes us. Glory to God!

Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...*By Danny & Eric*

### MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY

Middle School Mystery was a great success! We had a great week. We stayed at Camp Mohawk County Park in Alvin, TX, and spent the week talking about how we are called to be imitators of God. Special thanks to Ginger Philpot and Vance & Jamie Metcalf for being sponsors.

### COMBINED NEBRASKA DEVO

This Sunday night there will be a combined middle school and high school devo. The purpose will be to prepare to send off our mission trip participants, and talk about how we can all be a part of this effort. So make plans to join us after evening services!

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP

We will not have another bulletin published before we leave for Nebraska, so please remember to keep our group in your prayers! We plan to leave July 4 and return July 13.

### SUMMER MISSION TRIPS

Each summer, West Erwin teens participate in some great mission opportunities. 2 such opportunities are the Nebraska

Mission Trip (July 4-13) *and a possible second Moore Mission Trip (July 20-26)*. We are exploring the possibility and needs of returning to Moore, OK instead of our previously scheduled trip to New Orleans. We want to be where the need is greatest. All of those who are currently in high school and those who are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade this summer are eligible to participate. You will need 20 service hours before we leave so look for opportunities to serve! You also need 10 hours spent towards your classroom preparation for the Nebraska trip, so that's a total of 30 hours for that trip (trust me, you'll need that 10 hours in the classroom). So be getting those service hours NOW!

All of those going to Nebraska will need to meet this Sunday @ 5:00 to work on classes and lessons.

### IMPORTANT DATES

June 30 Combined Nebraska Devo  
July 4-13 Nebraska Mission Trip  
July 20-26 Moore Mission Trip (probable)

will have an easier time saying goodbye because she is going to Heaven. God promises us that reward and right now I take comfort in it. **Through the church**, we know that for those that love the Lord, all things work together for good (Rom.8:28). Johnny has had cancer for six years, and we just knew he would go before Marie. We don't know why it worked out this way, but God takes care of his children. We may not understand the "how", but we can always know the "why"; it is because he loves us! I take comfort in that. **Through the church**, we can endure to the end (Matt. 10:22). Marie had problems in life. She had problems with her family, and she had to overcome health issues, but she never quit on the Lord. She is another example of one who lived her faith; I take comfort in that. **Through the church**, the Lord has promised to be with us always (Matt.28:20). We can rely on His help. We can rely on His love. We can rely on his care, and I can take comfort in that!

como usted y le quiten su importancia?

El hombre dijo: - Yo lo hago porque al tener ellos buenos sembrados el viento me va a devolver a mi cultivo buenas semillas y la cosecha va a ser mayor; si no lo hiciera así ellos sembrarían semillas de mala calidad que el viento traería a mi cultivo y cruzaría las semillas, haciendo que mis flores sean de mala calidad. Lo mismo ocurre en nuestra vida. Quienes decidan vivir bien, deben ayudar a que los demás vivan bien, porque el valor de una vida se mide por las vidas que toca. Quienes optan por ser felices, deben ayudar a que otros encuentren la felicidad, pues el bienestar de cada uno está unido al bienestar común.

**Gálatas 6:2.** *Sobrelleved los unos las cargas de los otros; y cumplid así la ley de Cristo.*

## New Elders

The names of the following men were announced as being added to the eldership at West Erwin. If you know of any reason any of these men are not scripturally qualified, please submit your objection in writing and give to one of the elders. We look forward to working with these men in the eldership.

Don Crawford  
Greg Jones

Daniel DuPree  
Gaylan Seagler

## Vacation Bible School

We had a GREAT VBS this past week! Many seeds were planted in the hearts of our children and their friends they invited. A big THANK YOU to Nancy Crawford for "rallying the troops" and organizing VBS. To everyone who volunteered: whether you helped as a group leader, a shop keeper, in the kitchen, on the set construction, registration, teaching, song leading, behind the scenes help or were just an extra set of hands to help where you could, your work did not go unnoticed and you are appreciated!



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## Summer Speaker Series

Don't miss out on Wednesday nights as our Summer Speaker Series has begun! There are flyers posted with the schedule, or you can pick up a Bible Class Schedule at the Information Center in the foyer. Next week will be our Independence Day Service.

## Closed for the Holiday

The church office and Benevolent Center will be closed Thursday, July 4.

## Welcome, New Member!

David Dill: 633 N Broadway, Tyler, TX 75702  
We welcome you to the West Erwin family!

## New Addresses

Cathy Stowers: 815 S. Athena #1, Troup, 75789  
Bettie Thorne: 2709 S. Broadway # 119, Tyler, 75701

## No Bulletin Next Week

We will not be publishing or mailing a bulletin the week of July 4. As always, visit our website at [www.westerwin.com](http://www.westerwin.com) or check our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/WestErwin](http://www.facebook.com/WestErwin) to keep up with the latest news & events!

## Summer Singing Sessions

This summer we will be having 3 one-hour singing sessions on the last Sunday of each month. The dates are June 30th, July 28th and August 25th. We will meet in the auditorium at 5 PM and sing until the 6 PM service. We will sing some new songs and lots of old ones. If you have a favorite you want sung, write it down and give it to Wayne Berryman. How well you sing matters not. Come and enjoy this old-time singing and fellowship together!

## Thank You

Once again I have known the love of my West Erwin family. Thank you for your prayers, visits, food, cards, phone calls and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my older son, Johnny. There are no words to tell you what these things mean to me. Thank you so very much.

Ruby Cliver

To our precious West Erwin family, We love you! Words can't express how much we appreciate your prayers and your kind thoughts and words towards us. We are going through a very difficult time, and we need your continued prayers. We thank our small group for the extremely generous monetary gift. God is blessing our lives through you. We love you and appreciate you!

Sonja & Davy Carter

## Escritos de Israel

### El Agricultor (Mt. 13:1-9)

Un hombre tenía un sembrado de flores estupendas; cada día salían de su cultivo centenares de paquetes a vender a la ciudad con las flores más bellas y fragantes que nadie pudiera conocer. Este señor año por año ganaba el premio a las flores más grandes y de mejor calidad y como era de esperarse era la admiración de todos en la región; un día se acercó un periodista de un canal de televisión a preguntarle el secreto de su éxito, a lo que el hombre contestó: Mi éxito se lo debo a que de cada cultivo saco las mejores semillas y las comparto con mis vecinos, para que ellos también las siembren. ¿Cómo?- respondió el periodista- pero eso es una locura, ¿acaso no teme que sus vecinos se hagan famosos



### The Blessings of the Church

Monday was a long day. I went to Paris, Texas that morning to visit my cousin, Marie. She was diagnosed with cancer in May and Monday we were told she would probably not live through the week. That prediction was accurate as she passed away peacefully Tuesday morning. The morning I visited her before she died, her husband, Johnny, looked at me and said, "When we first got the news, I did not think I would survive losing her. But now, I think it will only be "just bad" for me. I don't know what I would do if she was not a member of the church." Those words stayed with me all the way home, my thoughts kept going to the blessings of the church. **Through the church**, we are saved by grace through our faith. It is not from our own doing, but a gift from God (Eph. 2:8). Johnny



Look who's joining our family!

Ladies are invited to a shower to celebrate with

Jason & Tiersa Reeves  
as they welcome  
Shelbi Laine

into their hearts & home!

Sun., June 30 | 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
West Erwin Family Life Center

Selections at Babies R Us & Target



July 11, 2013	From The Heart of Tyler		Vol. 44- No. 27
Records	Sun.-July 7	Sun.- June 30	Year Ago
Bible Class	360	403	385
Worship a.m.	574	607	602
Worship p.m.	295	358	290
Wed. p.m.	264	NC	153
Contribution	\$24,890.36	\$22,686.39	\$22,970.86
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**Updates:** **Wade McDonald** is now back at the Clairmont | **Davy Carter** is now home still in need of prayers. | **Janice Hardway** had knee surgery on July 2 and is now at ETMC Rehab | **Carolyn McCune** had knee replacement surgery and is home | **Sonya Carter** knee surgery went well. | **Jean McKinney**, mother of Freida Starr, had hip surgery & is undergoing rehab. | **Maxine Ray** will have shoulder surgery on July 11 at Tyler Square. | **Gladys Williams** foot surgery went well and is at home. | **Jeff White**, son-in-law of Alice Thompson, was in a serious automobile accident. He is in ETMC ICU 3356 with a crushed leg and is unconscious.

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 Tyler Lott Curtis Martine Stan Mallory  
 Melvin Maples Joey Marse

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Prayer Jim Boyd  
 Scripture Chris Ables  
 Dismiss Jim Carty

**GREETERS**  
 Lee & Camille Mink | Kenneth & Evelyn Muncy  
 Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot  
 Info Center: John & Virginia Pike

**PICK UP CARDS for 7/14 & 7/21**  
 Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith,  
 Ethan Stone, Logan Stone

**SOUND BOOTH for 7/14 & 7/21**  
 Corey Coleman & Cal Wilkerson

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 7/14:**  
 Nursery a.m.: Sheri Gruver & Lesly Sandoval  
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 Nursery p.m.: Kristi Harris |  
 Toddlers p.m.: Donella Jackson

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Fully Aware of His Goodness

"...to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19).

*Does Jesus move you?*

Let me ask you in another way: *When you contemplate the wonder of Christ, does your heart respond with emotion?*

Perhaps it would benefit to ask it of yourself like this: *Am I stirred when I consider what relationship with God through Christ brings to my life?*

In 2006 Barna Research was interviewing church leaders across the country in regard to church growth and church decline and as to what they attributed each congregation's present experience. Then, at the end of the dialogue, the interviewer would ask each leader one final question: "What does Jesus mean to you?" The responses they received were honest and genuine: "He is my savior, my redeemer, my friend." Each response was honest and genuine, and yet, each was what we would expect. Except when they asked it of a man who ministered in a small, isolated church in the northwest. When asked what Jesus meant to his life, the minister began to cry. Incapable of even responding verbally.

Folks that's the response of a life that's abandoned everything for Jesus, and is fully aware of His goodness.

I believe too often we've been conditioned to respond void of emotion. Our conditioned response is clinical. Academic. Detached.

When is the last time you've stood speechless before sunrays pouring through the clouds? When were you last moved to tears in praising His name? Have you ever been driven to your knees when singing, "I Stand in Awe"?

There are some who argue emotion challenges reverence.

I say, they're missing out.

Glory to God!  
 Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### NEBRASKA MISSION TRIP UPDATE

It has been a great week so far. There have been over 100 kids at VBS everyday, which has been such a blessing. Our youth has been working very hard on various projects here. Please remember to keep our group in your prayers! We plan to return July 13.

### MOORE MISSION TRIP

An informational meeting will be held Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:15pm in the High School room. This meeting will be for all students and parents going on the mission trip. We will hand out information about the trip and release forms.

### JUNIOR HIGH DEVOTION

There will be a junior high devotion on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> immediately following services, from 7-9 pm. Please bring \$3 and wear closed toed shoes.



Suzie and I had a great holiday weekend. My oldest son came up from Houston with his family to see Beau, so we had all our grandchildren running around the house. It was loud, fun, and tiring. After church Sunday, Sue and I crashed. I slept like a big dog! There is nothing better than getting the sweet rest that you need. Life can be hard, both physically and spiritually. Jesus knew that without Him, we would have a hard time dealing with life. That is why he said, *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest (Matt.11:28)*. **Jesus can give rest to the lonely.** Life can make us lonely; through imprisonment, divorce, loss of loved ones, alcohol, drugs, and with military service. Jesus can fill those empty spots in our lives. **Jesus can give rest to those that worry.**

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 15 West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen  
July 20-26 Moore Mission Trip**

### GOOFY GAME DAY

Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am we will have goofy game day. Please bring \$5 for a mystery activity. Parents plan to pick up your youth at 2:30pm.

Worry comes from fear. We fear the unknown and the uncertain. An unstable economy, a government without a vision, and a struggling society cause many to question their future. Jesus takes care of that with His promise of a home for us! Jesus is bigger than any fear we may have. **Jesus can give rest to the grieving.** The world struggles with death because the world only lives for this world. With Jesus, we have the hope of something far more precious than what this world offers us. With Jesus, we will see the ones we have lost again. **Jesus gives rest to those with no hope.** Satan wants us to think that there are no solutions to the problems that we face and he wants us to lose hope. With Jesus, we have hope. Jesus went to the cross to give us that hope, and give rest to a troubled world. With Jesus, we have the sweet rest we need!

Entonces usted no puede confiar en su conciencia. Pero si ha permitido que la Palabra de Dios transforme su mente (**Ro 12.2**), su voz interior será confiable. El Espíritu Santo, junto con una conciencia iluminada divinamente, guía a los creyentes. Para mantener una brújula interna, debemos meditar constantemente en las Sagradas Escrituras. Las enseñanzas del Señor son una base sólida en cuanto a la moralidad, y somos sabios cuando los internalizamos, especialmente de la manera que el Señor Jesús los resumió: amar a Dios por sobre todas cosas, y amar a los demás (**Mt 22.36-40**). ¿Qué diría usted que impacta más sus convicciones? ¿La verdad de la Biblia, o los parámetros del mundo? El Dios todopoderoso sabe que lo mejor para usted es su hijo Jesucristo; Él le dio una conciencia para ayudarlo a tomar decisiones sabias. **Dios te bendiga.**

## Escritos de Israel

### Una conciencia limpia Hechos 24:10-16.

Cuando usted enfrenta decisiones difíciles, ¿le presta atención a su conciencia?

Dios nos ha dado a todos una "brújula moral". De hecho, reflejar su verdad en el interior de cada persona, es una manera que Él tiene de revelarse a sí mismo a la humanidad. La conciencia es una alarma que nos alerta en cuanto al peligro o las consecuencias que se aproximan. Su propósito principal es dar protección y guía. Pero el pecado pervierte la conciencia. Por tanto, es importante entender la diferencia que hay entre seguir a nuestro corazón, y dejar que una conciencia limpia nos ayude a tomar decisiones. Si el criterio del mundo ha infiltrado su corazón,

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### Karing Kitchen

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### Baptisms

Rebecca Weathers, daughter of Wade & Diane Weathers and granddaughter of Don & Wanda Weathers, was baptized on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Patrick Starkey, husband of Belinda Starkey, was baptized on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Sydney Mitcham, daughter of Cody Mitcham and granddaughter of Judy Mitcham, was baptized on July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to all who were baptized! Welcome to the West Erwin Family!

### New Baby

Congratulations to Matt & Lindsay Kelly on the birth of their new baby, **Beau Landon**. He was born June 28 at 2:28 p.m. and was 8 lbs., 13 oz. and 21 inches long. The proud big brother is Owen.



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### Thank You

Dear West Erwin Family,  
Thank you so much for the cards, phone calls, flowers and food at my brothers' death. It is such a comfort to be among such a caring church family

**Suzie Roden**

Thank you for the cards, calls, and prayers during my knee surgery. Please continue to pray for me as I recuperate.

**Carolyn McCune**

This church loves with its whole heart, and we are so very glad to be a part of it. Thank you, thank you, thank you for the phenomenal baby shower for Shelbi. She has enough outfits to wear something different to church every Sunday until she graduates high school. Thank you for your love and support of us in every way, especially in this process of adoption. Thank you to each and every one of you who went to so much effort to make it all happen and to everyone who contributed in every way. We are truly blessed by God through you!

**Jason and Tiersa Reeves and family**

### Special Thanks

Thank you to all the VBS workers who gave so many hours of preparation and prayer for VBS. You made it just perfect for our little kids.

Thank you to Tim McCellon for VBS hotdogs and Jeremy and Jenny Wilson for Kona Ice. You all did a fabulous job!

Thank you to our Camp Deer Run Pee Wee Camp bus drivers. We are so thankful for Cal and JoAnn Wilkinson, Don Crawford and Donnie Carnathan. This was not an easy job and we appreciate your willingness to do it.

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Worship a.m.	646	574	608
Worship p.m.	363	295	290
Wed. p.m.	NC	264	279
Contribution	\$21,134.19	\$24,890.36	\$20,877.11
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:** **Providence Park:** Winona Shankle, Rm137 | **Hospice in Ennis:** James Wester, father of Jimmy Wester | **Children's Hospital Dallas:** Kalli Huff | **Walnut Place, Dallas:** Sue Ealy, sister of Carol Armstrong, rm 303. | **ETMC:** David Boudreau Rm 2528; **Ella Bradley**  
**Updates:** Jeff White, son-in-law of Alice Thompson, was in a serious automobile accident. He remains in critical condition. | **Don Crowder** is home. | **David Boudreau** in car accident.

**West Erwin Family:** Davy Carter | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Carolyn McCune | Penny & Wade McDonald | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Sue Ramsour | Cathy Stowers | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaire | Ira & Esther Wilson | Janice Hardaway | Maxine Ray | Sonya Carter

**Family & Friends:** Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway, will have treatment for a brain tumor | **Sara Laminack**, daughter of Daniel & Carol Morgan | **Jeff Willis**, son of Joe & Betty Willis | **Mary Wingo**, friend of the Cawyers will have a brain MRI this month. | **Laurie Klimpie's** (former member), father has been diagnosed with Leukemia. | **Linda Westerfeld** (former member), diagnosed with glaucoma.

#### SERVING SUNDAY

Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
 Prayer Michael Carnathan  
 Scripture Bill White  
 Dismiss Phil Marts  
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Tom Clark

#### SERVING COMMUNION

Blake Lockhart Ron Lott Brandon Lott  
 Tyler Lott Curtis Martine Stan Mallory  
 Melvin Maples Joey Marse

#### 6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY

Prayer Bud Cawyer  
 Scripture Chad Chauncey  
 Dismiss Will Christian

#### GREETERS

Wendell Potter & Tommy Parrish  
 Gaylan & Margie Seagler  
 Harvey & Edie Strickland  
 Info Center: James & Connie Sublette

#### PICK UP CARDS for 7/21

Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith,  
 Ethan Stone, Logan Stone

#### SOUND BOOTH for 7/21

Corey Coleman & Cal Wilkerson

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 7/21:

Nursery a.m.: Debbie Jones & Emily DuPree  
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#### REEVES' RHETORIC

#### Perfectly Content

"When Jesus heard that John the Baptist had been put in prison, He returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, He went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali – to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: 'Land of Zebulun and Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.' From that time on Jesus began to preach, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.'" – Matthew 4:12-17 (cf. Isaiah 9:1-2)

The Jews didn't have a very high opinion of Galilee, because of the large numbers of Gentiles who lived there. Matthew desiring to communicate the universality of the Gospel, emphasizing that very reality, connects to the Isaiah text. The Gentiles were not like them. They were "in darkness." They were "living in the land of the shadow of death." But, quite frankly, most were perfectly content to leave them there.

However this is precisely where Jesus focuses His time. His energy. His efforts. Jesus spent most of His public ministry north and west of the Sea of Galilee. In the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. His message? "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near." A message of change. That's what repentance is. A change of heart. A change of way of life. The Kingdom as a spiritual reality. The reign and rule of God in the hearts and lives of those who will respond.

And so here's my question for us as believers and as a church: Where do we focus our time? Our energy? Our efforts? We invest a lot in one another, and we ought to. We're called to. But are we ministering to the Zebuluns and Naphtalis around us? Are we seeking to connect with those not like us? Are we light dawning to those "in darkness" and "living in the shadow of death"? Or are we, quite frankly, perfectly content to leave them there?

Glory to God!  
 Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### THANK YOU

Thank you to David and Sharon Hammond, and Shaun Stamps for helping with the junior high devo Sunday night, and to Danielle Rousseau for helping with our Goofy Game Day on Tuesday! We couldn't do what we do without you!

### NO ACTIVITY SUNDAY

With a big part of our high school group leaving Sunday morning for Moore, OK, there will not be a high school devo Sunday night.

### MOORE MISSION TRIP

A group of 19 of us leave Sunday right after morning services for a week of serving families in Moore, OK. Even two months later, and after countless groups like ours going, there is still devastation and people who have not yet been reached. Please, as you did last time, please keep our group in your prayers. Pray that we can not only help physically, but that we can be a part of that healing and hope giving process.

### SUMMER MISSION PRESENTATION

Sunday night, August 11<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will present our annual wrap-up of our summer mission trips, and give the church an update of all the things we've been busy sharing and serving. Please make plans to join us that night to support the teens of West Erwin.



### WHEN DOING GOOD FEELS THE BEST

I am a firm believer that helping others makes us feel better about ourselves. I also believe that when we apply certain principles to our service to others, we can grow spiritually also. For instance, when we do something in private, when nobody else knows, it then becomes a matter between us, the person we help, and God. Jesus taught that this was the right way to do it (Matt.6:3). It keeps our motives pure, and we get to personally see God working through us. Our deed then turns into a faith builder for us. Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan gives us some more thoughts on this. Just as the Samaritan redefined who our neighbors are, I believe that it is a good thing when we step out of our comfort zone and help someone who is not in our normal social circle.

Sometimes we need to heed Jesus' lesson and show mercy where it is least expected (Luke 10:37). I also believe that the parable shows us the blessings of sacrificing when we help others. It is a good thing when we can help out with just a drink or a small amount of food, but don't you feel better when you dig deeper, sacrifice a little more, and step out in faith when you help others? Isn't that what Jesus meant when he said to, *give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap (Luke 6:38)*. Paul wrote that giving "out of their poverty" helped the churches of Macedonia grow in their faith and grow in grace (2 Cor.8:1-5). I am not trying to downplay any act of kindness we may bestow on others; I just believe there are times when we can use our service as a way to build a stronger faith.

## Escritos de Israel

### El sacrificio de Cristo: Pago total

**(Sal. 51)** El diácono de cierta iglesia confesó un pecado terrible en una red social. Después de dar una descripción de lo que había hecho, comentó: "Sé que hay un precio que pagar por este pecado, y ese precio es la muerte". Pero no solo tenía el corazón destrozado por lo que había hecho; sabía también que el efecto sobre sus amigos y su familia sería devastador. Con todo, su temor era más grande que su remordimiento. Se atemorizó de Dios, creyendo que el soberano Señor del universo estaba ahora dispuesto a hacerlo pagar. ¿Qué le diría usted a este creyente? ¿Reflejan sus palabras la respuesta de Dios al pecado? Es cierto que **romanos 6.23** enseña claramente que "la paga del pecado es muerte"; sin embargo, este angustiado hombre había pasado por alto la importantísima segunda mitad del versículo:

### A LOOK BACK AT NEBRASKA

It seems like you never really have time to "recover" in youth ministry in the summer because it's always on to the next thing, but after having been home almost a week from Nebraska, I wanted to take a moment and reflect. It really is an exhausting trip. The 20 hour drive on the way there was more than my 2-year-old ever wanted to be in a car, and honestly more than this 33-year-old did either. But it's a great bonding time for our teens, and honestly even the drive in an important part of what these trips are about. But the best part about Nebraska for me is watching our teens shine. Once we're all set up on Saturday, and after our worship and evening with the West Point church on Sunday, Monday morning the kids show up for VBS and our teens are switched to "ON". They love on the kids, they play with them, they focus on them, they give them more attention than they can handle, but MOST importantly, they shared the story of Moses with the kids. They shared how God cares about his people, how He used his power to help them, how He saved them from captivity, and how they could trust HIM to provide for them. Our youth ministry prayer is that our teens here will remember how they shared God's word, how great it made them feel, and KNOW without a shadow of a doubt that they can do that right here in Tyler, TX.

### IMPORTANT DATES

**July 21-August 2 Moore Mission Trip**



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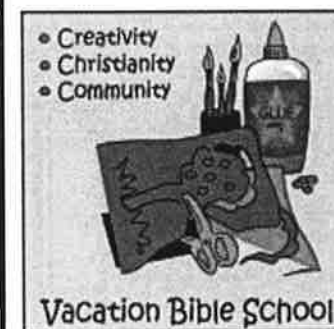
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### New Elders

The names of the following men were announced as being added to the eldership at West Erwin. We look forward to working with these men in the eldership.

**Don Crawford**  
**Greg Jones**

**Daniel DuPree**  
**Gaylan Seagler**

### Summer Speaker Series

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### Thank You

Your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

**The John Williams Family**

To my church family,  
Thank you for the cards, visits, food, calls and the encouragement that you have given to Dannie and me. Please continue to remember me in your prayers as I heal. We feel blessed by your love. Thank you.

**Sue Skipper**

Dear West Erwin Family,  
The family of Opal Mathews thanks you for your many acts of kindness. We appreciate your prayers, words of comfort, cards and food. Thanks also for the beautiful plant basket that was sent to the funeral service. Mother loved all of you and the feelings were obviously mutual.

**Gary & Frances Broome & Family**  
**Larry & Geri Moore & Family**

### With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Morris Hallman on the passing of his mother, Fay Hallman Lanford.

Ruth Anne Morgan's grandmother, Marguerite Crist, passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth Anne and her family.

### Hiring Teachers

Little People's School at Glenwood Church of Christ is now hiring teachers for the 2013-2014 school year. Please call Cathy Howell at (903) 509-8904 if you are interested.



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Bible Class	421	431	404
Worship a.m.	643	646	586
Worship p.m.	359	363	330
Wed. p.m.	311	NC	NC
Contribution	\$22,444.90	\$24,890.36	\$22,221.78
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**PRAYER & CARE:** Providence Park: Winona Shankle | Hospice in Ennis: James Wester, father of Jimmy Wester | Walnut Place, Dallas: Sue Ealy, sister of Carol Armstrong | Canton Oaks, Rehab: Marie Park

**Updates:**

Davy Carter has been accepted for further treatment in Tulsa | Jean McKinney, mother of Freida Starr is doing rehab in Palestine | Sara Laminack has begun chemo treatments. | Kalli Huff is home | Janice Hardaway is home | Alison Hardaway, granddaughter-in-law of Janice Hardaway is still doing treatments for a brain tumor | Rick Hardaway, son of Janice Hardaway is home. | Ella Bradley is home.

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 Scripture David Wicks  
 Dismiss Bill Mullins  
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**SERVING COMMUNION**  
 Phil Marts Lee Mink Roy Morgan  
 Kenneth Muncy Larry Murphey Bryce Murry  
 Garrett Smith Shaun Stamps

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**  
 Prayer Tom Cook  
 Scripture Don Crawford  
 Dismiss Melvin Crow

**GREETERS**  
 Billy & Lynda Terrell  
 Ray & Gail Vannoy  
 Mike & Dorothy Watts  
 Info Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn

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 Toby Marse Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf  
 Clay Mitcham John Park

**SOUND BOOTH for 7/28 & 8/4**  
 Todd Kempton & Daniel DuPree

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 7/28:**  
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REEVES' RHETORIC

Anchor Verses

Don't some portions of Scripture speak to us more powerfully and poignantly than others? Not that there any that are of less importance (surely we know one another better than that by now), but aren't there some sections of the Bible that are exceptionally meaningful? Out of experience, out of grief, out of triumph, aren't there texts within the text that speak to our hearts and give life to the reality that God's Word is living and active?

1 Peter 2:9 is one of my favorite verses in Scripture. I have probably spoken it more often and gravitated toward it in my teaching and preaching and in everyday conversations even more than Romans 12 or John 1 or Ephesians 3 (which is saying something!).

The Apostle Peter affirms, "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 into His wonderful light." We are a "chosen people." We are chosen by God. He chooses to love. He chooses to redeem. He chooses to forgive. He chooses to adopt. God chooses. We are a "royal priesthood." We come to Him with nothing but our sin, and yet, He elevates us to the status of royalty in His Kingdom. In doing so we are called to be priests. We are those who stand in the gap between God and the world around us. We are "a people belonging to God." Literally, in the Greek, "A people chosen for possession." Our purpose, our meaning, our identity is enveloped in Him and in who we are because of Him. So that we "may declare the praises of the One who called us out of darkness into His wonderful light." For me, each phrase of 1 Peter 2:9 is an arrival. And speaks to me in a very challenging, and yet also, comforting way.

What are your anchor verses? What are Scriptures that you run to? Texts that empower you? Comfort you? Words from our Father that you gravitate toward? Words that are more than words, because they are living and active and speak to your heart?

Glory to God!  
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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### MOORE MISSION TRIP

AS DANNY SAYS, WE'RE GOOD AT TEARING STUFF DOWN, DEMOLITION. SO IMAGINE OUR SHOCK AND APPREHENSION WHEN WE ARRIVED SUNDAY NIGHT AND FOUND OUT WE WOULD BE WORKING ON A STILL STANDING HOUSE, TEARING OFF THREE LAYERS OF LEAKING SHINGLES, AND PUTTING ON A NEW ROOF! THANK THE LORD WE'VE HAD GABRIEL ZAVALA WITH US. HE'S THE MAN, AND HE'S LED US IN WHAT WE'VE FOUND TO BE PRETTY BACK BREAKING, HOT'TT WORK ON THIS ROOF. LOTS OF ANGLES, TEMPS IN THE UPPER 90'S ALL WEEK. BUT CHURCH, YOU WOULD BE PROUD OF OUR TEENS. NOT FOR HOW THEY'RE REPRESENTING WEST ERWIN, BUT HOW THEY'RE REPRESENTING OUR LORD. THEY'RE MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF LOURDIS AND HER FAMILY, THE OWNER OF THIS HOUSE. AND EVEN IN THE LIFE OF FREDDIE, A HOMELESS MAN WHO WE MET AND BEFRIENDED WHO ENDED UP HELPING US ON THE ROOF ON MONDAY. THE LORD CHOOSES DIFFERENT WAYS TO MOVE AND SHOW HIS LOVE AND PRESENCE TO US. WE JUST NEED TO LOOK AND LISTEN. WE HEAD BACK HOME FRIDAY AFTERNOON, SO PLEASE CONTINUE TO KEEP US IN YOUR PRAYERS!

### NO ACTIVITY SUNDAY NIGHT

DUE TO OUR BIG ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, THERE ISN'T ANOTHER AFTER CHURCH. NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT THERE WILL BE A HIGH SCHOOL DEVO SO MAKE PLANS FOR THAT!

### SUMMER MISSION PRESENTATION

SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 11TH, THE YOUTH GROUP WILL PRESENT OUR ANNUAL WRAP-UP OF OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS, AND GIVE THE CHURCH AN UPDATE OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN BUSY SHARING AND SERVING. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US THAT NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE TEENS OF WEST ERWIN.

### WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!

IF YOU'VE JOINED US ON ANY OF OUR TRIPS THIS SUMMER (EITHER MOORE TRIP, INTERLINK, MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY, OR NEBRASKA) AND HAVE TAKEN ANY PICTURES, EITHER ON YOUR CAMERA OR PHONE, WE NEED THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION. IF YOU CAN GET THEM ON A DISK OR THUMB DRIVE AND GET THEM TO DANNY, THAT WOULD BE BEST, BUT IF YOU CAN'T, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO [DTSNELL@WESTERWIN.COM](mailto:DTSNELL@WESTERWIN.COM).



### BENEVOLENCE CENTER NEEDS

Some service opportunities have come up in the Benevolence Center and I thought I would pass them on to you and hopefully enlist some folks to help. **Prayer group:** We get many prayer requests through the center. I have a group that helps me with those requests, but I can always use some extra help in this area. If you could spare a little extra prayer time, I will furnish you with the requests. **Correspondence courses:** The person who has been handling this for a few years has taken a break from this work and I could use some help in keeping this going.

It is not an easy work as we get many to enroll, but few to finish; but it is a good work. I am proud that we offer not only help with physical needs, but also spiritual needs as well. Speaking of spiritual needs, we have decided to hold a **Community Vacation Bible School**. We are offering this to those that use the Benevolence Center. It will be August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>; from 9:30 am till 12:30 pm. We are hoping to have 20-30 children. We need greeters, food servers, teachers, helpers, and warm smiley faces. We are currently working on enrolling children to give us an idea of our numbers and language needs. We have never offered anything like this through the center before; so please pray for this work. Let me know if you want to help with any of these efforts.

## Escritos de Israel

### Lo que podemos aprender de Jonás (Jonás 1-3; Sal. 139:1-10).

Cuando consideramos la omnisciencia y la omnipresencia de Dios, es fácil sorprendernos de que los cristianos traten de huir de Él. Jonás demostró, sin duda, que eso no puede hacerse, pero la gente sigue intentándolo. ¿Por qué? A veces, las personas que tratan de huir de Dios están actuando por pura soberbia —parece que creemos saber lo que es mejor para nosotros, sin importar lo que Dios piense o diga. A veces, nos negamos rotundamente a obedecer por temor: nos da miedo fracasar; nos preocupa que los demás puedan criticar nuestros esfuerzos; o quizás tememos que la obediencia pueda ser demasiado costosa. Pero, no importa la razón, muchas veces no somos capaces de reconocer lo costoso que resulta rechazar al Señor y tratar de huir de Él.

Jonás pagó un alto precio por su rebeldía. No solo experimentó la vergüenza, el terror y el sentimiento de culpabilidad, sino que además puso en peligro la vida de hombres inocentes. No se puede huir del Señor sin imponer un duro castigo a personas inocentes. Cuántos padres y cuántas madres abandonan a sus hijos, y dicen: "Puedo hacer lo que yo quiero. Es mi vida". No, no es así. No se puede dejar a unos hijos sin padre o madre, y no cosechar dolor y sufrimiento durante toda la vida. Ni tampoco se puede pecar contra el Señor sin pagar un precio terrible y herir a otros al hacerlo. A pesar de esta terrible realidad, también es cierto que Dios es perdonador; Él da una segunda, una tercera, en realidad, muchísimas oportunidades (**Jon 3.1**). El cuidó a Jonás, y también cuidará de usted. **Dios te bendiga y nos vemos el domingo.**

## Special Announcement

Dear West Erwin Members,  
It has been an honor to serve as one of your elders over the past 10 years. I have made the decision to resign. What I have added to this eldership is small in comparison to what I have learned from my fellow elders. I know that good things are ahead for West Erwin. Pam and I will continue to worship and be active members.

In Christian Love,  
**Ron Lott**

## Mark Your Calendars

August 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a one church fellowship. There will be a catered lunch and no evening service. Small groups will be meeting.

## Baptism

Molly Harris, daughter of Mike & Kristi Harris, was baptized Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We welcome Molly to the West Erwin family!

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## Thank You

Dear Members,  
Thank you for all the cards, visits, food and especially prayers on my behalf during my recent hospital and rehab stays. I'm now home and continuing to improve.

In Christian Love,  
**Don Crowder**

Thank you so much for the beautiful plant in remembrance of our loved one, Faye Hallman Lanford.

**The Hallman Family**

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the Bible and all of the love and support you have given me as I have grown up. Please pray for me as I start a new phase of my life at Texas A&M.

**Katherine Weathers**

## With Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is with Alice Thompson on the passing of her son in law, Jeff White.

## New Baby

Olivia Elisabeth Leung was born July 21<sup>st</sup> to Jonathan & Diedre Leung. The proud grandparents are Pete & Alisa Leung. Congratulations!

*LOVE is patient and kind;  
love is not jealous or boastful;*  
Corinthians 13:13A

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Contribution	\$22,812.56	\$22,444.90	\$29,895.91
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**PRAYER & CARE:** Hospice in Ennis: James Wester, father of Jimmy Wester | Canton Oaks, Rehab: Marie Park

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Prayer Clinton Culpepper  
Scripture Frank Debenport  
Dismiss Howard Dickson

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Billy & Ruth Whitaker  
Bill & Barbara White  
Dale & Dot White  
Info Center: David & Ginny Wicks

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Toby Marse Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf  
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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Here's My Heart**

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* is one of my absolute favorite hymns. Written in 1758 by Robert Robinson when he was only 23. As the story goes Robinson's father died when he was young. His mother, barely able to make ends meet, worked most of the time and so Robinson was left to more or less raise himself. By his late teens Robinson had a number of enemies and number of troubles. However it was at this time in his life that he began to consider his own mortality and the person he was becoming. He turned to seek Christ at the age of 20 and soon penned the words of *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*. Within the words themselves, we sense the Robinson's internal struggle, and perhaps our own....

***Come Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for song of loudest praise. Teach me ever to adore Thee. May I still Thy goodness prove. While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love.***

***Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come. And I hope by Thy good pleasure safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God. He to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood.***

***O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee. Never let me wander from Thee. Never leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.***

We, like Robinson, struggle at times in our walk and in closeness to God. And when that closeness isn't there, we know that it's not God who has distanced Himself from us.

The story continues that soon after writing *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*, Robinson walked away from the Lord. Fast forward 16 years. He is now 39 years old. He has spent the last years just getting by: gambling, drinking, living from one place to the next, no God, no faith, no purpose in life – no life – just existence. Robinson steps onto a stage in England. Half hung-over, depressed, a shell of the man he once was. A woman in the stagecoach with him recognizes how down he is. The story goes that she says to him, "There is a song that we sing at church from time to time that gives me great hope and cheers me up, might I share the words with you?" And after Robinson concedes to allow the woman to share, she begins to sing him *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*....

After the woman stops singing, Robinson, tears in his eyes, replies, "Madam, I am the poor, unhappy man who wrote that hymn many years ago, and I would give a thousand worlds to feel now what I felt then." The moment served as a defining one, a turning point in Robinson's life, in which he recommitted himself once again to God.

Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.  
Glory to God!  
Jason

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## YOUTH WITH HEART...By Danny & Eric

### Thank You!

For an amazing afternoon this past Sunday. Lisa and I are both honored and humbled by all the kind words and fond memories at the reception. Just a few words cannot even begin to reflect the past 25 years... The West Erwin church family has been our life these past years. We have had some great times together. Thanks to James & Connie Sublette and to all the others who had a hand in the Surprise... and yes I was completely surprised!

We are looking forward to our next phase in Ministry at West Erwin. We will talk more about that in the upcoming days. Just keep praying for this church family to continue to grow spiritually!

Danny

### SUMMER MISSION PRESENTATION

SUNDAY NIGHT, AUGUST 11TH, THE YOUTH GROUP WILL PRESENT OUR ANNUAL WRAP-UP OF OUR SUMMER MISSION TRIPS, AND GIVE THE CHURCH AN UPDATE OF ALL THE THINGS WE'VE BEEN BUSY SHARING AND SERVING. PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US THAT NIGHT TO SUPPORT THE TEENS OF WEST ERWIN.

### WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!

IF YOU'VE JOINED US ON ANY OF OUR TRIPS THIS SUMMER (EITHER MOORE TRIP, INTERLINK, MIDDLE SCHOOL MYSTERY, OR NEBRASKA) AND HAVE TAKEN ANY PICTURES, EITHER ON YOUR CAMERA OR PHONE, WE NEED THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR END OF SUMMER PRESENTATION. IF YOU CAN GET THEM ON A DISK OR THUMB DRIVE AND GET THEM TO DANNY, THAT WOULD BE BEST, BUT IF YOU CAN'T, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO [DTSNELL@WESTERWIN.COM](mailto:DTSNELL@WESTERWIN.COM).

### NOTES:

NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT THERE WILL BE A DEVO SO MAKE PLANS FOR THAT!



### WHAT'S IN YOUR RUBBISH?

One man's trash is another man's treasure. I have heard that saying for years. I am amazed what some people throw away, both physically and spiritually. Paul considered all the things he had lost as rubbish when compared to the treasure of knowing Christ. Read Philippians 3:8-11. In this passage we can see some things that Paul treasured. **The treasure of gaining Christ;** in the parable of the Hidden Treasure, Jesus said the Kingdom was worth "all that we had". What is it worth to you? **The treasure of being found in Christ;** being "in Christ" means becoming a new creation, a son of God, and freedom from sin. Can you believe that many have thrown that away?

**The treasure of knowing Jesus' sufferings;** knowing of His sufferings means participating in His sufferings also. The apostles felt they were "worthy" because they suffered dishonor for Jesus (Acts 5:41). How "worthy" do you feel? **The treasure of being conformed to His death;** Jesus said, "If any man come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily and follow me". Are you following the world, or dying to self and following Jesus? **The treasure of knowing His powerful resurrection;** that power energizes our life, fuels our hope, and gives us the power to endure. Isn't that a great treasure? **The treasure of knowing Jesus;** this is not a casual relationship. This is a relationship based on our love, appreciation, and submission to Jesus. This is a relationship marked by our obedience to Him. Many have thrown away valuable spiritual treasures by mistaking it for rubbish. What's in your rubbish?

## Escritos de Israel

### Somos olor fragante para Dios (2 Cor. 2:12-17)

En estos pasados días he experimentado el gran amor de nuestro Dios, el cual me ha librado de las manos de la enfermedad, gracias a su voluntad estamos en pie, porque para él siempre somos olor fragante, y no solo para el sino para todas aquellas personas que alcanzamos a través de su bendita palabra, sin lugar a duda es un mensaje de vida y salvación para ellos. Seguramente puedo decir con confianza que el señor me lleva de triunfo en triunfo en mi vida personal y en el ministerio que hago para él. Al escribir esto me recuerda mucho la vida y ministerio del apóstol pablo, de cómo Dios lo ayudo una sino muchas veces para que este continuara predicando el evangelio de nuestro señor Jesucristo.

*Quando llegué a Troas para predicar el evangelio de Cristo, aunque se me abrió puerta en el Señor, no tuve reposo en mi espíritu, por no haber hallado a mi hermano Tito; así, despidiéndome de ellos, partí para Macedonia. Mas a Dios gracias, el cual nos lleva siempre en triunfo en Cristo Jesús, y por medio de nosotros manifiesta en todo lugar el olor de su conocimiento. Porque para Dios somos grato olor de Cristo en los que se salvan, y en los que se pierden; a éstos ciertamente olor de muerte para muerte, y a aquéllos olor de vida para vida. Y para estas cosas, ¿quién es suficiente? Pues no somos como muchos, que medran falsificando la palabra de Dios, sino que con sinceridad, como de parte de Dios, y delante de Dios, hablamos en Cristo. Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.*

### Mark Your Calendars

August 18<sup>th</sup> we will have a one church fellowship. There will be a catered lunch and no evening service. Small groups will be meeting.

### Summer Speaker Series

Don't miss out on Wednesday nights as our Summer Speaker Series has begun! There are flyers posted with the schedule, or you can pick up a Bible Class Schedule at the Information Center in the foyer. Next week will be **Keith Hodges** from the Eastern Hills Church of Christ.

### Baby Table Shower

July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 4<sup>th</sup> we will have a table shower for **Matt & Lindsay Kelly**. Their second son, **Beau Landon**, arrived on June 28<sup>th</sup>! Since he already has big brother Owen's 'hand me downs', diapers, wipes & gift cards are appreciated!

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### Directory Updates

Please update your directories!

**Carol Wilkinson mailing address:** PO Box 335, Bullard, 75757  
**Don & Nancy Crawford home phone:** 903-920-4230

### New Books



*Truth For Today, Psalms 90-118*  
*Desperate For Hope*  
*The Great Evangelical*  
*Recession*  
*Trophy Child*  
*Epic Fail*  
*God and Evil*

These new books are now available in the adult library. Look on the 'new books' shelf for these titles.

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### New Baby

**Lydia Jocelynn** was born Monday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. She weighed 8lbs. 3 oz. & was 21 in. long. Congratulations to the proud parents **Jonathan & Wynn Admire!**

### From the Shepherds

The Elders wish to express our appreciation to Ron & Pam Lott for their hard work and dedication for the last 10 years. Ron has served faithfully as an elder and Pam has been invaluable in her supporting roll. We will miss both of them as part of the leadership team, but we are thankful that they will continue to be an important part of the West Erwin family.

### A Special Request

We would be grateful for your support for our son, by submitting letters on Samuel's behalf. Packets are available at the visitor's center. Even if you do not know Samuel personally, your letter would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your love and concern for us.

The Mink Family

### Summer Singing Sessions

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### Thank You

Dear Church Family,  
Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, hugs & caring in the loss of my brother, Oscar Brown, in the month of June. Then again for staying with us, with so much love & compassion during the 9 days in ICU & afterward in the passing of my son-in-law, Jeff White. Thank you for the good food & everything you did.

My Love to All  
**Alice Thompson**

Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement you sent in remembrance of my beloved brother, John Williams.

**Dolores Kennedy**

### Reunion

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Wed. p.m.	312	321	387
Contribution	\$25,223.04	\$22,812.56	\$28,984.68
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE: Providence Park: Winona Shankle | Azalea Place:Debbie Swartz,Rm 37.,daughter of Helen Boyd.**

**Updates: Davy Carter** began treatment in Tulsa, OK. | **Israel Sandoval** had no evidence of heart issues. | **Melvin Maples** is undergoing tests. | **Sylvia Tarpe** possible eye transplant.**With Sympathy: Jimmy Wester**, on the death of his father, **James Wester**. | **Betty Holt**, on the death of her granddaughter, **Kim Holt**.

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Prayer Daniel DuPree  
Scripture Jeremy Wilson  
Dismiss Ray Vannoy  
Presiding At The Lord's Table J. R. Tharpe

**SERVING COMMUNION**

Jimmie Philpot Wendell Potter Garylan Seagler  
Jack Stringer James Sublette Billy Terrell  
Mike Watts Wade Weathers

**6:00 P.M. ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Youth  
Scripture Youth  
Dismiss Youth

**GREETERS**

Fred & Sandra Wingate  
Gary & Janis Heath  
James & Sue Hughes  
Info Center: Greg & Debbie Jones

**PICK UP CARDS for 8/11 & 8/18:**

Nathan Turner Luke Wallace Davis Carnathan  
Matthew Christian Caleb DuPree

**SOUND BOOTH for 8/11 & 8/18**

Alex Mullins & Cody Frick

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 8/11**

Nursery a.m.: Joanna Stamps & Kacey Reeves  
Toddlers a.m.: Trish Stancill & Lesly Sandoval  
Nursery p.m.: Lynda Terrell  
Toddlers p.m.: Marissa Suggs



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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**There Are No More Beautiful Words**

How much sleep do you get each night?

Not enough I imagine....

Studies show that adults are in need of 7-9 hours of sleep every night.

Teenagers need 8.5-9.5 hours of uninterrupted rest.

And children require 10-14 hours a night to be 100%.

With how little we actually rest, compared to what is required, it's no wonder, so many are so tired.

When I was at the police department I had a friend that I worked nights with, who on his days off would stay up all day the first day, sleep at night the first night, but then stay up all the next day and then, all the next night (for over twenty-four hours). Basically, he missed a night's (or day's) rest each week. And he did this for years. He went in to a doctor because he was not feeling well and told the doctor his sleeping pattern (or lack thereof). The doctor told him that he had to get more rest. There was no way around it. Until he got enough sleep there would be no way he could feel like he was supposed to. When he finally started getting enough rest he realized that he had really been walking around in a daze for years because his body and mind were so very tired.

I wonder if you might be tired? If you might be weary right now? Maybe you find yourself depleted. In a season of life that is extremely difficult. Maybe your exhaustion comes from trying to spin too many plates. Maybe, as the old folks say, "Your plow is loaded." Maybe you've been trying to do it all on your own but have come to the conclusion that what you're doing is not working, and you're simply tired.

When you are emotionally and spiritually exhausted, rest, rest in Christ is the only cure. He persuades, "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" - Matthew 11:28.

When you are tired. When you are weary. When you are depleted. When you are exhausted. There are no more beautiful words.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### SUMMER MISSION PRESENTATION

This Sunday night, the youth group will present our annual wrap-up of our summer trips and mission trips. It will be our chance to update the church on all the things we've been busy with this summer, both learning and serving. Please make plans to join us Sunday night to support our teens here at West Erwin.

### WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!!

If you've joined us on any of our trips this summer (either one of the Moore trips, Interlink, Middle School Mystery, or Nebraska) and have taken any pictures, either on a regular camera or your phone, we need them NOW for our presentation Sunday night. At this point, email is the best way to get them to Danny, at [dtsnell@westerwin.com](mailto:dtsnell@westerwin.com). Thanks!



### JUST A LITTLE WALK

Last week, we had Michael and Rebekah's children visiting with us. They were getting a little restless, so we decided to take a little walk around the neighborhood. Mikah was in the stroller while Davis and Reed were the scouts. We saw a poodle hunting for a rabbit (poodles are not hunting dogs), one of the biggest ants we have ever seen, and we threw rocks into a pond. We also collected some treasures; some old fireworks from the 4th, some cool looking rocks, and some smoky things (cigarette butts). This prompted a long discussion on why those smoky things were not to be played with or collected and also why they are not healthy for you. It was a great time together and it was some sweet fellowship!

### Escritos de Israel

#### EL JOVEN RICO (Lc. 18:24)

Cuando el joven rico le preguntó a Jesús respecto a la salvación, nuestro Señor probó de inmediato su disposición a dejarlo todo y a seguirlo: **"vende todo lo que tienes, y dalo a los pobres, y tendrás tesoro en el cielo; y ven, sígueme"** (Lc. 18:22). Cuando el joven rico no prestó atención a las palabras de Jesús, demostró que no estaba dispuesto a someterse al señorío de Cristo. Esto es una prueba clara de que las palabras del hombre no están conectadas con el sentir del corazón en muchas ocasiones. Los labios pueden decir una cosa, pero el corazón puede estar tan lejos de la realidad, el joven rico afirmaba con sus labios querer hacer la voluntad de Dios, pero el corazón se lo impidió.

### COMBINED DEVO SUNDAY NIGHT

We will have a combined 6th-12th grade devo after our missions presentation Sunday night. Please bring \$3 for dinner and wear close-toed shoes. We will be done at 7pm.

### EMAIL / TEXT PARENT LIST

In an effort to help get information out in other ways due to some families delays in getting our bulletin, we will begin getting out announcements and other information via emails and even some text messaging as well. If you would like to be on either of these lists, please email Eric at [youthguy80@gmail.com](mailto:youthguy80@gmail.com) with all email addresses and cell phone numbers you would like added to the lists.

Yes, I can fellowship with my grandchildren. The same things we received from our walk together should be the goals of our fellowship together here at West Erwin. Our walk gave us a **sense of belonging**. Our walk was family time. It was nothing fancy, nothing planned, and it just came out of a desire to be together. Would those feelings help the church? Our walk helped our **friendship**. I may be their Pa-Paw, but I also want to be their friend. I want my grandchildren to be comfortable with me, and feel like they can come to me with any problem they may have. I want them to know they won't be judged, just helped. Would those feelings help the church? Our walk also helped us with our **love** for each other. Love's biggest ally is the time we spend with each other. Togetherness strengthens a church. When we create a sense of belonging, when we foster the joy of friendship, and we promote the power of love; that is sweet fellowship!

Dios nos pide el corazón, no los labios. (Mr. 12:30).

El que quiera aceptar la salvación debe rendir el control de su vida al Salvador. Eso significa estar dispuesto a abandonarlo todo para seguirlo, o estar contento con todo lo que le ha dado, sabiendo que puede soberanamente darle más cuando le sirve.

La salvación es cambiar todo lo que usted es por todo lo que Cristo es (Gal. 2:20). Por lo tanto, la fe salvadora no es simplemente un acto mental; ella calcula el costo (Lc. 14:28) y humildemente clama a Dios como hizo el publicano en Lucas 18:13: "Dios, sé propicio a mí, pecador". Y busca la forma de llegar a la salvación (Hech. 16:30; 2:37-38). ¿Tiene usted en cuenta el costo hoy y todos los días para la salvación?

### Growing Faithful Families... Danny Snell

#### "Home Run... Freedom is possible"

West Erwin will be hosting the movie Home Run, a great film about real life issues. Invite a friend.

"HOME RUN is great for not only baseball fans, but anyone looking to be inspired. The story provides an important reminder that no matter how successful we are, we are all affected by the issues that come along. Only through Jesus we can find the peace and comfort to live this life." Andy Pettitte, All-Star Pitcher

**Who:** Adults & Families, Friends of members-especially those struggling with addictions.

**When:** Sunday, Sept 8, 5:30-9:00 PM (Movie 6:15-8:15)  
Opportunity for processing after.

**Where:** Family Life Center

**Cost:** Free to the Community

#### Re-Engage... 10 Week Marriage Enrichment for Couples

**Who:** Couples who have been married from 5-39 years.  
Limited to the first 20 couples to sign up.

**When:** 10 Sundays, Beginning Sept 15, 4:30-6:00 PM

**Where:** Adult Classroom in the Office Complex

**Cost:** \$30

### Address Change

Danny Shelton: 201 North Bay Dr., Bullard, 75757

### Thank You

Thanks to all at West Erwin for all the cards, phone calls and visits on my birthday. For the muffins, brownies and flowers and kind thoughts. Thanks for everything. Just keep me in your prayers.

Marjorie Ethridge

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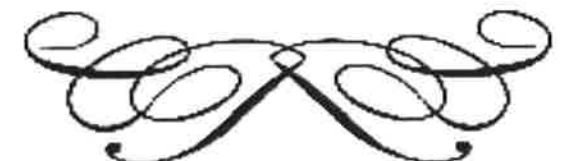
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### Baptism

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Worship a.m.	680	632	699
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Wed. p.m.	329	312	291
Contribution	\$21,569.39	\$25,223.04	\$24,270.30
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**Hospitalized**

**Walnut Place, Dallas:** Sue Ealy, sister of Carol Armstrong, leg amputated below knee. |

**Updates**

Sylvia Tharpe will have eye surgery on August 14 | Davy Carter started treatments in Tulsa, OK last Monday. Everything seems to be progressing well. Continue to remember him and his family in your prayers. Cards & encouragement may be sent to his sister's address: Connie Halstead,

8321 S. 81<sup>st</sup> W. Ave.,  
Tulsa, OK 74131

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Jack Stringer	James Sublette	Billy Terrell
Mike Watts	Wade Weathers	

**No P.M. Assembly – Small Groups Meet**

**GREETERS**

J & Tresa Jones  
Lee & Janice Kellenberger  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy  
Info Center: Louis & Jane Jones

**PICK UP CARDS for 8/18:**

Nathan Turner Luke Wallace Davis Carnathan  
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**It's Supposed To Be Overflowing**

"How's life?" someone will ask. "How are things?" "Well, you know... I've got this worry, I've got this concern, I've got this stress. My car's not fast enough. My portfolio isn't impressive enough. I couldn't find a good parking spot at Salsarita's and had to walk 50 feet. I can't take that trip to Europe until next year...."

And somehow, we, the ransomed people of God, those who have been saved, resurrected from lifeless life, by and through the cross and resurrection of Jesus, somehow, the body of Christ can't see past the end of our nose.

Somehow we're blind to the transformative reality we've encountered in Jesus and we immerse ourselves in the world rather than the Kingdom.

Consider the emotion of God. The heart of God. How do you think God feels when His chosen share more political (pro- or anti-) posts on Facebook than they share anything encouraging or centered upon the Kingdom? Or when His redeemed share things that belittle? Or when His sanctified share things that are unholy? Go and look at your wall (yes, I'm still talking about FB or any other social media) and see what it reveals about you. What it reveals about who you are. What it reveals about what is important to you.

Maybe that's not you. Ok. What do you talk to your friends about? Where do you take your conversations? Our conversations and where we lead those conversations say a great deal about where are hearts are. "Out of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). What does your mouth say about your heart? Do you spend more time talking about the weather or Jesus? The stock market or the Kingdom? Obamacare or the God who cares?

It's hard to soar with the eagles when you're clucking with the chickens.

Is the glass half empty or half full?

Because for those who follow Jesus, it's supposed to be overflowing!

Glory to God!

Jason

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**I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER**

By the time you read this, I will have turned the big 60! One of the bad things about aging is my failing memory. If I don't get it written down, more than likely I will forget it. It is sad, because our memory plays an important part in our lives. Jesus realized this and was always giving his disciples reminders about His teachings. I wanted to share some things that Jesus wants us to remember. *Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand ...? (Matt.16:9)* We need to remember the great things Jesus has done for us. Along with his mighty provision, we need to remember his compassion, his teachings, and his love for mankind. *Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here...(Luke 16:25).* Lazarus' story is a vivid reminder of the misery facing the lost. We must never forget our responsibility to the needy, and also our responsibility to the lost! *Remember Lot's wife (Luke 17:32).* We don't know why Lot's wife looked back, but her delay and disobedience put her in disfavor with God. We can't "look back" at anything we give up for the Lord. We should keep our focus on what lies ahead and live a life that looks forward to Heaven. *Remember the word I said to you, if they persecuted me, they will also persecute you (Jo.15:20).* I once heard a saying that if we were not being persecuted by Satan, we probably were not doing enough to hurt his cause. Kingdom workers will draw the attention of Satan. What are you remembering today? Don't let your memory fail you; remember the words of Jesus!



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**Andando en Buenas Obras**

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Una de las características más sobresalientes de los cristianos es el andar en "buenas obras". Desafortunadamente es más fácil decir esto que hacerlo. Cuando Jesús estaba físicamente en la tierra el anduvo por toda la tierra de Israel haciendo buenas obras. Estas obras testificaban de quien era Jesús (vea conversación con Nicodemo). Los apóstoles fueron más allá extendiendo el evangelio por Roma y otros países en su época también haciendo obras que testificaban de Jesús y de ellos. No quiero dar la impresión de que nuestra salvación depende de obras porque en realidad somos salvos por fe en Cristo Jesús y no por las obras que hagamos.

Recordemos que Jesús dijo en cierta ocasión hablando de aquellos que en su nombre hacían toda clase de milagros, que "nunca los había conocido". Así que aunque nuestras obras testifican de nosotros delante de los hombres, es mucho más importante mantener una buena relación con nuestro Dios por medio de Jesús. De esta manera andaremos en toda buena obra tal y como nos enseña la Santa Palabra de Dios. Alguien dijo: *"Nuestra salvación no procede de las obras, pero las obras son el resultado de nuestra justificación"*. Y si nosotros hemos nacido de la palabra de Dios estamos en capacidad de poder hacer esas buenas obras que nuestro Dios ha preparado para que nosotros andemos en ellas. El hijo redimido de Dios es llamado a hacer aquellos frutos dignos de su arrepentimiento que se demuestran a través de nuestras buenas obras (Mt. 3:8-9). **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**

**All Church Fellowship**

This Sunday, August 18, we will have an all-church fellowship. There will be a catered lunch and no evening service. We do encourage small groups to meet that night!

**Special Request**

We would be grateful for your support for our son, by submitting letters on Samuel's behalf. Packets are available at the visitor's center. Even if you do not know Samuel personally, but do know the Mink family, you can write a support letter on the family's behalf. We greatly appreciate and thank you for your love & concern for us.

**The Mink Family**

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**Community VBS**

The community VBS was a success! The number of children in attendance nearly doubled the second day! Thank you to everyone who helped put this on. We hope to do more outreach efforts like this through the Benevolent Center in the future.

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**Reunion**

**Little People's School** is having a reunion! All current & former teachers, staff & directors are cordially invited to a reunion on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Gathering Room of the Glenwood Church of Christ. Please bring those Little People's School pictures to share and come see friends, old and new.

**Ladies Day**

**North Tenneha Ave Church of Christ** will be having its annual Ladies Day Program August 24<sup>th</sup>. This years' topic is "**Am I My Sister's Keeper**". For more information, please call (903)593-6868

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**Arms of Hope Gala & Auction**

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**Updates**

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 Chris White Dale White David Wicks  
 Fred Wingate Tony Adams

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**  
 Prayer Scott Baker  
 Scripture Barry Ciaschini  
 Dismiss Jason Browning

**GREETERS**  
 Pete & Alisa Leung  
 Carroll & Cherrie Magee  
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
 Info Center: Ron & Jean Parish

**PICK UP CARDS for 8/25-9/1:**  
 Clay Mitcham, Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf,  
 Braden Lockhart, Caleb Heath

**SOUND BOOTH for 8/25-9/1**  
 Corey Coleman/Cal Wilkinson

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 8/25**  
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**Spiritual Oxygen**

Our bodies require oxygen. I've heard of some who have argued that a glass of water can wake you up in the morning just as well as a cup of coffee because of the oxygen in the water (I of course do not buy this argument and would never think of starting the day without a cup of coffee, but to each his own.... And isn't there oxygen, in the water, in the coffee?). But it is a simple, physiological truth, the body requires oxygen. An abundance of it. When we take a deep breath, oxygen fills our lungs, and then floods the central nervous system, circulatory system, etc. with life. When our bodies are oxygen depleted we do not function to our fullest capacity (those associated with the Tour de France can explain this well). Without breathing in oxygen the body dies. And without an abundance of oxygen the body suffers.

The Hebrew word for breath is "ruack." The Greek word for it is "pneuma." Would it surprise you that these same words (that can be translated "breath") are also the very words that are translated "Spirit"? The Spirit of God breathing life at creation. The Spirit of God breathing life at baptism. The Spirit of God renewing, empowering, uplifting, filling, flooding the body of Christ with spiritual oxygen today.

Without an abundance of oxygen the body suffers. The body of Christ requires spiritual oxygen. When we find ourselves (as individuals or as a church) in need of renewal, in need of revival, where do we turn? To whom do we turn? The Spirit of God gives life. James 2:26, "The body without the Spirit is dead."

Romans 8:11, "If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life (spiritual life) to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who gives you life."

When was the last time that you prayed for the Holy Spirit to fill you? To breathe life into you? To renew Christ's church? To bring about revival? To flood the body of Christ with spiritual oxygen?

I wonder what would happen if each of us would pray that prayer and if we were truly open to that prayer being answered?

Glory to God!

Jason

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**HAVE A BLESSED DAY!**

One of the nicer things I have noticed about living in Tyler is that many clerks at stores and such wish me a blessed day as I am leaving. I was rarely told that in Houston. I enjoy it when someone wants to wish God's blessings on me. It makes for a good life when you are a blessed child of God. How does one receive the blessings of God? The book of Revelation gives us some thoughts on that. Consider these passages: *Blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it... (1:3)*. Blessings come to those who live a life centered on God's word. *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them (14:13)*. You give the blessing of peace to your family when they know you are with the Lord for eternity. *Behold I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on (16:15)*. To the one who lives faithful, Jesus' second coming will not be a time of worry, but instead, it will be a time of fulfilled promises. *Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb (19:9)*. The bride is ready and this will be a time of joy and celebration. Don't miss this feast! *Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death holds no power... (20:6)*. Those who live with Jesus will overcome. With Jesus, we can live without doubts or fear. *Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life... (22:14)*. This is the reason for purity in our lives. The world offers nothing. Christ offers all and gave all so that we can claim our blessings. With Jesus, you can truly have a blessed day!



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*Dar verdaderos frutos*

**"Haced, pues, frutos dignos de arrepentimiento". (Lucas 3:8)**

Su carácter esencial, sus motivos, sus convicciones, sus lealtades y sus ambiciones, se mostrarán con el tiempo en lo que dice y en lo que hace. Las buenas obras no salvan, pero todo creyente es salvado para buenas obras, Dios nos capacita en Cristo Jesús para andar en obediencia a él y practicar en la vida esas virtudes que a través del la renovación de nuestro entendimiento por la palabra hemos aprendido. *"Porque somos hechura suya, creados en Cristo Jesús para hacer buenas obras, las cuales Dios preparó de antemano para que anduviésemos en ellas" (Ef. 2:10)*. Vea también **Gá. 5:22-23; Col. 1:10** Para el creyente, el llevar fruto ocurre con la ayuda de Cristo. El apóstol Pablo se refiere a que seamos

*"Llenos de frutos de justicia que son por medio de Jesucristo". (Fil. 1:11)*. Por otra parte, los incrédulos (entre ellos los que dicen ser cristianos y no lo son) con el tiempo mostrarán los malos frutos que inevitablemente produce su vida no regenerada, los cuales son incapaces de dar ese buen fruto porque su corazón está lleno del fruto del pecado, y lo que hace el hombre es sacar a través de las palabras, actitudes, pensamientos y sentimientos lo que trae dentro de sí mismo, por lo tanto no puede salir un bien si el interior esta llano de maldad.  
Si usted está dando frutos, estará creciendo en todas las esferas que enumera Pedro: fe, virtud, conocimiento, dominio propio, paciencia, piedad, afecto fraternal y amor (**2 P. 1:5-9**). De lo contrario debe considerar su vida cristiana y comenzar a andar en esos frutos que Dios creó para que ande en ellos. **Dios te bendiga no vemos el domingo.**



**Thank You**

Thank you for your prayers, cards & visits while Garland was at Rehab Hospital. He is at home now and is getting stronger every day.

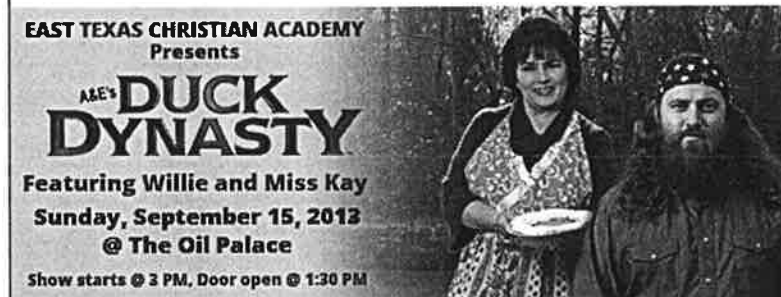
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**Little People's School** is having a reunion! All current & former teachers, staff & directors are cordially invited to a reunion on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00pm-4:00pm in the Gathering Room of the Glenwood Church of Christ. Please bring those Little People's School pictures to share and come see friends, old and new.

**Ladies Day**

**North Tenneha Ave Church of Christ** will be having its annual Ladies Day Program August 24<sup>th</sup>. This years' topic is **"Am I My Sister's Keeper"**. For more information, please call (903)593-6868.

**Summer Speaker Series**

Our Summer Speaker Series on Wednesday nights is coming to a close. Our final night will be August 28 with an end of Summer celebration! More details to come.

**Arms of Hope Gala & Auction**

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Bible Class	475	487	450
Worship a.m.	709	693	665
Worship p.m.	364	NC	NC
Wed. p.m.	339	320	NC
Contribution	\$26,101.10	\$22,359.12	\$22,677.10
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE**

**Hospitalized & Updates**

The following people are now home: **Marjorie Ethridge** | **Tommy Parrish**, after cornea surgery | **Sylvia Tharpe**, after cornea surgery | **Louise Culpepper**, blood pressure problems | **J. W. Bullard**, stepfather of Cathy Culpepper | **John Portwood** | **Jon Sorrells**, after testing at V.A. hospital

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Leon Welborn	Billy Whitaker	Bill White
Chris White	Dale White	David Wicks
Fred Wingate		Tony Adams

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**

Prayer	David Hammond
Scripture	Jeff Horton
Dismiss	Ralph Henderson

**GREETERS**

John & Virginia Pike  
Charles & Phyllis Rachui  
Scotty & Darlene Rouse  
Info Center: Dannie & Sue Skipper

**PICK UP CARDS for 9/1**

Clay Mitcham, Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf,  
Braden Lockhart, Caleb Heath

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Another Way of Life**

In January of 1863 Abraham Lincoln made public his intentions to abolish slavery in the United States, in the form of the Emancipation Proclamation. Civil war erupted. Lincoln was soon assassinated. And it wasn't until December of 1865, nearly three years later, that Lincoln's dream was realized as the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the Constitution was passed, abolishing slavery.

Word soon spread throughout the country. From Capitol Hill into every state of the south the headlines of every newspaper read, "Slavery Abolished!"

Yet something happened that no one had expected. Something that no one (especially in the north) could have imagined. A war had been fought. A president assassinated. A law had been signed. However many slaves in the south, who had been set free, willfully chose to remain *with* their masters. To, in essence, continue to live as slaves. Many for the rest of their lives.

And the question that began to be asked was, "Why?" Why would once enslaved men, women, and children who had been freed, emancipated, why would they continue to live in bondage and in fear. As brutal and as cruel as their old master was, why would they willingly choose to work in his fields, live under his oppression, and remain under his thumb? Why after being liberated, would so many choose the security of slavery, over the risks of liberty?

The answer?

*Because they knew no other way of life.*

"I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a child belongs to it forever. So if the Son has set you free, you will be free indeed" (John 8:34-36).

I wonder if that might hit home for some of us?

Glory to God!

Jason

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## JUNIOR HIGH DEVO SUNDAY

There will be a junior high devotional this Sunday night after evening services. Also, remember this week our Sunday night service reverts back to a 5pm start time, so the devo will last from 6-8pm. The Kingsburys will be providing our dinner, come join us!

### THANK YOU

A HUGE thank you goes out to Jeff and Melissa Parrish for sponsoring and cooking for our high school devotional this past Sunday. The spaghetti was a hit, and all of the help before and after was greatly appreciated.

### LAST CALL - ACTIVITIES SCHEDULES

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### DO SOMETHING SERIES

This Wednesday is our JH/HS class. We started a 4-week series called "Do Something". It's for any student who's ever asked the question, "But what can I do?" We're talking about what you can do, and how to take those steps of faith!



### TEACHINGS OF JESUS

In Matthew 13, we see Jesus down by the sea, and teaching a crowd that had gathered around him. In fact, so many had gathered, Jesus had to get into a boat so he could teach them. Jesus taught them in a series of parables. Those parables contain some great lessons for us today. Take a look: **The Sower:** Jesus teaches us about the importance of hearing correctly and how the word of God must take root in our hearts. **The Weeds:** Jesus teaches us how the Lord will judge his crop and how Satan is always on the attack against the church. He also tells of our victory. **The Mustard Seed:** Jesus teaches us about the success of small beginnings. No matter how large something has grown, it had a small start. You can do great things for the Lord; you just need the faith to start. **The Leaven:** Jesus teaches us about the influence the church can have and how it can spread into someone's life. All of us have an influence on someone. Is our influence one that is positive or negative? **The Treasure and the Pearl:** Jesus teaches us about the great value of the church. What are you willing to give up for the kingdom? **The Net:** Jesus teaches us how the gospel calls all kinds but some get rejected. There will be a separation of the true and false believers. Make sure your heart is in line with the true teachings of Christ. **The New and Old Treasures:** Jesus teaches us that there are old and new treasures in the kingdom. The wise teacher is one that makes the most out of both of them. From Jesus, we learn that God is sovereign and He will take care of the church. His word is just as timely today, as it was that day by the sea!



By Danny Snell

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**Who:** Adults & Families, Friends of members-especially those struggling with addictions.

**When:** Sunday, Sept 8, 5:30-9:00 PM (Movie 6:15-8:15)

Opportunity for processing after.

**Where:** Family Life Center

**Cost:** Free to the Community

Please pick up a ticket to give to a friend or family member as your personal invitation. We will ask you to do an RSVP via your attendance cards the next 2 Sundays so we can plan accordingly.

### Re-Engage

#### 10 Week Marriage Enrichment for Couples

The class has reached its capacity for this Fall.

Those of you who signed up, I need to have your email address...

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 4:30

## Escritos de Israel

### Un gran cambio en la vida 2 Cor 5:17

Esta semana la mayoría hemos experimentado un cambio en la vida de nuestras familias, disfrutamos de nuestros hijos por un par de meses y algunos salieron de vacaciones, otros tuvieron fiestas en sus hogares, otros hicieron diferentes actividades con su familia. El verano se fue y nuestros hijos regresaron a clases, para algunos este cambio es difícil porque quisieran tener un poco más a sus hijos de vacaciones y disfrutarlos, pero para otros es un alivio porque esto implica menos gasto en el hogar, y menos gritos y pleitos entre los niños. De una manera u otra este es un gran cambio por que hay que levantarnos más temprano para prepararlos para llevarlos a clases y a sus actividades después de la escuela, sin embargo es un cambio positivo,

Porque de esta manera se preparan nuestros hijos para enfrentar el futuro de una manera preparados. De igual manera para cada uno de nosotros al llegar a Cristo Jesús, comenzamos a experimentar un enorme cambio en nuestra vida, Dios espera una verdadera transformación en toda nuestra manera de vivir (**Efe. 4:17-32**), que no solamente cambiara nuestro hábitos pecaminosos, sino que experimentaremos cambios, en nuestra manera de pensar, de sentir, de hablar, nuestro carácter será transformado y en muchas ocasiones nuestras actividades cotidianas también son diferentes. Para muchos este cambio es imposible, para otros es difícil, para otros es doloroso, sin embargo es un cambio positivo porque de esta manera nuestro Dios nos está preparando para una eternidad con él en el cielo, es un cambio drástico y difícil pero lleno de recompensa (**Ro. 8:1**). **Dios te bendiga. ¡Nos vemos el domingo!**

### Help to Set Up

If you are able to help set up for the Home Run movie event in the Family Life Center. Set up will be after services Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Information Update

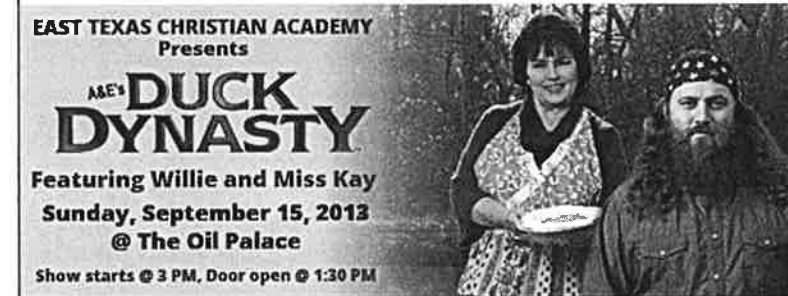
Please update your directories! **DeAnna Rainer**, 4091 Hogan Dr., #3309, Tyler, TX 75709. (903)747-7026 | **Bryce Murry**, Box 14915, 915 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72149-4915

### Ladies Class to Begin

Jennie Melville is planning to start the Ladies Wednesday morning Bible class on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in room 403 of the Office Complex. She hopes to finish the book "I Stand Amazed." They will begin on page 81. Contact Jennie for more information!

### Duck Dynasty Sponsorship

East Texas Christian Academy will kick off its 35th year hosting a family event fundraiser with network television channel A&E's Duck Dynasty! The event will take place at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, September 15 at the Oil Palace. The special event will feature Duck Commander CEO Willie Robertson and his mother, Miss Kay. All proceeds will benefit ETCA, including the Building for the Future Fund. Individual and business sponsorships are available. Please call 903-561-8642 for more information.



### Donated Items Needed

**Cherokee Home for Children** is collecting items for their annual auction on September 28, 2013. Items they are looking for include but aren't limited to furniture, household items, antiques/collectibles, lawn equipment, sporting equipment, office furniture/equipment, recreational vehicles, automobiles & trailers. For more information, please contact **Tommy** at (325)372-8871.

### Sunday Night Programs for Children

We are excited about some new programs for our kiddos on Sunday nights!

#### B.L.A.S.T

(Bible Lessons And Spiritual Training)

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grades | Small Auditorium

#### J.A.M.

(Jesus And Me)

Age 3-Kindergarten | Heritage Room

### Cut & Paste Club

A new ministry for the Resource Room has begun! "Cut & Paste Club" is for anyone who is willing to help prepare Bible class material in the Resource Room. They will meet every Thursday from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The first Thursday will be Sept. 5. See Nancy Crawford for more info.



### Thank You

Dear kind church family, Thank you for your love and care shown with the loss of my special needs granddaughter, Kim D. Holt. Saying thank you for so many cards, calls, hugs, words of comfort, food and those who braved grass burrs & fire ants, seems so inadequate. Please accept my sincere thanks. May God bless you all. In Christian love, **Betty Holt & Family**

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers during our special time of need. The spray of flowers was simply beautiful. Love,

**Jimmy & Sharen and the James Wester family**

Dear West Erwin Family, Thank you for surrounding us after I lost both of my grandmothers within 6 weeks of each other. All of your phone calls, cards and messages of hope meant so much to us and we really felt God's love and comfort through you. Thank you! **Ruth Anne Morgan**

### With Sympathy

Services were held last week for Roland Manuel, grandfather of **Anna Chandler**. | Services for **Sue Ealy**, sister of Carol Armstrong, were Friday in Duncanville. Our love & prayers are with these families.

### Trip to Dallas

There is a sign up sheet at the Information Center for the possibility of a trip to the George W. Bush Library at SMU. If there are enough people interested, the Young At Heart will set up the date and publicize when it will be. This is not limited to just Young At Heart members but anyone interested in going.

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Wed. p.m.	299	339	340
Contribution	\$20,263.50	\$26,101.10	\$24,772.75
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**Hospitalized**

**ETMC: Craig Thorne**, son of Bettie Thorne | **Lance Maldanoda**, nephew of Sharon Wester | **Mother Frances: John Portwood** | **John Womack**, friend of Teree Loveless, heart cath

**Updates**

**Bitsy Berryman** was diagnosed with breast cancer. At this time, no course of treatment has been selected. | **Louis Jones** will have a stent implanted for an aneurism on Mon., 9/9 at Mother Frances.

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Prayer Dick Higginbotham  
Scripture Randy Farrar  
Dismiss Jay Bynum  
Presiding At The Lord's Table Greg Jones

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Arnold Ables Cameron Ables Chris Ables  
Cody Ables Jim Armstrong Wayne Berryman  
Jim Boyd Dennis Brand

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**

Prayer Jamon Kirby  
Scripture Lee Kellenberger  
Dismiss Robert Lee

**GREETERS**

James & Connie Sublette  
Billy & Lynda Terrell  
Chris & Barbara White  
Info Center: Jeremy & Jenny Wilson

**PICK UP CARDS for 9/8-9/15**

John Park, Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith, Nathan Turner

**SOUND BOOTH for 9/8-9/15**

Daniel DuPree & Mark Frick

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 9/8**

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Three Messages**

This past Monday, 64-year-old Diana Nyad became the first person ever to swim the seemingly insurmountable 110 miles of open ocean from Cuba to Florida. Nearly 53 hours. Treacherous waters. No shark cage (an apparatus designed to be pulled behind a boat to protect the swimmer from shark attacks). Two nights of suffering. Her face swollen and lacerated from the effects of exposure. Serious abrasions from the stings of jellyfish. Recurring nausea from ingesting salt water. Her first attempt at the swim was 35 years ago in 1978. She has been told over and over it was impossible. But never believed it. 5 attempts and 35 years later she has proved the impossible possible.

Exhausted and depleted, Diana said that she had "three messages" to share: "One is, we should never, ever give up. Two is, you are never too old to chase your dreams. Three is, it looks like a solitary sport, but it takes a team." I am impressed with these three statements. Whether she has thought of these "three messages" for decades, or if they were completely spontaneous, they speak to us right where we are, in a spiritual way.

1) *Never, ever give up.*

I wonder what have you given up on? Who have you given up on? Where have you conceded defeat? How has Satan convinced you that you do not measure up? What impresses me is that after four failures, Diana kept training, kept dreaming, and gave it another try. (After 35 years, it sounds as if she'd have made a sixth attempt if the fifth had failed.)

2) *You are never too old to chase your dreams.*

I'm thinking of our life in the Kingdom. What is it that God has called you to do for the world around you that you've come up with every excuse in the book as to why it wouldn't work? (Because that is fear whispering in your ear, not faith.)

3) *It looks like a solitary sport, but it takes a team.*

There were over thirty people on board boats that traveled with Diana. Cheering her on. Keeping her confidence up. Searching the surrounding waters for dangers. Encouraging her when she was physically exhausted and emotionally depleted. That's precisely who we are to be for one another. Sometimes you're the one navigating the treacherous waters. At other times you're in the boat warning of dangers or providing encouragement and direction. But this Christian life is not a solitary one. It takes a team.

Three messages, that maybe today, you needed to hear.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## HOME RUN MOVIE SUNDAY

There is no junior high or high school devotional this Sunday night. Instead, everyone is encouraged to come to the movie screening of "Home Run" in the FLC immediately following evening services. There will be dinner and drinks provided!

## THANK YOU

Thank you to Dennis and Shannon Kingsbury for providing our meal Sunday night for our junior high devotional... the taco stack and brownies were great! And to Randy Turner for helping with the activities.

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## PREPARED

How many people actually listen to the safety talk on an airplane? Nobody thinks that his or her plane is actually going to be involved in a crash. It almost seems like a waste of time. Everybody knows how to fasten and unfasten his or her seatbelt, right? Maybe not; a study by the British Civil Aviation Authority revealed that an average of 6% of passengers get delayed by seatbelt problems during an evacuation. Every demo discusses what to do if the plane has to make a water landing, but in the 2009 U.S. Airways landing on the Hudson River, only about half took a seat cushion for floatation and only 10 of 150 passengers thought to grab a life jacket. They'd heard the briefing, but hadn't really listened. Few pay attention to the very information that can save their lives. I can't help but feel that we treat God the same way. We're vaguely aware that He's there; we know that we really ought to learn more about Him, but we don't take the trouble to do so, until we find ourselves in an emergency. Then we wish we knew Him better. We wish we knew more about how to pray. We wish we were more confident about knowing what He expects of us and how we should behave towards Him. My suggestion is not to wait until that crisis hits. Take the time to learn about God. Connect with people who know Him and can guide you. Learn the basics about Bible study, then make reading the Bible a part of your daily routine. Start talking to God on a regular basis... your prayer life is vital. Connecting with God is easier than inflating a life vest or opening an emergency exit on a plane, and His rescue lasts forever. (Tim Archer)



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Andy Pettitte, All-Star Pitcher

**Who:** Adults & Families, Friends of members-especially those struggling with addictions

**When:** Sunday, Sept 8

**Where:** Family Life Center

**Cost:** Free to the Community

Here's the plan:

Come to church from 5:00-5:30.

5:30-6:10 Eat, visit and take your little kids (birth-3rd grade) back across the street for provided childcare.

6:10 Introduction & Movie.

8:10 Movie Ends... Time for processing.

8:30 Pick up your kids.

## Re-Engage

### 10 Week Marriage Enrichment for Couples

I have one spot open if you are interested.

Those of you who signed up, I need to have your email address...

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## Escritos de Israel

### LA BENDICION DE TENER A DIOS EN NUESTRA CASA.

*"El arca de Dios quedo con la familia de Obed-edom, en su casa, durante tres meses. Y EL SEÑOR bendijo a la familia de Obed-edom y todo lo que tenía" (1 Cro. 13:14).*

La presencia de Dios en nuestras casas puede ser de bendición o de maldición. Depende de lo que nosotros queramos recibir de él eso tendremos, pero para recibir bendición se requiere consagración y obediencia, y para recibir la maldición es todo lo contrario "Desobediencia". Uza un hombre del pueblo de Israel desobedeció lo que en la ley de Dios se prohibía, que era tocar el arca de Dios (Num. 4:15). Pero Uza ignora eso y extendió su mano y toco el arca para que no cayera a tierra (1 Cro. 13:9), y en ese mismo momento el SEÑOR lo castigo con la muerte (1 Cro. 13:10). Sin embargo Obed-edom y su familia fueron bendecidos cuando el arca de Dios estuvo en su casa por tres meses (1 Cro. 13:14), Dios los bendijo en todas las maneras.

Este es un gran ejemplo para cada uno de nosotros que hemos recibido la presencia de Dios y que el espíritu santo mora en nuestros cuerpos y en nuestras casas (1 Cor. 3:16) y si nosotros no andamos en obediencia y santidad delante de Dios, también traerá castigo sobre nosotros (1 Cor. 3:17). Sin embargo la bendición es para todos aquellos que son conscientes de la presencia de Dios en sus vidas y en sus casas y se consagran y santifican para Dios, andando en obediencia al los mandamientos de Cristo ellos serán grandemente bendecidos en todo (Sal. 1:1-3). Sin duda alguna la palabra de Dios tiene toda la autoridad y es verdad, las escrituras nos estimulan y nos animan a que aceptemos la presencia de Dios en nuestras vidas, viviendo vidas santas para nuestro Dios y tendremos bendición (Efe. 1:3).

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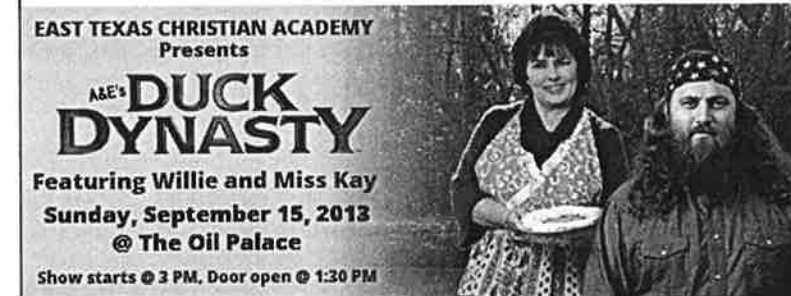
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All seniors 55+! Please make plans to be at Young At Heart on Thursday, September 12 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Entertainment will be "The C." It will be potluck dinner. See you there!

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Janice Hardaway

I am still working on thank you notes to everyone but I just wanted to thank our West Erwin church family as a group for the baby table shower for our sweet Beau. Once again you have blessed us with more than we even need. Every gift card, box of diapers or wipes and sweet gifts are more than appreciated. We also want to thank the Meals for Moms ministry for the wonderful food that was prepared & delivered during those first two sleep-deprived weeks at home! Not having to worry about meals was such a burden lifted as we were settling into a becoming a family of 4. We feel so loved and we are so thankful how you love our boys and continually love and bless our family.

Matt & Lindsay Kelly

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Sylvia Tharpe

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Wed. p.m.	350	299	379
Contribution	\$22,706.52	\$20,263.50	\$21,851.37
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**Updates**

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Satan's Native Language**

**"When Satan lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar, the father of lies." – John 8:44**

As Christians I believe we easily acknowledge that Satan has one mission: To separate us from God. That's his mission.

**"The thief comes to steal, kill, and to destroy." – John 10:10**

As believers we readily confess we have one mission: To connect others with God. That's our mission.

**"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against God, and we take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ." – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5**

Satan never ceases in his attempts to derail our lives, our faith, our eternity. However, not only is the enemy seeking to alienate us from God, he also attempts in every way to interfere in our relationships with one another. To distance us from one another. To create animosity or stress or distrust or anxiety within the community of faith. Why? Because it impedes our effectiveness.

He's the "father of lies" remember? He is the deceiver. If he can convince us that disharmony (not disagreement, but disharmony) is acceptable, it limits our effective witness in the world. When he is successful in deceiving us and convincing us that the enemy is a fellow believer with whom we have disagreement, the father of lies, is "speaking his native language." Satan wants nothing more than to stifle momentum in Christ's church. And very often he accomplishes this not through outright sinful behavior, but by diverting our attention, and cloaking divisiveness in the shroud of religiousness. The tension is such that if you're not a part of the solution, you're a part of the problem. When we allow the father of lies to whisper in our ears, we serve as conduits, as he shouts from the rooftops. And very often, through well-meaning believers misguided in who the enemy truly is.

**"If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out, or you will be destroyed by each other." – Galatians 5:15**

**"Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." – Ephesians 6:12**

Why do we so often play into Satan's hand?

Glory to God!

Jason

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## NOTHING GREAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU HOLD BACK!

That was my favorite line from the movie "Home Run" that we showed last Sunday night in the Family Life Center. I think that it is a great thought, especially when we put God in the mix. When I look back at some of those great Bible stories, I see many "reluctant servants", but when they let go and trusted God to help, they did some great things for the Lord. Let's look at a few of them. **Moses**; who was a man of many excuses at the burning bush, and was content with his life until his experience at the bush. I'm sure he had no idea of the plans God had for him. Once he let go, look at what he accomplished for the Lord. With God, he faced the power of Egypt, he led the Israelites through their dark years in the wilderness, and he took them to the edge of the Promised Land. With God, Moses overcame his doubts and became a great leader of God's people. **Jonah**; talk about a reluctant servant. It took three days in the belly of the great fish to convince him to serve. What a great preacher of God's word he turned out to be. With God, Jonah overcame his fear. **Jeremiah**; who upon his call from God replied that he was too young and could not speak. With God, Jeremiah became a tower of strength, and one of God's great heroes of the Bible. With God, Jeremiah won the battle over his lack of confidence. Satan uses our doubts, our fears, and our lack of confidence to hinder us in our work for the Lord. When we trust in God and step out in faith, we change. We no longer agonize over our failures. We let go of our mistakes, and we keep on growing our faith. Just like the heroes of the Bible, when we don't hold back on God, great things happen!



## Home Run Movie

A huge thanks to all who helped put together the "Home Run" movie event. It was a great evening with many visitors in attendance. It was an opportunity to reach out to our community in a special way. We had a great turn out with over 275 in attendance. A big thanks to Tim McCellon & all those who helped prepare the food. Tim is a great hot dog cooker!

## Re-Engage

### 10 Week Marriage Enrichment for Couples

I have a couple of spots open if you are interested. Please contact me as soon as possible. Those of you who signed up, I need to have your email address... Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, Sept. 15 @ 4:30 in The Office Complex Classrooms. Childcare will be provided across the street.

## Escritos de Israel

### En busca del favor de Dios. (Pro. 3:3-4)

¿Se ha sentido tentado a pensar alguna vez que el Señor tenga favoritismo? Algunas historias de la Biblia dan esa impresión. Hablemos de María, por ejemplo. Cuando el ángel Gabriel la vio, le dijo: "¡Salve, muy favorecida! El Señor es contigo" (Lc 1.28). Pensemos después en Moisés; Dios le habló cara a cara, como habla alguien con su amigo (Ex 33.11). Y, por supuesto, tenemos a Samuel, quien crecía en el favor del Señor y en el de toda la gente (1 S 2.26). La Biblia dice que Dios no dejó caer a tierra ninguna de sus palabras (3.19). ¿Son ellos ejemplos de favoritismos?

A pesar de las apariencias, no es así. Dios puede conceder o quitar el favor, pero eso no sucede arbitrariamente. El favor de Dios está disponible para todos.

¿Cómo se obtiene, entonces, el favor del Señor? Ante todo, hay que pedirlo. El salmista dice: "Supliqué tu favor con todo mi corazón" (Sal 119.58). Luego, en el pasaje de hoy en Proverbios, aprendemos que podemos hacer nuestras la misericordia y la verdad, y que ellas pueden llevarnos al favor ante los ojos de Dios y de los hombres.

Un pasaje de la Biblia especialmente útil se encuentra en el Salmo 25:14. Aquí se nos dice que "los secretos del SEÑOR son para los que le temen" La palabra "secretos" en este contexto se refiere a una comunión dulce y estrecha. Esta comunión está disponible para quienes temen a Dios, lo que significa que son para todos los que deciden andar en bondad, obediencia y el temor del Señor. **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**

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## With Appreciation

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Nancy Crawford & the Children's Ministry

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**Putting It All Together**

Tiersa is capable of composing something great out of seemingly nothing at all better than anyone I know. "What's for dinner," I'll ask her. "Let me see what I've got," she'll say. And she'll take a bunch of things that to me don't even appear to go in the same pantry, much less on the same plate, and she creates something incredibly wonderful (she would dominate on the Food Network shows *Chopped* and *Iron Chef!*).

At Creation, God creates something out of nothing. He speaks life into existence. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters" (Genesis 1:1-2). The word translated "created" in Hebrew is "ex-nihilo." Literally it means, "out of nothing." Technically the text could read, "In the beginning, God, out of nothing, the heavens and the earth." Cool stuff!

And we believe it. Right? We believe that God speaks everything that is into existence. Don't we? We believe that "ex-nihilo" God creates through His Word and breathes life through His Spirit. Do we not? Why then do we find it so difficult to believe that He can accomplish the same in and through us?

Very often, you and I, we look at our lives and all we see is what I see when I go the pantry the day before Tiersa goes to the grocery store. We see nothing that's good. Nothing that is appealing. Nothing that can be put together, or that can be salvaged, or that's worthwhile. But God sees you and I, like Tiersa sees all of that stuff in the pantry, that to me looked like starvation. For what it could be. For what we could be.

God is in the putting it all together business. He is an expert in stepping in and saving the day. He continually creates something absolutely wonderful out of a complete mess. Triumph out of defeat. Beauty out of ashes.

Look to Scripture. Look to the lives of fellow followers of Jesus today. He's still doing it! "Ex-nihilo." God. Out of nothing. Faithful, strong, redeemed, alive, made new, made whole, focused, joyful, at peace - men and women of the Kingdom.

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach the Good News to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor..." (Isaiah 61:1-2b; cf. Luke 4:18-19).

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Jason

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**HOW CAN WE NOT?**

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**WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND**

*The righteous who walks in his integrity – blessed are his children after him (Proverbs 20:7).* I like this verse because it gives us the key to how we can bless our children for generations to come. My dad was always concerned about what he left behind for mom and us. While he did a great job of managing his money, he also left us something far more valuable than money. He left us his legacy in the church and instilled in us the importance of "heavenly thinking". It impressed on me the importance of "what we leave behind" for our children. Here are some things I believe we need to be "leaving behind". **Viewing children as a stewardship:** Our children need godly parents. They need parents that teach them about gratitude and not complaining. Our children need to be taught about the importance of submission and they need to see their parents love each other. Our children need to see their parents obeying God even when it "costs". **How to honor God:** Do your children see you honor God? Do they see in you a desire to worship Him, or do they see that desire fade after a late night or if a big game is on? Our children are watching us and they learn from us. **The importance of God's armor:** Are you preparing your children for battle? Are you going to send them out in this world without the full armor of God? Have they seen you dressed for battle? **Leading our children:** we can't drive our children to Christ, we must lead them. We lead them with our speech. We lead them by how we value God's word. We lead them by treating others with compassion and mercy. Are you "leaving behind" things that will last generations?



By Danny Snell

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**Consider this passage...**

**8** Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. **9** Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:8-9  
As each of us look to growing in our faith, we are challenged to be different than the world. That difference is displayed in our actions... specifically as to how we treat others. "Love the Lord your God with all your..." you know the rest of that passage. Tied in with this "Greatest Commandment" is what follows, "love your neighbor..." That may be our greatest challenge. Peter simply says, "Be a blessing to others." Ask yourself, "How can I be a blessing today to..." my kids, my spouse, my waitress, my teacher, my elders, my parents, my neighbor, or the cashier at the grocery store.

*Escritos de Israel*

**La estrategia de Satanás (Jn.8:42-47).**

Quienes seguimos a Cristo tenemos un enemigo, y su nombre es Satanás (**Mr 1.13**). Éste, que es un ser creado, está suelto en el mundo pero limitado en lo que puede realizar contra nosotros (**Job 1.12**). Muchas personas lo consideran nada más que un producto de la imaginación, lo cual le permite trabajar sin ser detectado. Aunque es un enemigo derrotado (**Jn 16.11**), aparenta lo contrario. **Veamos los objetivos de Satanás:**

1. Alejamos de Dios por medio de métodos directos y también sutiles.
  2. Frustrar el propósito de Dios en nuestras vidas, tratando de que nos apartemos de la voluntad de nuestro Padre celestial.
  3. Negarle a Dios la gloria y la honra que le corresponden, lo cual hacemos con nuestras vidas de obediencia.
  4. Destruirnos en este mundo.
- El padre de mentira (**Jn 8.44**) utiliza la falsedad, el engaño y la tentación para lograr sus propósitos, y ha elegido nuestra mente como campo de batalla. ¿Por qué razón? Porque la manera equivocada de pensar conduce a la conducta desobediente y obstaculiza el propósito de Dios. Las ideas erróneas producen sentimientos en nosotros que Satanás puede explotar para impedir nuestro avance espiritual. Aunque pueden suceder reveses, los creyentes no serán derrotados "porque mayor es el que está en vosotros, que el que está en el mundo" (**1 Jn 4.4**). La Biblia dice: "llevando cautivo todo pensamiento a la obediencia a Cristo" (**2 Co 10.5**). El poder de Satanás está limitado por que Cristo le quito el poder (**Heb. 2:14**). Y el cristiano también tiene el triunfo sobre Satanás por medio de Cristo (**Ro. 8:37-38**). **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**

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**Donated Items Needed**

**Cherokee Home for Children** is collecting items for their annual auction on September 28, 2013. Items they are looking for include but aren't limited to furniture, household items, antiques/collectibles, lawn equipment, sporting equipment, office furniture/equipment, recreational vehicles, automobiles & trailers. For more information, please contact **Tommy** at (325)372-8871.

**Gospel Meeting in Waco**

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Ladies are invited to Graceton Church of Christ's 2013 Ladies Day. The topic is Humility: a Gentle & Quiet Spirit and the guest speaker is Keely McCary. It will be held September 21 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to 903-797-2673 or [gracetonchurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:gracetonchurchofchrist@gmail.com). See the flyer at the Information Center.

**Address Change**

Please update your directories! **Louise Seaberry's** new address is 4902 Forestwood, Tyler, TX 75703. Her phone numbers are still the same.

**Young Adults Class**

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**Free Concert**

League Street Church of Christ and MLK Blvd. Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs invites you to a free concert! Acapella Vocal Band and Living Sacrifice will be singing. The concert starts at 6:00 p.m. on the downtown square. Bring lawn chairs! The concert will be moved to League Street Church of Christ in case of rain.

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**Arms of Hope Collections**

Arms of Hope is collecting items for their children's homes. The following are items they need: Tide PODS laundry detergent, canned fruit pie filling, pop tarts, fruit juice & paper towels. Please place these items in your **Sunday morning Bible classrooms**. Please donate items before September 23.

**Meeting in Longview**

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Ladies are invited to a Wedding Shower for **caitlin (cook) & austin worley**

Sunday, Sept. 22  
3:00-4:30 p.m.

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Bible Class	472	479	464
Worship a.m.	674	693	668
Worship p.m.	421	344	357
Wed. p.m.	321	380	368
Contribution	\$23,557.66	\$37,976.49	\$23,579.57
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE:**  
**Hospitalized**

**ETMC: Craig Thorne**, son of Bettie Thorne | **Lance Maldonado**, nephew of Sharon Wester | **ETMC Olympic/Rehab: Wanda Cook** | **Mother Frances: John Portwood**

**Updates**

**Shae Barrett** is now home. | **Bitsy Berryman's** surgery is scheduled for Wednesday, October 2. | **Louise Culpepper** will have heart surgery Monday, 9/30. | **Louis Jones'** heart cath went well and a surgery date is not yet set. | **Tara Kilgore** has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. It is benign and her surgery date is 9/30.

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**GREETERS**

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Don & Mary Jo Crowder  
Ken & Cathy Culpepper  
Info Center: Frank & Gail Debenport

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Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Luke Wallace, Davis Carnathan, Matthew Christian

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Fear, Doubt, and Anxiety**

"Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, 'We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it!' (Numbers 13:30).

I love the story of Joshua and Caleb scoping out the Promised Land. I think most of us do. They covertly travel the landscape with ten other "spies." They return and confirm that the land God had promised to them was more than they could have ever thought possible. Caleb declares before the entire Israelite community, "What are we waiting for?!" (It reminds me of what the Apostle Paul will write in Romans 8:31, "If God is for us, who can be against us?") But what do the other ten spies who went with Joshua and Caleb come back and say? "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them" (Numbers 13:33).

Twelve men, two perspectives. It is a story of fear versus faith in God. Doubt versus trust in God. Anxiety versus confidence in God.

A few weeks ago we held a premiere of the movie "Home Run" in the FLC. We had 250+ in attendance, many of whom were invited by friends, all of whom benefited greatly from the evening together. The movie centered upon struggling with addiction and struggling in relationships. Ultimately, the movie centered upon trusting God. One of the best lines in the movie was, "Nothing great happens when you hold back."

Fear, doubt, and anxiety hold us back. As a people. As a church. We fear failure. We doubt God. When we do, anxiety reigns, the Kingdom is crippled, and the enemy is pleased.

When will we understand, "Nothing great happens when you hold back."

And so I ask you these questions: What do you need to let go of? Is your faith as strong as it ought to be? In what way are you not trusting wholly in our Father? What creates anxiety within you? What do you need to give to God?

Caleb asks the people of God, "What are we waiting for?!"

Today, I ask the same.

Glory to God!

Jason

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## JH/HS GATHERING - SUNDAY

This Sunday we will be having our quarterly area-wide called "The Gathering" at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. We will leave West Erwin at 5pm and return at 8:45pm. Please bring \$3 for dinner. We really want to encourage you to come, this will be our one combined JH/HS Sunday night of the month and we want you to be a part of it!

### DO SOMETHING SERIES

We only have two weeks left in our Wednesday night series "Do Something". It's been a great series, and it's been exciting to hear from our students about what they are DOING for the calling of Christ in their lives. This week we're talking about "What Do We Do With The Gift". This isn't about the stuff we have, but what we do with the gift of our life.

### JH ZEW RETREAT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our annual junior high ZEW (Zealous Everyday Warriors) Retreat is the weekend before Thanksgiving, Nov. 22-24. That seems like a long way away but it'll be here before you know it, so mark it down now!

### BIBLE QUIZ STARTING SOON

Bible quiz will be starting soon, so keep watching the bulletin for practice times and quiz dates!



### THINKING ABOUT CONVERSION

I enjoyed Jason's sermon last Sunday dealing with our conversion. It took me back to my chemical plant days working with DuPont. As you can imagine, a chemical plant is all about conversions. The last unit I worked in before I retired made Hydrofluoric Acid. The process started with mined dirt called spar. The spar was dried, and then put into a large reactor where it was mixed under heat with Sulfuric Acid and other chemicals. After some more refining, out came the finished product. Each chemical that was added to the process was tested by our labs to ensure its quality. That was because each chemical added something that was needed in the process. If any one of those chemicals had a flaw, it hurt the quality of acid we were trying to produce. It was a process of steps, and each step was important to the big picture. As Jason pointed out, our spiritual conversion is an ongoing process too. We become Christians at baptism, but total conversion or maturity comes with study, worship, a strong prayer life, and service. All these acts deepen our faith and they all play an equal part in the process. You can't leave one out. When these efforts become "quality time" with God, we speed the process along, and we become the kind of people that Christ needs to grow His church. Consider Paul's words to the church of Colossae, ... we pray for you asking that you be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom... so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, pleasing to him, bearing fruit,...strengthened with all power, ...enduring with joy... and giving thanks to the Father ... (Col.1:-12).



By Danny Snell

### Re-Engage

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It is amazing what influences we have to deal with everyday that distract us from what is most important. The TV, Internet, people, Facebook, Twitter, our job, friends, memories, crazy drivers, lunch, etc... The truth is that this world that we live in is a distraction and that is why Paul continually reminds us to "set our minds on things above..." Col. 3:2 It is vital for our spiritual health and well being that we keep looking ahead in the right direction. Maybe our prayer needs to be... "Lord help me focus on your desire for my life..." Consider the following: "Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."

## Escritos de Israel

### Dando sentido a nuestra vida

**"Andad en todo el camino que Jehová vuestro Dios os ha mandado, para que viváis y os vaya bien, y tengáis largos días en la tierra que habéis de poseer" (Deuteronomio 5:33).**

La palabra de Dios nos habla en muchas ocasiones del camino como en el verso citado, también nos habla del camino de la vida, el camino de justicia, el camino de maldad, el camino de la condenación, el camino que al hombre parece derecho, el camino del impío etc. En el NT. También se nos habla de muchos caminos, pero hace mucho énfasis en el camino que nos conduce hacia el padre celestial (Jn. 14:6). Este es un mensaje que podemos leer una y otra vez en el nuevo testamento, porque su voluntad es que el hombre pueda llegar a su presencia y el único camino es a través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo.

Es por ello que no debemos desaprovechar la oportunidad de poder andar en ese camino. Nosotros estamos en medio de un peregrinaje todo el tiempo de nuestra vida y la clave para el éxito de nuestro peregrinar es saber en qué camino estoy caminando, si andamos en el camino de Dios sin lugar a duda habremos encontrado el verdadero sentido de la vida, por que Dios nos llama para que le sirvamos (Ro. 8:29). La voluntad de Dios tal como a Israel su pueblo, nos invita para andar en su camino en obediencia hasta que alcancemos la madurez necesaria a la estatura de Cristo (Efe. 4:13). Dios quiera que en nuestro peregrinaje en la tierra no nos olvidemos de la palabra de Dios y de esta manera encontremos el verdadero sentido de nuestra vida. **Dios te bendiga y nos vemos el domingo.**

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### Christian Homes & Family Services Open House

The Board of Trustees and staff of Christian Homes & Family Services are delighted to invite you to join them for an open house blessing the new East Texas Family Services Center and Miriam's Room. It will be Sunday, October 6 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at 5476 Hollytree Dr., Tyler, TX. There will be refreshments, children's activities and tours. They are also stocking "Miriam's Room," (necessities and niceties for foster children and birth mothers). Please bless Miriam's Room with a new item for babies to 24-month-olds, toiletries for birth mothers or a gift card which would be a blessing to any soul entrusted to their care. If you can't make the open house, the Tyler Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony will be Friday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the same address.

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### Thank You

Every day God gives me the gift of 86,400 seconds. May I use a few of them today to say "Thank you." I am truly touched by the many cards and also your prayers during my recent illness. I continue to improve each day. You are certainly among the most kind people on earth. I love all of you.

**Davy Carter**

To our West Erwin family, We would like to say thank you for the beautiful cards, calls and most of all your prayers. A special thank you to the Tuesday Lunch Bunch.

**Clinton & Louise Culpepper**

### Reception & Book Signing

You are cordially invited to a reception & book signing honoring Wes Crawford and the Legacy of Charles & Judy Siburt on October 13, 2:00-3:30 p.m. at Glenwood Church of Christ, 5210 Hollytree Dr. This event is on the occasion of the publication of *Shattering the Illusion* by Wes Crawford and *The Effective Practice of Ministry: Essays in Memory of Charles Siburt*, Tim Sensing, editor.

There will be a wedding table shower for **Jaci Prestidge**, bride-elect of Patrick Luebbert on October 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Selections at Target, Kohl's and Bed, Bath & Beyond. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer.

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**Updates**

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Tom Cook Kevin Cooper Don Crawford  
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Prayer Tony Adams  
Scripture Fred Wingate  
Dismiss Scott Baker

**GREETERS**

Howard & Linda Dickson  
Don & Norma Durham  
Chad & Amber Chauncey  
Info Center: Mark & Melissa Frick

**PICK UP CARDS for 10/6-10/13**

Caleb DuPree, Caleb Heath, Braden Lockhart,  
Logan Metcalf, Luke Metcalf

**SOUND BOOTH for 10/6-10/13**

Jonathan Stone & Clifton Lindsey

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**The God of the Towel**

Ministering to others is *the* primary way in which we reveal Jesus to a lost and broken world. Allowing the love of Christ to bring healing to a broken world through those who themselves are continually made whole in Jesus is what serving and sharing and ministering is all about.

Jesus sets the pace:

"The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus. Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under His power, and that He had come from God and was returning to God; so He got up from the meal, took off His outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around His waist. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash His disciples feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around Him" (John 13:2-5).

John's Upper Room narrative intimately describes the motive and method of Jesus. God has placed all things under His authority. Jesus is in complete control. John acknowledges Jesus' awareness of His divine nature and authority, "He had come from God and was returning to God." And because of His divine prerogative, the God of the towel rises from the meal, wraps a towel around His waist, and pours water into a basin. Jesus' connectedness to God and divine reality as God incarnate compels Him to take the nature of a servant (cf. Philippians 2:6-8).

Isn't it the same with us? Isn't it such that our connectedness to God and spiritual reality as those within whom His Spirit dwells, compel ministering to others, and bringing hope and healing to a broken world?

But, is this you're perspective? Is this your philosophy? Is this your practice?

Glory to God!

Jason

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## THE GATHERING – THANK YOU!

We took 51 students and 4 adults with us Sunday night to The Gathering area-wide in Henderson, it was so encouraging! Big thank you to Ken Culpepper for driving the bus, and Jon and Melanie Murry for driving as well, it was a great night!

### JH DEVO - SUNDAY

This Sunday is a junior high devo night after church. The Smith's and the Stamp's will be providing our dinner for the night, and the devo will go from 6-8pm, so come join us!

### DO SOMETHING SERIES

This is our last week in our Wednesday night series "Do Something". This week we're finishing up the topic of "What Do We Do With The Gift". This isn't about the stuff we have, but what we do with the gift of our life.

### JH ZEW RETREAT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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### GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

I am not the kind of person that sets goals for myself, but I am the kind of person that believes in having a direction in life. I believe that if you don't have some focus on where you are going, you increase the odds of making a wrong turn. In life, wrong turns can mean big trouble. I would like you to consider these words of Jesus: *I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me...I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me (Jo.17:20,21,23).* This is a prayer of Jesus, and he is praying for us and the direction our lives should be taking. **We should be showing Christ in our words.** Christians do not tear down and destroy with their speech, but instead they build up, encourage, and edify. Words can be powerful and we should use them wisely. **We should be showing Christ in our unity.** Christians should be of the same mind, should love each other, and should have the same focus (Phi.2:2). The way we live together should bring glory to God. **We should be showing Christ by how we maintain unity in the church.** When the community sees us put aside our own ambitions for the good of the church, and when they see us looking out for the good of others, then the community sees God in action through His people. Then, the world can know where Jesus came from and what Jesus can do for them. That is a good direction for the church and for our lives too!



By Danny Snell

### Re-Engage

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 6 @ 4:30 p.m. in The Office Complex Classrooms. Childcare will be provided across the street. Be sure and do your homework and pray for your marriage!

### Are you a Wrecker or Builder?

I watched them tearing a building down, a gang of men in a busy town. With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell, they swung a beam and a sidewall fell. I asked the foreman, "Are these men skilled, as the men you'd hire if you had to build?" He gave me a laugh and said, "No indeed! Just common labor is all I need. I can easily wreck in a day or two what builders have taken a year to do." And I tho't to myself as I went my way, which of these two roles have I tried to play? Am I a builder who works with care, measuring life by the rule and square? Am I shaping my deeds by a well-made plan, patiently doing the best I can? Or am I a wrecker who walks the town, content with the labor of tearing down?  
– Unknown

## Escritos de Israel

### ¿TODO PROSPERA EN TU MANO?

**"Y VIO SU AMO QUE JEHOVA ESTABA CON EL, Y QUE TODO LO QUE EL HACIA, JEHOVA LO HACIA PROSPERAR EN SU MANO". GENESIS 39:3**

La Palabra de Dios está hablando en este pasaje de JOSE, su amo era un hombre no creyente y al ver a José hacer las cosas se dio cuenta que no era la capacidad ni la habilidad de José lo que le permitía ver resultados tangible que no eran de este mundo. Potifar su amo, no era hombre de discernimiento espiritual, pero si podía observar que los resultados de José eran tan espectaculares que no los podía lograr un hombre común y corriente, su amo sabia que algo sobrenatural había en José.

Potifar veía que los maravillosos resultados de José no provenían de su capacidad natural, sino que tenía que deberse al hecho de que el Señor estaba con él y lo hacía prosperar todo en su mano. Creo que esa es la clave para que el mundo quiera conocer de Jesús y caminar con El, que lo que nosotros hagamos y digamos sea totalmente con la bendición de Dios, fruto de nuestra confianza y búsqueda de Él (**Proverbios, 10:3**).

José aun en los peores momentos de su vida confió en que Jehová estaba con él, que las promesas que le había hecho eran una realidad en su vida, aunque aun no las viera. (**Heb.11:26-27**). Anhelemos que todo lo que hagamos tenga el mismo tipo de resultados que José. Que en donde estemos la gente vea a Cristo a través de nuestras vidas, en lo sencillo, en lo cotidiano. (**Mt.5:13-16**). **Dios te bendiga y nos miramos el domingo.**

### Baptism

**Alberta Salgado** was baptized Sept. 29. His address is 216 Adams, Tyler, TX 75702 and phone number is 903-952-7035. Welcome to the West Erwin family!

### Lewisville Women's Conference

The Lewisville Church of Christ invites young ladies & women to the DFW Woman to Woman Convention October 4 & 5. Visit [www.W2WConvention.com](http://www.W2WConvention.com) or see the flyer at the Information Center.

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### Christian Homes & Family Services Open House

The Board of Trustees and staff of Christian Homes & Family Services are delighted to invite you to join them for an open house blessing the new East Texas Family Services Center and Miriam's Room. It will be Sunday, October 6 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at 5476 Hollytree Dr., Tyler, TX. There will be refreshments, children's activities and tours. They are also stocking "Miriam's Room," (necessities and niceties for foster children and birth mothers). Please bless Miriam's Room with a new item for babies to 24-month-olds, toiletries for birth mothers or a gift card which would be a blessing to any soul entrusted to their care. If you can't make the open house, the Tyler Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony will be Friday, October 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the same address.

### Meeting in Longview

Longview Church of Christ invites you to their Fall Meeting October 4-6 with guest speaker Neal Thurman from the University Church of Christ in Tyler. See the flyer at the Information Center for more details.

### With Sympathy

Services are pending for **Lee Carter**, brother of Davy. He lived in Oklahoma. Our love & prayers are with the family.

### Welcome, New Members!

**Jacques & Lauren Delivaudais Taylor (13, Lauren's niece) Jackson (6), Katelyn(1)**

608 Yesterday Ln., Lindale, TX 75771

[jacqueslg2000@yahoo.com](mailto:jacqueslg2000@yahoo.com)

Jacques: 903-312-3393 | Lauren: 903-316-4464

**Johnathan & Jessica Diller**

**Jaydee(8), Cord(1)**

2353 VZCR 4714, Ben Wheeler, TX 75754

903-316-1957 | [nfrorbust@yahoo.com](mailto:nfrorbust@yahoo.com)

**Gary & Debbie Elrod**

411 Gateridge, Tyler, TX 75703

**Marshall Phillips**

2934 Pollard, Tyler, TX 75701 | 903-597-4492

[marshall.phillips@gmail.com](mailto:marshall.phillips@gmail.com)

**Patrick Luebbert**

10483 FM 344 E, Whitehouse TX 75791

We welcome you all to the West Erwin family! Please visit the sound booth after services to have a picture taken for our directory.

### YAH Hot Dog Supper

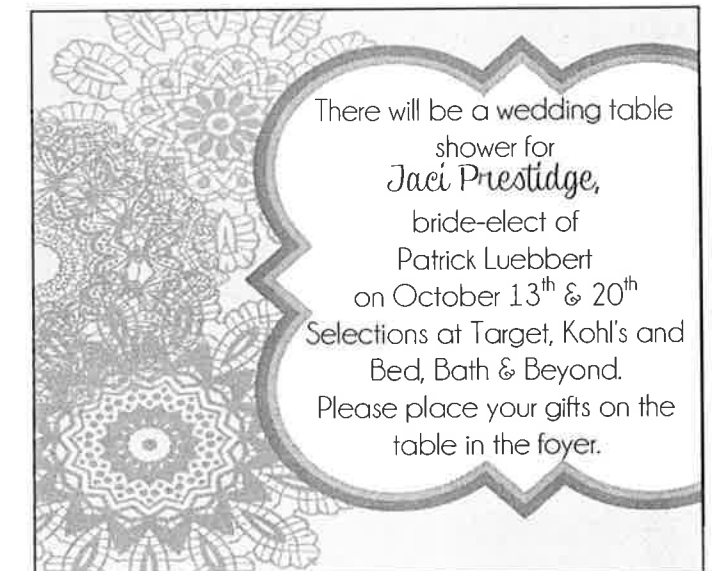
All seniors 55 & over are invited to Young At Heart's Annual Hot Dog Supper! It will be Thursday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Family Life Center. Dan Manuel will provide the entertainment.

### EEM Million Dollar Sunday

This past Sunday was Eastern European Mission's Million Dollar Sunday. We collected money Sept. 29, but you can still give to the effort of placing Bibles in Ukrainian schools! This Sunday, October 6 will be the last day.

### Still Collecting Items

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Worship p.m.	372	368	428
Wed. p.m.	NC	349	355
Contribution	\$25,589.17	\$28,309.41	\$22,791.97
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE**

**Hospitalized**

**Health South:** Craig Thorne, son of Bettie Thorne | **VA in Shreveport:** John Portwood | **Olympic Plaza:** Louise Culpepper, rm. 408 | **Staci Marts**, sister-in-law of Phil, is hospitalized in Lubbock. | **MD Anderson:** Aubrey Morman

**Updates**

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 Sheri Gruver  
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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Sanctuary**

As a church, on Sunday mornings we are investing into a pursuit of "Sanctuary." An admission on behalf of God's people that we yearn for solace. And an admission on behalf of God's people that true sanctuary is only found in Him.

"A place of refuge" is our subheading that we are working under. The theme of God as our refuge is a common thread throughout the Psalms and so each week we are centering ourselves and building upon one of the Psalms that invite us into the presence of God as we take refuge, solace, sanctuary in Him.

Psalm 18 is one of my favorites. It's not one that we are going to consider as a primary text during this Sunday morning series largely because I fully acknowledge that I come to this well very often. But truth be told, I come to this well often because, for me, it is so deep, and its water so pure. It is a Psalm like so many of the Psalms that indeed ushers us into the wonderful presence of God.

"I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies" (Psalm 18:1-3).

Our working definition of "Sanctuary" is: a place of refuge; a safe haven; a space of protection; a quiet, still place of rest.

In the coming weeks we'll navigate through the theme of God as our sanctuary, we as His sanctuaries, and the church as sanctuary.

I want to encourage each of us not only to intentionally come and be a part of our time of worship with one another, but to also seek out friends and loved ones who might be inclined to share in this theme of "Sanctuary."

Because if I'm correct in this, there are many who could use a little more sanctuary in life.

Glory to God!

Jason

**From the Heart of Tyler**

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**MISSIONS**

B.I.C.A. E.E.M. Focus Press India West Africa World Bible School World Radio

**ELDERS**

Jay Bynum	Don Crawford	Daniel DuPree	Greg Jones
Phil Marts	Bill Mullins	Gaylan Seagler	Ray Vannoy
Leon Welborn	Fred Wingate		

**ASSEMBLIES**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>
Bible Class ..... 9:00 A.M.	Benevolence Center - Food.....8:30 -10:30 A.M.
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 A.M.	& 6:30-7:30 P.M.
Evening Worship ..... Sept-May 5:00 P.M.	Bible Classes ..... 7:00 P.M.
June-Aug 6:00 P.M.	
<b>TUESDAY AND THURSDAY</b>	<b>WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>
Benevolence Center - Clothing ....8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.	420 West Erwin - Tyler, Texas 75702-7133
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## THANK YOU!

We had a great turnout at our Junior High devo Sunday night. We elaborated on Jason's current Sunday morning topic of "Sanctuary" and what that could also mean for our youth ministry. And a special thanks to the Smiths and Stamps for providing our meal for the night!

## COMBINED JH/HS DEVO - SUNDAY

It's been a while since we had the Gathering last month, but this Sunday night is a combined high school and junior high devo. We'll play some games and have a longer time of worship. The McCellons and Philpots are providing dinner, so come join us!

## WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL

On Sunday night, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, the youth group will host the church's annual Fall Festival after evening services. Sign ups for booths and areas began this past Wednesday night in the youth class. PLEASE encourage your teen to sign up to help with this night. Without them, we couldn't do it!

## JH ZEW RETREAT - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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## THE AMAZING 1<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CHURCH

I have always admired the early church for the way they succeeded in spite of the persecution and hatred they faced. Today, we struggle with reaching out to people, and we don't face the hardships the early church faced. So why did they have such great success? When we look at some of their deeds and their beliefs; it gives us some insight into their success. **They spread the word in spite of persecution because they knew the world needed it:** *For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).* **They had unselfish hearts:** *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone (Gal.6:10).* **They knew the importance of keeping the world out of the church:** *Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump (Gal.5:6).* **They were united in love:** *Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common... there was not a needy person among them (Acts 4:32, 34).* **They were a church converted to Christ:** *And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship... And all who believed were together and had all things in common... attending the temple together...praising God and having favor with all the people(Acts 2:42-47).* **They were prayerful:** *And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31).* It is no wonder they were so successful.



By Danny Snell

## Re-Engage

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, October 6 @ 4:30 p.m. for week 5 of Re-Engage. Childcare will be provided across the street.

Reminder of your homework assignment this week... Chpt. 1 of Love & Respect and Chpt. 5 of the 5 Love Languages.

Encourage your mate this week by coming up with 2 "out of the ordinary" compliments...

"encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." ...2 Cor 13:11

## Family Faith In Action

We are planning a service project for Boles Home on Sunday, Dec. 1 for any families that would like to be involved. We will leave right after church on Sunday morning and return around 7:30pm.

We will be spending the afternoon with the kids and families of Boles Home putting up Christmas decorations on the whole campus and in the cottages.

We will finish out the day with Hotdogs and a devo. We will have a sign up list out toward the end of October.

Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!

## Escritos de Israel

### Declarado sacerdote por Dios

*Porque este Melquisedec, rey de Salem, sacerdote del Dios Altísimo, que salió a recibir a Abraham que volvía de la derrota de los reyes, y le bendijo, a quien asimismo dio Abraham los diezmos de todo; cuyo nombre significa primeramente Rey de justicia, y también Rey de Salem, esto es, Rey de paz; sin padre, sin madre, sin genealogía; que ni tiene principio de días, ni fin de vida, sino hecho semejante al Hijo de Dios, permanece sacerdote para siempre. (Hebreos 7:1-3).*

**Melquisedec, Rey... Sacerdote.** Al considerar los oficios de rey y sacerdote en persona, Melquisedec es un tipo de Cristo el cual es rey (**2 Sam. 7:16; Apo. 19:16**) y a la misma vez sacerdote (**Sal. 110:4; Heb. 7:24-27**). Salem. Era un nombre antiguo de Jerusalén.

**Entrego los diezmos...** El que recibe el diezmo es superior al que entrega el diezmo (**Heb. 7:7**), aquí Melquisedec es declarado superior a Abraham, por que el recibió los diezmos de Abraham (**Heb. 7:6**). Así de esta manera, Cristo según el orden de Melquisedec es superior al sacerdocio de los levitas.

**Rey de Justicia...** Rey de Paz. Estos son títulos mesiánicos: Cristo es justo y provee justicia para su pueblo; También es rey de paz por que provee paz a los creyentes por medio de la justicia que se le ha atribuido (**Ro. 3:24; 5:1**) Justicia y paz serian las características del reino futuro de Cristo así lo declaro el profeta mucho tiempo antes de que se estableciera (**Isa. 9:7; 11:4-9**).

**Sin padre... ni fin de vida.** Aun que Melquisedec fue un personaje histórico, en (**Ge. 14:18-20**). Se presenta sin mencionar su nacimiento, parentesco o muerte, para que pudiera ser un tipo de Cristo en su eternidad y sacerdocio permanente.

## Baptism

We rejoice with **Jayson Cody** who was baptized Sunday! He recently moved to Tyler and has been attending the study at the Benevolent Center. His address is 1909 Shiloh Rd., apt. 11. Tyler, TX 75703. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Jayson!



## Campaign for Christ

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## Directory Info Update

### Roy Fraley

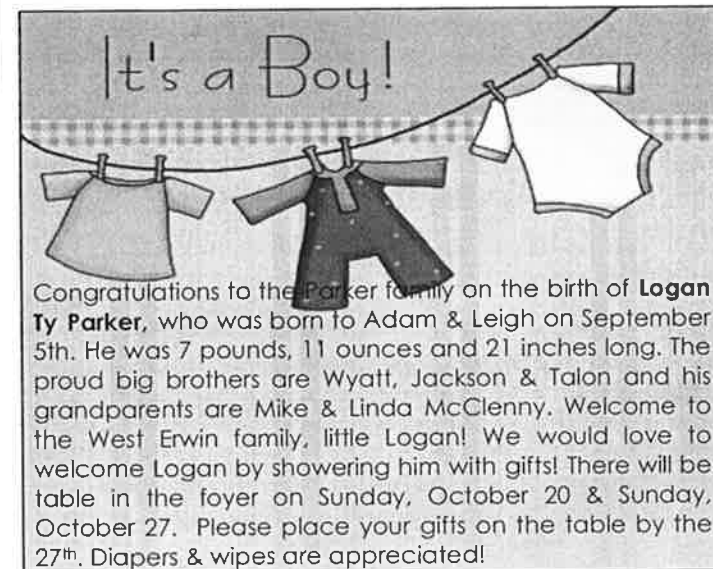
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## Thank You

When crises and trials come in our lives, our appreciation for our church family is amplified and cherished more than ever. Thank each one of you who offered prayers, sent cards, brought food, sent flowers, came to the hospital and spoke words of encouragement to me. I treasure every gesture of kindness and concern.

**Bitsy Berryman**

Thank you for prayers, cards and beautiful flowers sent in remembrance of our sister Vi Thames.

**Mary Lou Wood  
Odie & Dolores Kennedy**





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Tom & Beverly Hale  
Mike & Kristi Harris  
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Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith

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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 us 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

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The Church With Heart

**THANK YOU!**

We had a great turnout at our combined High School / Junior High devo Sunday night, 57 kids!! We talked about being a GODLY refuge to the world around us, and especially to those who are different than us. And HUGE thanks goes to the McCellons (and our cook Tim) for the street tacos and the Philpots for the sides. We had a great night!

**SMALL GROUPS - SUNDAY**

This Sunday is small groups so there is no evening activity tonight. Join your family and your small group tonight!

**WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - SETUP**

On Saturday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, we will open the FLC up from 12:00pm – 2pm to setup booths for the Fall Festival the next night. If your teen is manning one of those booths, they need to be here on Saturday to set that up, or make arrangements with Eric to do it Sunday afternoon.

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**WE SEE HIM EVERYWHERE**

It has been 15 months since Suzie and I made our move from Houston to Tyler. It's different and we kid each other by saying that we live in the country now. Living outside the city has also brought about a change in the scenery we see everyday. These beautiful views of nature bring me reminders of God and that is a good thing. For instance, when I go out on a clear night, now I see beautiful **stars**. I never could see them in Houston, I always had to leave town to really see them enough to enjoy them. *The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (Psa.19:1)*. I enjoy my drives through these big **hills** with their beautiful views. It makes for a pleasant drive and relaxes me. *The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy (Psa.65:12-13)*. I am also enjoying having more distinct **seasons**. I loved the colors last year and it was nice having snow on our first Christmas here. *In past generations he allowed all the nations to walk in their own ways. Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness (Acts 14:16-17)*. We see God everywhere; do people see Him in you?



By Danny Snell

**Re-Engage**

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There is great strength in marriage... The two of you together are stronger than each of you are individually added together... Its called Synergy.

Solomon said it like this... "Though One May Be Overpowered, Two Can Defend Themselves. A Cord Of Three Strands Is Not Quickly Broken." – Ecclesiastes 4:12

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*Escritos de Israel*

**SERVIR A OTROS CON SINCERIDAD (Efe. 4:14-16).**

Imagínate que ves a un amigo dormido en medio de la calle y viene un auto. ¿Qué harías?

Sin duda irías corriendo al medio de la calle y sacudirías a tu amigo para que se despertara, aun si tienes que darle un golpe o tirarle agua fría en la cara. Le harías ver el auto que se acerca. Lo tomarías de la mano para sacarlo del peligro.

Esa respuesta fue fácil. Pero a veces vemos a nuestros amigos tomando malas decisiones, decisiones que a la larga pueden ser tan destructivas como despertarse en el medio de la calle para encontrarse con un auto que lo arrolla. Quizá tengas amigos que tienen la costumbre de mentir, robar o desobedecer a sus padres. O quizá conozcas a alguien que quiere fumar o aún drogarse. Sabes lo que debes decir y lo que quieres decir. Pero es un poco más difícil realmente decirlo, ¿no es cierto? Una vez más, dado que Jesús fue el ejemplo perfecto de amor, observemos cómo amó a las personas que se encontraban en situaciones delicadas.

La Biblia cuenta de una vez cuando los líderes religiosos arrastraron a una mujer a quien habían descubierto pecando. Jesús no condenó a la mujer por su pecado, pero tampoco lo ignoró. Le dijo bondadosamente: "Vete y desde ahora no peques más" (Juan 8:11).

En otra ocasión Jesús se encontró con una mujer samaritana, una extranjera a quien la mayoría de los judíos ni le hubieran dirigido la palabra. Él sabía que estaba viviendo una vida pecaminosa. En este caso también, Jesús no la rebajó, pero tampoco dejó pasar su pecado. Con cariño le ayudó a ver que él era el único que realmente podía satisfacer sus necesidades (Juan 4:4-26). Jesús aun confrontó a Pedro, uno de sus mejores amigos en el mundo, cuando éste se interpuso en el camino de los propósitos de Dios (Mateo 16:21-23). Aquí tampoco atacó Jesús a Pedro, pero no pasó por alto su error. Jesús les dijo la verdad a estas personas porque las amaba. Él sabía que no estaban viviendo de una manera que agrada a Dios, y quería que pudieran tener lo mejor en la vida. Les mostró cómo la verdad y el amor van tomados de la mano.

El amor auténtico es honesto porque Dios quiere lo mejor para la vida de los que amamos. Es difícil ver a nuestros amigos tomando malas decisiones, decisiones que los privan de lo mejor que Dios tiene reservado para ellos y que tarde o temprano los perjudicará muchísimo. Pero Jesús nos ha dado el ejemplo perfecto de cómo ayudarles. Sigue su ejemplo. Sé honesto con tus amigos. Es lo más cariñoso que puedes hacer.

**New Baby Boy**

Russell & Rebecca Debenport of Colorado Springs are the parents of a new baby boy! **Jack Malakai** was born September 8th and weighed 4 pounds 14 ounces. Frank & Gail Debenport are the proud grandparents. Congratulations, Debenport family!

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**Directory Info Update**

Please add new members: **Jayson & Erica Cody**  
1909 Shiloh Rd. # 11, Tyler, TX 75703  
903-944-4715



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**New Books in Library**

Several new books have been added to the "self help and small groups section" in the Adult Library. No check out is necessary. Simply return the book when you've finished reading it.

**Thank You**

My sister, Nina Collins, wants to give a big "THANK YOU!" to all who gave her a birthday card. She was so surprised to receive so many cards. Also, a big thank you to Don Crawford who had everyone sing Happy Birthday to her at his shepherding group potluck. Thanks to all!

**Jan Barrows**



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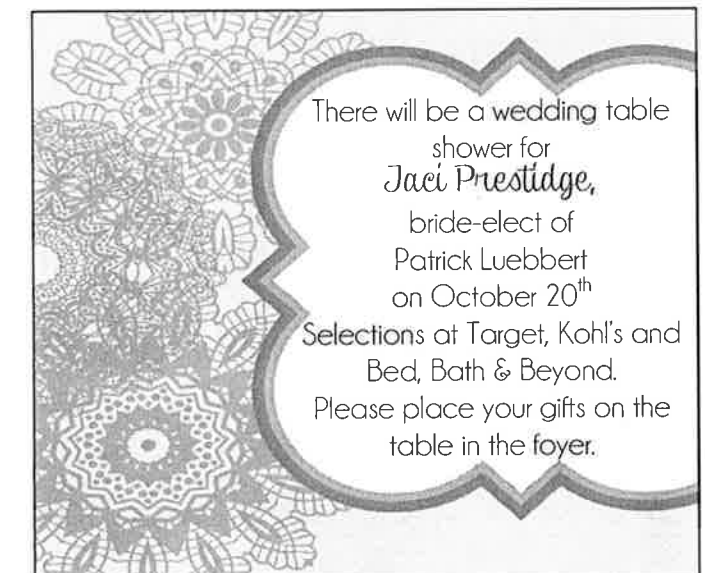
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**Lost & Found**

Please check the Lost & Found cabinet in the foyer for any items that may belong to you.

**Sermon CDs**

Please be sure to pick up your CDs you have requested. Also, you can visit our website to hear sermons at [www.westerwin.com](http://www.westerwin.com). Then click Media/Resources, then Sermons.



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Worship a.m.	700	660	613
Worship p.m.	391	337	308
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Contribution	\$24,882.63	\$20,235.24	\$32,875.10
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**West Erwin Family**

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 Prayer Michael Carnathan  
 Scripture David Wicks  
 Dismiss Fred Wingate  
 Presiding At The Lord's Table Wayne Berryman

**SERVING COMMUNION**  
 David Demic Daniel DuPree Don Durham  
 Randy Farrar Cody Frick Jerry Frick  
 Jim Gipson Cooper Goodson

**EVENING ASSEMBLY**  
 Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
 Prayer Gene Chandler  
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 Dismiss Tom Clark

**GREETERS**

James & Sue Hughes  
 Greg & Debbie Jones  
 J & Tresa Jones  
 Info Center: Lee & Janice Kellenberger

**PICK UP CARDS for 10/27**

Clay Mitcham, John Park, Wyatt Parker,  
 Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith

**SOUND BOOTH for 10/27**

Corey Coleman & Cal Wilkinson

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 10/27**

Nursery a.m.: Wynn Admire & Kacey Reeves  
 Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn Welborn & Lesly Sandoval  
 Nursery p.m.: Jenny Wilson  
 Toddlers p.m.: Gail Vannoy

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



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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Life Between Sundays**

Spending time in prayer and in study and in silence before God, engaging in intentional spiritual disciplines, and committing ourselves to a rhythm of discipleship that naturally facilitates balance and simplicity in a life filled with complexity, is such a Christ-like way to live.

But if I had to guess, if anyone gets cheated, it's God. (And you. And those that need you.)

As resurrected people we live life between Sundays. We yearn for Sunday because on Sunday we commune with God the Father, Son, and Spirit, and we commune with one another as His church. But the design of covenant is such that we experience communion with God in every facet of life. Our worship of God on Sunday is diametrically impacted (either positively or negatively) through our worship of Him during the week. Our communal worship works in tandem with our spiritual practice. Worship on Sunday is not the culmination of our week but rather works in synergy with the fundamental practice of spiritual disciplines throughout the week. The goal of which is a holistic way of living a life that honors the Father, and a way of life that looks more and more like Jesus.

We think of ourselves as being in pursuit of God. And prayerfully we are. But when we consume the wonder into our hearts that it is He who pursues us, the transformative reality of covenant relationship and living in sync with Him radically changes everything.

"Let heaven fill your thoughts." – Colossians 3:2a (NLT)

What conversations, practices, and disciplines allow "heaven to fill your thoughts" as you live life between Sundays?

Glory to God!

Jason

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WEST ERWIN YOUTH MINISTRY

## WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - SUNDAY

This Sunday night, the 27<sup>th</sup>, is our annual Fall Festival inside the Family Life Center. It is open to all kids from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is hosted by the West Erwin Youth Ministry. There will be food, booths, games, fun, and a costume contest. It all starts at 6:15pm and wraps up at 8:30pm. Please dress appropriately for the night.

## HIGH SCHOOL DEVO - NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday night in the FLC will be a high school devo following our evening worship. The Ortiz's and Meneses' will be providing our dinner, so come join us for a great time together!

## JH ZEW RETREAT - NOV. 22-24

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## WHICH ROAD AM I TRAVELING?

"The safest road to hell is a gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." - C.S. Lewis



## ARE YOU A HONKER OR A HELPER?

I once saw a man in a motorhome in the middle of Times Square in New York City. He had obviously taken a wrong turn, and was trying his best to get out of there. He had hundreds of cabs around him, honking at him to get out of the way, but no one was letting him get turned around. He was frustrated to say the least. I see people today in the same mess. They are stuck going the wrong direction in life, and frustration builds because they just can't seem to get headed in the right direction either. Our message for them is that Jesus is the Way to find their right direction. What does Jesus offer those that are headed His way? Jesus is the Way to: **Pardon-** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1Jo.1:9).* **Peace-** *...since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Ro.5:1).* **Purity-** *Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14).* **Blessings-** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph.1:3).* **Heaven-** *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jo.14:6).* Sometimes we can be like those NYC cab drivers. Instead of helping the lost find their way, we just start honking to remind them they made a mistake. Honking makes us feel better about our lack of action. Honking is safer than helping. The problem is, God calls us to help the lost, not just honk at them.



## Re-Engage

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Reminder of your homework assignment this week... Chpt. 3 of Love & Respect and Chpt. 7 of the 5 Love Languages.

Thought you might need a good laugh this week...

This is from Kristen, age 10... When asked, How do you decide who to Marry?"

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with."

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*Acéptalo y disfrútalo (Heb. 10:1-14).*

Como suele suceder con nuestras relaciones humanas, a algunos cristianos les cuesta creer que Dios realmente les ha perdonado sus pecados. Se imaginan a Dios guardando un registro de todos nuestros pecados, esperando el día en que los sacará a luz y los usará en nuestra contra.

Para sentir la libertad del perdón de Dios, toma estos pasos:

1. *Recuerda que Dios te ama incondicionalmente.* Eres el hijo especial de Dios. Él pagó el precio de tu salvación del pecado, la muerte de su único Hijo unigénito. Cuando aceptas el regalo de salvación que Dios te da recibes su perdón y te conviertes en su propio hijo. A veces todavía desobedeces a Dios, y lo entristeces (**Efesios 4:30**). Seguro, es posible que Dios te discipline por tu pecado. Pero eso también lo hace por amor, porque quiere que te quedes cerca de él y recibas lo mejor que tiene reservado para ti (**Hebreos 12:5-12**).

2. *Confiesa tus pecados.* Según la Palabra de Dios, la solución comienza con una confesión (**1 Juan 1:9**). Confesar significa coincidir con Dios en que tu desobediencia es un pecado. Dios ya percibe totalmente tus actitudes y acciones pecadoras, pero quiere que las admitas, que te humilles delante de él y que tengas la experiencia de que te diga: "Te perdono".

3. *Acepta el perdón de Dios.* Cristo ya te ha perdonado una vez y para siempre por medio de su muerte en la cruz (**Hebreos 10:12-14; 1 Pedro 3:18**). Pero para apartarte del pecado y emprender un nuevo rumbo es importante que admitas que necesitas ser perdonado y que aceptes el perdón que ya es tuyo.

Aceptar el perdón es como descubrir un tesoro enterrado en el fondo de tu propia casa. El perdón cariñoso de Dios ya es tuyo. ¡Desentiérralo y disfrútalo!

## Recent Baptisms

**Caleb DuPree** was baptized Sunday, October 13. Caleb is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Whitehouse ISD. Caleb is the son of Daniel & Kim DuPree and grandson of Donna & Melvin Maples. His address is 10272 FM 344 E, Whitehouse, 75791. We are so proud of you, Caleb! Welcome to the West Erwin family!



**Tyler Dibble** was baptized Sunday, October 20. He is the son of Sheri Gruver. His address is 4209 Aberdeen, Tyler, 75703. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Tyler!

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## Thank You

I want to thank all my Brothers and Sisters who have prayed, sent cards, food, and calls in concern for me as I continue to press on for treatment. God bless you and the West Erwin church as you continue to pray for our safety as we travel to MDA. We love and appreciate you very much.

**Aubrey Morman**

Jim and I sincerely appreciate your special remembrance of my sister Sue Ealy. She loved the many calls, cards and letters she received from you during her illness. Love,

**Jim & Carol Armstrong**

My thanks go to everyone who sent me cards on my birthday. The kind and caring words meant so much to me. I love you all.

**Mozelle Brown**

Dear brothers & sisters, Our hearts overflow from the amount of love and best wishes from our beloved church family. The visits, calls, prayers and cards, especially those for Dan's 96<sup>th</sup> birthday, were so gratefully and encouragingly received. Love to all,

**Wini & Dan Cullinan**

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of flowers that the church sent for my brother's funeral. You are so thoughtful and have been so good to me and my family time and time again. I love each of you so much.

**Davy Carter**

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## Missions News

Howard and Linda Dickson plan to leave on November 3 to travel to visit G.W. and Valentina Cliver in Seaford, Delaware. Please pray for a safe and successful trip for them. They plan to be in Seaford during the weekend of Nov. 9 and 10. Many at West Erwin will remember that G.W. is the son of Ruby Cliver. G.W. and Valentina were members at West Erwin until he accepted the position of pulpit preacher for the Seaford Church of Christ. That is a mission field and we have assisted the Clivers financially most of the time that they have been in Delaware. The purpose of the visit is to encourage the Clivers and the congregation there and to evaluate the work.

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Worship a.m.	654	700	675
Worship p.m.	444	391	412
Wed. p.m.	364	340	NC
Contribution	\$20,762.17	\$24,882.63	\$28,999.65
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE**

**Hospitalized:VA In Dallas: John Portwood**, Community Living Center room A106 | **Hospice: Don Crowder**, asking for minimum amount of visits and that if you do visit, please keep them very brief. | **Olympic Plaza: Louis Jones** | **Updates: Kalli Huff is now home.** | **Bethye Price** will have a procedure done on 11/11 at ETMC to freeze the cancer in her kidney. | **Aubrey Morman** will undergo chemo for 6 weeks in Tyler, 8 hours of surgery at M. D. Anderson following, then radiation treatments. The date has not yet been set. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will be having tests done Nov. 5. | **Sara Powell** had gallbladder surgery. | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, will have surgery November 7<sup>th</sup>. | **Jo Rowland** will be consulting with a doctor next week regarding possible heart surgery. | **With Sympathy:Debbie Swartz**, daughter of Jim & Helen Boyd, passed away Wednesday. Services Thursday at 2pm at FLC. | **Marjorie Cox** will be Saturday at 10:00 at Lloyd James. | Services for **George Whitworth**, brother of Barbara White, were Saturday at Lake Ridge Chapel in Lubbock. | **West Erwin Family:**Gerald Boykin | Ella Bradley | Charlotte Caywer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Janice Hardaway | Tara Kilgore | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaire | Ira & Esther Wilson | **Family & Friends:Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, diagnosed with kidney cancer | **David Webb**, brother of Joy Rousseau

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Gravitational Pull**

I've been spending some time in the Gospel of Luke lately. Not for a class that I'm teaching or for a sermon that I'm working toward, but rather, just for me (of course perhaps it'll lead us somewhere as a church later). But for right now, it's just me, the Gospel according to Luke, and a cup of coffee.

Luke is the only non-Jewish author of Scripture. Behind this reality lies insight that is raw and real and expressive. In Luke's account of the Good News we find Jesus telling stories more often, more readily. Luke provides us with more parables than the other three Gospel accounts. Many of these stories we find no place else (the Lost Son(s) come to mind, chapter 15). Luke sees life through the eyes of the outsider. The outcast. Primarily because in the Jewish world, he is one. In this, we find ourselves naturally drawn to the marginalized and to the margins because of Luke's natural gravitation. He opens our eyes to the poor, the sick, the foreigner, the ostracized. He elicits/demands compassion and humility within us. Luke places intentional emphasis in the Gospel story upon the role of women and Gentiles, who were seen as "less than" in the narrow field of vision of the religious elite. Luke presents a wonderful Gospel that is inclusive rather than exclusive. Moving rather than stationary. Engaging rather than stagnant. Liberating rather than burdening.

Life on the margins is the way of Jesus. And it is the call of His disciples. Reaching those who have been marginalized in this world, and recognizing that because of our Kingdom designed role in this life, we are called to live marginalized. We are to live marginalized. Because we are not of this world. We pledge allegiance to another King. We belong to another Kingdom. And because of this reality, we feel the gravitational pull toward the margins. Because in life at the margins we find our Savior.

Glory to God!

Jason

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### THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

Sunday night, we had almost 400 people inside our Family Life Center after our evening worship service. The Fall Festival is one of the few things that really brings a large part of our church family together for fellowship together. But without the youth group running ALL of the booths, or our parents who keep the food cooked and coming, it wouldn't happen at all. So a special thanks to our middle school and high school students who ran booths, and Jeff and Melissa Parish, Tim McCellon, Kim and Daniel Dupree, David and Sharon Hammond, and Marc Philpot for all the prep work in the kitchen and keeping the food coming all night long! What a great night for our church family!

### HIGH SCHOOL DEVO – SUNDAY

Sunday night in the FLC there will be a high school devo following our evening worship. The Ortiz's and Meneses' will be providing our dinner, so come join us for a great time together!

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### SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN TO ME!

My dad was an electrician by trade. He could fix anything that was broken around the house. He would look at a schematic and tell me, "If you know what makes it work, you know how to fix it when it's broken". That works for our spiritual lives too. Understanding God's plan for mankind will help keep us in harmony with God's will. The book of Ephesians tells of God's plan for us. **God spiritually blesses us through Jesus:** He purposed this before the world was created and the church was his plan from the start. Our salvation comes through Jesus, and we can't have peace with God unless we first take care of our sins through Jesus (Eph.1:3-10). **God saves us through His grace:** He loves and cares for us. He gave His son for our sins because of that love for man. His grace is a gift and can only be taken advantage of by submitting to the will of God (Eph.2:1-10). **We can do great things through the power of God:** We can have confidence, we can be bold for the cause of Christ, and we can bring glory and honor to His name (Eph.3:14-21). **We are to show a new life after baptism:** We live to a higher standard as Christians. We are to imitate God by loving each other, forgiving each other, serving each other, and striving for purity (Eph.4:25-5:21). **God wants our families to reflect the beauty of His church:** God wants husbands and wives that love and honor each other in the example of Christ. God wants parents that lead by example and children that want to grow up imitating Christ. God wants to be honored in the home and for his families to spread their influence in the world. Sounds like a plan to me!



By Danny Snell

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Thoughts for the week...

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"A happy man marries the girl he loves; a happier man loves the girl he marries." ~ anonymous

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Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!

### 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.**



Daylight savings time ends this weekend!

### Ladies Class

The Ladies Wednesday morning Bible class will be taking a break from meeting until the new year. The last class before the break will be November 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Baptism

Jason Wieland, friend of Justin Parrish, was baptized October 24. He is a senior at Whitehouse High School. His address is 206 Stacy Dr., Whitehouse 75791. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Jason!



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Bible Class	462	470	471
Worship a.m.	628	654	691
Worship p.m.	NC	444	400
Wed. p.m.	305	364	202
Contribution	\$23,600.43	\$20,762.17	\$29,240.37
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00		

**PRAYER & CARE**  
**Hospitalized**

**VA in Dallas: John Portwood**, Community Living Center room A106 | **Olympic Plaza: Louis Jones** | **ETMC: Harold Denman** | **Charles Starr**

**Updates**

**Dan Cullinan** has been hospitalized since Sunday, but has gone home. | **Bettye Price** will have a procedure done on 11/11 at ETMC to freeze the cancer in her kidney. | **Phil Matthews** had sinus surgery and is now home. | **Aubrey Morman** will undergo chemo for 6 weeks in Tyler, 8 hours of surgery at M. D. Anderson following, then radiation treatments. The date has not yet been set. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will have further tests. | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, will have surgery November 7<sup>th</sup>.

**West Erwin Family**

Gerald Boykin | Ella Bradley | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Janice Hardaway | Tara Kilgore | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | **Ongoing concerns:** Darrell & Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaire | Ira & Esther Wilson

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**REEVES' RHETORIC**

**Always Before Me**

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me..." (Psalm 51:1-3).

King David. The man "after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22; cf. 1 Samuel 13:14). The David of David and Goliath. Confesses, "My sin is always before me."

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"I can't get away from it." "It consumes me." "I am overwhelmed by it."

And yet, over time and by God's grace, he does get away from it. And it ceases to consume him. The burden is removed. David becomes overwhelmed not by his sin but by God's grace. And finally, finally, he breathes a cleansing sigh of relief, as his sin is no longer always before him.

When we consider Psalm 51 in it's entirety, we witness God doing for us that which we cannot accomplish for ourselves. Taking away that which positions us in conflict with Him and with ourselves and with others. And allowing us to not be defined by our sin, but rather, to be defined as men and women after His own heart.

"Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. O you who hear prayer, to you all humanity will come. When we were overwhelmed by our sins, you forgave our transgressions" (Psalm 65:1-3).

"My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul."

Glory to God!

Jason

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### JH ZEW RETREAT – NOV. 22-24

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**ZEW RETREAT 2013  
"REFUEL"**



### WAS IT THE FAKING OR THE FAITH?

Psalm 56 contains David's song that was written about his escape to Gath while fleeing Saul's wrath. He was brought before King Achish and David feared for his life. David convinced Achish he was insane by changing his behavior. Achish then released David. While some say David's wits saved him, David felt otherwise. Look at what David said about that event: *My enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; "I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" I must preform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life (Psalm 56: 2-4, 9-13).* When life has you cornered, who do you turn to? When you are afraid, do you trust in the Lord? Do you praise His words for the comfort and strength they offer? Do you call on the Lord for your deliverance? Do you continue on in your worship as David did? When life goes bad, do you continue to walk before God in His light? Are you still thankful to the Lord in all circumstances? David realized that no matter what he did for himself, his deliverance still came from the Lord. When it looks hopeless, that is the time to remember that God is on our side. We don't withdraw, we did in deeper! When we get through it, we give glory to the One that deserves it!



### Re-Engage

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From *Grace Filled Marriage* by Tim Kimmel "The Qualities of True Marital Greatness."

1. **A humble heart-** Not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.
2. **A grateful heart-** Be thankful for the things you have been given. The things God has given you and the things your husband or wife has given you or allowed you to have.
3. **A generous heart-** Give openly to your husband or wife. Give your thoughts, time, energy and effort.
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### Escritos de Israel

### El impacto duradero del creyente Mt. 5:13

A todos nos gustaría ser recordados como personas que dejaron una huella buena y duradera en las vidas de los demás. El problema es que tendemos a ser tan egocéntricos, que pocas veces impactamos positivamente a quienes están más cerca de nosotros... Nuestro éxito en influenciar las vidas de los demás, dependerá de nuestra condición espiritual. Pues lo que le interesa a nuestro Padre celestial, es el impacto espiritual que tengamos sobre otros... Para ilustrar la influencia que debemos tener en los demás, el Señor Jesús utilizó el ejemplo de la sal, un producto casero familiar que altera a todo lo que toca. El Señor enseñó que la sal debe mantener su pureza e integridad para tener un efecto duradero. De la misma manera, nosotros debemos conservar nuestra pureza amando las cosas de Dios, en vez de amar las cosas de este mundo (1 Jn 2.15). Para que así, cuando las personas vean nuestras vidas transformadas, sean influenciadas poderosamente... La sal da gusto a la comida y la preserva. Cuando la rociamos sobre algo sin sabor, la comida se vuelve mucho más agradable. De la misma manera, estamos llamados a dar sabor a las vidas de las personas que nos rodean, utilizando nuestras acciones y nuestras palabras para dirigir su atención a Cristo. La sal no se transforma a sí misma. Ella mejora solo lo desabrido o carente de sabor verdadero... Nunca olvide que usted tiene la capacidad de influenciar a los demás, ya sea para bien o para mal. Puesto que somos seguidores de Cristo, nuestra tarea es dar sabor al mundo, de modo que sea impactado de maneras positivas que honren a Dios.



### Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the flowers sent to my son's services and especially all the calls and cards I have received. It helped through the stressful time. Sincerely,

**Evelyn Messer**

Thanks to my Christian family. I would like to thank you for the calls, cards and food sent our way the last few weeks. We love our Christian family.

**Clinton & Louise Culpepper**

Your kind expressions of sympathy and comfort you showed to us at a time of Debbie's death is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. The plant is beautiful and will be a constant reminder of your love for us. Thanks for all the calls, lovely cards, that I know you put your whole self into, and your wonderful support by being with us at the memorial service. We are very blessed. May God's blessing be upon you all.

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### With Sympathy

Services for **Don Crowder** were Wednesday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with Mary Jo and the family.

### Holiday Emotions Seminar

Holidays can be overwhelming for anyone, but especially if we are missing a loved one due to loss or separation. There is the pressure of shopping, finding the right gift, and staying within a budget. How do we enjoy the season if the emotions we feel lack that joy? If you can relate to any of the above, please join us at Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Sunday, November 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for a seminar with Dr. Sherry Munn, LPC.

### Young At Heart

Seniors 55+! Please join us Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the FLC for Young At Heart. It will be potluck and Stan Clark will provide our entertainment!

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(granddaughter of  
Jeanine Hughes)*

*Sunday, November 10*

*2:00 p.m.*

*244 Pinehurst*

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



# Order of Worship

October 27, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship  
 Song # 535 The Glory-Land Way Danny Snell  
 Song # 959 Just a Little Talk with Jesus Gary Ables  
 Song # 768 Jesus, Let Us Come to Know You  
 Prayer Michael Carnathan  
 Song # 366 By Christ Redeemed  
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Wayne Berryman  
 Song # 694 Servant Song  
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 David Wicks  
 Song # 747 Sing On, Ye Joyful Pilgrims  
 Message: **Sanctuary** Jason Reeves  
 Song # 903 There is Power in the Blood  
 Dismiss Fred Wingate  
 Song # 874 Walking Alone at Eve

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
 Song # 590 Jesus Is All the World to Me Lance Yarema  
 Song # 555 Seek Ye First  
 Prayer Gene Chandler  
 Song # 837 I Need Thee Every Hour  
 Scripture Matthew 10:11-16 Barry Ciaschini  
 Song # 560 Living By Faith  
 Message: **Sheep Among Wolves** Jason Reeves  
 Song God Is Calling the Prodigal  
 Song Sanctuary  
 Dismiss Tom Clark

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

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 Mother Frances: Dan Richardson

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## Notes of Thanks

I want to thank all my Brothers and Sisters who have prayed, sent cards, food, and calls in concern for me as I continue to press on for treatment. God bless you and the West Erwin church as you continue to pray for our safety as we travel to MDA. We love and appreciate you very much.

Aubrey Morman

Jim and I sincerely appreciate your special remembrance of my sister Sue Ealy. She loved the many calls, cards and letters she received from you during her illness. Love,

Jim & Carol Armstrong

My thanks go to everyone who sent me cards on my birthday. The kind and caring words meant so much to me. I love you all.

Mozelle Brown

Dear brothers & sisters, Our hearts overflow from the amount of love and best wishes from our beloved church family. The visits, calls, prayers and cards, especially those for Dan's 96th birthday, were so gratefully and encouragingly received. Love to all,

Wini & Dan Cullinan

Thank you so much for the beautiful basket of flowers that the church sent for my brother's funeral. You are so thoughtful and have been so good to me and my family time and time again. I love each of you so much.

Davy Carter

## SERVING TODAY

### SERVING COMMUNION

David Demic Daniel DuPree  
 Don Durham Randy Farrar  
 Cody Frick Jerry Frick  
 Jim Gipson Cooper Goodson

### GREETERS

Bob & Pat Hackett  
 Tom & Beverly Hale  
 Mike & Kristi Harris  
 Info Center: Gary & Janis Heath

### PICK UP CARDS for 10/27

Clay Mitcham, John Park,  
 Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge,  
 Wesley Smith

### SOUND BOOTH for 10/27

Corey Coleman & Cal Wilkinson

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 10/27

Nursery a.m.: Wynn Admire & Kacey Reeves  
 Toddlers a.m.: Carolyn Welborn & Lesly Sandoval  
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Our Records	Oct. 20	Year Ago
Bible Class	471	365
Worship a.m.	700	613
Worship p.m.	391	308
Wed. p.m.	364	NC
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Life Between Sundays

Spending time in prayer and in study and in silence before God, engaging in intentional spiritual disciplines, and committing ourselves to a rhythm of discipleship that naturally facilitates balance and simplicity in a life filled with complexity, is such a Christ-like way to live.

But if I had to guess, if anyone gets cheated, it's God. (And you. And those that need you.)

As resurrected people we live life between Sundays. We yearn for Sunday because on Sunday we commune with God the Father, Son, and Spirit, and we commune with one another as His church. But the design of covenant is such that we experience communion with God in every facet of life. Our worship of God on Sunday is diametrically impacted (either positively or negatively) through our worship of Him during the week. Our communal worship works in tandem with our spiritual practice. Worship on Sunday is not the culmination of our week but rather works in synergy with the fundamental practice of spiritual disciplines throughout the week. The goal of which is a holistic way of living a life that honors the Father, and a way of life that looks more and more like Jesus.

We think of ourselves as being in pursuit of God. And prayerfully we are. But when we consume the wonder into our hearts that it is He who pursues us, the transformative reality of covenant relationship and living in sync with Him radically changes everything.

"Let heaven fill your thoughts." - Colossians 3:2a (NLT)

What conversations, practices, and disciplines allow "heaven to fill your thoughts" as you live life between Sundays?

Glory to God!

Jason

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**Wed. Night Meal for Oct. 30th:**  
 Chicken Fried Steak,  
 Chicken Strips, Green Beans, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Pie

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



### WEST ERWIN FALL FESTIVAL - TODAY

Tonight is our annual Fall Festival inside the Family Life Center. It is open to all kids from birth through 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is hosted by the West Erwin Youth Ministry. There will be food, booths, games, fun, and a costume contest. It all starts at 6:15pm and wraps up at 8:30pm. Please dress appropriately for the night.

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### WHICH ROAD AM I TRAVELING?

"The safest road to hell is a gradual one - the gentle slope, soft underfoot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without signposts." - C.S. Lewis



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### Recent Baptisms

Caleb DuPree was baptized Sunday, October 13. Caleb is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Whitehouse ISD. Caleb is the son of Daniel & Kim DuPree and grandson of Donna & Melvin Maples. His address is 10272 FM 344 E, Whitehouse, 75791. We are so proud of you, Caleb! Welcome to the West Erwin family!



Tyler Dibble was baptized Sunday, October 20. He is the son of Sheri Gruver. His address is 4209 Aberdeen, Tyler, 75703. Welcome to the West Erwin family, Tyler!

### Local Events of Interest

#### Now Hiring

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#### Ladies' Day in Winnsboro

Ladies are invited to the Annual Ladies' Day Program and Luncheon at Winnsboro Church of Christ on Saturday, November 2. Registration is from 9:00-9:30 p.m. and the program will end at 11:30 a.m. Jennifer Keith is the speaker and the topic is "Smelling Like 'The Rose'." The salad luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. Please join us for a day of spiritual growth & fellowship. RSVP at 903-342-5715 or secretary@winnsborochurchofchrist.org. Childcare will be provided.

### For Your Information

#### Lost & Found

Please check the Lost & Found cabinet in the foyer for any items that may belong to you.

#### Sermon CDs

Please be sure to pick up your CDs you have requested. Also, you can visit our website to hear sermons at www.westerwin.com. Then click Media/Resources, then Sermons.

### Missions News

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	P.M. Worship	5:00
	Fall Festival @ FLC	6:15-8:00
Mon. 10/28	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 10/29	Lunch Bunch	
	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
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	Bible Study for all ages	7:00
Thurs. 10/31	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

### Sermon Notes

#### AM: Sanctuary

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

#### PM: Sheep Among Wolves

Matthew 10:11-16



### ARE YOU A HONKER OR A HELPER?

I once saw a man in a motorhome in the middle of Times Square in New York City. He had obviously taken a wrong turn, and was trying his best to get out of there. He had hundreds of cabs around him, honking at him to get out of the way, but no one was letting him get turned around. He was frustrated to say the least. I see people today in the same mess. They are stuck going the wrong direction in life, and frustration builds because they just can't seem to get headed in the right direction either. Our message for them is that Jesus is the Way to find their right direction. What does Jesus offer those that are headed His way? Jesus is the Way to: **Pardon-** *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1Jo.1:9).* **Peace-** *...since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (Ro.5:1).* **Purity-** *Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works (Titus 2:14).* **Blessings-** *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places (Eph.1:3).* **Heaven-** *I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me (Jo.14:6).* Sometimes we can be like those NYC cab drivers. Instead of helping the lost find their way, we just start honking to remind them they made a mistake. Honking makes us feel better about our lack of action. Honking is safer than helping. The problem is, God calls us to help the lost, not just honk at them.

### Shower Today

Today is the last day of the baby table shower as we welcome baby Logan Ty Parker into the West Erwin family! Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer. Diapers & wipes are appreciated!

### With Sympathy

Debbie Swartz, daughter of Jim & Helen Boyd, passed away Wednesday. Services pending.

### Events of Interest @ West Erwin

#### Fall Festival Tonight

Our annual Fall Festival will be tonight after evening services. This event is sponsored by the West Erwin Youth Ministry and children from birth to 5th grade are invited. There is still time to donate candy! Place bags of individually wrapped candy in the containers in the foyer before this evening.

#### New Books in Library

Several new books have been added to the "self help and small groups section" in the Adult Library. No check out is necessary. Simply return the book when you've finished reading it.

# Order of Worship

November 3, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship  
 Song # 794 Unto Thee, O Lord  
 Song # 797 Lord, We Come Before Thee Now  
 Prayer  
 Song # 383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross  
 Lord's Supper & Contribution  
 Song # 226 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing  
 Scripture Psalm 42:1-2  
 Song # 587 Sing and Be Happy  
 Message: **Sanctuary**  
 Song # 904 Have You Been to Jesus?  
 Dismiss  
 Song # 867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

Danny Snell  
 Gary Ables  
 Will Christian  
 Donnie Carnathan  
 Cal Wilkinson  
 Jason Reeves  
 Ray Vannoy

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship  
 Song # 273-276 Aspiration Medley  
 Song # 211-213 There Is a Savior Medley  
 Scripture Matthew 10:11-16  
 Prayer  
 Song # 266 Majesty  
 Song # 199 His Name is Jesus  
 Message: **Sheep Among Wolves**  
 Song # 291 The Great Physician  
 Song # 358 Jesus Is Lord of All  
 Dismiss

Donnie Carnathan  
 Wayne Berryman  
 Don Durham  
 Melvin Crow  
 Jason Reeves  
 Ken Culpepper

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**VA in Dallas: John Portwood**, Community Living Center room A106 | **Hospice: Don Crowder**, asking for minimum amount of visits and that if you do visit, please keep them very brief. | **Olympic Plaza: Louis Jones**

### Updates

**Harold Denman** will have day surgery 11/4 at Olympic Plaza. | **Bettye Price** will have a procedure done on 11/11 at ETMC to freeze the cancer in her kidney. | **Aubrey Morman** will undergo chemo for 6 weeks in Tyler, 8 hours of surgery at M. D. Anderson following, then radiation treatments. The date has not yet been set. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will be having tests done Nov. 5. | **Sara Powell** had gallbladder surgery. | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, will have surgery November 7<sup>th</sup>. | **Jo Rowland** will be consulting with a doctor next week regarding possible heart surgery.

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Services for **Debbie Swartz**, daughter of Jim & Helen Boyd, were Thursday. | Services for **Marjorie Cox** were Saturday. | Services for **George Whitworth**, brother of Barbara White, were last week. Our love & prayers are with these families.

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### Family & Friends

**Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, diagnosed with kidney cancer | **David Webb**, brother of Joy Rousseau

### SERVING TODAY

#### SERVING COMMUNION

Ernie Gordon Myron Granberry  
 Ira Groom Wyatt Gruver  
 James Gullion Bob Hackett  
 Tom Hale David Hammond

#### GREETERS

Odie & Dolores Kennedy  
 Robert & Mary Lee  
 Pete & Alisa Leung  
 Info Center: Ron & Pam Lott

#### PICK UP CARDS for 11/3-11/10

Davis Carnathan, Matthew Christian, Ethan Stone, Logan Stone, Nathan Turner

#### SOUND BOOTH for 11/3-11/10

Daniel DuPree

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY for 11/3

Nursery a.m.: Melanie Benson & Emily DuPree  
 Toddlers a.m.: Sonja Carter & Mikayla Gallegly  
 Nursery p.m.: Julie Ables  
 Toddlers p.m.: Cayla Ables

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Gravitational Pull

I've been spending some time in the Gospel of Luke lately. Not for a class that I'm teaching or for a sermon that I'm working toward, but rather, just for me (of course perhaps it'll lead us somewhere as a church later). But for right now, it's just me, the Gospel according to Luke, and a cup of coffee.

Luke is the only non-Jewish author of Scripture. Behind this reality lies insight that is raw and real and expressive. In Luke's account of the Good News we find Jesus telling stories more often, more readily. Luke provides us with more parables than the other three Gospel accounts. Many of these stories we find no place else (the Lost Son(s) come to mind, chapter 15). Luke sees life through the eyes of the outsider. The outcast. Primarily because in the Jewish world, he is one. In this, we find ourselves naturally drawn to the marginalized and to the margins because of Luke's natural gravitation. He opens our eyes to the poor, the sick, the foreigner, the ostracized. He elicits/demands compassion and humility within us. Luke places intentional emphasis in the Gospel story upon the role of women and Gentiles, who were seen as "less than" in the narrow field of vision of the religious elite. Luke presents a wonderful Gospel that is inclusive rather than exclusive. Moving rather than stationary. Engaging rather than stagnant. Liberating rather than burdening.

Life on the margins is the way of Jesus. And it is the call of His disciples. Reaching those who have been marginalized in this world, and recognizing that because of our Kingdom designed role in this life, we are called to live marginalized. We are to live marginalized. Because we are not of this world. We pledge allegiance to another King. We belong to another Kingdom. And because of this reality, we feel the gravitational pull toward the margins. Because in life at the margins we find our Savior.

Glory to God!

Jason

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**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

Sunday night, we had almost 400 people inside our Family Life Center after our evening worship service. The Fall Festival is one of the few things that really brings a large part of our church family together for fellowship together. But without the youth group running ALL of the booths, or our parents who keep the food cooked and coming, it wouldn't happen at all. So a special thanks to our middle school and high school students who ran booths, and Jeff and Melissa Parish, Tim McCellon, Kim and Daniel Dupree, David and Sharon Hammond, and Marc Philpot for all the prep work in the kitchen and keeping the food coming all night long! What a great night for our church family!

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Thoughts for the week...

"You come to love not by finding the perfect person, but by seeing an imperfect person perfectly." Sam Keen

"A happy man marries the girl he loves; a happier man loves the girl he marries." ~ anonymous

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**SOUNDS LIKE A PLAN TO ME!**

My dad was an electrician by trade. He could fix anything that was broken around the house. He would look at a schematic and tell me, "If you know what makes it work, you know how to fix it when it's broken". That works for our spiritual lives too. Understanding God's plan for mankind will help keep us in harmony with God's will. The book of Ephesians tells of God's plan for us. **God spiritually blesses us through Jesus:** He purposed this before the world was created and the church was his plan from the start. Our salvation comes through Jesus, and we can't have peace with God unless we first take care of our sins through Jesus (Eph.1:3-10). **God saves us through His grace:** He loves and cares for us. He gave His son for our sins because of that love for man. His grace is a gift and can only be taken advantage of by submitting to the will of God (Eph.2:1-10). **We can do great things through the power of God:** We can have confidence, we can be bold for the cause of Christ, and we can bring glory and honor to His name (Eph.3:14-21). **We are to show a new life after baptism:** We live to a higher standard as Christians. We are to imitate God by loving each other, forgiving each other, serving each other, and striving for purity (Eph.4:25-5:21). **God wants our families to reflect the beauty of His church:** God wants husbands and wives that love and honor each other in the example of Christ. God wants parents that lead by example and children that want to grow up imitating Christ. God wants to be honored in the home and for his families to spread their influence in the world. Sounds like a plan to me!

**Singing Sessions**

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Beginning Wednesday night, November 6, there will be a singing session in the Heritage Room at 6:30 p.m. This is for those interested in singing new songs as well as Christmas songs. If you have any questions, contact Phil Barrows at 903-894-3986. The singing class under the direction of Wayne Berryman will begin as usual at 7:00 p.m.

**Ladies' News**

**Wedding Shower**

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**Ladies' Wed. A.M. Class**

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**Baptism**



**Jason Wieland**, friend of Justin Parrish, was baptized October 24. He is a senior at Whitehouse High School. His address is 206 Stacy Dr., Whitehouse 75791.

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**W.E. Hosts Karing Kitchen**

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**Missions News**

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**Sermon Notes**

AM: **Sanctuary**

Psalm 42:1-2

PM: **Sheep Among Wolves**

Matthew 10:11-16

# Order of Worship

November 10, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship  
 Song # 266 Majesty Donnie Carnathan  
 Song # 238 You Are the Song That I Sing Gary Ables  
 Prayer Joey Coker  
 Song # 47 Holy, Holy, Holy  
 Song # 376 He Paid a Debt  
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Tom Cook  
 Song # 162 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
 Scripture Matthew 27:45-54 Jeremy Wilson  
 Song # 227 On Zion's Glorious Summit  
 Message: **Sanctuary** Jason Reeves  
 Song # 907 Hark the Gentle Voice  
 Dismiss Jay Bynum  
 Song # 406 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
 Song This is the Day Lance Yarema  
 Song # 574 Oh, How I Love Jesus  
 Prayer Ernie Gordon  
 Song # 230 Worthy Art Thou  
 Song # 290 Shine, Jesus Shine  
 Scripture 1 John 5:11-13 Jim Boyd  
 Song # 147 I Stand Amazed  
 Message: **The Good Life** Jason Reeves  
 Song # 948 I Am Resolved  
 Song #843 God Give Us Christian Homes  
 Dismiss Bob Hackett

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**VA in Dallas: John Portwood**, Community Living Center room A106 | **Olympic Plaza: Louis Jones** | **ETMC: Harold Denman** | **Charles Starr**

### Updates

**Dan Cullinan** is now home after being hospitalized. | **Harold Denman** is now home. | **Bill Hawkins** had foot surgery and will be recuperating at home. | **Bettye Price** will have cancer surgery 11/11 at ETMC. | **Phil Matthews** had sinus surgery and is now home. | **Aubrey Morman** will undergo chemo for 6 weeks in Tyler, 8 hours of surgery at M. D. Anderson following, then radiation treatments. The date has not yet been set. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will have further tests. | **Jo Rowland** will have a heart cath on Wednesday. | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, is recovering from surgery.

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### With Sympathy

Services for **Don Crowder** were Wednesday at West Erwin Church of Christ. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with Mary Jo and the family. | Services for **Larry Murphey's** father will be in Ardmore, Oklahoma on Monday morning. Our love & prayers are with the Murphey and Stone families.

### SERVING TODAY

#### SERVING COMMUNION

Ernie Gordon Myron Granberry  
 Ira Groom Wyatt Gruver  
 James Gullion Bob Hackett  
 Tom Hale David Hammond

#### GREETERS

Carroll & Cherrie Magee  
 Stan & Ernestine Mallory  
 Elmer & Nila Miles  
 Info Center: Lee & Camille Mink

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Our Records	Oct.	Year Ago
Bible Class	462	471
Worship a.m.	628	691
Worship p.m.	NC	400
Wed. p.m.	305	202
Contribution	\$23,600.43	\$29,240.37
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Always Before Me

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me..." (Psalm 51:1-3).

King David. The man "after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22; cf. 1 Samuel 13:14). The David of David and Goliath. Confesses, "My sin is always before me."

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"I can't get away from it." "It consumes me." "I am overwhelmed by it."

And yet, over time and by God's grace, he does get away from it. And it ceases to consume him. The burden is removed. David becomes overwhelmed not by his sin but by God's grace. And finally, finally, he breathes a cleansing sigh of relief, as his sin is no longer always before him.

When we consider Psalm 51 in it's entirety, we witness God doing for us that which we cannot accomplish for ourselves. Taking away that which positions us in conflict with Him and with ourselves and with others. And allowing us to not be defined by our sin, but rather, to be defined as men and women after His own heart.

"Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled. O you who hear prayer, to you all humanity will come. When we were overwhelmed by our sins, you forgave our transgressions" (Psalm 65:1-3).

"My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul."

Glory to God!

Jason

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**Wed. Night Meal for Nov. 13th:**  
 Burgers

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### JUNIOR HIGH AREA WIDE HERE – SUNDAY

Tonight, West Erwin will host the annual Junior High Area Wide Dodgeball night in our Family Life Center after the evening assembly. Please bring \$3 for pizza, and if you're a parent and can help serve the meal, please stick around for about 30 minutes from about 6-6:30, that would be a great help. And please feel free to stay for the chaos that ensues. We'll wrap up the night with a devotional time together. It starts at 6 and we'll be done at 8pm!

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**ZEW RETREAT 2013  
"REFUEL"**



By Danny Snell

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From *Grace Filled Marriage* by Tim Kimmel

"The Qualities of True Marital Greatness."

1. **A humble heart-** Not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.
2. **A grateful heart-** Be thankful for the things you have been given. The things God has given you and the things your husband or wife has given you or allowed you to have.
3. **A generous heart-** Give openly to your husband or wife. Give your thoughts, time, energy and effort.
4. **A servant's heart-** Have an attitude of sacrificing. Meet the needs of your hubby or wife even when it is not the best time or the best way that you would like. Remember we have to be servant lover's as well.

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### Thank You

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the flowers sent to my son's services and especially all the calls and cards I have received. It helped through the stressful time. Sincerely,

**Evelyn Messer**

Thanks to my Christian family. I would like to thank you for the calls, cards and food sent our way the last few weeks. We love our Christian family.

**Clinton & Louise Culpepper**

Your kind expressions of sympathy and comfort you showed to us at a time of Debbie's death is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. The plant is beautiful and will be a constant reminder of your love for us. Thanks for all the calls, lovely cards, that I know you put your whole self into, and your wonderful support by being with us at the memorial service. We are very blessed. May God's blessing be upon you all.

**Helen & Jim Boyd**

### Karing Kitchen

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 4 & Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> as West Erwin will host **Karing Kitchen** on both of these evenings. This is a great way for your family to serve our community. Be at the Benevolent Center by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help!

### Young At Heart

Seniors 55+! Please join us Thursday, November 14 at 6:00 p.m. at the FLC for Young At Heart. It will be potluck and Stan Clark will provide our entertainment!

### Local Events of Interest

Holidays can be overwhelming for anyone, but especially if we are missing a loved one due to loss or separation. There is the pressure of shopping, finding the right gift, and staying within a budget. How do we enjoy the season if the emotions we feel lack that joy? If you can relate to any of the above, please join us at Shiloh Road Church of Christ on Sunday, November 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for a seminar with Dr. Sherry Munn, LPC.

Christian Homes & Family Services is on the grow and seeking applicants for Master's level social worker in Tyler and a foster home developer and two administrative assistants in Abilene. If interested in helping the ministry pursue its vision of a Christian home for every child, please contact [info@ChristianHomes.com](mailto:info@ChristianHomes.com) for a job description and application.

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### This Week

Sun. 11/10	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
	Jr High Dodgeball @ FLC	6:00-8:00
Mon. 11/11	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 11/12	Lunch Bunch	
	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
Wed. 11/13	Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
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	Bible Study for all ages	7:00
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	Young At Heart	6:00

### Sermon Notes

AM: **Sanctuary**  
Matthew 27:45-54

PM: **The Good Life**  
1 John 5:11-13



### WAS IT THE FAKING OR THE FAITH?

Psalm 56 contains David's song that was written about his escape to Gath while fleeing Saul's wrath. He was brought before King Achish and David feared for his life. David convinced Achish he was insane by changing his behavior. Achish then released David. While some say David's wits saved him, David felt otherwise. Look at what David said about that event: *My enemies trample on me all day long, for many attack me proudly. When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call. This I know, that God is for me. In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust; "I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?" I must preform my vows to you, O God; I will render thank offerings to you. For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of life (Psalm 56: 2-4, 9-13).* When life has you cornered, who do you turn to? When you are afraid, do you trust in the Lord? Do you praise His words for the comfort and strength they offer? Do you call on the Lord for your deliverance? Do you continue on in your worship as David did? When life goes bad, do you continue to walk before God in His light? Are you still thankful to the Lord in all circumstances? David realized that no matter what he did for himself, his deliverance still came from the Lord. When it looks hopeless, that is the time to remember that God is on our side. We don't withdraw, we did in deeper! When we get through it, we give glory to the One that deserves it!

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### Upcoming Showers

#### Wedding Shower

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Dru Dawkins** (granddaughter of Jeanine Hughes), Sun., November 10 2:00 p.m. | 2414 Pinehurst | Selections at Bed Bath & Beyond, Dillard's & Target

#### Baby Table Shower

There will be a table baby shower for **Curtis & Leslie Martine** on the birth of their third baby boy, **Channing**. He was born September 28. The proud big brothers are Tucker & Carter. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer from November 17-November 24. Diapers, wipes & gift cards appreciated!

# Order of Worship

November 17, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship  
 Song # 718 We Shall Assemble Donnie Carnathan  
 Song # 484 You Are My All in All Gary Ables  
 Song # 595 I Come to the Garden Alone  
 Prayer Clinton Culpepper  
 Song # 364 Come, Share the Lord  
 Lord's Supper & Contribution Tom Hale  
 Song # 831 Let Me Live Close to Thee  
 Scripture 1 Cor. 12:4-7 Dennis Brand  
 Song # 23 Our God, He Is Alive  
 Message: **Sanctuary** Jason Reeves  
 Song # 943 Do You Know My Jesus?  
 Dismiss Don Crawford  
 Song # 885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship Donnie Carnathan  
 Song # 415 Each Step I Take Wayne Berryman  
 Song # 416 Footsteps of Jesus  
 Scripture Jeremiah 29:10-14 Howard Dickson  
 Prayer David Hammond  
 Song # 460 Washed in the Blood  
 Song # 503 In Sorrow I Wandered  
 Message: **Opening Doors** Jason Reeves  
 Song # 506 No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus  
 Song # 605 I Will Serve You  
 Dismiss Frank Debenport

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**VA in Dallas: John Portwood**, Community Living Center room A106 | **ETMC: Bettye Price** is recovering after kidney cancer surgery.

### Updates

Tests have shown that **Bitsy Berryman** needs to do both chemotherapy and radiation treatments. She will begin chemo treatments right away and do radiation when the chemotherapy is finished. The chemo treatments will last about eight weeks. | **Louis Jones** is now home. | **Aubrey Morman** will undergo chemo for 6 weeks in Tyler. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will have further tests in Houston. | **Jo Rowland**, will have heart bypass and valve surgery Monday at Mother Frances. | **Charles Starr** is now home. | **Sylvia Tharpe**, eye laser surgery in December. | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, is now home.

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Mike Harris Gary Heath, Jr.  
 Gary Heath, Sr. Ralph Henderson  
 Dick Higginbotham Jim Holleman  
 Tim Holt Jeff Horton

### GREETERS

Ron & Jean Parish  
 Jimmie & Carolyn Philpot  
 John & Virginia Pike  
 Info Center: Tommy Parrish

### PICK UP CARDS

Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf,  
 Clay Mitcham, Caleb Heath,  
 Braden Lockhart

### SOUND BOOTH

Alex Mullins & Cody Frick

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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 Hanna Metcalf  
 Toddlers a.m.: Kim Frick &  
 Sydney Parrish  
 Nursery p.m.: Sharon Gordon  
 Toddlers p.m.: Sheri Gruver

Our Records	Nov. 10	Year Ago
Bible Class	490	443
Worship a.m.	663	667
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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### A Few Steps Away

Soon after Francis of Assisi (1181-1226) turned his back on his life of wealth and chose to live a life of poverty and simplicity he encountered a man with leprosy outside of the city. We would expect he stopped to see if he could care for his needs. However, that was not the case. The story is told that as Francis saw the man, he averted his eyes, walked around him, and completely avoided any contact.

He had very recently, swore allegiance not only to live a life of poverty and a life of simplicity, but to love and care for others. To wholeheartedly follow the way of Jesus and to reveal the Jesus Way in all facets of life. To be committed beyond what was "required." But somehow, he avoided the possibility as soon as it arrived.

But the story doesn't end there. After wrestling within himself, with his actions (and lack thereof), Francis turned around, went back to the leper, embraced him in the name of Jesus, saw to his needs, and then continued on his way.

After taking a few steps away from the leper, Francis turned to see him again, but the man had disappeared. He was nowhere to be found. For the rest of his life, as he would retell the story, Francis was convinced that the man he had embraced and cared for and almost missed, was Jesus.

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go and visit you?' The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me'" (Matthew 26:37-40).

Glory to God!

Jason

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### NO DEVO TONIGHT - SMALL GROUPS

There is no devotional tonight for junior high or high school. Instead, tonight is West Erwin's monthly small groups night, so after our evening assembly tonight, please plan on joining your small group for a night of fellowship, and if you're not a part of a group, talk to me and I'll point you in the right direction!

### JH ZEW RETREAT - NOV. 22-24

Our annual junior high ZEW (Zealous Everyday Warriors) Retreat is now less than a week away. We will leave Friday at 5:30pm from West Erwin to head to the Lakeview Baptist Assembly in Lone Star. That's just two weeks from today! You can still sign up today in class, and cost for the weekend is only \$35. The last day to sign up and get a shirt was Wednesday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, but we could possibly still get another few shirts, so please don't let that be a reason you don't come!



### BOLES HOME FAMILY DAY - DEC. 1

On Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, we will be participating in a Family Service Day at Boles Home children's home. Please see Danny's "Growing Faithful Families" section for all the details, but this is for ALL youth group families so make plans to join us as a family!



By Danny Snell

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Thought for the week...

— Leo Tolstoy

"What counts in making a happy marriage is not so much how compatible you are, but how you deal with incompatibility."

"A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' come together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences."

— Dave Meure

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Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!



### RUNNING LIKE THE RABBITS!

We are at that time of the year around my house. This seems to be the time of the baby rabbits. When we come home after dark, we stand a good chance of spooking 3 or 4 rabbits that are hanging out in the yard. When the lights of the car hit them, they scatter everywhere. It's funny to watch them. They get so scared they don't know which way to go; they just run around real fast and when they think they are at a safe place for cover, they jump in! Our yard provides them food (our flower beds), but they know it is not a safe place for them to be caught in. When they scatter, they don't always take the safest route; their indecision puts them in further danger. Does this sound familiar? It reminds me of how we try to dabble in the world sometimes. The temptations there are sometimes too hard to resist, even though we know of the dangers involved. Then, when our deeds become obvious in the Light, we find that we are too involved to make a timely and safe escape. We go in protective mode, making excuses, justifying our mistakes, and blaming others. We become so busy covering up, we forget the "Sanctuary" that God has always provided for us. In the rush to get out of sight, we can put ourselves in the vulnerable position of making even worse decisions. This is why we need to build our faith. We need a faith that does not waver, a faith that does not fail us. James wrote about the man with a weak faith, "he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). Stability comes from making sound decisions before temptations arise. If you need to run, don't just scatter like the rabbits, run to God!

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### Sunday Night Children's Programs

J.A.M. and B.L.A.S.T. will not be meeting through the holidays. The last class will be tonight. These classes will resume after the new year.

### LTC Sign Ups

Leadership Training for Christ is right around the corner! Our sign up night will be Sunday evening, November 24. We will meet at the Family Life Center right after evening services. If you are new to West Erwin, all kids in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to participate. See Danny Snell for more info!

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Mary Jo Crowder & family

West Erwin Church of Christ, Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the wonderful lunch. Your love and support means so much.

Kristy, Kyle & Megan Messer

Dale Mitchell with Eastern European Mission sent a letter thanking you all for participating in EEM's Million Dollar Sunday. West Erwin collected \$9,686.00!

### This Week

Sun. 11/17	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 11/18	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 11/19	Lunch Bunch	
	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
Wed. 11/20	Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
	WNN: Mexican Food	5:30
	Bible Study for all ages	7:00
Thurs. 11/21	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

### Sermon Notes

AM: Sanctuary

1 Cor. 12:4-7

PM: Opening-Doors

Jer. 29:10-14



# Order of Worship

November 24, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 63	I Will Call upon the Lord	Gary Ables
Song # 18	Faithful Love	
Prayer		Davy Carter
Song # 896	Ivory Palaces	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Don Crawford
Song # 611	Heavenly Sunlight	
Scripture	Psalm 24:7-10	Chad Chauncey
Song # 895	I'll Live in Glory	
Message:	<b>Sanctuary</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 662	All to Jesus I Surrender	
Dismiss		Daniel DuPree
Song # 550	I Walk with the King	

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Danny Snell
Song # 587	Sing and Be Happy	Corey Coleman
Song # 300	Praise Him! Praise Him!	
Prayer		Ralph Henderson
Song # 625	Zion's Call	
Song # 3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!	Myron Granberry
Scripture	Acts 16:11-15	
Song # 121	God is Love	Jason Reeves
Message:	<b>Upside Down</b>	
Song # 902	Nothing but the Blood	
Song # 867	To Canaan's Land	Greg Jones
Dismiss		

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**Star Unit at Briarcliff:** **Betty Price** is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. | **ETMC:Gregg Potter**, son of Wendell. ICU from fall from roof with broken ribs, collapsed lung, and broken shoulder blade | **Mother Frances: Darrell Beard** | **Jo Rowland**. Doing well after heart surgery. | **Hospice at Atria: Sam Ethridge Updates**

**Bitsy Berryman** has begun chemotherapy. | **Louis Jones** is now home. | **Aubrey Morman** is home & undergoing chemotherapy. | **Phil Marts** will be undergoing tests. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will have further tests in Houston. | **John Portwood** was scheduled to go home Friday. | **Sylvia Tharpe**, will have laser eye surgery in December.

### West Erwin Family

Gerald Boykin | Ella Bradley | Charlotte Caywer | Ruby Cliver | Dan & Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Sean Denman | Janice Hardaway | Tara Kilgore | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Frances Phillips | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Tony Wingate | *Ongoing concerns:* Darrell & Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaire | Ira & Esther Wilson

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## SERVING TODAY

### SERVING COMMUNION

Mike Harris Gary Heath, Jr.  
Gary Heath, Sr. Ralph Henderson  
Dick Higginbotham Jim Holleman  
Tim Holt Jeff Horton

### GREETERS

Charles & Phyllis Rachui  
Gaylan & Margie Seagler  
Wendell Potter  
Info Center: Scotty & Darlene Rouse

### PICK UP CARDS

Luke Metcalf, Logan Metcalf,  
Clay Mitcham, Caleb Heath,  
Braden Lockhart

### SOUND BOOTH

Alex Mullins & Cody Frick

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Jennifer Heath & Kacey Reeves  
Toddlers a.m.: Kristi Harris & Justin Parrish  
Nursery p.m.: Donella Jackson  
Toddlers p.m.: Debbie Jones

Our Records	Nov. 17	Year Ago
Bible Class	442	425
Worship a.m.	589	373
Worship p.m.	308	353
Wed. p.m.	337	NC
Contribution	\$34,614.00	\$24,520.25
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00	

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November 24, 2013

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Kingdom Insight

Last Monday was one of those God-ordained days that when they happen, there is no doubt as to the presence and faithfulness of God.

My friend Jim Martin, who for the past twenty years has ministered to the Crestview Church in Waco, has taken the role of vice-president to Harding School of Theology and will make that transition by the first of the year.

For the last several years Jim has facilitated discipling groups in his home, comprised of a small group of ministers, each group meeting once a month for a year. I was a part of the group that met in 2012. Each month we would converge on Jim's home (many from hours away). We'd come together and we would pray, and we would study, and we would pray, and we would discuss, and we would pray. Each month imploring of God together, to make us better disciples, better husbands, better fathers, better ministers. It was sacred space. God-ordained. Holy ground.

And so last Monday all of the ministers from each of those years gathered together to honor a mentor. To bless our friend. To pray over our brother. To attempt to convey to him what he means to us, to our families, to our churches, and to the Kingdom. It was a God-ordained day. One of those days that when they happen, there is no doubt as to the presence and faithfulness of God.

For me, Monday was a glimpse into eternity. Only a glimpse, but Kingdom insight into how one life, impacted by God, impacted by so many other lives, is poured into the lives of others. And isn't that the Kingdom? God pours Himself into us. Others pour their lives into us. God continues to pour. We pour our lives into others. God continues to fill. Isn't that the Kingdom? We only get a glimpse this side of the eternity. But it's a beautiful glimpse. A beautiful glimpse into the wonder of God.

Glory to God!

Jason

## Our Weekly Schedule

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THURSDAY	
Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30 a.m.
Contact Us!	
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Please pass your completed attendance card to the center aisle.

**No Wed. Night Meal Nov. 27.**

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



### LTC MEETING TONIGHT

After our evening assemblies tonight, we are having our first LTC informational meeting of the year in the FLC. This is the night that students first get to sign up for their events, as well as getting all of the hotel information and weekend information. I know LTC seems like it's a long time away still, but it will be here before we know it. So make plans to join us in the FLC tonight. We should be done by 7:30.

### JH ZEW RETREAT

We return to West Erwin today at 11:15am from our ZEW retreat weekend for our junior high students. If you see one of them, please ask them about their weekend, how they plan to "Refuel" in their relationship with Christ, and all the great things about our weekend.



### BOLES HOME FAMILY DAY - DEC. 1

Next Sunday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, the youth ministry will be participating in a Family Service Day at Boles Home children's home. Please see Danny's "Growing Faithful Families" section for all the details, but this is for ALL youth group families so make plans to join us as an entire family!



By Danny Snell

### Re-Engage

Looking forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 24 @ 4:30 p.m. for week 11 of Re-Engage. Childcare will be provided across the street.

Reminder of your homework assignment this week... Chpt. 7 of Love & Respect and Chpt. 11 of the 5 Love Languages... Please have your homework done!

Thought for the week...

### Family Faith In Action

We are planning a service project for Boles Home on Sunday, Dec. 1, for any families that would like to be involved. We will leave right after church on Sunday morning and return around 7:30pm.

We will be spending the afternoon with the kids and families of Boles Home putting up Christmas decorations on the whole campus and in the cottages.

We will finish out the day with Hotdogs and a devo. The sign up list is at the Welcome Center. Please sign up by Nov. 24 so we can plan accordingly.

Join us as we strive to be families that serve together!



### WAS IT BARGAINING OR HONORING?

In Genesis 23:1-20, we read of Sarah's death and how Abraham came to purchase her place of burial. The transaction for the burial cave strikes me as a good model of how God wants us to reflect Him in our treatment of others. Richard Rogers described this story as an "honorable bargaining session" and I agree. Abraham called himself an "alien and a stranger" to those he was dealing with, so we see that this did not happen among his family or friends. Here are some things that stand out for me in the story: **We are to treat our fellow man with respect.** We are all God's creation. He made us all and He loves us all. In fact, He loved man so much He was willing to give up His own son so that mankind would have a chance at salvation. If it is God's desire that all men be saved, why should our desire be anything less? **Be aware that we all will face a time when we need help.** Abraham was at a place in his life where he needed some help to finish taking care of his wife. He had to go to strangers to find that help, and God provided. We should be looking forward to those times when God uses us to bless someone in need. **We can bless others spiritually and physically too.** Many times a kind word or a prayer will mean so much to one that is hurting, but sometimes it takes a greater sacrifice on our part to bring them relief. Abraham had offers to take the land for free. Good things happen when we are led by the spirit of generosity. Treating others with respect, compassion, and a willingness to bless is a God thing. God treats His church the same way, and that is what we should pass on to others.

### All Church Dinner

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 8! We will have an all-church dinner after evening services at the Family Life Center. Food & entertainment will be provided!

### Family Faith in Action Day

Please sign up today in the Main Foyer at the Information Center if you plan to be a part of the Family Day at Boles Home next Sunday.

### Baby Shower

#### Baby Table Shower

There is a table baby shower for **Curtis & Leslie Martine** on the birth of their third baby boy, **Channing**. Please place your gifts on the table in the foyer today.

### Visitation Ministry

A new visitation ministry is being started at West Erwin! These visits would be to West Erwin visitors from the past Sunday, new members, shut-in and nursing home residents, those who are hospitalized and families needing special encouragement. If this is something you feel you might like to be a part of, or would like more information, contact Gaylan Seagler or Donnie Carnathan.

### Wednesday Schedule

This Wednesday night, join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We will be fellowshiping with pie and coffee and then will have a Thanksgiving devotional. Our regular classes for children & adults will not be meeting.

### Special Contribution

Our special contribution will be Sunday, Dec. 15. Be prayerful about how much your family will give! We are excited that our children are already participating! Each child has their own "collection cup" in their classrooms. Each time they are in class from now until December 15, they will be placing their loose change in their cups. Please help remind them to bring their change to Bible class on Sunday & Wednesday nights. We ask each family to be in prayer and to anticipate our special contribution on the 15<sup>th</sup>! In the next week or so, we will be offering creative ways for your families to be a part of this. We are so blessed to work along side one another at West Erwin and are excited about how God will bring all of this together!

### Karing Kitchen

Mark your calendars for Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> as West Erwin will host **Karing Kitchen**. This is a great way for your family to serve our community. Be at the Benevolent Center by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help!

### LTC Sign Ups

Leadership Training for Christ is for kids in 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades and their families. Our sign up night will be Sunday evening, November 24 at the FLC right after evening services. See Danny Snell for more info!

### New Members

#### James & Suzanne Transier

**Tanner** (5) & **Addison** (19 months)

9807 Pierce Rd., Lindale, 75771

903-881-8757 | Suzanne\_transier@yahoo.com

Welcome to the West Erwin family!

### Office Schedule

The church office will be closed at noon on Wednesday and will be closed Thursday & Friday for Thanksgiving.

### Thank You

To my church family, Thank you for the food, prayers, visits and cards while I was in the hospital and at home. I appreciate my church family taking such good care of me.

**Wanda Cook**

Dear church family, Thank you so much for the beautiful plant, many kind words and expressions of love and support, cards and especially your prayers for me and my family since the loss of my father. I love and appreciate each of you!

**Larry Murphey**

### Directory Update

**Alan Fisher:** P.O. Box 758, Bullard, 75757 Cell: 903-520-8753

### In Need of Volunteers!

David Hammond needs people to volunteer to deliver poinsettias to our shut in members. They will be delivering on Saturday, Dec. 7. Please call David at 903-372-9907 if you can help.

### This Week

Sun. 11/24	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 11/25	West Erwin Hosts Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 11/26	Benev Center Closed Lunch Bunch	
Wed. 11/27	Benev Center Closed Coffee, Pie & Devo @ FLC	7:00
Thurs. 11/28	Benev Center Closed	

### Sermon Notes

AM: **Sanctuary**  
Psalm 24:7-10

PM: **Upside Down**  
Acts 16:11-15

# Order of Worship

December 1, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song # 517	Heaven Came Down	Gary Ables
Song # 31	Be Still and Know	
Prayer		James Hardin
Song # 176	Lamb of God	
Song # 66	Doxology	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Dick Higginbotham
Song # 226	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	
Scripture	Isaiah 62:1-2	Randy Farrar
Song # 76	How Great Thou Art	
Message:	<b>A New Name</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 940	Only a Step	
Dismiss		Greg Jones
Song # 539	Higher Ground	

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Donnie Carnathan
Song # 1018	Joy to the World	Phil Barrows
Song # 490	It Is Well With My Soul	
Prayer	Jeremiah 29:10-14	Blake Lockhart
Song # 344	Low in the Grave He Lay	
Song # 324	Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?	
Scripture	1 Corinthians 12:12-20	Jamon Kirby
Song # 176	Lamb of God	
Message:	<b>One Foot in Front of the Other</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 517	Heaven Came Down	
Song #988	I'll Be Listening	
Dismiss		Robert Lee

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**Star Unit at Briarcliff:** **Bettye Price** is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. | **Hospice: Darrell Beard** | **Hospice at Atria: Sam Ethridge** | **Health South: Jo Rowland**, rm. 119 | **Mother Frances Hospital: Jerry Cannon**, mother of Sheri Gruver

### Updates

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### SERVING TODAY

#### SERVING COMMUNION

James Hughes Carroll Magee  
Lee Kellenberger Matt Kelly  
J Jones Matthew Kimball  
Kyler Whatley Pete Leung

#### GREETERS

Billy & Lynda Terrell  
James & Connie Sublette  
Harvey & Edie Strickland  
Info Center: Mike & Dorothy Watts

#### PICK UP CARDS

John Park, Wyatt Parker,  
Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith,  
Nathan Turner

#### SOUND BOOTH

Jonathan Stone | Clifton Lindsey

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Kim Lemons & Lesly Sandoval  
Toddlers a.m.: Cristy Lindsey & Kayla Gallegly  
Nursery p.m.: Mary Lockhart  
Toddlers p.m.: Wendy McAuley

Our Records	Nov. 24	Year Ago
Bible Class	454	459
Worship a.m.	638	660
Worship p.m.	274	361
Wed. p.m.	337	NC
Contribution	\$23,592.36	\$23,709.44
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00	

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December 1, 2013

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Just To Be

I like Thanksgiving more than Christmas. Is that ok for me to say? It's not that I dislike Christmas. Or that I dislike giving gifts. Or receiving Starbucks gift cards... (Hint. Hint.) Both holidays provide an atmosphere of thankfulness and appreciation that we choose to embrace. It's not that I don't enjoy traveling or eating or sharing or spending time with extended family. I do. We do that with both holidays. I think what it is, is, the busyness of it all. To me, and maybe this is just me, but it seems like with Thanksgiving there's less of an agenda. Sure we plan and schedule and balance time with family and friends, but I think I like Thanksgiving more simply because Thanksgiving just is. It just is. The goal is just to be.

We carve out time just to be.

I love the portrait of Christ and His followers in Mark 4. Jesus' disciples find themselves in a desperate situation as their boat is overwhelmed in a storm, at night, on the Sea of Galilee. Where is Jesus? Asleep. As He stands to His feet after being awakened by His panic-stricken followers, He "rebukes the wind, and says to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind dies down and it is completely calm" (Mark 4:39).

Here's my point: Things are about to get busy. For you and your family. If they aren't already. And odds are that between now and New Year's, some of us are going to find ourselves a bit overwhelmed. A little overextended. Slightly (ok, maybe more than just slightly) overcommitted. And maybe even more than moderately stressed.

My prayer is that we would allow Christ to step in and bring calm. That we would be receptive of Him as He speaks stillness into our lives. That we would intentionally create opportunities to simply be still. And to carve out time to just be, with Him.

To "be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10).

If we will, I believe we will find the seas of life a little calmer; and face the storms of life with a little more boldness.

Glory to God!  
Jason

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**BOLES HOME FAMILY DAY - TODAY**

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**ZEW RETREAT**

I want to offer a huge thank you to those who helped make our Junior High ZEW Retreat such a success. Our West Erwin students, along with Glenwood, Shiloh, Pine Tree, Henderson (South Main), and Marshall (Eastern Hills), were challenged and encouraged this weekend to REFUEL their relationship with God. And that would not have been possible without our high school students who came and served as small group leaders. Thank you to Kacey Reeves, Justin Parrish, Kinsey Lockhart, Wyatt Gruver, Jason Wieland, and Thomas Eichelberger for your selflessness and willingness to invest in our students lives. And to Shaun and Joanna Stamps for being our adult sponsors for the weekend. Ask our students about being REFUELED!

**LTC IMPORTANT DATE AND INFO**

If you were unable or didn't make our LTC meeting this past Sunday night, there are important forms you need to pick up and get back us as soon as possible. The sponsor and participant registration forms are due back to Eric or Danny no later than **Sunday, Dec. 15th**. Those forms, along with individual event forms, hotel reservation forms, and all other important information can be picked up on the table between Eric and Danny's offices in the office building.

**NO DEVO NEXT WEEK**

Next week, Sunday Dec. 8th, after the Sunday evening assembly, there will be an all church fellowship meal over in the FLC, so there will be no devo that night.



By Danny Snell

**Re-Engage**

Our Re-Engage class will be taking a break for today & Dec. 8 due to other church activities. We will resume for 2 more sessions on Dec. 15 & 22 from 5:00-6:00.

A very special Thank You to Lisa Snell and James & Connie Sublette for helping make this a successful class. Remember your assignments for the next few weeks.

Look forward to seeing you on Dec. 15!

**Family Faith In Action**

We are planning a service project for Boles Home today! If you are going, our plan is to change clothes right after church. We will then load up and go to Lindale to grab some lunch. From there, we will drive to Boles home.

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**LTC**

Leadership Training for Christ is for kids in 3rd-12th grades and their families. Be sure to read Eric's article over on page 2 for important dates & details!

**Thank You**

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement for our Dad's service. We appreciate it very much.  
*The George Whitworth family*

**In Need of Volunteers!**

David Hammod needs people to volunteer to deliver poinsettias to our shut in members. They will be delivering on Saturday, Dec. 7. Please call David at 903-372-9907 if you can help.

**Cranksgiving 2013**

Last Saturday, a group of cyclists bearing groceries for the needy rode from the Elite Bicycles bike shop on Shelley Drive to our Benevolence Center. They donated over 400 pounds of groceries and provided a Thanksgiving meal to a local family that visits the Center. We want to thank Tim McCellon for organizing this event and getting the Benevolent Center on the list of places to donate to. Thank you to all of the West Erwin members who showed up to thank and encourage the cyclists!



**This Week**

Sun. 12/1	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 12/2	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 12/3	Lunch Bunch	
	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
Wed. 12/4	Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
	WNM: Bruno's	5:30
	Bible Study for all ages	7:00
Thurs. 12/5	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30

**Sermon Notes**

AM: **A New Name**  
Isaiah 62:1-2

PM: **One Foot in Front of the Other**  
1 Corinthians 12:12-20



**ARE YOU GETTING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP?**

Psalm 4 is an evening psalm authored by David and may reflect some of his thoughts as he lay down at night. I hope David's words give you comfort at night. *Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have given me relief when I was in distress. Be gracious to me and hear my prayer! O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame? How long will you love vain words and seek after lies? But know that the Lord has set apart the godly for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him. Be angry, and do not sin; ponder in you own hearts on your beds, and be silent. Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the lord. There are many who say, "Who will show us some good? Lift up the light of your face upon us, O Lord!" You have put more joy in my heart than they have when their grain and wine abound. In peace I will both lie down and sleep; for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.* Here are some thoughts that should give you comfort from this passage: **God alone justifies us.** We serve God not man! It is God that we live to please. **The godly are set apart for God.** We belong to God and He hears our prayers. There is blessed assurance in this. **Our relationship with God is our key to trusting God.** Being right with God gives us the peace and confidence to face life. **True joy comes from God.** Success in the world does not translate into joy. It is living for eternity that results in true joy and contentment. **God is our refuge and safety.** There is no refuge that compares with the arms of God. In his arms, we find love and mercy. There is great comfort in these words, and that means a good night's sleep!

**All Church Dinner**

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# Order of Worship

December 8, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 346	He Lives	Gary Ables
Song # 745	Humble Yourself	
Prayer		Jim Holleman
Song # 361	Nailed to the Cross	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Donnie Carnathan
Song # 416	Footsteps of Jesus	
Scripture	Malachi 3:8-10	Alan Fisher
Song # 490	It Is Well with My Soul	
Message:	<b>The Grace of Giving</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 652	We Have Heard the Joyful Sound	
Dismiss		Bill Mullins
Song # 759	Shall We Gather at the River?	

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 280	Thou Art the Way	Wayne Berryman
Song # 321	What Is He Worth to Your Soul?	
Scripture	Matthew 7:13-14	Charles Melville
Prayer		Stan Mallory
Song # 328	Wonded for Me	
Song # 338	On the Cross of Calvary	
Message:	<b>Consumer Christians</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 375	Oh, the Depth and the Riches	
Song #391	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	
Dismiss		Melvin Maples

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

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### Updates

**Bitsy Berryman** is undergoing chemotherapy. | **Aubrey Morman** is home & undergoing chemotherapy. | **Phil Marfs** has been undergoing tests. | **McKinley McDonald** had a spinal tap in Houston and should get results in the next few weeks. | **Ginger Philpot** is now home after back surgery.

### With Sympathy

Services for **Darrell Beard** were Friday at Stewart Funeral Home.

### West Erwin Family

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James Hughes Carroll Magee  
Lee Kellenberger Matt Kelly  
J Jones Matthew Kimball  
Kyler Whatley Pete Leung

### GREETERS

Chris & Barbara White  
Billy & Ruth Whitaker  
Fred & Sandra Wingate  
Info Center: Leon & Carolyn Welborn

### PICK UP CARDS

John Park, Wyatt Parker,  
Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith,  
Nathan Turner

### SOUND BOOTH

Jonathan Stone | Clifton Lindsey

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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Toddlers a.m.: Camille Mink & Hannah Metcalf  
Nursery p.m.: Tiersa Reeves  
Toddlers p.m.: Danielle Rousseau

Our Records	Dec. 1	Year Ago
Bible Class	456	438
Worship a.m.	644	654
Worship p.m.	278	423
Wed. p.m.	337	298
Contribution	\$21,484.65	\$56,291.92
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December 8, 2013

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### Tuesdays

I usually type these articles on Tuesdays. I'm most often out of the office on Mondays and so my normal mode of operation is to begin soon after our ministry team meetings on Tuesday mornings. I don't usually have any agenda or preconceived idea when I sit down in front of my laptop. I just begin to try to put into words whatever it is that's on my heart and in my mind at the moment.

On Tuesdays I'm thinking about our journey together as a church the previous Sunday. I'm thinking about worship. I'm thinking about conversations. I'm thinking about hearts and lives, people whose lives I am honored to walk along side of. Families whose journeys I am blessed to be a part of. I'm normally off or at least out of the office on Saturdays and Mondays and I read even more on those days. Especially in the mornings. And so on Tuesdays I'm processing whatever it is that I've been reading. On Tuesdays I think about what I have going on the rest of the week. What sermons and lessons I'm working on. What ideas and thoughts and Scriptures I still need for God to bring together. Praying for our Father to do what He does when He is real and present and active and revealed in the lives of His people.

What I love about Tuesdays is that everything is wide open. I have no idea what God is going to do but I know it's going to be His design and His will. I simply strive to be open to Him and to just get out of His way.

Have you ever thought about what goes into baking a cake? It's amazing anything that tastes good comes from that? Right? Eggs and oil and milk and flour and sugar all just dumped in and mixed up. But when it comes out of the oven, it's a cake!

As we live life, all you and I can do is to strive to see to it that the ingredients are all there. Our task is simply to be faithful to God, and to live out our faith in the ways He has gifted us. But at the end of the day it's God who makes anything happen. On Tuesdays, or any other day.

Glory to God!

Jason

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**Wed. Night Meal for December 11: BBQ**

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**LTC IMPORTANT DATE AND INFO**

If you were unable or didn't make our LTC meeting two weeks ago, there are important forms you need to pick up and get back as soon as possible. The sponsor and participant registration forms are due back to Eric or Danny no later than **Sunday, Dec. 15th. THAT'S NEXT SUNDAY.** Those forms, along with individual event forms, hotel reservation forms, and all other important information can be picked up on the table between Eric and Danny's offices in the office building.

**NO DEVO TONIGHT**

There is no devo tonight for our middle school or high school students. Instead, after this evening assembly, everyone is invited to an All Church Banquet over in the Family Life Center that the staff will be serving, so come join us!

**SIX FLAGS HOLIDAY IN THE PARK - DEC. 30TH**

Starting this morning in the youth Bible classes, there are signups for a trip to Six Flags for Holiday In The Park on Monday, Dec. 30th. Both Shiloh Rd. and Glenwood will be joining us that day. Our group ticket cost for each ticket is \$30. Other than that, everyone is on their own to eat lunch before we leave, and then bring enough extra money to eat dinner in the park. We will PULL OUT of the West Erwin parking lot at 12 noon and will return at 11pm. Signup and payment deadline is Sunday, Dec. 22nd. After that, we cannot get the group rate, so sign up and pay soon! We won't order a ticket if you haven't paid!



By Danny Snell

**Re-Engage**

Our Re-Engage class will be taking a break today (Dec. 8). We will resume for 2 more sessions on Dec. 15 & 22 from 5:00-6:00.

Make plans to be here for these last two sessions! Remember your assignments for the next few weeks. Looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 15!

**Family Faith In Action**

Last Sunday was a great day! 55 people from West Erwin spent their afternoon/evening at Boles Home in Quinlan and decorated the campus for Christmas. At the end of the day, they had hotdogs and a devo with the residents. It was a great day of service with our families. If you missed it, we are planning another trip out there soon. More details to come!

*Let your roots go down into Christ, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your afith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. Colossians 2:7*



**IT'S NOT OUR WORLD!**

Suzie and I had a great trip to Disneyworld last week. It was fun to see our Houston grandsons get caught up in that Disney fantasy world. Disney does such a great job of catering to those young ones. While it was fun to enjoy that "world", it did not take long to see the real world when we left to come home. Many have the limited view that this world belongs to them, but look at what the psalmist has to say about that, "For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine" (Psa. 50:10-11). God created the world, God knows the world, and God has the final say in the matters of this world. What does He expect from us as we journey through His world? Moses' words to the Israelites as they prepared to enter the Promised Land give us an idea: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ... these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, ... And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord... And it will be righteousness for us, if we are careful to do all this commandment before the Lord our God... (Deut. 6:4-7, 18, 25).* Many people want to enjoy the blessings that God provides to this world, but very few want any part of the duty and responsibility that God calls us to. It matters how we treat God. It matters how we treat God's word. It matters how we treat each other and it matters how we live within our families. This is our Father's world, let's live like it!

**All Church Dinner**

We will have an all-church dinner after evening services at the Family Life Center tonight! Food & entertainment will be provided!

**Wedding Shower**

Ladies are invited to a wedding shower for **Allison Broome**, bride-elect of Mike Bowen, on Sunday, Dec. 15 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the FLC. Selections at Target and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

**Visitation Ministry**

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**Special Contribution**

Our special contribution will be next Sunday, Dec. 15. Be prayerful about how much your family will give! We are excited that our children are already participating! Each child has their own "collection cup" in their classrooms. They will be placing their loose change in their cups today, Wednesday & next Sunday. Please help remind them to bring their change to Bible class. We ask each family to be in prayer and to anticipate our special contribution on the 15th! We are so blessed to work along side one another at West Erwin and are excited about how God will bring all of this together!

**LTC**

Leadership Training for Christ is for kids in 3rd-12th grades and their families. The deadline to sign up is Dec. 15. Be sure to read Eric's article over on page 2 for important dates & details!

**Set Up in FLC**

We will be setting up tables in the life center after Sunday morning services today for the all church dinner tonight. Please meet at the FLC right after services are over this morning if you can help!

**Young At Heart**

All seniors 55+ are invited to Young At Heart on Thursday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a \$10 white elephant gift. We will also be electing officers for 2014. Hope to see you there!

**New Babies**

**Bill and Donna Mullins** have a new granddaughter! She was born December 4 to Kevin and Jessica Mullins in Colorado. She weighed 9 lb. 7 oz and was 21 inches long. Congratulations to the Mullins family!

Proud new grandpa, **Barry Ciaschini** has a new granddaughter! Jason and Amy and big brother, Keagan Wells are all so happy to welcome Casiday Sue Wells into their family. Casiday was born Monday, Dec 2nd at 8:12 a.m. in Troy, Ohio. She weighed 6.8lbs and is 20 1/2 long.

**Bible Class Schedules**

The Bible Class Schedules are available for this quarter! Pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer.

**Thank You**

God has been so good to Eastern European Mission this year! Thank you all for your continued support of our work and the investment in spiritual priority. Every single child, every mother, father, aged person, prisoner, camper, orphan and worker who has the Bible in their hands this year because of our partnership thanks you, too! May your works bless you!

**Dale Mitchell, EEM**

**This Week**

Sun. 12/8	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 12/9	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 12/10	Lunch Bunch	
	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
Wed. 12/11	Food Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Food Distribution	6:30-7:30
	WNM: BBQ	5:30
	Bible Study for all ages	7:00
Thurs. 12/12	Clothing Distribution	8:30-10:30
	Young At Heart	6:00

**Sermon Notes**

AM: **The Grace of Giving**  
Malachi 3:8-10

PM: **Consumer Christians**  
Matthew 7:13-14

## Order of Worship

December 22, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 1018	Joy to the World	Gary Ables
Song # 997	O Come, All Ye Faithful	
Song # 995	It Came upon the Midnight Clear	
Prayer		Clifton Lindsey
Song # 1001	Hark! The Herald Angels Sing	
Song # 1002	Angels We Have Heard on High	
Scripture	Luke 2:8-14	Jeff Horton
Song # 354	I Gave My Life for Thee	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Scotty Rouse
Song # 1028	O Holy Night!	
Message:	<b>The Story of Hope</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 943	Do You Know My Jesus?	
Dismiss		Phil Marts
Song # 1005	Beautiful Star of Bethlehem	

### 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 121	Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing	Corey Coleman
Song # 647	Soldiers of Christ, Arise	
Prayer		Dannie Skipper
Song # 587	Sing and Be Happy	
Scripture	Hebrews 6:16-20	James Sublette
Song # 538	My Hope is Built on Nothing Less	
Message:	<b>Nothing Less</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 904	Have You Been to Jesus?	
Dismiss		Shaun Stamps
Song # 886	On Jordan's Stormy Banks	

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**Star Unit at Briarcliff: Bettye Price** is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. | **Hospice at Atria: Sam Ethridge** | **Mother Frances: John Pike** had surgery Thursday & everything went well. | **ETMC: Brent Chandler**, son of Shirley Chandler, is in ICU at ETMC after a car accident. He is in critical condition. | **Charles Harris** is doing well after being hospitalized. He had a spike in blood pressure that they are treating.

### Updates

**Phil Marts** has been undergoing tests. | Results are pending on tests for **McKinley McDonald**. | **Dorothy Sullivan**, friend of Jayson & Erica Cody, will be undergoing cancer surgery. | **Mike Watts** was diagnosed with shingles.

### With Sympathy

Services are pending for **Dan Cullinan**. He passed away Thursday night.

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Odie Kennedy Jamon Kirby  
Stan Mallory Robert Lee  
Blake Lockhart Brandon Lott  
Tyler Lott Ron Lott

#### GREETERS

Arnold & Agnes Ables  
Tony & Mary Adams  
Greg & Susan Anding  
Info Center: Wayne Berryman  
& Scott Baker

#### PICK UP CARDS

Ethan Stone, Logan Stone,  
Davis Camathan, Matthew  
Christian, Caleb Heath

#### SOUND BOOTH

Corey Coleman/Cal Wilkinson

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Trish Stancill &  
Kayla Gallegly  
Toddlers a.m.: Laurie Stone &  
Dennise Alas  
Nursery p.m.: Lynda Terrell

Our Records	Dec. 15	Year Ago
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December 22, 2013

Volume 44- No. 49

## REEVES' RHETORIC

### The Message that Cannot be Chained

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's Word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:8-10).

"Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel..." was our focus last week. 76 times in the letters of the Apostle Paul he pens the word Gospel. And each and every time, his intention is to communicate this very reality. The resurrection of the Messiah proclaims His deity. His descent from David reveals His humanity. Both facets, intrinsically crucial to the Gospel message.

What we sometimes miss is that Paul is in prison as he writes this second letter to Timothy. We think of Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon as prison letters. But somehow we miss 2 Timothy. During his first imprisonment in Rome (Acts 28), Paul of course comprises Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. Upon his release (62AD), he then makes his fourth missionary journey. 4-5 years later, however, Paul is again arrested for his faith. This time he languishes in a dungeon. Chained for his belief in our Lord. "But God's Word is not chained."

"This is my Gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's Word is not chained."

God's Word is not chained! What a powerful statement.

Certainly the written Word is included. Surely Christ the Divine Word is a part of this theology. However, when the Apostle declares, "God's Word is not chained" he's referring to the crux of the text, the message of the Gospel. The message of "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David."

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Glory to God!

Jason

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### YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY - TONIGHT!!

Tonight after our 5pm assembly, the whole youth group (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades) will meet over at the FLC for our Christmas party! This year the theme is "Christmas Quiz Show". We'll be creating multiple teams and doing fun challenges and quizzes to test your holiday knowledge. We'll also be doing some Christmas caroling. So please come and join us for this fun, festive night. And if you have any fun Christmas sweaters or clothes, please wear those as well!

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### WINTERFEST - JAN. 17-19

High schoolers, please sign up in class for the Winterfest conference coming up on Jan. 17-19 in Arlington. Come and join over 4,000 other church of Christ students from across the United States and learn and worship together. It'll be a great weekend, and the cost is only \$50.



### Food for Thought...

This past Sunday was a very good day for the West Erwin church. I am amazed and excited to see how our church family came together and responded to the need our Elders presented over the last few weeks in regard to the budget and the special contribution. Your response and feedback has spoken volumes about your commitment to West Erwin. Hundreds of families answered the challenge... families from across the board said this is our responsibility and stepped! You glorified God with your generosity. May 2014 be a great year for West Erwin as we strive to make disciples and serve our community. Lets continue to be the light in Tyler and the world! May God Bless You!

### Re-Engage

Our Re-Engage class will resume for 1 more session on Dec. 22 from 5:00-6:00.

Make plans to be here for our last session! Remember to bring your wedding vows. Looking forward to seeing you on Dec. 22!



### WHAT WILL YOU QUIT NEXT YEAR?

It is that time of year again when many make their New Year resolutions. I don't know about you, but I don't do too well on most of them. I think that if there is something that is bothering you so much in life that you need to make a resolution to take care of it, then there is probably something you could just quit doing that would solve the problem. The bible gives us some good advice on quitting things that are harmful for us. For example, *The beginning of strife is like letting out water, so quit before the quarrel breaks out (Pro.17:14)*. It seems some folks can't live without a good argument (Is there such a thing as a good argument?). I don't know if I have ever had an argument that solved anything. Arguments tend to hurt feelings and get in the way of reconciliation. **Stop! I will tell you what the Lord said to me this night (1 Sam.15:16)**. This was Samuel's command to Saul as Saul was offering his excuses for his disobedience. When we are experiencing spiritual struggles in life, we need to stop, and make sure the problems are not coming from something we did wrong. Too many times, we are so busy making excuses and blaming others for our misfortunes, we miss the times God was trying to reach us with that message, lesson, or prayer. **Stop and consider the wondrous works of God (Job 37:14)**. Elihu, not knowing Job's full situation, offered this advice to Job. It is good advice for us today. When we need help in life, we are better off trusting in God, the author of many wondrous works. God in his power and might will continue to work for our good. It's a promise from God and he won't quit on us!

### Visitation Ministry

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### Karing Kitchen

Mark your calendars! West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen on Monday, December 30. This is a great way to serve our community! Be at the Benevolence Center by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help.

### Bible Class Schedules

The Bible Class Schedules are available for this quarter! Pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer.

### Holiday Schedules

The office will be closed Tuesday-Thursday this week for Christmas and will reopen on Friday, Dec. 27. The Benevolent Center will be closed December 24-January 6.

### Ladies Retreat

Save the date! There is a Ladies Retreat being planned for February 7-8. The title is "A Still & Quiet Soul: Embracing Contentment" and the speaker is Cathy Messecar from Montgomery, TX. It will be held at Courtyard by Marriott in Tyler, in hopes of accommodating those who would like an overnight "get away" and those who would like to come to the retreat for the day. There are a few different options as far as pricing:

If you choose to stay overnight, pricing is below:

2 people to a room: \$85 each

3 people to a room: \$66 each

4 people to a room: \$57 each

Saturday Only: \$30

Every option includes breakfast & lunch on Saturday.

Visit the table in the foyer for more info and to sign up!

### This Wednesday Night

We will not have Wednesday night meal or Bible classes this Wednesday, December 25. We hope everyone in our West Erwin family has a Merry Christmas!

### Thank You

Dear West Erwin friends, Thank you for coming for a special day of decorating and fellowship. We had a fantastic time and our campus looks so festive! We appreciate your efforts more than we can say. You are a blessing to us!

**Residents & Employees of Boles Home**

### This Week

Sun. 12/22	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 12/23	Karing Kitchen	6:00
Tues. 12/24	Lunch Bunch	
	Benv Ctr Closed	8:30-10:30
Wed. 12/25	Benev Ctr Closed	8:30-10:30
	No WNM or Bible Classes	
Thurs. 12/26	Benev Ctr Closed	

### Sermon Notes

A.M.: The Story of Hope

Luke 2:8-14

P.M.: Nothing Less

Hebrews 6:16-20



# Order of Worship

December 29, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 622	Ring Out the Message	Gary Ables
Song # 608	He Gave Me a Song	
Prayer		Chris Reynolds
Song # 353	One Day!	
Lord's Supper & Contribution		Wade Weathers
Song # 625	Zion's Call	
Scripture	Isaiah 35:1-6	David Demic
Song # 359	I Love the Lord	
Message:	<b>When God Stands Over You</b>	Donnie Carnathan
Song # 674	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus	
Dismiss		Ray Vannoy
Song # 694	Servant Song	

## 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship		Eric Thornton
Song # 2	We Praise Thee, O God	Tres Lowrance
Song # 3	Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah	
Prayer		Leon Welborn
Song #213	He is Able	
Scripture	Colossians 3:12-15	Fred Wingate
Song # 4	To God Be the Glory	
Message:	<b>Restoring Our Relationships</b>	Donnie Carnathan
Song # 915	Trust and Obey	
Song # 792	My Eyes Are Dry	
Dismiss		Dale White

## Prayer & Care

### Hospitalized

**Star Unit at Briarcliff:** **Bettye Price** is recovering after kidney cancer surgery. | **Hospice at Atria:** **Sam Ethridge** | **ETMC:** **Brent Chandler**, son of Shirley Chandler, is in ICU at ETMC after a car accident. He is in critical condition.

### Updates

Results are pending on tests for **McKinley McDonald**. | **Dorothy Sullivan**, friend of Jayson & Erica Cody, will be undergoing cancer surgery. | **Mike Watts** was diagnosed with shingles. Please pray for healing for our **Justin McCarty**, 22-year-old grandson of Bud & Charlotte Cawyer, was in a hit & run motorcycle accident Wednesday. He suffered a dislocated shoulder.

### With Sympathy

Services for **Dan Cullinan** were Sunday. Our love, prayers & sympathy are with Winnie and the family.

### West Erwin Family

Bitsy Berryman | Charles Harris | Louis Jones | Tara Kilgore | John Pike | John Portwood | Mike Watts | *Ongoing concerns:* | Gerald Boykin | Ella Bradley | Charlotte Cawyer | Ruby Cliver | Wini Cullinan | Louise Culpepper | Janice Hardaway | Clay Kirby | Garland Latham | Velma Lemons | Tommy Lowrance | Elmer Miles | Forest & Mary McFadden | Evelyn Messer | Aubrey Morman | Frances Phillips | Jo Rowland | Winona Shankle | Millie Tomlin | Marcus Turner | Nella Ware | Nell Beard | Kalli Huff | Bill McCain | Samuel Mink | Maxine Ray | George Richardson | Brice Sustaire | Ira & Esther Wilson

### Friends & Family

**Theresa Leftwich**, sister of Cathy Culpepper, undergoing cancer treatment | **Stacy Marts**, sister-in-law to Phil | **Terry Reeves**, father of Jason

## SERVING TODAY

### SERVING COMMUNION

Greg Jones Curtis Martine  
Phil Marts Lee Mink  
Roy Morgan Kenneth Muncy  
Larry Murphey Bryce Murry

### GREETERS

Jim & Helen Boyd  
Jason & Cody Browning  
Jay & Debbie Bynum  
Info Center: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer

### PICK UP CARDS

Nathan Cooper, Braden Lockhart, Logan & Luke Metcalf, Clay Mitcham

### SOUND BOOTH

Terry Frick & Daniel DuPree

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery a.m.: Kathie Thompson & Bailey Hammond  
Toddlers a.m.: Jean Thornton & Megan Harris  
Nursery p.m.: Stacy Turner  
Toddlers p.m.: Gail Vannoy

Our Records	Dec. 22	Year Ago
Bible Class	437	448
Worship a.m.	701	704
Worship p.m.	307	387
Wed. p.m.	314	350
Contribution	\$43,941.08	45,609.24
Weekly Budget	\$28,597.00	

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## REEVES' RHETORIC

### The Power of the Gospel Message

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's Word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory" (2 Timothy 2:8-10).

For three weeks we have considered these three verses. As Paul, at the end of his life, chained in a Roman dungeon for his faith, reminds Timothy and reminds us of precisely what the Gospel is: "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel...." And that even when we find ourselves in the most dismal of life circumstances, the message of the Gospel is unchained: "This is my Gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's Word is not chained."

However, if we fail to live up to the Gospel, or if we define Gospel in some lesser way, we in fact are capable of chaining it. Don't hear me wrong, the message of the Gospel is powerful, and compelling, and without restraint. But if there are any constraints on the message lived out in our lives as individuals or as a church they are placed there by us.

And as the Apostle writes to Timothy, in this the last letter we have from his pen, perhaps days before his death, he includes a word of perspective. "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory."

What greater message is there for the church today? That all of life is to be lived for the purpose of the Kingdom. "For the sake of the elect." Our situations do not define us. We are defined by our Lord. "Salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." And because of our identify in Christ and the wonder of the Gospel message we embrace a divine reality. And we transcend the here and now. And we call others to join us, to follow us, as we follow Christ. This is the power of the Gospel message.

"Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my Gospel...."

Glory to God!

Jason

## Our Weekly Schedule

**SUNDAY**  
Bible Class 9 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10 a.m.  
Evening Worship 5 p.m.

**MONDAY**  
Karing Kitchen 6 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Tuesday Lunch Bunch 8a.m.-12 p.m.  
Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Food Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.  
Evening Bible Study 7 p.m.  
Food Distribution 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Clothing Distribution 8:30-10:30 a.m.

### Contact Us!

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office@westerwin.org

Please pass your completed attendance card to the center aisle.

**No Wed. Night Meal Jan. 1.**

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



### NO DEVO TONIGHT

With our Holiday in the Park trip tomorrow getting back so late, and this being the Sunday between holidays, there is no devo tonight. Join us next Sunday night for a middle school devo as we get back into the swing of things after the holidays!

### SIX FLAGS HOLIDAY IN THE PARK - TOMORROW

We leave **tomorrow at noon** for Six Flags' Holiday In The Park. Both Shiloh Rd. and Glenwood will be joining us. We purchased tickets for everyone who signed up and paid this past Monday. We will be PULLING OUT of the West Erwin parking lot at noon so eat before you come, and we will return at 11:30pm. The only extra money you will need is money to eat dinner inside the park, so make sure you have enough.

### WINTERFEST - JAN. 17-19

High schoolers, please sign up in class for the Winterfest conference coming up on Jan. 17-19 in Arlington. Come and join over 4,000 other church of Christ students from across the United States and learn and worship together. It'll be a great weekend, and the cost is only \$50. Signups end Sunday, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, so make sure you sign up soon!



### Reflections on an amazing year...

The year 2013 held many interesting, exciting & challenging times for our family. As Lisa and I began to settle into the idea of an empty nest, we also began settling into the idea of transitioning out of Youth Ministry and into an exciting new role at West Erwin. Seeing Eric & Jean Thornton brought in to be a part of this church family and to begin his ministry to our teens was truly a blessing! Our church family responded to the call to help those devastated by the tornados in Moore, OK. We were able to spend 2 weeks there with 2 different groups of adults and teens. For most of us, it was life changing. Our teens went to West Point, Nebraska for the 23rd year to conduct the VBS in that small town. West Point will always have a special place in our hearts. As I reflect on the many diverse events, I am constantly amazed how God is actively working on and in our lives for His plans. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2014!

### Re-Engage

A special thanks to all the couples who were a part of our Re-Engage Marriage Enrichment Series this fall. It was a huge blessing to be a part of this group as we work toward making healthier marriages. Thank you so much James & Connie Sublette and Lisa Snell for helping host Re-Engage! What a blessing your involvement has been!



### NEW IS GOOD!

We are getting close to the New Year! I like ringing in a new year every 12 months. It's a new beginning each time it happens. New is not easy. For example, my new phone is smarter than me, but I like the help it gives me. God is all about new. He is constantly calling for us to get out of our comfort zones and try new things in the kingdom. Paul said, "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17). He is talking about the difference in a life with Christ and a life without Christ. It is new, it is different; but there is a purpose to this. Paul also wrote that, "we serve in the new way of the Spirit" (Ro. 7:6). This was not the freedom to indulge in anything that appealed to them, but it was freedom from the old law. But what does this new-life mean to us? Paul gives us a clue in his letter to the church at Colossae, "seeing that you have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Col. 3:10). We can see that our "new self" has much to do with our creator. Our new life is not what we want it to be, but it is a reflection of God in our lives. "And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness" (Eph. 4:24). Our new life and new direction, is fueled by a desire to be more like God, and it comes with a new demand. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; just as I have loved you" (Jo. 13:34). Our new life is different from our old life. It should reflect the spirit of God, and we should love each other as Jesus loved us. I wish you a Happy New Year and a better reflection of Christ!

### Visitation Ministry

The visitation ministry is starting to come together. Members of the group would be making visits to West Erwin visitors from the past Sunday, new members, shut-in/nursing home residents, those who are hospitalized and families needing special encouragement. If this is something you feel you might like to be a part of, or would like more information, contact Gaylan Seagler or Donnie Carnathan.

### Welcome, New Member!

**Angie Brown**  
905 Wicket Court, Tyler, TX 75703  
903.780.5943 | afbrown2@suddenlink.net  
Welcome to the West Erwin family, Angie!

### Bible Class Schedules

The Bible Class Schedules are available for this quarter! Pick one up at the Information Center in the foyer.

### Holiday Schedules

The office will be closing at noon on Tues., Dec. 31 and will be closed all day on Wed., Jan. 1. The Benevolent Center will be closed Dec. 24-Jan. 6.

### Ladies Retreat

Save the date! There is a Ladies Retreat being planned for February 7-8. The title is "A Still & Quiet Soul: Embracing Contentment" and the speaker is Cathy Messecar from Montgomery, TX. It will be held at a local hotel in Tyler, in hopes of accommodating those who would like an overnight "get away" and those who would like to come to the retreat for the day. There are a few different options as far as pricing. Visit the table in the foyer for more info and to sign up!

### This Wednesday Night

We will not have Wednesday night meal or Bible classes this Wednesday, January 1.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Sam & Marjorie Ethridge** on their 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on December 25!

### Thank You

Our family has been blessed by all the cards, food, visits and flowers sent in Dad's honor. Your acts of kindness make this difficult time easier.

*The family of Darrell Beard*

### Karing Kitchen

West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen tomorrow night, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Be there by 5:00 p.m. if you'd like to help serve our community!

### This Week

Sun. 12/29	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
Mon. 12/30	West Erwin hosts Karing Kitchen	5:00-7:00
Tues. 12/31	Office closes @ 12	
	Lunch Bunch	
	Benev Ctr Closed	
Wed. 1/1	Office Closed All Day	
	Benev Ctr Closed	
	No WNM or Bible Classes	
Thurs. 1/2	Benev Ctr Closed	

### Sermon Notes

AM: **When God Stands Over You**  
Isaiah 35:1-6

PM: **Restoring Our Relationships**  
Colossians 3:12-15

## PRAYER & CARE

### PRAYER & CARE Hospitalized

Children's in Dallas: Kalli Huff | VA in Shreveport: John Portwood

#### Updates

**Gerald Boykin** was diagnosed with cancer. | **Louise Culpepper** was scheduled to go home Wednesday. | **Mikayla Gallegly** is home after retina surgery. | **Staci Marls**, sister-in-law of Phil, is now home. | **Bettye Price** will have a procedure done to freeze the cancer in her kidney. No biopsy has been done yet, but they feel it is cancer. The date is not yet scheduled. | **Wanda Cook** is now home. | **Louis Jones** had open heart surgery October 17 and is recovering. | **McKinley McDonald**, 22-month-old daughter of Dustin & Caysi, will be having tests done Nov. 5. | **Aubrey Morman** had a consultation at MD Anderson Tuesday.

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#### Family & Friends

**Terry Reeves**, father of Jason, diagnosed with kidney cancer | **David Webb**, brother of Joy Rousseau

## THIS WEEK

Sun. 10/20	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00
	A.M. Worship	10:00
	P.M. Worship	5:00
	Small Groups Meet	
Mon. 10/21	Karing Kitchen- Benev. Ctr.	6:00
Tues. 10/22	Benevolence Center (Clothing Distribution/Sewing)	8:30-10:30
	Lunch Bunch Cooks	8:30
Wed. 10/23	Benevolence Center (Food Distribution)	8:30-10:30
	Wednesday Night Meal: Mexican Food	5:30
	Bible Classes for All Ages	7:00
Thurs. 10/24	Benevolence Center (Clothing Distribution/Sewing)	8:30-10:30
	Cut & Paste Club in the Resource Room	1:00-3:00

## VOLUNTEERS TODAY

**Nursery/Toddler Care:** Nursery a.m.: Lynda Terrell & Sydney Parrish | Toddlers a.m.: Kathie Thompson & Justin Parrish | Nursery p.m.: Jean Thornton | Toddlers p.m.: Stacy Turner

**Pick Up Cards:** Clay Mitcham, John Park, Wyatt Parker, Corey Prestidge, Wesley Smith



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## Order of Worship

October 20, 2013

Welcome/Call to Worship	Danny Snell
Song # 214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?	Gary Ables
Song # 134 The Lord's My Shepherd	
Prayer	Jason Browning
Song # 314 Beneath the Cross of Jesus	
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Chris White
Song # 679 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	
Scripture Colossians 1:24-27	Bill White
Song # 470 Victory in Jesus	
Message: <b>Sanctuary</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 932 O Heart Bowed Down with Sorrow	
Dismiss	Leon Welborn
Song # 885 How Beautiful Heaven Must Be	

### 5:00 P.M. Assembly

Welcome/Call to Worship	Donnie Carnathan
Song # 480 Blessed Assurance	Wayne Berryman
Song # 497 Whispering Hope	
Song # 502 Jesus Is Mine	
Scripture 2 Corinthians 11:28-29	
Prayer	Jim Carty Bud Cawyer
Song # 504 In Loving Kindness Jesus Came	
Song # 525 He Knows Just What I Need	
Message <b>Where Is Our Burden?</b>	Jason Reeves
Song # 564 I Must Tell Jesus	
Song # 571 Something Beautiful	
Dismiss	Jay Bynum

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## FOR THOSE WITH CHILDREN

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We have programs that offer Christ-centered teaching in a safe & fun atmosphere for children of all ages. Feel free to come & observe any of our children's programs with your child.

### Sunday Mornings

There is an **attended nursery** (through the Small Auditorium) for babies up to 14 months that is staffed during worship times on Sundays. Feel free to use our **Cry Room/Training Room** located on the east side of the Main Foyer. Children ages **14 months-3 years** are invited to Little Church during Sunday morning service that meets

in the Toddler Room at the front of the Small Auditorium. Children ages **3-5** are invited to our Children's Worship during Sunday morning service that meets in the 3-year-old classroom. Little Church & Children's Worship will be dismissed from the worship service at the appropriate time.

### Sunday Evenings

B.L.A.S.T.- 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grades, meets in Small Auditorium  
J.A.M.- age 3 through kindergarten, meets in the Heritage Room

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## SERMON NOTES

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